

Useful Information

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WallingfordAreaNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk
Non-Urgent Police calls: 101
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Concessionary Travel: 0845 310 1111 or www.oxfordshire.gov.uk
Didcot Volunteer Centre: 01235 816709
Wallingford Volunteer Centre: 01491 836345
North Moreton Volunteers: 01235 812202, 813829 or 813006
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
Refuse & Recycling Collections: alternate Thursdays
Garden Waste Collection: alternate Thursdays with recycling
Black Bin dates: 13/27 June, 11/26 July, 8/22 August
Green & Garden Bins: 6/20 June, 4/18 July, 1/15/30 August
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'Bear' Back in Business!

In April the village was delighted to welcome John and Heather Norris to the Bear, and they in turn would like to thank everyone for the great support that they have received since their arrival in North Moreton.

They are now operating Summer opening hours:

Monday - Friday: 12 noon - 3 p.m.
5 p.m - 11 p.m.
Saturday: 12 noon - midnight
Sunday: 12 noon - 11 p.m.

To book a table call 01235 811311 - you will receive a warm welcome!

North Moreton Parish Council

The Bear ... thank you again

A very big thank you to everyone who helped support our application to have The Bear listed as an Asset of Community Value for a further five years. We have just heard from South Oxfordshire District Council that our nomination has been successful, and that The Bear will continue to be listed as an Asset until 20 May 2024. However, this isn't a guarantee that the pub is safe for five years, just that in the event of the owner deciding to sell, the village would have a period of six months to come up with a bid to buy it on behalf of the community. Only our continued custom will keep The Bear open; as ever, "use it or lose it"!

Parking – again!

There have been more complaints recently about inconsiderate on-street parking in the village, particularly opposite the church, where residents have been prevented from getting into or out of their drives by cars parked across the entrances. This is particularly frustrating for people who need to get their cars out to go to work. If you're organising an event, or have visitors who need to park on the road, it would be much appreciated if you would ensure that they park appropriately.

Parish elections

The five sitting councillors stood for re-election on 2nd May and were returned unopposed:

Chairman, Flooding, Grass Cutting: Ros Templeman (georos1@aol.com)

Vice-Chair, Transport, MCC & NMCT Liaison, Earth Trust: Veronica Gibbs (vagibbs@btinternet.com)

External Affairs, Cobbs Clay Club Liaison, PC Noticeboard: David Tebworth (tebworthdk@outlook.com)

Finance: Sue Harrison (jharri1902@aol.com)

Recreation Ground, Website: Ian Shipton (ian_shipton@lineone.net)

Matt Greenhalgh has kindly taken over the job of Parish Path Warden from Roger Haycock, and led a very successful village footpaths walk in April. The Parish Council would like to record its gratitude to Roger for all his hard work on village footpaths over the last six years, and thank Matt for continuing the good work.

Ros Templeman

Dates for your Diary including Forthcoming Events

JUNE

- 3 Coffee Morning, All Saints' Church 10.30 - 12 noon
- 10 OVO Energy Women's Road Race Start Henley 10.30
- 12 W I Meeting, Village Hall 7.30pm
- 14 /15 Melhuish Farm Opera
- 18 Didcot & District U3A Meeting 2pm

JULY

- 9 NMPC Meeting, Village Hall 8pm All welcome
- 10 W I Garden Meeting
- 16 Didcot & District U3A Meeting 2pm
- 25 Coffee Morning, All Saints' Church 10.30 - 12 noon
- 25/28 Beer & Cricket Festival

AUGUST

- 14 W I Summer Outing
- 20 Didcot & District U3A Meeting 2pm

LOOKING AHEAD.....

- 19 October Broadway comes to All Saints'
- 26 October Autumn Book Sale

How to contact North Moreton Volunteer Driver Scheme

If you need transport to any medical appointment just call **01235 812202, 813829 or 813006** with the details of your appointment and we will do our best to find someone to take you. Please do speak to one of the coordinators rather than leave a message and give as much notice as possible. Journeys are charged at 45p/mile and include reasonable waiting time.

