

# North Moreton News

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## Useful Information

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810880

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**Concessionary Travel:** 0845 310 1111 or [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk)

**Mobile Library:** Wk 2 Wednesdays: Bus Shelter 10 - 10.15

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Monday - Friday 9.30 - 12.30. 01491 834728

Astons Village Hall Tuesday 9.30 - 12.30

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**Consumer Helpline:** 03454 04 05 06 [www.adviceguide.org.uk](http://www.adviceguide.org.uk)

**Refuse & Recycling Collections:** alternate Thursdays

**Garden Waste Collection:** alternate Thursdays with recycling

**Black Bin dates:** 11/25 Sept, 9/23 Oct, 6/20 Nov.

**Green & Garden Bins:** 4/18 Sept, 2/16/30 Oct, 13/27 Nov.

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## North Moreton in the Great War: Bud Finch Remembers

Bud Finch was born in South Moreton in 1903. He and his family moved to Filberts in North Moreton in 1908 and he lived here until his death in 1990. His memories were lovingly recorded and expertly edited by Gerald Howat in 1989: they are by far the best publicly available account of life in the village throughout the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Here are just a few extracts on life during the First World War.

“When the war came, life in the village was curtailed, quietened. Everybody, I think, seemed to work harder and try harder than ever. I think we perhaps realised what the war meant when we began to get the casualty lists and the deaths, and three or four in the village were gone. If you look on the Memorial, it’s a sizeable list for a small village. Gradually, people realised what we were up against and what a terrible disaster it was. You see, we lost the cream of the country as far as manpower was concerned.

I can remember standing in the playground at school [the school was opposite the church] and seeing literally hundreds of mounted troops going by, coming from Wallingford round the corner by the school and way up the road. For some weeks we had troops galore round us, on the way to Blewbury and Churn Camp which was a big camp in those days. We would also watch train-loads of horses passing along on the railway which had been commandeered up the line from the West Country. We’d wonder if any would come back.

During the war the front room of Smith’s Cottage, next to the Bear, opened as a pork-butcher’s shop, run by the landlord, William Maycock. It was a big business, right from the start. It was very intriguing because the landlord could have been put in gaol for killing and selling meat off ration. Well they couldn’t have put him in gaol because the local police inspector used to come out for his joint of meat.

When a woman lost her husband, not only was it a terrible blow but financially it meant her finding a job or doing something to keep her going, especially if she had a large family. The war left several widows in the village and there

there were the tragedies of youngsters who had just met, probably got engaged, or maybe not even got engaged, and the man went off today and was gone tomorrow.

I can remember vividly 11th November 1918, the day of the Armistice. We were planting winter oats and winter barley in the top field, when all of a sudden there was a tremendous commotion at Didcot and every engine in steam blew its whistle. I think that the railwaymen must have saved up detonators for years, because they put rows and rows of them all up the line and drove an engine up and down them, setting them off. There was such consternation that the Vicar cycled up there to see what was the matter. Soon the news came through from the station. Afterwards, there was great rejoicing.”

*Nick Sanders*

## **North Moreton Parish Council**

### **Parish boundary change**

As part of its Community Governance Review, SODC decided at a meeting on 17th July “to move land currently in South Moreton Parish either side of Dunsomer Hill into North Moreton parish”. This decision followed consultation with parish councils and residents, the majority of responses being in support of the move. The change is expected to come into effect before the 2015 elections, and the new boundary between the two villages will be the railway.

The Parish Council would like to welcome our new parishioners, and hopes they will enjoy being part of North Moreton life.

*Ros Templeman Chairman, NMPC*

### **The end is in sight!**

After many months of enduring heavy traffic through our village, Network Rail have announced that, subject to a road safety audit, they are on target for a reopening of the Fulscot Bridge on September 2nd.

