

## Useful Information

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**PCSOs:** Jennie Cox & Claire Beale Call 101 or email:  
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**Crime Stoppers:** 0800 555 111  
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**Parish Council Chairman:** Ros Templeman 07969 349 831  
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**Concessionary Travel:** 0345 302 2313  
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**Postal Services:** The Village Hall, Brightwell:  
 Monday - Friday 9.30 - 12.30. 01491 834728  
**Citizens' Advice Line:** 08444 111 444  
**Refuse & Recycling Collections:** alternate Thursdays  
**Garden Waste Collection:** alternate Thursdays with recycling  
**Black Bin dates:** 8/22 June, 6/20 July, 3/17/31 August  
**Green & Garden Bins:** 14/28 June, 12/26 July, 10/24 August  
*Please note change of dates (in bold) following Bank holidays*

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# North Moreton News

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## Diamond Jubilee Celebrations in North Moreton

As I write the sun is shining: a welcome change from early May - fingers crossed that it will remain fine for the Jubilee weekend!

We have at least 15 teams competing in the Family Olympiad on Saturday morning from 10 a.m. and around 230 residents, friends & family of all ages coming along to the Street Party afterwards! A fantastic turn out for what should be a fun day.

The Wallingford Road will, of course, be closed between Elm Road and the 'T' junction from 8.30 a.m. until 6.30 p.m. and we apologise for any inconvenience caused by this.

As those on Tim's 'Top Customer' email list will know, the celebrations will continue on Sunday with a cricket match on the Croft and there will be an Oompah Band at the Bear in the evening. Everyone is welcome to come along to both events.

With the Beer & Cricket Festival at the end of July, a possible Revue in October and Christmas Bazaar in November in addition to the normal November events, it looks as though the remainder of the year will be continue to be busy!

## North Moreton Parish Council

### Roger Haycock

At the Parish Council AGM on 14th May, Roger Haycock stood down as Chairman of the Council, having served in that position for nine years. To say that his will be a hard act to follow would be an understatement. Not only has Roger guided the Council successfully through several years of litigation over a disputed village right-of-way, and attended to the numerous routine procedural matters facing the Council, but he has given hands-on assistance at every turn, whether by clearing ditches, planting trees, or providing sandbags for villagers who woke one morning to find their road flooded. Special mention must be made of his work on the village recreation ground, where, with the help of other villagers, a reinforced car parking area has been provided, and the Rushcroft opened up and planted with trees and wildflowers. Luckily for the other councillors, he is remaining on the Council, which will continue to have the benefit of his wealth of experience.

The new Chairman is Ros Templeman, and the Vice-Chairman David Tebworth.

### Dog Waste Bins

Two bins will soon be installed in the village, one by the bus shelter, and the other in the rec. behind The Bear. We hope that dog walkers and visitors will take full advantage of this facility and that it will go some way to combating the problems we have with dog fouling, particularly in the churchyard and certain gardens.

### Ditch Clearing

With the assistance of members of Cobbs Clay Club, Councillors have cleared the ditch bordering the Old Recreation Ground in an attempt to alleviate flooding in Wallingford Road.

*Ros Templeman, Chairman NMPC*

## Dates for your Diary including Forthcoming Events

### JUNE

- 2 Diamond Jubilee Family Olympics from 10.30am on The Croft followed by Street Party in Wallingford Road
- 3 MCC v. Wimbledon Wizards, The Rec. 2 p.m.
- 3 'Oompah' Night at The Bear from 8pm
- 4 Family Fun & Jubilee Beacon Party, Earth Trust Centre 11am
- 4 Jubilee Beacon Party 6.30pm - 11 pm
- 4 Wallingford Museum Special Opening 2pm - 5pm
- 6 Clifton Hampden Bridge closes for 10 days
- 13 W. I. Meeting Village Hall 7.30pm
- 23 Comedy Night at the Astons Village Hall in aid of South Moreton School Outdoor Learning Project

