

## Useful Information

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[WallingfordAreaNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:WallingfordAreaNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk)

**Non-Urgent Police calls:** 101

**Crime Stoppers:** 0800 555 111

**NHS Non-Emergency Number:** 111

**Parish Clerk:** [Clerk@north-moreton.com](mailto:Clerk@north-moreton.com) 01235 511427

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**SODC Councillor:** Jane Murphy 07970 932054

**OCC Councillor:** Simon Clarke [simon.clarke@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:simon.clarke@oxfordshire.gov.uk)

**Parish Transport Representative:** Veronica Gibbs 01235 813829

**Village Hall Bookings** Marion Shipton [NMVH@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:NMVH@hotmail.co.uk)

**Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators:**

**Elm Road:** Derrick Stevens Phone/Fax/Answer m/c 01235 813246

**Rest of Village:** Nora Haycock [northmoreton08@btinternet.com](mailto:northmoreton08@btinternet.com) 812202

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

**Didcot Volunteer Centre:** 01235 816709

**Wallingford Volunteer Centre:** 01491 836345

**Postal Services:** The Village Stores, Brightwell:

Mon. - Fri. 9.30 - 5.30 Sat. 9.00 - 13.00 01491 835551

Astons Village Hall Tuesday 9.30 - 12.30

**Citizens' Advice Line:** 08444 111 444

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

**Benefice Office:** Blewbury: 01235 850267

**Refuse & Recycling Collections:** alternate Thursdays

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

**Black Bin dates:** 13/29 December, 12/24 January, 7/21 February

**Green & Garden Bins:** 6/20 December, 5/17/21 January, 14/28 February

**Please note:** No Brown Bin collection over Christmas

Bank Holiday changes in Bold

# North Moreton News

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## North Moreton Volunteer Transport Group

The suggestion of an 'in-village' transport group in the September issue of the newsletter received a positive response; volunteers have come forward, meetings have been held and the necessary permissions put in place.

The service aims to help any village resident who is unable to drive, whether permanently or temporarily (i.e. sight problems, limb in plaster, etc.) and particularly the elderly and those who live alone.

The group will cover journeys to all local hospitals, including Oxford and Reading, GP surgeries, dentists, etc. There will be a charge of 45p/mile plus parking: a return journey to Oxford works out at £12 and to Didcot or Wallingford £3.50/£4.00.

To arrange a journey please call one of the coordinators on the following numbers: **01235 812202 / 813829 / 813006**. Although all of them have answerphones you need to speak to a person directly and to give as much notice as possible.

The coordinator will need your name, contact number, date and time of appointment, destination (including department if a hospital) and estimated waiting time.

The coordinator will try to find a driver who is able to cover your journey and the driver will get in touch with you within 24 - 48 hours. If no driver is available to help you, the coordinator will let you know within 24 - 48 hours as well.

If you have any queries please contact Nora – contact details on back page.

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## North Moreton Parish Council

### Oxford-Cambridge Expressway update

Since our last update, the Government has announced that two corridors are now under consideration for the proposed Expressway, one to the west of Oxford and one to the east, leaving the A34 at Abingdon. Although the eastern route would be of more concern to us, the Government's map shows that we fall into an area south of Abingdon common to both routes, and the Expressway – together with a proportion of the 300,000 extra homes allocated to the Oxfordshire section of the road – would be in there somewhere if the project goes ahead.

The Expressway Action Group has stated that upgrading or sorting out existing roads to reduce congestion, noise and pollution would be better than building a completely new Expressway across open country and rare wildlife areas, and is objecting to the plan. However, they believe that Highways England must be made aware of all the reasons why the environment of our parishes is too important to be blighted, and the reasons for a less damaging choice if an Expressway goes ahead.

They suggest that the best way to do this is to prepare a full audit of all our environmental, heritage and landscape resources, especially 'hidden' ones that we may know about but which are not recorded in public documents or on maps. The Parish Council has provided details on our listed buildings, and the general rural setting of the village and its conservation area, but if anyone has information on any architectural or ecological hidden treasures you think we may have missed, we would be glad to know about them.

