

Useful Information

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Green & Garden Bins: 6/20 Sept., 4/18 Oct., 1/15/29 Nov.

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The Jubilee celebrations seem a long time ago but the organising committee would like to say a belated thank you to everyone who came along to support the Family Olympics and Street Party and in particular to those who cooked, moved tables and chairs, adjudicated the games and took on all the many other tasks that made the day a success.

Several people have asked how the event was funded. The Parish Council provided the commemorative mugs for the children - amazingly we now have seventy youngsters aged 16 or under!; the games were self-funding and North Moreton Charitable Trust provided a generous contribution towards the party, with the balance being covered by visitors' contributions. The total cost was £580 which, as 220 people sat down to lunch, works out at around £2.60 per head. We hope that you felt it was value for money!



North Moreton Parish Council

Bonfires:

A growing number of complaints have been received recently about bonfire smoke in the village, particularly last weekend, when the cricket match was disrupted and many houses engulfed in smoke and ash. Although there are no bylaws about garden bonfires, the Parish Council thought this an opportune moment to look at some of SODC's recommendations on the subject:

- out of courtesy, inform your neighbours that you are proposing to have a bonfire
- do not light bonfires when the wind is likely to blow smoke into neighbours' homes or gardens
- only burn dry 'clean' wood/garden waste; do not burn household rubbish, such as plastic, foam, paint or rubber
- do not light bonfires when the material is damp because this will generate more smoke

Clearly the weather this summer has made several of these recommendations difficult to observe, but an avoidance of burning on sunny/windy weekends when many people are out and about in the village, or even indoors with the windows open, would be greatly appreciated.

Table tennis in the recreation ground:

As soon as the ground is dry enough to allow a heavy delivery lorry access to the Rec, the Parish Council plans to install an outdoor table tennis table in the corner of the basketball court. This should be suitable for players of all ages. Those who don't have their own bats and balls will be able to hire equipment from The Bear for a small charge (thanks, Tim and Alison!).

Dates for your Diary including Forthcoming Events

SEPTEMBER

- 7 Moth Night, Earth Trust Centre, 7 - 10pm
- 8 Historic Church Trust Ride & Stride
- 12 W.I. Meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 16 Family Service with Harvest Breakfast, All Saints' Church 9am
- 17 North Moreton Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 8pm
- 22 Guided Historic Walk, Wallingford 11am

OCTOBER

- 6 Apple Day on the Croft (Rec.) 10am
- 6 MCC AGM, Annual Dinner and Prize Giving, The Bear at Home
- 10 W.I. Meeting Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 13 Quinney Day & Gift Day, All Saints' Church
- 13 Arias at the Abbey, Dorchester Abbey 7.30pm
- 20 Book Sale Village Hall 10am - 4pm
- 21 Earth Trust Autumn Festival
- 31 Halloween Family Bushcraft Day, Earth Trust Centre

NOVEMBER

- 10 Charity Card Sale & Soup Lunch 11.30am - 2.30pm
- 12 North Moreton Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 8pm
- 14 W.I. Meeting Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 30 Full Moon Hike, Earth Trust Centre 6 - 8pm

DECEMBER

- 7-10 Christmas Tree Fete, All Saints' Church

NHS 111 The new number for the future of non – emergency health services is coming to Oxfordshire

What is this about?

A new three- digit number 111 that will make it easier for patients to access local NHS healthcare services. It is coming to Oxfordshire Summer 2012; NHS 111 will be available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Calls from landlines and mobiles will be free. The new service is part of a national programme to make it easier for the public to access urgent health services.

NHS 111 will get you through to a team of fully trained call advisers, who are supported by experienced clinicians. They will ask you questions to assess your symptoms, and give you the healthcare advice you need or direct you to the right local service. The NHS 111 team will, where possible, book you an appointment or transfer you directly to the people you need to speak to. If they think you need an ambulance, they will send one immediately – just as if you had originally dialled 999.

What is happening in Oxfordshire?

We aim to go live Summer 2012. Information will be distributed widely across Oxfordshire to inform people about the launch of the new NHS 111 service.

What do members of the public need to know?

You should call NHS 111 if:

- You need medical help quickly, but it is not a 999 emergency
- You think you need to go to Accident and Emergency or another NHS urgent care service
- You do not know who to call for medical help or you do not have a GP to call
- You require health information or reassurance about what to do next

For less urgent health needs, you should still contact your GP in the usual way.