### JULY

- 1 'Treasure in your Trash' filming at The Bear from 9am
- 1 'Walk on the Wild Side' Earth Trust 10 a.m.
- 1 Guided Walk at Thrupp Lake 2 p.m.
- 10 The Olympic Torch comes to Wallingford 8.25 a.m.
- 10 North Moreton Parish Council Meeting 8pm Village Hall
- 11 W.I. Garden Meeting
- 26 - 29 North Moreton Beer & Cricket Festival

### AUGUST

- 8 W.I. Summer Outing

## The Thames Valley Police Prospectus, 'Policing the Thames Valley – How we cut crime and protect our community'.

In November there will be a change from the current structure of the Police Authority to a Police and Crime Commissioner who will be directly elected by the public. This is the most ambitious and far-reaching reform of policing in more than half a century.

The Chief Constable, Sarah Thornton, will be working with the current Police Authority to ensure that they are prepared for that change. An important part of that preparation is to make sure that the public understands how policing works.

The above prospectus aims to provide an insight into how they police our communities and how they set out to cut crime – from anti-social behaviour to terrorism, and can be accessed via the following link:

<http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/ThamesValleyPoliceProspectus.pdf> A single page printer-friendly version is also available.

The Chief Constable hopes you find this prospectus to be informative and interesting and that it may also prompt you to want to find out more about policing in the Thames Valley.

## Diamond Jubilee at Wallingford Museum

Wallingford Museum is supporting the Town's events to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee with a special opening on **Bank Holiday Monday 4th June**, from 2.p.m. to 5 p.m.

You are invited to view this year's exhibitions ('Royal Wallingford', 'Christie to Causton', 'The Story of Wallingford', 'Wallingford & the Olympics', and 'Wallingford & Rowing' ) at the special admission rate of 2-for-1 for adults (i.e. two adults for £4 total, for viewing on this day only) and accompanied children are free.!

## Moreton Cricket Club

The season is well under way now despite the rain at the beginning of the season; the highlight so far has been the club's performance in the 2nd round of the National Village Cup when we saw off the challenge of Waltham St Lawrence cricket club. Moreton's captain Will Macdonald led by example and scored a century to produce a resounding victory and paved the way for a 3rd round match.

Looking ahead, the next big event will be the Cricket/Beer Festival which starts on **Thursday 26th July** and continues through to Sunday 29th July – a date for your diary for what should be another excellent weekend. There will be a Corporate 6-a-side competition on the Thursday; we are still looking for another couple of teams to take part, so if you know of any likely participants please contact Tim at The Bear. There will be two matches played on Friday 27 July at 2pm and 7.30pm against Aldworth and Aston respectively and the annual 6-a-side tournament will be held throughout Saturday. The Festival will finish on Sunday with matches against Amsterdam CC at 12.00 noon and a ladies match against Long Wittenham at 3pm. We hope to see you there and don't forget to buy your raffle tickets for the draw on Saturday, again available at The Bear or from any member of the club – there are some excellent prizes!

Finally, if you want a game, contact Tim at The Bear for details – there are coaching sessions for juniors on Friday evenings and for women on Monday evenings.

*Trevor Denning, President MCC*

## Free Parking for the Jubilee

There will be free parking in all South Oxfordshire towns between **Saturday 2nd and Tuesday 5th June inclusive**.

During this period it will **not** be necessary to display a ticket.

## North & South Moreton W.I.

At the AGM in March, Sue Harrison was unanimously re-elected as President and Mary Greene joined the committee. In April members were presented with 'An Oxfordshire Picture Quiz', which was very enjoyable, but made us realise how little we recognised more distant parts of the of the county.

At the May meeting this year's resolution calling on the Government to increase investment in the training, employment and retention of midwives was discussed and voted on. We were fortunate to have two midwives from Didcot to share first hand experiences of the difficulties the service is facing. Members then voted unanimously to support this worthwhile initiative.