During the period of closure, owing to weather conditions and the increased traffic, we have experienced considerable degradation of the road surfaces and edges. The Parish Council have campaigned long and hard with Network Rail, and with the added influence of Patrick Greene have

## **Dates for your Diary** including Forthcoming Events

### **SEPTEMBER**

- 10 WI Meeting, Village Hall 7.30pm
- 13 Historic Churches Ride and Stride
- 15 NMPC Meeting, Village Hall 8pm
- 16 Astons Online, Astons Village Hall 10am-12noon
- 19 /21 Agatha Christie Weekend, Wallingford & Cholsey
- 28 Circus Berzercus North Moreton House 3pm

### **OCTOBER**

- 5 Harvest Service & Bells Celebration ,All Saints Church 11am
- 8 WI Meeting, Village Hall 7.30pm
- 11 Quinney Day, All Saints’ Church 10am - 12noon
- 14 Astons Online, Astons Village Hall 10am - 12noon
- 25 MCC Wine Tasting, Village Hall
- 30 Extra Garden Waste Collection

### **NOVEMBER**

- 1 Book Sale, Village Hall 10am - 3pm
- 8 Astons Online, Astons Village Hall 10am - 12noon
- 10 NMPC Meeting, Village Hall 8pm
- 14 ‘Musical Banquet’ All Saints’ Church 7.30pm
- 15 Charity Card Sale & Soup Lunch, Village Hall 11.30 - 2.30pm
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## Earth Trust Events

### Introduction to Scything

**6th September, 9.30am-4pm**

Learn the traditional skills of scything on this practical one-day course with expert Clive Leeke. All specialist tools and equipment supplied. £50 (discount for Friends); booking essential.

### Dawn Photography Expedition

**7th September, 6am-8.30am**

Join local author and landscape photographer Jon Scourse to capture the early morning light and take wonderful landscape images at the Earth Trust. As well as taking in the views, the trip will also look at wild flowers, trees and how to take close up images. Bring your digital camera and a tripod if you have one. £5; booking essential.

### A Berry Good Day Out

**7th September, 10am-2pm**

Blackberries are abundant at this time of year, turn up throughout the day for squashing, cooking and eating! £3 per child, free for accompanying adult(s); no need to book.

### 10K Run

**21st September, 11am start**

A cross-country run around Little Wittenham Nature Reserve, including the iconic Clumps. Sponsorship appreciated but not essential. £10 (entrants must be 16 or over), see

<http://www.earthtrust.org.uk/10krun.aspx> for more details or to enter.

### Heritage Skills Taster Session: Natural Dyeing

**22nd September, 6pm-8.30pm**

Learn the basics of natural dyeing, using plants commonly found in gardens and hedgerows. A free taster session at Mowbray Fields, Didcot – drop in any time and have a go at learning this traditional skill.

For more information visit [www.earthtrust.org.uk](http://www.earthtrust.org.uk) or call 01865 407792.

to gain significant improvement to the edges of Long Whittenham Road and Dunsomer Hill.

Further thanks are also due to Patrick for arranging the use of the ‘Jetpatcher’, the latest pothole repairing machine which was on loan to OCC, and which filled 90% of the holes in the High Street. We are reliably informed that these repairs should last at least two years, and if not, will be redone free of charge.

The PC are aware that there are still potholes to be repaired and work needed on the Wallingford Road; however please advise us of any areas that are affecting your or your neighbours.

*David Tebworth NMPC*

## Defibrillator and Emergencies Training

14 parishioners enjoyed an informative and entertaining training session in the Village Hall on August 21st on the subject of Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and how to use our new defibrillator. It was given by Martin Fagan of Community Heartbeat Trust.

It isn't easy to capture the essence of a two-hour session in a few lines but I'll try, as everyone in the community has the possibility of having to try to save someone's life at some time. A key message is that anybody can use the defibrillator – you don't need training!

If you see someone on the ground who may have had a heart attack – what do you do?

Are they looking blue with no signs of breathing? Assume a heart attack and do **something**.

If you are alone – call 999 and then do chest compressions – forget the defibrillator until you have support.