For more information please visit the NHS Choices website at www.nhs.uk/111

Railings in Long Wittenham Road:

By the time this issue of North Moreton News appears, the railings along the raised footpath in Long Wittenham Road will have been repaired and received their first coat of paint in many years, courtesy of a grant from OCC facilitated by Patrick Greene.

Ros Templeman, Chairman NMPC

Moreton Cricket Club

September is here, the sun is beginning to shine and the cricket season is almost over! The last remaining matches are Moreton v The President's XI on the 16th September and the final game will be away at Sunningwell for our annual match against the local team, the prize being The Howat Cup.

Luck was very much on our side for the Beer and Cricket Festival this year; the sun shone and the rain managed to keep away enabling us to complete our fifth annual festival without a hitch. Thank you to all those who helped organise the weekend's cricket and all who turned out to watch a great weekend's entertainment; it is greatly appreciated.

Finally, the club's AGM will take place in The Bear on the 6th October followed by the annual dinner and prize giving.

Trevor Denning, President MCC

Pennies, Pennies, and More Pennies Please

South Moreton School desperately need more pennies to help reach their initial target of 250,000 to reach from North Moreton to Aston Tirrold. Please search your pockets, drawers, purses and collect a few pennies for us (2ps will help too) - you can deliver to The Bear, or me (Polly Vacher, Melhuish Farm, Wallingford Road NM) or the school once term has begun.

We are so grateful for your support, interest and help so thank you in advance.

Polly Vacher

North & South Moreton W.I.

The June meeting gave members the opportunity to see the display of beautiful silk scarves when Angela Pawlin gave an interesting talk on "Silk to Cocoon". The weather was not very kind for the July garden meeting at Rosemary Ryder's house, but it certainly didn't spoil the evening. Members dressed in red white and blue and had an enjoyable supper. We were challenged by Priscilla's Jubilee themed quiz, which had us all perplexed. The August meeting was a very successful outing to Nuffield Place, which was followed by a pub lunch.

The September meeting will be a talk about The Centre for Ecology and Hydrology, which should be both interesting and informative. We will be having our Harvest Supper at our October meeting and in November, one of our WI advisors, Penny Nobel, will be showing us how we can best look after our WI Archives. No doubt, some interesting photos and artifacts will be discovered!

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

Penny Busby

North Moreton Village Hall

Saturday **20th October** is the date of the **Autumn Book Sale** when a huge selection of books of all kinds will be on sale between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. at very reasonable prices. So come along and stock up for the long winter evenings when there's nothing worth watching on the telly! As always entrance is free and light refreshments will be on sale all day.

This will be the last sale organised by Kate and Gar Evans who started them back in 2007. Both the PCC and the Hall Management Committee are very grateful to them for all their hard work and dedication and, of course, for the money raised!

Earth Trust Events

Friday 7th September, 7-10 p.m. Moth Night, Earth Trust Centre, Little Wittenham. An opportunity to get really close to moths and see how beautiful British moths can be. Learn the basics of identification and more about these light-loving creatures that we see every day. Adults £5, Children £2.

Saturday 20th October, 11 a.m.- 4 p.m. Earth Trust Autumn Festival, Earth Trust Centre, Little Wittenham. Join us for a celebration of Autumn. The day will focus on having fun outdoors: craft creations, den building, pumpkin hunt, seasonal storytelling, singing and loads more exciting activities! We'll also be doing some outdoor cooking, as well as picking and pressing apples to create a warm spiced apple juice on the fire. £12 per family (2 adults, 2 children under 16).

Wednesday 31st October, 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. Halloween Family Bushcraft Day, Earth Trust Centre, Little Wittenham. Bring the family and go wild! Forget trick or treating - come and have fun at our special scary bushcraft day - explore the dark, gloomy woods, build spooky shelters, and learn how to make a fire to keep away ghosts and ghouls! Adults £20, Children £15.

Friday 30th November 6 - 8pm. Guided Walk: Full Moon Hike. Explore the countryside after dark! Search for badgers, deer and other animals by the light of the moon. Adults £5, Children £2.

For more details see posters or visit www.earthtrust.org.uk.

