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Upcoming Events

Coffee Morning

Weds 4th May. 10:30am-12:00pm. Old Bakery

Gardening Club Meeting

Weds 4th May, 7:30pm, Gilmore's

Gardening Club Swap-Shop

Sat 14th May from 2:00pm, The Fountain

Village Hall Meeting

Weds 18th May, 7:30pm, Gilmore's



CHAIRMAN Chewing the Cud

Once again it is time to chew the cud. Over the two years I have been writing for the Newsletter I have done so from a variety of locations - from sunny Perth in Australia to Birmingham Airport on my way to Cork - and this edition is being started from the back of a well-known tool store in Wigan. Oh, happy days!! What a jet setter, you must be thinking. How far can that be from the truth! There can be nothing better than spending time in our beautiful village.

For those of you who were unable to attend the last Village Meeting, the full minutes are published in this edition. One topic was the Community Centre project, and we had an update on developments. The catchphrase is that "great progress is being made". We held a Village Hall meeting the week before the main Village Meeting, and the enthusiasm evident from those who attended was inspiring.

A decision was made at the meeting that the design for our community centre should be similar to that of Balscote. One or two residents have since commented that they had been under the impression that any major decisions regarding this project would be made by the village, and that they were not consulted about the design. I would like to reiterate that the Village Hall Committee meetings are not a closed shop and never have been. These are the open meetings where every resident is welcome to come along and express their opinions and influence decisions. All views are taken into account and offers of help gratefully received. In fact the last meeting saw several new faces, and I do believe that the next meeting will see more.

In this newsletter there is a questionnaire that I hope all in the village will fill in and return. There are a number of pertinent questions which will be the guiding light for going forward. If we are not going to miss the funding boat we have to get our backsides into gear and move forward.

The Gardening Club will hold its next meeting on the 4th May at 7.30pm at Gilmore's. All are invited. Lots of things to discuss, events to be arranged, and much more. If anyone knows how to do a raindance can they please come forward? The poor old soil is looking like sand from the Sahara.

Easter Monday saw the annual Easter Egg Hunt. I witnessed some anxious parents leaving the Green, their children weighed down with loads of eggs. Many thanks to Jane from Wyndana for taking over at short notice.

The next Village Hall Meeting will be on June 23rd, and by then all the questionnaires will have been returned and we can then discuss the results.

Have an enjoyable May!

Chris Tuffrey

You can call me by telephone on 07903 339155, send me an email: info@offac.co.uk, or just knock on the door at Gilmore's, The Green.



Mail to: info@north-aston.co.uk

A Question of Water

In last month's News we posed the question about the taste of the mains water supply . . .

Dear Editor

On the question of tap water tasting funny, our answer is yes, the description is perfect, exactly what we've had for a long time now. When it happens, it's for a couple of days at a time and it renders tea and coffee pretty much undrinkable. So much so, we had a water filter fitted this week. Tap water is now much more palatable. However, as for there being an increase in water pressure, I can't say we've noticed. We needed to install a pump to get enough pressure for the filter to work !

Regards, Simon & Lisa

We had several other brief replies, basically agreeing that there was an occasional "taint" to the flavour of the tapwater. The consensus seems to be that there is a chemical taste that can be stronger in the mornings, but is less obvious at weekends, but with occasional peaks. This may be because our supply comes from a relatively small holding reservoir, up by the main road. This tends to refill overnight, when demand is lower, and so the chemicals (such as chlorine) added to "purify" the water for drinking can taste stronger first-thing in the morning. Chlorine dissipates naturally (depending on temperature, surface area of the holding vessel, pipe material and organic content) and by the end of the day, when demand has been steady, the taint may be less noticeable. However, it is not a new thing:

Dear Chris,

Reference the letter in the recent (April 2011) *North Aston News*, regarding the water supply. I have always found it quite undrinkable, and in 2004 wrote to Thames Water along these lines. I enclose a copy of their reply. However, it is quite poor that there has never been any improvement, and I quite agree with comments made in the *NA Newsletter*. Maybe a letter to them from the Village Meeting might have some effect?

Yours Sincerely, Diana Adamson.

This will be added to the Agenda for the next Village Meeting. Apparently, the assumption (April News) that the water pressure has increased must have been a "local issue", as comments from some householders suggest that the situation has not changed, and most bemoan the weak flow and low pressure on first-floor bathrooms. If you have any thoughts on the matter of water supply, do let us know.

