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Garden Waste Collection: alternate Thursdays with recycling

Black Bin dates: 12/24 September, 10/24 October, 7/21 November

Green & Garden Bins: 5/12 September, 3/17/31 October,
14/28 November

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'A Close Run Thing'

Will we? Won't we? The organisers of this year's North Moreton Air Pageant and Pig Roast were biting their fingernails on the morning of Sunday 25th August as a low cloud base threatened to ruin all their planning and hard work. Display planes were unable to take off from their home bases, the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight fly-past was postponed and uncertainty was everywhere.

But the clouds lifted just in time, and all but one of the scheduled displays were able to take place. The sun shone, the 100-odd vintage cars glistened, the band played, everyone collected their pork-filled rolls and settled down to enjoy the show.

Many of the displays were old favourites – acrobatics from the Pitts Special, Gerry Sturgess gliding gracefully to the strains of Bach, the RAF Merlin and of course North Moreton's own Hurricane. This year we were lucky to have the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight do three passes over the village on their way to other events.

Last time only three of the "Tiger Nine" Tiger Moths were able to take part because of the weather. This time we had eight, showing off in Vic and Box formations. And a surprise finale was well worth waiting for – a Gnat – not an irritating insect but a former RAF jet trainer as used by the Red Arrows before they switched to the Hawk. In North Moreton's first acrobatic display (as opposed to fly-past) by a jet aircraft, we saw a wonderful contrast in speed and performance as compared to the 1930s Tiger Moths.

Proceeds will go equally to the Thames Valley Air Ambulance and to All Saints' Church bell tower refurbishment project. Those who missed the event, or would like to recapture it, should see the video on YouTube "North Moreton Air Show 2013". Very many thanks are due to Peter and Polly Vacher for once again making this great event possible.

Roger Haycock

North Moreton Parish Council - Fulscot Bridge

With the electrification of the London-West & South West line, the bridge is due to be raised over the Christmas period, with an expected duration of 3 months.

Network Rail are 'jacking' up two of the three sections of the bridge that span over the railway tracks and reconstructing the third section that spans the vehicle access section; the main work is planned to take place beginning 25th December 2013.

The full extent of the closure will be dependent on the extent and duration of the diversion works required by the service companies for fibre optic cables, 33,000 volt cabling decks, telecommunication cables etc.. At present, we are awaiting estimates from the service providers for a more exact duration of the bridge closure.

Contractor will be on site approximately 1 month before the works commence and will finish approximately 2 months after the works are complete depending on the condition of the embankments.

The proposed diversionary route is to divert the traffic through the village of North Moreton; albeit not yet approved by Oxfordshire County Council.

NMPC are currently in discussion on two further aspects:-

for early warning and adequate signage, particularly at A road junctions, to help minimise the volume of traffic through the village

to resolve any "loss of sight" issues that may result with the raising of the road height.

David Tebworth NMPC

North Moreton Apple Day

With laden apple trees we are looking forward to another Apple Pressing Day which will be held on **Saturday 5th October 2013** from **10 a.m.** on Recreation Ground.

Please come and join us, bringing your apples (any variety including 'cookers') to press into apple juice. We also had pears last year!

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. It would be helpful too, if

Dates for your Diary including Forthcoming Events

SEPTEMBER

- 2 NMPC Meeting, Village Hall 8pm All welcome
- 11 W I Meeting, Village Hall 7.30pm
- 14 Historic Churches Ride & Stride 10am - 6pm
- 21 Historical Guided Walks, Wallingford 11am & 2.30pm
- 28 Safari Supper

OCTOBER

- 9 WI Meeting, Village Hall 7.30pm
- 19 BooksSale, Village Hall 10am - 3pm

NOVEMBER

- 9 Charity Christmas Cards & Soup Lunch 11.30am - 2.30pm
- 13 WI Meeting, Village Hall 7.30pm
- 28 'My Secret Kitchen' demonstration, Village Hall

Charity Christmas Card Sale Saturday 9th November

11.30 a.m. - 2.30 p.m.

North Moreton Village Hall

*Selection of delicious
home-made soups on sale*



What is Oxfordshire Advocacy?

Oxfordshire Advocacy is an independent, confidential, free service that supports adults living in Oxfordshire to get their voice heard and their wishes taken into account.

We are looking for volunteers to attend our next training course to become an advocate for Oxfordshire Advocacy.

Our volunteer advocates work with people who need support in a meeting, writing a letter or making a complaint, or making sure that correct procedures are followed.

Recently we have provided advocates for

A man with severe depression to attend a medical assessment to check his eligibility for benefits.

The wife of a man with dementia who is struggling to access enough support so that she can continue to look after him at home.

Our next training course for new volunteers is in Oxford on **3rd, 4th and 11th October.**

If you would like to find out more about volunteering for OA please contact us: Tel: 01865 741200, email: jacinta.sands@oadg.org.uk, or look at our website on www.gettingheard.org

Earth Trust Events

The Earth Trust has many new and exciting events and training sessions planned for the Autumn suitable for both adults and families.