In June Angela Pawlin will be giving a talk on 'From Silk to Cocoon' and the Garden Meeting is in July, when hopefully the weather will be kind to us. Plans are being made for the August outing to Nuffield Place, which has recently been taken over by the National Trust.

We are always pleased to welcome new members and visitors to our meetings, which are usually held in North Moreton Village Hall on the second Wednesday of each month. Please contact Sue Harrison on 817042 for more information.

*Penny Busby*

### Clifton Hampden Bridge Closure

Please note that the bridge between Long Wittenham and Clifton Hampden will be closed for essential repairs for **10 days** from **Wednesday 6th June**

Alternative routes are via Shillingford or Sutton Courtney bridges or the A34.

- The Mayor has invited a group of Olympians (past and present) who have connections with Wallingford to join her in the Market Place to cheer on the Flame as it is carried around our streets.
- A peel of bells will be rung from St Mary's Church as a torch-bearer leaves the town, crossing Wallingford Bridge and into Crowmarsh Gifford

The Town will be closed for traffic for some of the morning, so please study the SODC information for road closures and times of access to car parks at:- [www.southoxon.gov.uk/london-2012](http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/london-2012)

Please note that the Kinecroft (opposite the Library/Museum in High St) will be available for overspill car parking until 11am.

If you need further details please check with the Town Information Centre:- email: [wallingfordtic@btconnect.com](mailto:wallingfordtic@btconnect.com) hone: 01491-826972

## Earth Trust Events

**Monday 4th June:** Family Fun Day 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Earth Trust Centre, Little Wittenham followed from 6.30 p.m. - 11p.m by the Jubilee Beacon Party.

**Sunday 1st July:** Walk on the Wild Side - Fun family sponsored Walk in partnership with Age Concern UK. 10 a.m.

**Sunday 1st July:** Guided Walk: Damsels and Dragons at Thrupp Lake 2 pm. - 4 p.m.

For more details see posters or visit [www.earthtrust.org.uk](http://www.earthtrust.org.uk).

### The Bear at Home

**Sunday 3rd June**

MCC v. Wimbledon Wizards from 2pm

Bavarian Beer Keller Band from 8pm

Bar all day      BBQ from 6pm

**FREE EVENT-** just pay for your food & drink

## The Olympics come to Wallingford!

The Olympic Flame will visit Wallingford on its way to the Games in London, and this is a unique opportunity for residents throughout the district to witness this once-in-a-lifetime event.

Eight thousand torchbearers will carry the Olympic Flame for approximately 300 metres each, passing the Flame from torch to torch until it reaches the Olympic Stadium on 27 July for the lighting of the cauldron at the Opening Ceremony, signifying the start of the London 2012 Olympic Games.

Wallingford will host the Olympic Torch Relay on the morning of **Tuesday 10th July**, and the Town Council has made plans to provide an opportunity for all residents and visitors to witness this event and to give the torchbearers a huge welcome.

On **Tuesday 10th July at 8.25 a.m.** a torchbearer will leave Glyn Road, and the Relay will progress along Castle Street to the Market Place, around the Town via St Mary's Street, St Leonard's Square and St Martin's Street, back to the Market Place, right at the Lamb crossroads, over Wallingford Bridge, reaching Lane End in Crowmarsh Gifford at **8.48 a.m.**

### *Where's the best place to see the torch?*

Whilst the Torch Relay will pass along a number of roads the ideal place to join in the occasion will be in the centre of Wallingford.

- There will be music and commentary in the Market Place, and Radio Oxford's Phil Gayle will be broadcasting his Breakfast Show live from there, too.
- RAF Benson will stage a flypast as the Torch is nearing the town centre.
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## Fancy being a TV Star?

Mrs Moneypenny is filming a new TV programme called "Treasure in your Trash" at The Bear at Home on **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July**. The idea is that 2 teams compete to sell donated/unwanted items for the best prices. She has kindly suggested this could be a fund raiser for the cricket club, with the proceeds from any sales made going to the club.

So MCC is looking for volunteers. You will be needed all day on the Sunday from 9 a.m., and will be filmed sorting through "junk" and then attempting to sell it via various channels.