If there are two or more of you: one does chest compressions at 120/minute (the beat of Nellie the Elephant, The Archers theme or Staying Alive may be useful here), the second calls 999. Any extra helpers should take turns with the compressions. The ambulance service will tell you where your nearest defibrillator is (outside the Village Hall) and the code to open the outer cover. Take the defibrillator to the patient. Open it and follow the verbal instructions. From then on it takes charge and you just do what you are told. If

you don't do what you are asked, it will keep repeating the request until you do. To simplify, it will tell you to cut the clothing from the patient to expose the chest and fix two pads to the chest. The machine will analyse the patient's condition and decide whether or not to administer an electric shock. It is very straightforward.

With luck paramedics will arrive shortly and take over from you.

There are some key changes to the CPR advice from what I learned at my last training about 15 years ago. Today, members of the public (as distinct from health professionals) are NOT recommended to combine mouth to mouth resuscitation with chest compressions but just to do the latter. Also you are recommended not to spend time trying to check if a pulse exists – again just focus on the compressions.

Let's hope we never have to use our new investment!

*Roger Haycock NMPC*

## Moreton Cricket Club

Another season has almost gone, but we can look back at a very successful summer with a lot of cricket and plenty of sunshine and very importantly, probably for the first time, the club membership has passed the 100 mark which is a great achievement for a small village club. This achievement has been due to the huge growth in the junior membership and of course the very successful ladies team. Thanks to the very hard work of our coaching staff - we now have 6 ECB qualified coaches - these teams are making great progress. The club also sent a touring team to Barcelona in July and appeared to have a good time despite some very hazy memories! Hopefully a team from Barcelona will visit us here in North Moreton at a future cricket festival.

This year's Beer and Cricket Festival, our seventh, was again a great success, so a big thank you to all those who organised, played and supported it - Moreton A won the Six-a-Side tournament and both the ladies and junior teams had great wins.

Finally, and very importantly, why not come and visit us on **Friday 5th September** between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. on The Croft and have a look at



## VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Style Acre is a charity based in Oxfordshire which enhances the lives of people with learning disabilities in creative and innovative ways. Each and every individual we support is valued and helped to lead a meaningful life whilst realising their potential. Our Tea Room at Savages in Blewbury provides work experience and paid work for people with learning disabilities.

We are looking for someone who can give 4 hours per week to volunteer as a member of our team at our Tea Room (days and times can be flexible to suit individual). It will involve supporting people with learning disabilities, using our till, making coffees, serving customers and some kitchen duties.

If you are interested in volunteering with us then please contact **Tracey Collins** on 01491 827599 or visit our website [www.styleacre.org.uk](http://www.styleacre.org.uk) and go to our 'Get Involved' section. Here you can download the application form.



*Hem need re-sewing? Broken zip? Re-sew buttons?  
Seam in need of a stitch? Trousers require shortening?  
Old favourite in need of a revamp?*

## Repairs and alterations

Call Patricia on 07860 520507

Needle at the ready, St Peters Farm, Bear Lane, North Moreton, OX11 9AS

## Protect Rural Oxfordshire (PRO)



Did you know that current plans for the county include 80,000 new jobs, 90,000 more residents and 100,000 more houses – all within the next 17 years? This proposed growth in housing is the equivalent of every town and village increasing in size by 40%.

The Oxfordshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England is concerned about how the speed and scale of this development could cause irretrievable damage to our landscape and local communities, and the impact it will have on already over-stretched services and infrastructure particularly in rural areas.

It has launched a campaign – Protect Rural Oxfordshire (PRO) - to fight for a more sustainable vision for the future of the county.

To find out more see our website ([www.cpreoxon.org.uk](http://www.cpreoxon.org.uk)) or follow us on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/CPREOxfordshire](http://www.facebook.com/CPREOxfordshire)) or Twitter (@CPREOxfordshire) and sign up to our monthly e-news bulletin  
Email:

## Charity Christmas Card Sale

Saturday 15th November

11.30 a.m. - 2.30 p.m.

