

## Useful Information

**PCSO:** call the Wallingford Team on 101 or email:

[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

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**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)

**Refuse & Recycling Collections:** alternate Thursdays

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

**Black Bin dates:** 1/14/28 June, 12/26 July, 9/23 August

**Green & Garden Bins:** 7/21 June, 5/19 July, 2/16/31 August

**Please note:** Bank holiday changes in bold.

# North Moreton News

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## Nothing ever happens in North Moreton.....

That certainly wasn't the situation during May:

Early on the first Sunday morning, two of our residents were woken to find several policemen in their garden along with a man in his underpants, covered in blood, who appeared to be intent on knocking down their backdoor. It was later established that the man, who was high on drink and drugs, had been staying overnight nearby, and for some reason had jumped out of the bedroom window..... He was eventually subdued and taken to hospital for treatment.

A week later, it was "all hands on deck" to set up tents and gazebos for a very successful Village Fête.

Scarcely having had time to draw breath, some of us were back on duty a few days later to prepare for the next event – the Pig Roast to celebrate the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle on Saturday 19th. After a somewhat slow start and a serious risk of cancellation because of lack of support, ticket sales picked up and 94 people sat down to a delicious meal.

Two days after this event, early in the afternoon, some potentially serious damage was narrowly averted when a bonfire in a High Street garden, thought to be out, reignited and aided by a strong wind, destroyed a shed and a long length of hedge. Fortunately, some workmen on a building project on the other side of the road noticed the plume of smoke and took prompt action to call the fire brigade and attempt to put out the fire. Two fire engines arrived in a few minutes and that required the road to be shut for a short while.

You can't say village life is uneventful !

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## North Moreton Parish Council

### Village Car Park

In common with many smaller villages, North Moreton lacks a village car park, and with the welcome success of our local cricket club and pub, together with increased use of the village hall, parking in Bear Lane and on the High Street has become a considerable problem for both residents and road users, particularly during the summer. For this reason, the Parish Council has been investigating options for providing an official, permanently accessible car park on the edge of the Croft (recreation ground), on the site of the present reinforced parking area. In order to protect the recreation ground from unwelcome intrusions, a fence or similar barrier with locked gates would need to be erected on the Croft side of the car park, with open access from the Bear Lane side. Ideally, the current entrance would be retained, and the visual impact of the new parking area would be kept to a minimum with, for example, grass-covered plastic grids on a free-draining sub-base layer.

Although the cost of this project would be not insignificant, the Parish Council feels that it is an important and necessary addition to the village, if we are to support a lively community, welcoming visitors from outside. This would also encourage greater use of the village hall, which in turn would provide more income for the upkeep of this valuable village asset. We would expect to meet the cost with a mixture of fund-raising, grants, donations and possibly a one-off increase in the precept. Your views on this development would be welcome!

### Parish Council meetings for 2018

10th July 2018

4th September 2018

13th November 2018

*Ros Templeman, Chairman NMPC*

## Dates for your Diary

### JUNE

- 7 Coffee Morning, All Saints' Church 10.30am - 12 noon
- 13 WI Meeting, Village Hall 7.30pm
- 15/16 Melhuish Farm Opera 'The Barber of Seville'

### JULY

- 2 Coffee Morning, All Saints' Church 10.30am - 12 noon
- 10 NMPC Meeting, Village Hall 8pm Everyone welcome
- 11 WI Garden Meeting 7.30pm
- 26/29 Beer & Cricket Festival

### AUGUST

- 8 WI Summer Outing to Aston Pottery
- 25 Astonbury, Astons Recreation Ground 2 - 10pm

### SEPTEMBER

- 8 Ride & Stride

### OCTOBER

- 27 Book Sale North Moreton Village Hall 10am - 3pm

### 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**.

## Livestock Worrying - Dogs on leads please!

Livestock worrying is an ever increasing issue, especially in the Spring and Summer months when lambs are in the fields. It is important that dogs are kept under control to protect the livestock as well as you and your pet.

By allowing livestock to be killed or injured as the result of an out of control dog the owner is committing a criminal offence. During such attacks dogs can themselves be injured or ordered to be put down.

There are simple ways to keep both your pet and livestock safe.