Should be a bit of fun, a chance to "star" on TV, and a good opportunity to swell the club coffers !

Please let Tim know if you are interested in being involved.

## North Moreton Village Hall

Not a great deal to report this month apart from that the March Book Sale made £762 of which £200 was donated to the Chantry Fund at All Saints' Church. As always a huge thank you to Kate and Gar and their team for all their hard work.

The next sale, which sadly may be the last, will take place some time in October. After that Kate and Gar will be retiring so, if it is to continue, someone will need to step forward to head up the existing team of willing volunteers.

The first book sale was held back in August 2006 as part of a coffee morning and slowly grew in size and reputation.

Obviously it does not have to be continued on the same scale/ format but it would be a great pity to let all the good will and interest that Kate & Gar have engendered over the past six years go to waste.

If you feel that you might be able to take it on, contact Kate on 813858 for a chat.

*Nora Haycock, Chairman VHMC*

## Diamond Jubilee Concert 2012

The Street Party and Family Olympics for the Jubilee Celebrations will soon be a thing of the past so David Miles and I have started to think about trying to produce another Village Concert. Those of you who have been involved in the past will know that there is a wealth of talent hidden away in the village and we need to unearth it.

We think an appropriate theme would be “**60 GLORIOUS YEARS**”. With this in mind we would like to hear from anyone and everyone who feels like ‘strutting their stuff’ on stage or contributing in some way or other to this Diamond Jubilee Concert. We would like everything to be connected in some way to the last 60 years or earlier if it happens to relate to some previous royal personage or royal occasion.

The concert will be arranged for a date to be agreed when we know who will be available. However, we would like to opt for a Friday and Saturday 5/6 or more likely 12/13 of October.

Many of you will remember what great fun our past concerts were so we need to hear from all those people who have contributed in the past and those who have joined us more recently. There must be a lot of new talent which has moved into the Village since the first concert in 2001.

Naturally everyone will want to be as good as they can be but this is not the Palladium so you don’t have to fret trying to be perfect. It will just be an opportunity to show that ‘North Moreton’s got Talent’. Having said that, we would be pleased to welcome people from surrounding towns and villages as we have done in the past.

**We are very keen to hear from people old and young who can write sketches, poems or short plays, are singers or dancers, are actors, magicians or comedians, play musical instruments, are acrobats or trapeze artists or are just willing to recite a poem or a piece of prose. Whatever you offer we can put in the programme. If you are even just pondering whether or not to get involved but are not sure how, please give one of us a ring and we will gladly meet you for a chat.**

The grapevine tells us that the village has a set of hand bells hidden away somewhere. What a great start it would be if we could find some people to ring them!

Peter Cockman: 01235 818810      David Miles: 01235 813283

## Comedy Night in aid of South Moreton School: 23rd June, The Astons Village Hall

**Mrs Moneypenny** is performing her stand up comedy show in aid of South Moreton School Outdoor Learning Project.

Doors open 7 p.m., Show begins 7:30 p.m. Interval Licensed Bar selling brie and pate rolls.

Tickets; **£10** from Claire Hulton: call 07967 481 881 or email [claire\\_hulton@hotmail.com](mailto:claire_hulton@hotmail.com). Limited availability so book NOW!

## South Moreton School PENNY CHALLENGE

South Moreton School are fund raising for a new outdoor learning centre by collecting enough pennies to stretch the length of the catchment area: from North Moreton to the Astons.

The children are already collecting pennies and now there is a collection jar on the bar at The Sweet Olive and The Bear for the adults to contribute to, or drop them in to Polly Vacher at Melhuish Farm. Thank you!!

## Air Ambulance

Nikki Bolton is still collecting the plastic tops from milk bottles for the Air Ambulance. They receive 1p per top.

Drop them into the green bin inside the gate at No.6 Moreton Road, Aston Upthorpe or leave in the porch at Peckwater, North Moreton and Nora will deliver them when passing. Thank you!