Time is short, as ideally we should provide this information before Highways decide the routes they will consult on, and well before consultation begins in Summer/Autumn next year.

Next year's Parish Council Meeting dates are:

8th January, 5th March (Annual Parish Meeting), 14th May (Parish Council Annual General Meeting) 9th July, 3rd September, 12th November.

The Annual Parish Meeting is the meeting when traditionally reports from all the village organisations are presented and any member of the parish electorate is entitled to speak.

The Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council is the meeting when the Chairman for the year is elected and responsibilities allocated.

*Ros Templeman, Chairman NMPC*

## Dates for your Diary

### DECEMBER

- 10 Ladies Lunch at the Bear 12.30 for 1pm
- 12 W I Meeting, Village Hall 7.30pm
- 17 Coffee Morning, All Saints' Church 10.30am - 12 noon
- 23 Carol Service, All Saints' Church 6.30pm
- 24 Crib Service, All Saints' Church 4.00pm
- 24 Christmas Mass, All Saints' Church 9.30pm

### JANUARY

- 8 Coffee Morning, All Saints' Church 10.30am - 12 noon
- 9 W I New Year Dinner, The Bear

### FEBRUARY

- 6 Coffee Morning, All Saints' Church 10.30am - 12 noon
- 13 WI Meeting, Village Hall 7.30pm

### MARCH

- 5 Annual Parish Meeting, Village Hall, 8pm
- 13 W I Annual General Meeting, Village Hall 7.30pm
- 23 Safari Supper - A Night at the Movies

### APRIL

- 27 Spring Book Sale

### JUNE

- 14 & 15 Melhuish Farm Opera

### Fly Tipping – How to report it:

Go to [southoxon.gov.uk](http://southoxon.gov.uk), then click on 'services and advice' and type 'fly-tipping' into the search box; click 'Fly-tipping' when it appears & fill in the 'report fly-tipping online' form, or phone **03000 610 610**.

### Reporting Rural Crime

If you become a victim of rural crime or suspect that a crime has taken place, you should report it to police by calling **the non-emergency number, 101**. If an incident is in progress, or there is an **immediate threat to life, you should call 999**.

## All it takes is one distraction

Did you know that 1 in 3 people rescued from house fires in Oxfordshire are rescued from cooking fires? Or that distraction is the main cause of cooking fires?

It's easy to get distracted - the phone rings, someone's at the door or a TV show catches your attention. If you need to leave your cooking, even for a couple of minutes:

- turn down the heat
- set the timer
- or ask someone to watch it for you

Or you could find that Oxfordshire Fire & Rescue Service firefighters join you for dinner!

Find out more at: [www.365alive.co.uk/cooking](http://www.365alive.co.uk/cooking).

## Reminder: Cooking oil recycling

SODC have just introduced a new cooking oil recycling service for residents as part of their food waste collections.

After cooking and once it has cooled, any leftover oil can be poured into a plastic bottle no bigger than one litre in size. The bottle and its contents can then be placed in the kerbside food waste caddy, along with other food waste, and put out for the weekly collection. For those who don't want to use a plastic bottle, oil can also be poured straight into the caddy along with other food waste.

One litre of cooking oil can generate enough electricity to make 240 cups of tea!

A Happy Christmas and a  
Healthy & Prosperous New Year  
to you all!

## Moreton Cricket Club

The very sad news about Tom Wigley's death cast a shadow over the end of the season. Tom's association with the club went back over half a century as boys' captain in the early 1960's, opening batsman, youth coach and, latterly, as groundsman. We are now only too aware of just how much he did for us as the demands of a growing fixture list became greater and greater.

Much of the summer's record was included in the previous newsletter but, overall, the men's section of the Club enjoyed a fine summer winning 15 and losing 16 of the 31 matches. Many of the losses were very close games. We won the Friendly Cup for the first time since 2013 largely thanks to centuries from the Macdonald brothers, Tom and Will. The final was played at Horspath CC and was live-streamed via YouTube. It was watched as far afield as southern India, I gather. One of the most encouraging features of the summer has been the ease with which we have been able to get Sunday sides out with very little arm twisting required.