**Keep your dog on a lead – Dog walkers that use open access land must keep their dog on a short lead (a maximum of two metres) between 1st March and 31st July. If near livestock this applies at all times!**

**Astonbury 18**

**25th August**

**Aston Recreation Field**

2pm - 10pm

Live Music

Great Food

Beer

Fine Wines

Champagne

*Everyone Welcome!!*

## 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

## Moreton Cricket Club

As I write we are still in the foothills of the season, but 2018 has got off to a very good start for the Cricket Club.

The Sunday X1 remains unbeaten so far and had a very good win in the Friendly Cup First Round against Aldworth (a side which has defeated us quite easily on more than one occasion in recent years). Will MacDonald has shown good form with the bat, twice scoring over 80 runs. Rory Baker's performance in taking his first five wicket haul against Hampstead Norreys should also be noted.

The Thursday X1 has enjoyed some sunny early summer evenings to play on and games have been played with great enthusiasm and spirit. The best result has been a defeat of Wallingford Hockey Club (who, despite the name, can call on plenty of good cricketers). The Wednesday South Oxfordshire Friendly T-20 League is just about to start.

The women side's fixtures in the Midlands League mainly take place later in the summer, but the great news for the Club was the selection of Georgia Haworth for the Full Oxfordshire Women's X1. She has made three appearance so far and we are very proud of her achievement (the first Moreton player ever to represent the County at full level).

Obviously the headline event for the Club has been the completion of the artificial net facility. The grand opening is on June 1st and we are really pleased with the quality of the product, which will help in our development of players for years to come. With over 50 Juniors attending our Friday night sessions, the nets will be put to great use straightaway. John Cross has worked tirelessly on our behalf on this project and the Club is very grateful to him.

There is plenty of cricket coming up in June and July and, of course, we look forward to the Beer and Cricket Festival which takes place from the 26th to the 29th of July and the tour to Bordeaux which takes places at the start of July.

*Mike Howat, President, MCC*

## Thanks from the Fête Committee

The North Moreton Village Fête took place on a fabulous sunny Sunday afternoon and was a fun filled event raising almost £4,000 for North Moreton Church. From the fun dog show to the delicious cakes and the well stocked plant and produce stall to tombolas, bric-a-brac and raffle, none of it would have been possible without all your generous donations including that of both time and effort before, during and after the day.

We can't thank you all enough and look forward to an even more successful fête in 2019.

*Phil, Liz, Bridget & Mia.*

## North & South Moreton WI

In April our speaker was Brian Lowe who gave a very interesting and entertaining talk about CS Lewis's Oxford. He illustrated his talk with slides and places in Oxford and made us think that an outing to visit his bungalow would be a good idea.

At the AGM in March we took the opportunity to celebrate our 90th birthday. Several of our past members joined us in a delicious supper, including a special cake made by Ann and Jane. Sue and Penny had researched the old minute books and gave a brief history of how our WI developed from a ladies lunch club in 1928 to our WI today. Lots of memories were shared as members looked at old photos and memorabilia. To mark this special year, the tablecloth is being updated with members adding their names to those from 2008. The committee for the next year was also elected and Sue agreed to be President again. She was thanked for all her hard work.

In May this year's Resolution was debated. We were very fortunate to have Cameron Taylor from Mind as our speaker. He gave us an interesting overview about the fantastic work done by his organisation and was able to explain how mental health is as important as physical health. Members then voted for the resolution asking for mental health to be discussed more openly and to be given the same recognition as physical health. We are grateful to Cameron for enabling us to have a full discussion about this important subject.

The talk in June is Writing your Memories and the speaker is Julie Roberts. Wendy has offered to host the Garden Meeting in July, when we are hoping the weather will be kind to us. The Summer Outing in August is to Aston Pottery.

Members have also attended events including the OFWI AGM, Health and Mindfulness and an Art Taster Day. At the Group Meeting five members enjoyed a talk by Graham Sutherland about Wicked Women.

## Message from Neighbourhood Alert

There has been a significant rise in the amount of phone and computer related crime following the recent problems with TSB accounts.

In addition to sending false email messages and telephone calls purporting to come from TSB, fraudsters have also been sending messages by text.

In one case fraudsters used specialist software which changed the sender ID on the message so that it looked as though it was from TSB. This added the spoofed text to an existing TSB message thread on the victim's phone. The victim clicked on the link within the text message and entered their personal information. Armed with this information, the fraudsters then called the victim back and persuaded them to hand over their banking authentication code from their mobile phone. The fraudsters then moved all of the victim's savings to a current account and paid it to a suspicious company.