Historic Guided Walks

By popular demand on **Saturday 22nd September**, two historic guided walks have been arranged, which will be led by Judy Dewey (local historian and Wallingford Museum curator).

At 11 a.m. there will be a Castle history walk, followed by a Town history walk at 2.30 p.m. Both walks, lasting about 2 hours, start at the Museum with a charge of £5 for each walk. *[unsuitable for dogs!]*

Just come along or contact Judy Dewey for details tel. 01491- 651127

Wallingford Day Centre - Your Day Centre

Do you know someone in your community who might benefit from our services? Are you a carer and need a break? Do you have a neighbour, friend or relative who is perhaps lonely or needs a helping hand? We can help.

Independence is what we all value. We all want to stay in our own homes and make decisions for ourselves, but many of us in later life need some help. Carers need some time for themselves.

So what do we offer? We offer day care, open five days a week 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. in a warm, inviting and friendly atmosphere. We have trained staff who organise activities, seated exercises, outings or they will just sit with you to have a chat. A hot midday meal and drinks throughout the day are enjoyed by all. We offer a health and well being service including, foot care, hairdressing, bathing, physiotherapy, reflexology, counselling, advice and much more. Your health and well being is very important.

Wallingford Day Centre is about making people feel comfortable, meeting like minded people, helping people who live on their own to have a social life and supporting carers.

Contact Kerry, our manager, on 01491 836467 to discuss your needs and to find out more. Transport may be available and charges for the day care can be discussed with Kerry. Or drop in and see us for a coffee and a chat - we will make you very welcome. It is **your** Day Centre.

Our address is Wallingford Day Centre, Westgate House, Millington Road, Wallingford, Oxon, OX10 8FE.

Lynn Hatch. Friend of Wallingford Day Centre

Diamond Jubilee Concert

Owing to lack of volunteers, the proposed Village Concert will sadly not take place.

Kate and Gar will be a hard act to follow but the team will endeavour to continue the tradition in 2013 starting with a Spring sale. If you are interested in, or knowledgeable about, books and would like to be involved, we would be delighted to hear from you; contact the under-signed for more information.

Saturday 10th November sees the annual **Charity Card Sale and Soup Lunch**. This year cards will again be on sale from **11.30 a.m.** to enable those who are lunching elsewhere to buy their cards without having to worry about parking! We hope that Cancer Research, Save the Children, Helen & Douglas House, Fair Trade and RNLI will once again be in attendance, so there should be something for everyone. There's no entry charge so do please make a special effort to support these worthwhile charities.

The pre-Christmas round of parties will soon be upon us. The village hall is already a popular venue for children's events but with its new décor and adjustable lighting why not consider it for larger 'grown-up' celebrations? If you haven't been in the hall since it was re-decorated, do pop in to one of the above events and take a look.

Nora Haycock, Chairman VHMC

The Rushcroft

Did you see the wild flowers in the Rushcroft this summer? A big thank you to the Parish Council and in particular to Ros Templeman and Sue Harrison who planted and tended the seeds. The whole area is looking great!

For Sale:

Oak Dining room table 5' x 3.4" with an extra 18" panel. Sits 8 comfortably (at full length) or 10 with two at each end. £100 or near offer. Contact Vanessa Nash on 811333/**07871152688** nash-ness@hotmail.co.uk

Morton Table Tennis Club

The new season for the Didcot & District Table Tennis Association (DDTTA) league starts at the end of September and the club is looking to field 6 teams, one in each of the top 4 Divisions and two in Division 5. The club's Division 2 team finished 3rd last season, narrowly missing promotion.

The club is always happy to hear from anyone interested in playing socially or competitively. Open practice sessions are normally scheduled at South Moreton School every Wednesday from 7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. and anyone is welcome to attend. Further details about the club can be found on its website www.mttc.moonfruit.com

Finally the club would like to pass on its sincere thanks to the Parish Councils of North and South Moreton for their continued support and generous donations which the club has been using to maintain and improve the equipment and facilities provided to its members and visitors. This year we are looking to improve the lighting, which is especially important when we host tournaments.

Finally, special thanks to South Moreton School for providing us with an excellent venue.