We were also delighted with the good news that Eddie Squires won the Oxfordshire County Cricket nomination for a life-time's contribution to the game. This was mainly as a result of all he has done for our youth section over the last decade. Eddie attended the awards lunch at Lords' where Michael Vaughan and Ollie Pope were present.

The end of season party at The Bear proved an enjoyable event with Jon Cross deservedly being presented with the Carpenter Cup for his contribution to the club. The next event we look forward to is the annual quiz night in early February

*Mike Howat, President, MCC*

## MCC QUIZ NIGHT 2019

**Saturday 2nd February**

North Moreton Village Hall

7.30pm - 11.00pm

Email [ben.dewey@rm-electrical.com](mailto:ben.dewey@rm-electrical.com) or call 07525 401507

to book a table & register your team (max 6 people)

£7.50 per person entry)

Case of Wine for winning team

Prize raffle



## North & South Moreton WI

Our small and friendly WI group meet on the second Wednesday in each month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall and we are always keen to encourage new members to join us. Ladies of all ages are welcome. We have talks from a whole range of speakers as well as several social events and it's a good opportunity to get to know different people..... just turn up or get in touch with Veronica on 813829 or Sue on 817042 if you have any questions!

At our September meeting, we discussed and pooled our knowledge of First Aid and are hoping to book another speaker in the near future who will teach us even more..... this will be an open meeting as many people have expressed an interest in finding out how we can make a difference in an emergency. Our October meeting was our usual harvest supper social where we were able to spend the whole evening in convivial conversation catching up with friends and our November craft meeting taught even the most reluctant and insecure of us how to make something for our Christmas table. In December, our meeting will be on the history and making of that much loved children's programme Blue Peter, and visitors are most welcome to join us.  
*Veronica Gibbs*

## Ladies' Lunch at The Bear, Monday 10 December at 1pm

Over the last few years a growing number of village ladies have been getting together for a restorative lunch at The Bear in the run-up to Christmas. This year we've booked the back room of the pub for Monday 10 December and agreed that we'll pre-order our food from the Christmas menu (available on the website at <https://bear-at-home.co.uk/christmas-party-menu-2018/>). Everyone will be responsible for paying for their own food and drink at the bar on the day.

If you'd like to come, I'd be glad if you'd let me know by the end of the month, and tell me what you would like to eat. Feel free to order as many (or as few) courses as you like. If you have any special dietary requirements not catered for in the menu, you might prefer to contact The Bear personally to order your meal, but in that case please just let me know you'll be coming ([georos1@aol.com](mailto:georos1@aol.com) or 07969 349831).  
*Ros Templeman*

## Remembrance Day Poppies

This year's house to house collection in the village raised £249.50p! A big thank you to collectors Penny, Marc and Roger, and, of course to everyone who contributed so generously.

## Wallingford Museum –

### New Visitor Facilities and Archaeological Store

Wallingford Museum is extremely pleased and grateful to announce that it has been awarded a grant by the LEADER fund to extend and improve its facilities.

The Museum is in great need of additional space, to achieve improved exhibition and archive areas, accommodate group visits and larger school parties, provide a visitor toilet and better access and facilities for disabled visitors. Many of the Museum's resources are currently needing to be stored in unsatisfactorily crowded conditions.

To address these issues the Museum received planning permission in December 2017. The work covers proposals to modify the ground floor of the Museum to provide a public disabled WC and create a space that can be used by groups visiting the Museum. Additionally, the works cover the replacement of two timber storage sheds, located in the rear yard of the Museum, with a larger single storey timber unit which will enable purpose-built housing for part of the Museum's collections and archaeology equipment.

Groundworks have commenced, and the building works are planned to be completed during the winter, when the Museum will re-open on 1st March 2019 with a new exhibition, '*Once upon a time .....*' - a time-line showing the changing face of Wallingford through photographs.

The Museum is run entirely by volunteers who provide a particularly valuable resource for Wallingford's history for local people, schools and visitors. In the future it will contribute more significantly to the tourism attraction of the town.