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

'Learn, Live & Laugh!' with Didcot & District U3A

The aim of the **Didcot & District U3A** is to encourage and enable people no longer in full time employment to help each other to share their knowledge, skills, interests and experiences.

Didcot & District U3A is now in its 6th year and meets on the **3rd Tuesday** of each month at **2:00 pm at Didcot Civic Hall**. Please arrive 15 minutes before the start time to ensure you are all seated for the 2:00 pm start. Membership is £25 per year - April to March. Visitors are welcome to come to one meeting as a taster before joining. It should be noted that visitors are unable to join any interest groups prior to joining as insurance only applies to paid up members.

We now have over 350 members and continue to grow as word of our success spreads with 35 Interest Groups covering a wide range of interests. Each month we have a speaker followed by tea/coffee & biscuits where all are encouraged to stay and chat, make new friends and see what there is on offer both within our U3A and the Thames Valley Network.

In addition to the numerous Interest Groups, there is a monthly Guest Speaker and the next three months feature :

18 June: The Magic and Mystery of Glenn Miller - Speaker Bill King

16 July: Cons, Conmen and How to Avoid Them! - Speaker Simon Williams

20 August: Myths & Legends of the Bermuda Triangle |- Speaker Captain William Wells

Watch out for these FAKE TalkTalk emails about a refund

Action Fraud has received over 100 reports this week about fake emails purporting to be from TalkTalk. The emails state that the recipient's TalkTalk account is in credit and that they're owed a refund. The links in the emails lead to malicious websites.

Don't click on the links or attachments in suspicious emails, and never respond to messages that ask for your personal or financial details.

Moreton Cricket Club



The Cricket Club won its first trophy this year before the 'official' season had even started, with the women's team coming first in the Oxfordshire Women's Indoor League (winning six of their seven games). This should put them in good heart for this season's campaign in the Home Counties League. Georgia Haworth is once again in the full Oxfordshire Women's squad. The success of the women obviously acted as an incentive to the men who won their first seven games. Charlie Esse was in notably good form, just missing out on a century when dismissed for 93 against Wantage and Grove. The Macdonald brothers (Will, Charlie and Tom) have all started the season well and Edward Howat's wicket-keeping would surely have impressed his grandfather, Gerald. Sadly the winning run came to an end when we were narrowly defeated in our Friendly Cup match against Aldworth, despite heroic efforts from Sam Smith and Aidan Lemming. Two wet Fridays meant the Junior season got off to a soggy start but, with 65 junior members and games in the South Oxon Under 11 Development League, there is plenty to look forward to.

The season is still in its early stage. We have the South Oxfordshire Friendly League games to come (which are always testing for us) and the New Forest tour in early July. The Beer and Cricket Festival is in its usual slot (July 25th - 28th). Spectators are more than welcome at home games; there is usually a convivial gathering on Sundays, in particular.

Mike Howat, President, MCC

MELHUIISH FARM OPERA

There are still some tickets available for **Saturday 15th June** performance of the Regents Opera production of Puccini's masterpiece **MADAMA BUTTERFLY**.

Don't miss this opportunity to experience an evening of wonderful music and a picnic in our gardens. ALL WELCOME!

Please look at our new website: www.melhuishfarmopera.co.uk – or contact us direct on melhuishfarmopera@gmail.com

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! Some meetings are 'open ones', where we have speakers that we feel would appeal to a wider audience of both sexes and these are advertised in the village newsletter and on the notice-board.

In March, our AGM allowed time to elect a new committee and make plans for the forthcoming year. At our April meeting we had an entertaining talk entitled 'Fishy tales from Smelly Alley' by Kevin Little, the fishmonger from Reading where he gave us an amusing and at times illuminating talk about all aspects of the fish retail trade including his various run ins with health authorities and some tips on how to enjoy eating fish. He also highlighted the fact that we need to use fishmongers rather than relying on supermarkets to supply our fish or we would end up losing the choice. And that dolphin, luckily, is inedible! Our May meeting was the 'Resolutions meeting, were the two WI proposals where debated at length by our members. These two resolutions to be voted on at the next WI congress in June concerned the decline of the rural bus service and the need to encourage all women to take up the option of having regular smear tests to save lives. Next month, we have a talk by Phil Addison on the Secrets of an Oxford Tour Guide and in July we hold our annual garden party.