Don't assume an email or text is authentic: Always question uninvited approaches in case it's a scam. Phone numbers and email addresses can be spoofed, so always contact the company directly via a known email or phone number (such as the one on the back of your bank card).

There has also been an increase in reports made in May by TSB customers relating to "port-out" fraud. Fraudsters are number-porting a victim's telephone number to a SIM card under their control and then using the number to access the victim's bank accounts.

To gain control of the victim's phone number, fraudsters convince the victim's mobile phone network provider to swap their number on to a SIM card in the fraudster's control. Once the fraudster has control of the number they are able to intercept the victims' text messages, allowing them to use services linked to the victim's phone number. This can include requesting an online banking password reset or access to any two factor authentication services.

Victims have reported large losses as a result of this fraud. One victim initially dismissed text messages received from their network provider containing a PAC number. Two days later £6,000 was removed from the victim's TSB current account. The victim subsequently contacted their phone provider and was informed that someone contacted the provider purporting to be the victim and had cancelled their contract and transferred their number to a new SIM. This action allowed the banking fraud to take place.

If you receive an unsolicited notification about a PAC Code request, contact your network provider immediately to terminate the request. Also notify your bank about your phone number being compromised.

## Recycling and Waste Collections

A reminder that bins, including food waste, need to be out by 7am on collection day (6am on Saturdays!) as the crews vary their starting point. If they start with our village and the bins are not out, they will not return to empty them. If you get confused about which bin you should put out, why not download Binzone to your phone or tablet? Not only will it tell you which bin it should be, but you can also ask it which bin items should be placed in.

There are now a number of compostable and biodegradable picnic items available to buy but sadly these, along with used banqueting roll and napkins, have to be placed in your black bin as they may contaminate recyclable items. Currently the compostable items will not be accepted in the brown bins either although you can place small quantities in your own compost heap..... Used cooking oil can now be drained into plastic bottles (no larger than 1 litre) and put in your food bin.

Finally, if you resent spending time at the weekend taking items to the recycling centre, both Drayton and Oakley Wood recycling centres remain open until **7pm on Thursdays** during the Summer months.

## Volunteer Car Schemes

Both Didcot and Wallingford Volunteers take people who are unable to drive and find it difficult to use public transport to doctors' surgeries, local day centres and hospitals. Clients pay the driver a small charge to cover petrol and running costs; the Didcot office bases this on the actual mileage to and from the driver's home, and Wallingford on the distance from the centre of Wallingford to and from the destination.

With an every increasing elderly population and a decrease in hospital transport, both offices are always in need of drivers. The great advantage of this work is that volunteers need only do as many trips as they wish - some people do two or three trips a week, others two or three a month.

To volunteer you can download an application form for Didcot from their website and for Wallingford please email [Wallingford.volunteer.centre@gmail.com](mailto:Wallingford.volunteer.centre@gmail.com).

To use either service you will need to register; for **Didcot call 01235 816709** and for **Wallingford call 01491 836345** weekdays between 9.30 and 11.30 a.m.

We are always pleased to welcome visitors and new members. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month, usually at North Moreton Village Hall. Please contact Sue Harrison on 817042 if you'd like to join us.

*Penny Busby*

## North Moreton Village Hall

The April Book Sale was once again extremely successful and our thanks go to Alison and Claire for their organisation and hard work, to everyone who helped to shift and sort the thousands of books, those who provided cakes and helped with the teas and, of course, to those who came along to spend their money! The next sale will be on **27th October**.

We now have a 'Shake & Make' session for toddlers on a Tuesday morning. At the moment most of the children come from the surrounding villages but, if there is enough demand, a second session could be added. If you are interested please contact [Claire@shakeandmake.club](mailto:Claire@shakeandmake.club).

It would be appreciated if residents could refrain from parking outside the hall, particularly on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, as it makes it difficult for hirers to off-load passengers and equipment and, of course, for large caravans and refuse vehicles to negotiate the turn into Bear Lane.

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).

## A Right Royal Pig Roast

Jacqui Gibson and Nora Haycock would like to thank everyone who supported the Pig Roast on the 19th May and particularly those who supplied all the delicious desserts, and the valiant few who helped with logistics before and after the event.