*Steve Capel-Davies, [www.wallingfordmuseum.org.uk](http://www.wallingfordmuseum.org.uk)*

## The Astons (and surrounding villages) Toddler Group

Fridays 9.30 - 11.30 (term time only) at Centre of Reflection, Spring Lane, Aston Tirrold, OX11 9EJ.

Tea/coffee for mums and snacks for the children. Lots of toys for all ages as well as an outdoor area.

For more information contact Sonia and/or Clare at [astonstoddlersgroup@gmail.com](mailto:astonstoddlersgroup@gmail.com) or just turn up - all welcome

## North Moreton Charitable Trust

### Grants for Young People

A reminder that Trust is able to make a grant of £75 to young people on attaining the age of 18, whose family have been resident in the village for a minimum of one year. Please apply to the Clerk to the Trust ([Nora.haycock@btinternet.com](mailto:Nora.haycock@btinternet.com)) giving your age, a brief description of your further education, apprenticeship or job, and the likely purpose towards which you would apply any grant.

## Melhuish Farm Opera

Melhuish Farm Opera with the acclaimed 'Regents Opera Company' will present Puccini's masterpiece 'Madame Butterfly' on **Friday 14th June 2019 and Saturday 15th June 2019**. Please keep the dates free – all welcome.

## FREE Christmas car parking

South Oxfordshire District Council are providing FREE parking in the council owned car parks in the run up to Christmas. Take advantage of this offer up to Christmas Eve and enjoy shopping locally and buying the perfect gift in the impressive range of independent shops we have in our towns.

You can park for free at the following locations and dates:

- Didcot - every Monday from 3rd December
- Goring - every Saturday from 1st December
- Henley - every Tuesday from 4th December
- Thame - every Saturday from 1st December

## Entry to Primary Schools in September 2019

(Children born between 1st September 2014 & 3rd October 2015)

Please note that the admission dates on the poster displayed in the village notice board are incorrect. They should read:

**15th January 2019** - Closing date for applications

**16th April 2019** - letters offering places will be posted out (2nd class) or be available to view on line.

## North Moreton Village Hall

The hall has been well used over the past three months with, in addition to our regular bookings, yoga and Latin dance fitness classes, children's birthday parties, a christening and a 60s evening in aid of Dementia UK.

The October booksale was extremely successful and our thanks go to Alison and Claire for all their hard work - see the report on page 7.

Not quite as many people as usual came along to the Soup Lunch and Charity Card Sale but those who did were able to purchase their Christmas cards at their leisure and, of course, enjoy the usual large selection of delicious soups. A big thank to everyone who supported the event, particularly the soup makers, sellers, workers and Val Bates for her splendid Tombola which raised a magnificent £50!

To book the hall or hire tables/chairs etc. please email [NMVH@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:NMVH@hotmail.co.uk).

The booking form can be downloaded from the village website: [www.north-moreton.com](http://www.north-moreton.com).

*Nora Haycock, Chairman NMVH*

## Lights! Camera! Action!

North Moreton will be hosting a star studded Safari Supper based on '**A Night at the Movies**' on **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2019**. This will be an evening of fun, food and friendly chat in different locations around the village. For your chance to walk the red carpet with **Movie Stars** and experience the glamour of **Hollywood**, please put this date in your diary. Further details will be released in January.

For those who have not taken part before, the Safari Supper is a long-running village event, taking place every other year. The evening starts in the Bear, and then starters, main course and dessert are taken at different houses in the village, ending up back at the Bear. Dressing up is encouraged, (but not obligatory!), so this is your chance to be Marilyn Monroe, James Bond, C3P0, or any movie star or even movie title, you choose for one night. Newcomers are very welcome, and there is no obligation to host a course.

## All Saints' Church News

"Christmas." There, I have said it. We look forward to welcoming you and your families to join in and enjoy the traditional Feast of Christmas.

Here are the main headlines:

The **Carol Service**, with 9 Lessons, will be at **6.30pm on Sunday 23rd December**.

The **Crib Service** will take place at **4pm on Christmas Eve**.

While the **Midnight Christmas Mass** will be held at **9.30pm on Christmas Eve**.