Veronica Gibbs

Thank you from the Fête Committee

We would very much like to thank all those who helped make the North Moreton Village Fête a huge success this year, even with the weather against us the takings were very similar to previous years. Thank you to all those you generously donated to the raffle and to the stalls, from baking cakes to potting plants and finding gifts/ bric-a-brac to sell. Thank you also to those who gave up their precious time to run a stall and to all those who helped erect and dismantle the equipment; some of the gazebos had seen better days following the rain, hail and wind at the end! Finally, thanks to all those who came to support; we are very grateful and we look forward to a sunny and successful fete in 2020.

Liz, Bridget, Phil and Mia.

Wallingford Museum



Didn't realise it was so extensive - (Wallingford resident)

The kids loved it - such fun! - (Oxford resident)

A very well planned and laid out museum. One of the most interesting museums I have visited - (South African visitor)

Haven't been for some time. Great to see changes - new exhibits and other archive rooms - (Wallingford resident)

These are just a few comments in Wallingford Museum's Visitors Book - visits that have been appreciated from far-and-wide.

One of our exhibitions this year is the special 'Once upon a time ... the changing face of Wallingford'.

In this engaging journey of discovery throughout the museum, you are invited to share any local knowledge you may have and to reminisce about your own history. Old and young alike can enjoy 'hands on' activities, discovering the secrets of garden archaeology and tracing the passage of time through photographs and objects, all of which reflect the changing face of Wallingford.

This 'Family Friendly' exhibition runs throughout the museum, with a sheet to guide people round with a number of 'hands on' things for children.

Why not complement your visit by joining Wallingford's popular Guided Historic Town Walks, held on Saturdays starting from the Town Hall at 11am. The Walks are led by knowledgeable volunteers from Wallingford Museum, last 1 - 2 hours and cost £5 per head.

Stu Darby 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 Clare at astonstoddlersgroup@gmail.com or just turn up - all welcome

Volunteer Drivers Needed!

Although our North Moreton volunteer transport group is running well with enough drivers to cover the current need, this is sadly not the case with either Wallingford or Didcot Volunteer Centres. Both these groups are having to turn away new clients because of shortage of drivers.

If you have a clean driving licence and enjoy meeting people, why not volunteer? You don't have to commit to a minimum number of journeys or specific days: 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. Clients pay the driver a small fee (currently 45p/mile) to cover running expenses and if you don't fancy driving to the Oxford or Reading hospitals there are plenty of local trips to be covered.

If you would like to know more:

For Wallingford telephone 01491 836345 between 9.30am & 11.30am Monday to Friday, or email Wallingford.volunteer.centre@gmail.com.

For Didcot visit their website: Didcotvolunteercentre.org.uk.



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For more information, to arrange a visit or register for a place, you can contact us on 01235 819657 or southmoretonpreschool@googlemail.com
Visit our website <https://southmoretonpreschool.co.uk/>

North Moreton Village Hall

Not a lot to report this quarter: the Spring Book Sale took place on 27th April - see report below - and our thanks go to Alison and Claire and their helpers for all their hard work.

Best in Horticulture classes continue on Wednesdays with Yoga on Tuesday mornings plus the regular bookings from the Parish Council and W I. There have also been a few children's parties and, of course it was in use twice this month as a Polling Station.

Parking in Bear Lane continues to be a problem and we would ask residents to ensure that they and their visitors do not block the access to the disabled entrance to the hall and allow sufficient space for large vehicles and caravans to turn into the lane.

The Hall Committee will soon be meeting to plan their Autumn programme of events - all suggestions gratefully received!!

To book the hall or hire tables/chairs etc. please email NMVH@hotmail.co.uk. The booking form can be downloaded from the village website: www.north-moreton.com.

Nora Haycock, Chairman NMVH

Spring Book Sale

We had a dull but dry day for the April book sale, and a healthy turnout of buyers.