Visit their website www.earthtrust.org for details of events as well as information on their River of Life Appeal which aims to restore wetland features to over 50 hectares of farmland along two & a half kilometres of the river between Little Wittenham Wood and Shillingford Bridge.

You can also sign up to receive regular email newsletters.

you can 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.

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

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

Moreton Cricket Club

As another season reaches its climax, we can look back on a very successful and enjoyable summer.

We have had a very full fixture list and although we did not progress in the National Village Championship, we are through to the final of the Friendly Cup when we play Ipsden in early September. The club also achieved third place in the South Oxfordshire Friendly League and the Thursday evening team only lost one match throughout the summer - not a bad record!

Another great achievement this year has been the batting of our club captain, Will Macdonald, who at present is on the verge of reaching 1000 runs for the season with an average score in the 90's. No doubt by the time you read this he will have passed the 1000 mark and be well on the way to a club record. The ladies have also entered the record book with their first win against Wittenham and played five matches during the season. The juniors have also been active; they took part in the Goring 8 a side tournament and also won their Festival match against Didcot.

The Festival was again a great success despite some rain which prevented the final of the 6 a side tournament being played, but the trophy was shared between Moreton and the Grizzly Bears. However, it should be mentioned that the Grizzly Bears did need the help of Claire Taylor, one of England's greatest batswomen; Claire also did some coaching at one of the ladies practice evenings

The club's tour of Somerset and North Devon also proved to be a very enjoyable affair when we played Porlock and Lynton and Lynmouth.

The club now has a record number of members, very close to the 100 mark, but if you fancy a game we are always on the lookout for more members of all standards.

Trevor Denning, President MCC

North & South Moreton WI

We welcomed Duncan Brown, who was the youngest mayor of Abingdon when he was elected in 2010, to our June meeting. His illustrated talk was a history of two of the most influent Abingdon families at the end of the 19th century, the Clarks and the Morlands. Both families produced several mayors for the town and the families were crucial for the development of the town, providing the first hospital, fire services as well as an important sewerage scheme.

The July garden party at Liz Elliot's home took place on a fine evening, a welcome change from previous years. Members enjoyed a pleasant evening in lovely surroundings, with the chance to catch up with village news.

The outing this summer was to Waterperry Gardens. The group were able to explore the wonderful gardens before having lunch in the excellent restaurant. Some members bought plants to take back home. All agreed that it was a very successful day.

We have said our goodbyes to two long term members who have moved away from South Moreton this summer. We will miss Rosemary and Trisha enormously and, as they have only moved as far as Aston and Harwell, hope they will manage to come to some of our future meetings.

We return after the summer to our monthly meetings. These are held on the second Wednesday in September at North Moreton Village Hall. We are always pleased to welcome visitors and new members. Please contact Liz Elliot on 812562 for details.

Penny

Busby

North Moreton Freecycle??

I am occasionally asked to advertise, via the email, items for sale within the village and I am happy to continue to do this. However, it has been suggested that we extend this to cover items that we no longer need, are not quite good enough to sell but might be useful to someone else in the village and, of course, source items that you need - a sort of village Freecycle but without the hassle of setting up an official group.....

Just send me a brief description of what's on offer/wanted and I will do the rest. If you are not on the email list but would like to take part, give me a call on 812202.

Didcot & District University of the Third Age

DIDCOT & DISTRICT UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 2pm at Didcot Civic Hall. Visitors are welcome to come to one meeting as a taster before joining.

The September meeting will be held at 2 p.m. on **17th September**, the topic will be **35 years on a milkround**.

Didcot & District U3A aims to encourage and enable older people in Didcot and District who are no longer in fulltime paid employment to help each other to share their knowledge, skills, interests and experience. *There are over 20 interest groups including wine appreciation, science & maths, play reading, creative writing, walking, knitting, bridge, crafts, books, poetry, singing, badminton, photography and 5 languages.* There's something for everyone!

Tel: 07804159993 Email: didcotdistrictU3A@virginmedia.com

Website: <http://u3asites.org.uk/didcot>

'My Secret Kitchen'

Thursday 28th November: demonstration of 'My Secret Kitchen' food-stuffs in the Village Hall in aid of the Bell Fund. Ideal for Christmas presents! More details to follow but put the date in your diary NOW!

Oxfordshire Historic Churches Ride & Stride!

Calling walkers and cyclists of all ages to raise money for our historic churches on **Saturday 14th September**. 50% of the money raised will go to OHCT and 50% to All Saints'.

You can visit as many or as few of the 500 participating churches as you wish between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. and with eight churches in Wallingford and nine in Abingdon, walkers are well catered for!

For more details, sponsorship forms and a list of participating churches contact Beryl Jones 510035 or Jonesqvhouse@btinternet.com.

Wallingford Museum

Historic guided walks

By popular demand on **Saturday 21st Sept**, two historic guided walks have been arranged, which will be led by Judy Dewey (local historian and 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!*]

So, why not immerse yourself in the town's fascinating local history for the whole day and also visit the new 'A Monk's Tale: the hidden habits of Wallingford Priory', and 'At Home with the Queen of Crime' exhibitions at the Museum.