Although it was not intended as a fund-raising event, so many people came along that we ended up with a £360 profit..... This has been divided between the Thames Valley Air Ambulance and Helen & Douglas House Hospice - we hope you approve.

The following items were left behind: a 'Dudson' dinner plate - white with two grey lines round the edge, a plastic picnic plate, a largish wine glass, a plastic half-pint glass, a stainless steel cake slice and a bottle of red Zinfandel wine. To retrieve, please contact Nora by email or on 812202.

## All Saints' Church News

Over the years, we have had plenty of evidence that **North Moreton Fete** marks the start of summer. The timing of the Early May Bank Holiday meant we had to wait a week longer this year. On cue, on Sunday 13th May, the rain stopped, the sun came out ...and many villagers came out to play. We have to thank Philippa Burton, Bridget MacFarlane, Liz Vallance and Mia West for taking over as organisers. On their debut, they raised more than £3,800 for the maintenance of our ancient church: £1,325 was from the Raffle alone.

We thank all those who joined in: whether giving prizes, helping run the stalls and activities ... or just taking part. The Fete is one of the great occasions of the North Moreton year: a chance for the whole village to get together and have a good time. This year, there were competing attractions further afield. Thoughts will soon turn to next year. Any ideas for widening the appeal of North Moreton's showcase event would be welcomed.

On a quieter note, Vickie Squires brought **Oxfordshire Art Weeks** to All Saints' in the run-up to May's second Bank Holiday. Two other North Moreton artists, Alice Auckland and Helen Baillie, were among those displaying their work in the South Aisle and Chantry Chapel. The church was transformed and attracted many visitors from the local area, who had not ventured inside before.

Jill Fletcher and Libby Macdonald will be holding their next **Coffee Mornings on Thursday 7th June and Monday 2nd July from 1030 to 12 noon** before taking a break in August. Do come and join us. It is a good opportunity to catch up on what's going on.

*Keith Hutchence, North Moreton PCC (811169)*

## Village Emails

If you have signed up for village emails but suddenly stop receiving them, please check your spam folder as, following the new GDPR rules, Mr Google (and maybe other ISPs) are more twitchy than usual about multiple mailings!

If there is nothing in spam, then let me know as I have been known to delete an address by accident.....  
*Nora Haycock*

## Good News!

The Save the Crown Group are delighted to announce that Worthmore have formally accepted their offer of £390,000 for the Crown. They now await news from SODC on their grant application. Finger Crossed!

## Ride and Stride - a great day for a cycle, walk or ride!

Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust's Ride and Stride is happening on **Saturday 8th September** this year. A day when the roads, highways and byways in Oxfordshire are teaming with cyclists, families of cyclists, walkers and families and horse riders who are being sponsored to visit the many ancient and modern churches in the county to raise money to preserve the history on our doorstep. ([www.ohct.org/ride-stride](http://www.ohct.org/ride-stride)).

We hope even more North Moretoners will give it a go this year, however far or near you want to venture. All funds you raise go to Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust and 50% is passed back to All Saints' North Moreton. If the cycling/walking/riding isn't for you then maybe you would like to meet and greet the cyclists that visit All Saints'.

Please do get in touch for more info, sponsor forms or the fundraising link or to do some meeting and greeting. We look forward to hearing from you!

Clare and Bob Price (Springbank) [bob.clare\\_price@btinternet.com](mailto:bob.clare_price@btinternet.com) / 01235 81300

## South Moreton Pre-School

Our local Pre-School has had a busy couple of years and has been running almost full capacity but we still have some places available from September 2018.

For those not aware of the Pre-School, it is set within the grounds of South Moreton Primary School and is licensed to take children aged 2-5 years on a session basis (currently it is open 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. term time hours).

Our secure premises offer children a spacious open-plan setting with a wide range of flexible activity areas. This leads to a large garden with plenty more activities and learning opportunities. The Pre-School was rated 'good' by Ofsted in 2015.

Our main catchment areas for the pre-school are North and South Moreton, Aston Upton and Aston Tirrold. Of course we welcome children from surrounding areas, e.g. Didcot, Wallingford, Cholsey and other outlying villages.

For more information, to arrange a visit or register for a place, you can contact the Pre-school on **01235 819657**, [southmoretonpreschool@google-](mailto:southmoretonpreschool@google.com)