This sale raised a total of £828 for the village hall and church - not as much as raised by the October sale, but almost the same as last April. £93 of the total was raised from selling tea and cakes, so many thanks to the bakers among you, and to those who helped in the tea area.

Thank you to everyone in and around the village who donated books, and also to the many helpers who gave their time to help set it all up, and then clear it away again. We couldn't do it without you!

The next sale is on **Saturday 26th October**.

Alison and Claire

All Saints' Church News

Maybe the weather was not what we have come to expect. But the **Village Fete** got the North Moreton summer off to a stirring start. In the face of the elements - sun, cloud, wind and rain - villagers showed a steely determination to enjoy themselves. The children came back again and again for Polly's donkey cart rides and Peter led the way. Tea and cakes never looked so appealing, as the clouds gathered overhead. The village dogs had their day. The Human Fruit Machine found a new use for 5-a-day.

How grateful we are for all the planning, donations, taking part and just being there that made the Fete such a success! More than £3,300 was raised: a major contribution to the upkeep of our village church. Special thanks must go to the organisers: Bridget MacFarlane, Philippa Burton, Liz Vallance and Mia West. It was a tremendous effort.

The generosity of North Moreton is something to behold. The Safari Supper in March raised £800 towards the forthcoming conservation of our mediaeval marvel, the stained glass window in the Chantry Chapel: it is now recognised as being of national importance. Not only that: £1,000 was raised for the Maggie's cancer centre at the Churchill Hospital.

Our next entertainment in aid of the St Nicholas' Window will be on **Saturday 19th October** when **Broadway comes to All Saints'**. The Hagbourne Community Choir, including several singers from North Moreton, will be teaming up with the Blewbury Brass Band to perform numbers by Andrew Lloyd Webber, Rodgers & Hammerstein and Leonard Bernstein. Put it in your diary. More details later.

We are on the lookout for **new bellringers and flower arrangers**. When it comes to learning the ropes and ringing the bells, training is available. Please contact Beryl Jones on **510035** or jonesqvhouse@btinternet.com

If you can help with the flowers, please get in touch with Mary Greene on **813396** or maryclaregreene@btinternet.com

Now, what about **sourdough bread**? Have you ever thought of turning your hands to making it? Plans are mooted for a baking circle. Interested? Contact Vickie Squires on **817964** or victoriacreates@btinternet.com
Now bake!

They go in for cakes at the All Saints' **Coffee Mornings**. Jill Fletcher and Libby Macdonald will be holding their next **Coffee Morning at 1030am to 12 noon on Monday 3rd June**. Do come along. Everyone is welcome. The following one will be on **Thursday 25th July**. After that, August will be coffee break time for Jill and Libby. They will have deserved it.

Keith Hutchence, Secretary, North Moreton PCC

It's not worth the risk

Do you know that 95% of collisions are due to human error? Distraction, speeding, not wearing a seatbelt and driving under the influence of drink or drugs are the big fatal four on our county's roads.

Be safe!:

- put your phone in your glove compartment or set your phone to do not disturb before you start your journey
- adjust your speed and make sure you have time to react to the unexpected
- make sure everyone is wearing their seatbelt before you set off
- get a taxi, the bus or be the designated driver on a night out
- make sure you're safe to drive the morning after, you could still be over the drink drive limit, even if you feel fine

Oxfordshire County Council Fire and Rescue Service have put together top tips to help you avoid the fatal four, and have created an handy 'don't get caught out the morning after' guide 365alive.co.uk/fatalfour .

OVO Energy Women's Tour Professional Cycling Race

On **12th June**, around 100 elite women cyclists will be making their way through our region. Starting at 10.30am from Henley the race will come into our district throughout the morning. You should expect to see the rolling road closures prior to the cyclists coming at these approximate times and locations:

10.30am at Henley
10.54am at Watlington
11.40am at Goring
11.55 am at Crowmarsh
11.57 am at Wallingford
12.10 am at Didcot

For full route and more details please see the OVO Energy Women's Tour Website