North Moreton Village Hall

*Selection of delicious  
home-made soups on sale*

our new facilities and enjoy a glass of wine. There will be a free BBQ for members, prospective members and Vice Presidents and a chance to pit yourself against the bowling machine or play a game of Kiwi cricket. RSVP to Tim at [tim@oldcoachinn.co.uk](mailto:tim@oldcoachinn.co.uk)

*Trevor Denning, President MCC*

## North & South Moreton WI

At the May meeting this year's Resolution, encouraging more people to sign up to organ donation, was discussed and after voting, was passed with a majority. Barbara Hatley was the speaker in June. She gave a very interesting illustrated talk to a large group of members and visitors about the Changi Quilts. These were quilts made by the women of Changi prison who were interned after the fall of Singapore in the Second World War and was a means of sending a message to their husbands who were held in a separate part of the prison. The Garden Meeting was held at Mary Greene's house on a warm July evening. A very enjoyable evening in lovely surroundings was had by everyone. The August outing was to Buscot Park and Farringdon House, with lunch at the Horse and Jockey, Stanford in the Vale. Once again, the weather was kind to us and the day was voted a great success.

The Group Meeting in April was at Woodcote Village Hall. Several members attended the interesting talk by Corrie Starling, the miller from Mapledurham. Two members attended the Food and Flowers demonstration at Benson in July, which they enjoyed.

The WI was asked to help provide teas at the Open Gardens in July. A group of members worked during the afternoon and, thanks to members and friends, had a wide range of cakes and scones to offer visitors.

Our next meeting on **10th September** is Wildlife in the Garden and the speaker is Wilf Simcox. This will be an open meeting, so we look forward to welcoming visitors and friends. The Harvest Supper is in October and November's meeting is Keeping Muscles and Joints Moving, with Barbara Scragg, which should be interesting!

Our meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month and are usually at North Moreton Village Hall. We are always pleased to welcome new members and visitors. Please contact Liz Elliot on 01235 812562 for more information.

*Penny Busby*

## No excuses – organise that party!

The Village Hall now has two marquees for hire, to add to the long list of other things that you are bound to need for your party – tables, chairs, cutlery, crockery etc.

One has been kindly donated by Richard Macfarlane. The other is brand new, purchased primarily with a donation from North Moreton Charitable Trust.

The marquees are owned and insured on behalf of the village by North Moreton Parish Council, and hire will be managed by the Village Hall Committee.

Both are available free of charge for all village events, including the Fete and fundraising for village amenities.

For private hire the charge is £250 for the larger (6m x 12m) and £200 for the smaller (6m x 10m) and a deposit of £100 is required. Although they may be used outside the village by family or friends, they must be hired by a North Moreton resident who will be responsible for any loss or damage. If they are required for a charity fundraising event, a reduced fee may be negotiable.

So don't delay – book them now for your party by emailing [NMVH@hotmail.com](mailto:NMVH@hotmail.com) or call Alison Sanders on 810880.

## North Moreton Village Hall

The Committee look forward to a busy end to the year with the **Autumn Book Sale** taking place on **Saturday 1st November** and the **annual Charity Christmas Card Sale and Soup Lunch** two weeks later on **Saturday 15th November** - how time flies! We look forward to welcoming our regulars and if you haven't been before, why not pop in to one or both events?! We have a fantastic selection of books on sale for all the family at the former and an equally good selection of Christmas cards at the latter - and there's no need to worry about parking!

If the children are having a Christmas or Birthday Party, why not book the hall and save the hassle of moving the furniture to make space for games?! Contact Alison Sanders ([NMVH@hotmail.com](mailto:NMVH@hotmail.com)) for availability and charges.