Looking back over the autumn, we have had plenty for which to give thanks. At our Harvest Festival, we heard stories from times past of how Moretonians brought the harvest home. The Reverend Albert Barff, who founded the Moreton Cricket Club in 1858, used to insist that the Festival was held on a weekday before the end of October. This was so that the farm labourers could have an extra day off ...and, hopefully, get to play an extra game of cricket!

We have also been remembering, with fondness, the Revd Tony Otter, who was Rector of the Moretons and the Astons from 1979-1999. Tony passed away in October, shortly before his 86th birthday. Together, he and his wife, Rosemary - who died during the summer - made up a formidable partnership and helped found the Mayflowers club for our elderly residents and the Explorers for primary school children during the holidays. An obituary of Tony is published in the December/January of *The Link*.

At All Saints', we must give thanks to all those who turned out for the annual Quinney Day clean-up of the Church and graveyard. A lot of hard work was done. Thank you, too, to all, who contributed to our Gift Day: more than £1,500 was raised towards the upkeep of our Grade 1 church. And again, thanks to our local organisers, Bob and Clare Price and all the Riders and Striders, who headed off across countryside in the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust fundraiser.

We saw November out with a service that not many villagers will have seen before: a Mediaeval Requiem by candlelight to mark the end of our Bells and Vestry restoration project. In January, we will have another service with candles: a **Family Christingle at 4pm on Sunday 20th January**. It is the first of our monthly Family Services that will be taking place at the new time of 4pm on the third Sunday of the month.

Finally, I am sure there will be some Christmas party spirit at the next All Saints' **Coffee Morning on Monday 17th December from 10.30am to 12 noon**. Libby Macdonald and Jill Fletcher will be holding further Coffee Mornings on **Tuesday 8th January and Wednesday 6th February**. Put the dates in your diary now.

We wish you a very happy and peaceful Christmas.

*Keith Hutchence, 811169 North Moreton PCC*

## Guide Dog Puppy in Training!

John and I are rearing Zoe, a Guide Dog puppy (for the blind) for about 14 months. This is our first experience of the Guide Dogs training and we are under the watchful eye of a Guide Dogs Supervisor. After Zoe's time with us, her training will continue until she is two when hopefully she will become a working guide dog.

Zoe is sixteen weeks old now and is learning some puppy basics plus making visits to shops, cafes, railway stations and plenty of pavement training. Being short of pavements in NM we visit Great Western Park, The Ladygrove Estate, Milton Park and Wallingford. A big challenge is 'a clean walk' when on the lead.

Over the coming weeks Zoe will start to free run on grass and socialize more with other dogs. Zoe loves meeting people and other dogs and is of course an excitable puppy. At this stage we need to teach her to enjoy a greeting without jumping up and that she settles quickly after a greeting. Currently she expects a greeting from everyone passing by! Please could you ignore Zoe unless we give you the nod to greet her. She usually settles well if we initially talk with the person and then Zoe is greeted.

If you know that your dog is not good with puppies or other dogs, please could you steer clear of Zoe as she can't afford to have her confidence dented at this early stage. She is quite a dominant, strong puppy but sometimes guide dogs have to retire after an attack by another dog.

If you would like to sponsor a puppy like Zoe (a good Christmas gift) then you can do so online [www.sponsorapuppy.org.uk](http://www.sponsorapuppy.org.uk). You will see Fletcher is advertised for sponsorship; he is a friend of Zoe's and lives nearby in Henley.

*John & Heather Skevington*

## North Moreton Booksale

A sunny day helped give us a great turnout for the October book sale, raising over £1100 for the hall and church funds. As usual, there was a queue of keen buyers outside by 9.45am.

We had a huge amount of donated books this time, which we were very grateful to receive.

The complete loss of power in the afternoon did not seem to stop customers from browsing, but it did put a halt to making tea. Luckily it was nothing serious, and we got power back quickly.

Thanks to everyone in the village who helped with the work of setting up, and also to all who donated books, came to buy books, and enjoy the tea, home made cakes and the fudge.

Next sale is on **Saturday 27th April**.

*Claire and Alison*