Bob Price

North Moreton Charitable Trust

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

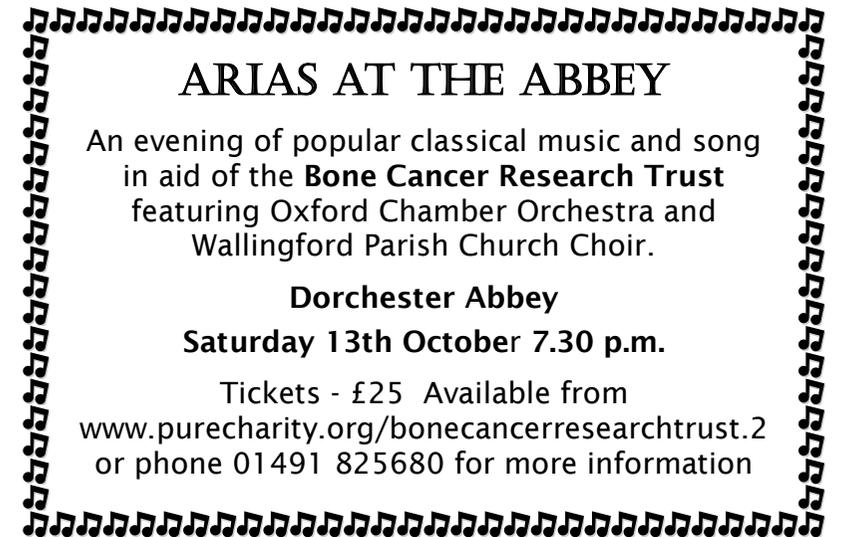
The Trust would also remind residents that allotments are available at very reasonable rates - from £5 to £10 per annum depending on size. The rental period traditionally starts in September to allow users to prepare the ground for spring planting. Please contact the Allotment Warden, Stuart Bell, on 07946 626 645 for more information.

Wallingford Rock Choir

Fancy an evening of fun, laughter and a good old sing-song? If yes, then come along to the Wallingford Rock Choir - pop, gospel and motown singing for everyone. It is held at Cranford House School during term time, on Wednesday evenings from 8-9.30 p.m. No audition and no requirement to read music - all are welcome, whatever gender, age or level of confidence.

Each term there is an event or informal concert to showcase what the choir has covered so far. To check out the Wallingford Choirs' first event, take a look at You Tube... 'Rock Choir Flash Mob Basingstoke' and you will see the brilliant flash mob we did for Sport Relief. If you look hard enough, you may be able to spot a couple of familiar faces!

Check out the website: www.rockchoir.com. Or if you would like more information, call **Claire Picken (850398)** or **Amberley Diamond (851421)**



ARIAS AT THE ABBEY

An evening of popular classical music and song
in aid of the **Bone Cancer Research Trust**
featuring Oxford Chamber Orchestra and
Wallingford Parish Church Choir.

Dorchester Abbey
Saturday 13th October 7.30 p.m.

Tickets - £25 Available from
www.purecharity.org/bonecancerresearchtrust.2
or phone 01491 825680 for more information

We are strengthening the stone arch that supports the spectacular East Window of the chapel, reducing stress on the ancient glass.

A security system will be installed to protect the new roofing.

The work depends on major funding from English Heritage, and we conform to their rules, and the timing constraints required by the EC legislation protecting Bats.

The Contractor's finishing date is the 3rd December.

Many thanks again for all the support from the village. Grant-giving organisations have been so impressed by your efforts in the past that they have helped again.

Sue White

The Green Man

They are all over our county and one could be lurking right in your neighbourhood. It's highly likely you walk past a Green Man everyday but don't realise it!

Green Men usually appear in some of the earliest parish churches, cathedrals, in 18th-century keystones and Victorian door surrounds. They are normally sculpted in stone or carved in wood.

Tim Healey will present "*The Green Man Trail in Oxfordshire - a study of 'Green Man' carvings in local churches*" at the next meeting of the Wallingford Historical and Archaeological Society (TWHAS).

As well as being the son of a famous politician, Tim is a broadcaster and writer. It was while researching secular carvings, "stones that speak", that he was led to the study of the Green Man.

This talk will be held on **Friday 14th September**, 7.45 for 8 p.m. at Wallingford Town Hall. Visitors (£2) are most welcome.