*Nora Haycock NMVHC*

## Time to Spare?

If you are a car owner/driver and have time to spare, the Wallingford Volunteer Centre would be delighted to hear from you. Although they do provide services such as shopping for the housebound, the main part of their work is taking people who are unable to drive and who find it difficult to use public transport, to the Wallingford surgery, local day centres and hospitals. Clients pay the driver a small charge to cover petrol and running costs. These range from around £3 for a journey within Wallingford to £13 for a trip to the Oxford hospitals - all charges include reasonable waiting time.

You don't have to make a regular commitment - some volunteers do several jobs a week, others do one or two a month and you can advise the office of periods when you are not available. If you would like to know more, telephone 01491 836345 or email

**[Wallingford.volunteercentre@gmail.com](mailto:Wallingford.volunteercentre@gmail.com)**.

If you need to use the service, call the above number between 9.30 and 11.30 a.m. Monday to Friday and give as much notice as possible. Charges from North Moreton will be slightly higher than those mentioned above as all journeys are calculated on a Wallingford based driver.

# BOOK SALE

## Saturday 1st November

### North Moreton Village Hall

10am-3pm

Fiction & Non Fiction from 50p

Children' books from 20p

Individually priced books of interest to collectors

To donate books please contact [Northmoretonbooks@gmail.com](mailto:Northmoretonbooks@gmail.com)

or call 07934 104555 Collection can be arranged

**Light refreshments available**

*Proceeds in aid of Church and Hall funds*

## 'Celebrating Agatha Christie' Weekend'



Wallingford Museum has organised an exciting 'Celebrating Agatha Christie Weekend' from **Friday 19th to Sunday 21st September**.

The museum itself will be hosting an 'At Home with the Queen of Crime' exhibition which looks at her home in Wallingford, Winterbrook House, and puts her quiet life there into perspective.

Throughout the weekend there will be a Town Mystery Trail available free from the Museum and the Town Information Centre. You can explore the town to find answers, with book tokens as prizes. Cholsey & Wallingford Railway will also be running heritage trains on Saturday and Sunday.

On Friday evening at the Corn Exchange there will be a showing of the vintage 1974 film, 'Murder on the Orient Express' preceded by a short talk 'Agatha Christie's Wallingford Connection' by local historian Judy Dewey.

On both Saturday and Sunday mornings there will be a guided walk from Wallingford to Cholsey led by local historians/authors, Judy Dewey and Tony Raynor. This visits the churchyard where she is buried and includes a single ticket to return on the Cholsey & Wallingford Railway.

On Saturday afternoon there will be a chance to meet Lucy Worsley, chief Curator of the Royal Historic Palaces, author and TV broadcaster, who will be signing her latest books, 'A Very British Murder' and 'The Courtiers'. In the evening she will be presenting a talk 'A Very British Murder' in St Mary's Church in the Market Place.

Some events are ticketed and only available if booked in advance. For more information visit Wallingford Museum, the Town Information Centre or [www.wallingfordmuseum.org.uk](http://www.wallingfordmuseum.org.uk).

## Consumer Helpline

The Consumer Helpline now has an 0345 number, For the price of a geographic call (01/02) or within your contract's 'inclusive minutes' you can get help from experts on a range of consumer issues. Just call **03454 040506**.

You can also visit the website with over 700 pages on consumer matters: [www.adviceguide.org.uk](http://www.adviceguide.org.uk).

## Book Grants

North Moreton Charitable Trust can provide a book grants to any young person resident in North Moreton who is starting at University or in Higher Education in 2014.

Please contact the Clerk to the Trust: [Nora.haycock@btinternet.com](mailto:Nora.haycock@btinternet.com).

## MCC Wine Tasting Evening

**25th October** in North Moreton Village Hall: 'Whose wine is it anyway?' An evening of wine discovery, entertainment and tasting with Neil Phillips 'The Wine Tipster'.

Details will follow by email early September.

## Astons Online

Aston Online aims to help everyone be confident users of the Internet and online services. Our next event is 10 a.m. to 12 noon on **Tuesday 16th September** in Astons village hall, Thorpe Street, Aston Upthorpe OX11 9EQ.