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

The Wallingford History & Archaeological Society

Wallingford, Alfred's *Burh*: Danes to Domesday

This year The Wallingford Historical and Archaeological Society (TWHAS) celebrates its 40th birthday and is organising a prestigious conference to mark the occasion. This year's conference is titled "Wallingford, Alfred's *Burh*: Danes to Domesday" and will be making public the most recent research on Wallingford's history.

The last eight years have seen major advances in understanding the importance of Wallingford's role as a royal Saxon and Medieval stronghold. TWHAS are privileged to have a group of speakers who are the most eminent in their various fields. They will be setting Wallingford in the wider national context to which it belongs.

It is expected that there will be a strong demand for tickets for this event, and so good advance notice of this event is being given locally. The conference will be held on **Saturday 5th October** at the Methodist Church Centre. Tickets are only available in advance, and flyers/booking forms are available at the Museum, Library, Town Information Centre or website: www.wallingfordmuseum.org.uk

On the subject of emails, if you haven't received anything for, say, 3 or 4 weeks and have checked your spam folder, do let me know. Just occasionally, for reasons known only my computer, addresses drop off and I have no means of knowing that they've gone!
Nora Haycock

North Moreton Village Hall

Summer is nearly over and once again the village hall committee swings into action!!!

Our first event will be the Book Sale on **Saturday 19th October** - details below - and we look forward to welcoming both regulars and newcomers whether stocking up on their winter reading, browsing or just for a coffee and a chat.

Saturday 9th November is your chance to get ahead of the game and stock up on Charity Christmas cards without having to worry about parking meters or crowds. As always, there will be a selection of delicious homemade soups on sale. There is no charge for entry to either event.

Don't forget that the hall is a great venue for children's parties and celebrations of all kinds. We also have chairs, tables and china available for hire at very reasonable cost.

For charges and availability contact Alison Sanders on 810880 or email NMVH@hotmail.com

Nora Haycock Chairman VHMC

BOOK SALE

Saturday 19th October

North Moreton Village Hall 10am – 3pm

Fiction & Non-fiction from 50p - Children's books from 20p

*Large selection of individually priced books
of interest to collectors*

Please contact Northmoretonbooks@gmail.com
or call 07934104555 to donate books

Light refreshments available

Proceeds in aid of Church & Hall Funds

Moretons and Astons Community Choir

Cheques for £450 were sent to both the chosen charities (SeeSaw and Sukuta Lower Basic School, The Gambia) from the proceeds of the Music and Arts Festival held in June.

Following the success of the Moretons and Astons Community Choir concerts in June, there has been a keen desire for the choir to continue. The choir will restart in September led again by Mark Stanley our experienced singing and choir leader. It will meet fortnightly in South Moreton School hall on Tuesday evenings from 7.30-9.15pm for a suggested donation from members of £2 to £3.

Previous singing experience or an ability to read music is not necessary; just a desire to have fun and enjoy an evening of singing together. Do come along and join us at the first meeting of the new academic year on Tuesday 10th September at 7.30pm in the school hall.

If you have any queries about the singing group please contact Ann Redding on 01235 813110 (term time) or e-mail office.2566@south-moreton.oxon.sch.uk or Mark Stanley (mark.stanley1@ntlworld.com).



All Saints' Church

The North Moreton Air Show made a spectacular end to the summer and despite the day starting with rain, the skies cleared by 1:00 to enable pilots flying all kinds of planes, helicopters and jets to delight the crowds! An enormous thanks to Peter and Polly Vacher and their team of helpers for a truly magical day! We will eagerly await the announcement of the total amount raised for our local Air Ambulance and All Saints' Bell Appeal.

Saturday the 14th of September is the next event which requires helpers and striders. We all look forward to families and individuals coming forward to take place in the ride and stride fundraiser for the Historic Church Trust. Participants can ride a horse, bicycle, or walk to visit local churches in the area. Please contact Beryl Jones for more information at ionesqvhouse@btinternet.com, she will welcome riders and striders and volunteers to man the church.

Our family service resumes this month on the 22nd of September. We welcome you to this service and other services to join in the fellowship.

We say goodbye to Katie and David Miles who have moved this summer from North Moreton. They have been a huge help to the church and village over this years, and we wish them well in their new home.

In October we will be having a 'Bring and Share' lunch following our Harvest Festival Service and look forward to your participation in our Quinney and Gift Day. The dates of these events will be advertised shortly.

Vickie Squires, Church Warden

Quinney Day

For the benefit of those who are new to the village, Quinney Day is the day when all residents, whether regular church-goers or not, are invited to come along to help sweep, polish, clear gutters, cut back brambles and weeds and generally 'fettle' the church before winter.

Ron Quinney, who started the working parties in 1993, lived in the village for 30 years and was church warden, parish council clerk, cricket club chairman, and first editor of North Moreton News.

Following his untimely death in 1995, the PCC felt it was a fitting memorial to name the community occasion that he had started 'Quinney Day'.

Ed.