North Moreton Apple Day - Saturday 6th October

Last year's successful apple pressing on the Recreation Ground is to be repeated! The apple press will be set up on the Recreation Ground near to the Cricket Pavilion from 10 a.m. Please come and join us, bringing your apples (any variety including 'cookers') to press into apple juice.

You will need to start collecting containers to take your juice home in. These can be plastic (milk) cartons or water/drinks bottles sterilised with sterilising tablets. Up to 1 litre are best unless you want mass storage ready for cider making! These can be put straight into the freezer.

You will also need to bring a wheelbarrow to take home a bit of apple compost.

Everybody is welcome, even if you have no apples, just community spirit and some manpower! It can be a messy/sticky experience but good fun and you will have some apple juice to take home. Hot drinks and cakes will be available for a small charge.

Put the date in your diary and start collecting containers now!

Lisa Wardle and Clare Price (bob.clare_price@btinternet.com)

Blewbury Brass Band

Blewbury band has been very busy in the last 12 months, playing at village fetes, supporting school PTA fundraising events and hosting a concert with the local primary school brass groups.

The new brass band year starts in September and we now have a learner band open to those who have some brass experience. For complete beginners we can also provide professional tuition to get you started, which leads into playing with the learner band - you don't even need to be able to read music.

So if you just fancy having a go at music, or want to return after a break, we'd love to hear from you. It won't be long before we're playing carols and you could be a part of it!

To find out more please contact Jolyan Tidmarsh on 07979031273 / ox-tid2@hotmail.com

News from All Saints' Church

Autumn brings much excitement to North Moreton and the surrounding area starting with the **Ride and Stride Event** on the **8th of September**. This is a great activity/fundraiser which anyone can partake in and involves visiting churches all over Oxfordshire, the buildings of which often provide a wealth of history in architecture, facts on local community development and tasty refreshments making the day memorable for all ages. Please contact Beryl Jones for more information on 01235 510035 as she is keen to get as many people and children as possible taking part.

The new monthly **Family Service** will start with a Harvest Breakfast Service on the **16th September** at 9 a.m. Come worship whilst filling up on homemade goodies to energise you before going to your sports practice later that morning. The new format will last 45 minutes and will include topics for all ages. Father Jason will be leading the service and is keen to get this regular monthly event going in the Moretons as it has proved so popular in the Astons and Blewbury.

Quinney Day and Gift Day are coming up on **13th October** and we are looking for as many helpers as possible to volunteer due to the work going on in the church at the moment. We would like to thank the many volunteers who regularly clean the church as well as the Gibson Family who keep the grass in the churchyard mown. We welcome anyone who can spare an hour or two though on that particular Saturday.

We were pleased and proud to show off the Tower to numerous locals who came to climb up the narrow steps last month. Those who visited were impressed with the history of both the architecture and the bells and it showed us how important it is to keep this ancient place of worship going. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Sue White and John Harrison for all their work with obtaining grants and money to repair the Chantry Roof and Tower. We would also like to

thank Father Jason for his help with the tours that day.

Finally, we will be writing to everyone in the area to announce our exciting plans for the **Christmas Tree Fete** beginning the **7th December**. The Event will run over 3 days and we will be looking for volunteers, tree sponsors, and decorators to help make the village and church a winter wonderland. The committee are very excited about the proposed plans and look forward to sharing these with you, so look out for further information to arrive via your email and post box.

Vicki Squires, Churchwarden

Church Repairs.

It seems we have a Tin Tabernacle and you may well ask: What is happening?

In this second phase of our repairs, once again generously supported by Oxford Historic Churches for whom we do the Cycle Ride on 8th September, external scaffolding will shroud the Chancel and the Chantry Chapel. Underneath we still have access to most parts of the church, but we are barred from the Chantry chapel, which is the site of most repair works, and has further internal scaffolding.

Outside:

There will be a new lead roof on the Chantry Chapel. (alternative materials were ruled out by English Heritage) and some modifications to the copper roof on the south aisle.

The raising of the valley gutter between Chancel and Chantry Chapel is part of a major improvement in rainwater disposal arrangements. There should be no more unsightly damp patches in the upper walls of Nave, Chancel and Chapel.

A small part of the East wall of the Chapel will be rebuilt.

Inside:

We are undertaking structural repairs to the timber roof structures of the Chantry Chapel, South Aisle and South East corner of the nave →