**CIRCUS BERZERCUS**

**SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**

**The Barn at North Moreton House 3pm sharp!**

**A fun-filled afternoon of Comedy & Chaos  
for all the family!!**

Tickets from [nora.haycock@btinternet.com](mailto:nora.haycock@btinternet.com) or  
text/call 07979865737

Adults: £10 Children: £7 (includes children's tea after show)  
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Licensed Bar    Bangers & Burgers on sale

**Proceeds in aid of new playground equipment**



## News from All Saints' Church

Back to School, back to work, back to ringing bells! All Saints North Moreton is thrilled to have the bells coming back after being restored and a sixth bell cast! We have decided to hang the bunting, celebrate in style and combine our **Harvest Celebrations with a Celebration of the New Bells and Return of the Restored Bells!** A special service will take place on the **5th October** at 11 a.m. at All Saints' Church and afterwards there will be a bring and share lunch with complementary wine and a viewing of the Bells. This will be a rare chance to see the **BELLS** from a bird's eye view before they are hoisted beyond our reach later in the month. Please contact Vickie Squires ([victoriacreates@btinternet.com](mailto:victoriacreates@btinternet.com)) or Patrick Green ([pwdgreene@btinternet.com](mailto:pwdgreene@btinternet.com)) to reserve a table for your family and friends. This should be a joyous occasion and we look forward to seeing you all then!



**Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride** is taking place once again on **Saturday 13th September** and is always a big success for North Moreton! It is also a chance to see a variety of stunning local churches. You can walk, ride a bike or hop on your horse to do this! There are always refreshments and people to greet you at each church. To get your forms for this fantastic event contact Beryl Jones on **01235 510035** or email: [jonesqyhouse@btinternet.com](mailto:jonesqyhouse@btinternet.com). We are all very keen that North Moreton continues its excellent record of supporting this cause. We have received two very generous grants from them in recent years for the stonework and chancel roof and now wait, fingers crossed, to hear if we shall receive a further sizeable amount for the proposed Galley Kitchen and WC projects, so get those helmets on and get riding and striding!

The Family Service will take place on **Sunday 19th September** at 9 a.m. Father Jason will have one of his wealth of activities ready for fun and action and there will be goodies from made apples for breakfast treats. Please bring to this service any donations of non perishable foods for The Porch in Oxford. We will be collecting donations until after the Harvest Service as The Porch are so pleased to have these contributions.

We look forward to seeing you soon and at Harvest Festival!

*Vickie Squires & Patrick Greene*

## A Feast for your Ears.....

On **Friday 14th November** the trio 'Musical Banquet' will be performing in All Saints' Church. Look out for details in the October issue of The Link but put this date in your diary now!

## Quinney Day

Quinney Day will this year be held on **Saturday 11th October**. Please come along to All Saints' Church between 10 a.m. and 12 noon to help clean the church, clear the gutters and cut back the brambles and ivy in the churchyard before the onset of Winter.

Everyone is welcome - you don't have to be a regular church-goer - and please bring secateurs etc. and protective gloves if you prefer the outdoor jobs!

## Looking Ahead: North Moreton Safari Supper

For various reasons the 2013 Safari Supper took place in September but in 2015 it will revert to March; **Saturday 7th March** to be precise!

This event is always fun and a great way to meet new people and catch up with old friends, so put the date in your diary now!



**Oxfordshire Advocacy** Charity no: 1131403

**We are looking for volunteers  
for our next training course**

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

Volunteer advocates work with people who need support to challenge decisions, uphold rights, attend meetings or make a complaint. We have a new project supporting adults over 50 who have been affected by cancer.

**Next training course is in Oxford on 2<sup>nd</sup> 3rd, 10th October 2014.**

For an informal interview prior to training, contact :

[jacinta.sands@oadg.org.uk](mailto:jacinta.sands@oadg.org.uk) Tel: **01865 230201** Website:

[www.gettingheard.org](http://www.gettingheard.org)