Can we have some balance please?

To the Editor - North Aston News

As one of the large majority of villagers who does not attend the Village Meetings I was interested to learn from an email on 13 April that there are three people known to be vehemently against the [Village Hall] scheme. So what ? Surely it is only reasonable to be told also of the number known to be equally

strongly in favour or even those moderately in favour. This information must be available from the numerous meetings and the apologies received from those not attending.

It is also interesting to note that in the April edition of the Chairman's Chewings he wrote "Every major decision regarding the Village Hall will be put to the village first". However in the email of 13 April, the day before the Village meeting, I read "the Village Hall Committee has now settled on a design and style for the proposed Hall". So how and when was that put to the village ?

John Davison, by email

*John's note was passed on to Chris, as Chairman, to respond to - see *Chewing the Cud*. On behalf of the News Editor, I will say that the email John refers to, sent to everyone on the village mailing list, was deliberately phrased in terms intended to provoke a reaction. John's reply proves that, in some respects it worked. The hope was that more people might be persuaded to turn up at the Old Bakery. It's just disappointing that many decided to remain among the "large majority who do not attend the Village Meetings", instead of joining in and being encouraged to voice their opinions in an open forum.*

Dear John,

In response to your letter, addressed to the Editor of the *News*, I would like to reply on behalf of the Village Hall Committee. The most straightforward answer to your question is to say that anyone wishing to see "a more balanced view" simply has to attend the meetings. They've always been open to everyone, and those choosing not to take part merely disenfranchise themselves from the decision-making process. Longer-term residents have, after all, had the best part of 20 years to make their views known.

The selection of the style of building now being proposed is a case in point. Those who took part in the meetings examined several possible design options and arrived at a conclusion as a result of lengthy discussions, site visits, meetings with the manufacturers, advice from CDC, and feedback from those who have first-hand experience of the different types of building under consideration. The opportunity to take part in those discussions, and influence any decision, was always there, and dates and venues were widely publicised in the *News* and at the Village Meetings.

I will say that your personal views on the idea of a community centre for North Aston have always been appreciated and understood, since you have taken the time and trouble to participate in the surveys and questionnaires staged over the years. You have also attended meetings and voiced your scepticism openly, and that in itself has been a valuable contribution towards the debate. You are, though, among a very tiny minority of people who have put their hands up - or their pens down - to say they don't agree with the idea.

In contrast, there has been active and enthusiastic support from well over 30 individuals, and general backing (even if some of it has been slightly "believe it if and when"!) from almost every other person in the village.

Through the *News* we have been able to keep everyone abreast of progress, especially in recent months, and it should have been readily apparent that things were actually happening this time and irrevocable steps were being taken. Several important decisions have been made and, on those, there really is no going back. As a village embarking on a project of this magnitude, it simply is not feasible to change tack, backtrack, or thrash over old arguments time and again, just because someone who has had years to voice an opinion or

express a view finally decides to stand up. However, there is still much to be done and, of course, there are major hurdles to be overcome. Some of those are significant and complex - not least being the sourcing of funding for the project and sorting out planning matters with the Council. The detailed design of the Hall is also still subject to change, and while we have been advised by CDC that the Beesley's Close site is their preferred option, that too is not set in stone. To that end, we would encourage anyone to complete and return the questionnaire in this issue of the *News*, and to come along to the meetings.

Kind regards, Marcus Potts

Marathon Man

Dear All,

For the last eight months I have been training and fundraising for the London Marathon. Now the race is over I wish to thank all those people who have supported and encouraged me, and especially those from the village who have been so generous with their donations. So far £2600 has been raised for the INCTR challenge fund, £400 short of my target, but money is still coming in.

This was my first marathon and I understand I should have paced myself more carefully, as running the first half in under two hours seemed relatively easy, while the second half took me two hours and forty minutes! So thank you once again on behalf of all those children in developing countries that will now benefit from the chemotherapy treatment made more readily available through your generosity.

Thank you, Jos.

Dear Editor

I thought it might be of interest that North Aston featured in the *London Evening Standard* on Wednesday 6th April.

There was a full page article singing the praises of the Cherwell Valley for its easy commute to London and value for money when compared to Chipping Norton and "Cameron Country", and how it's going to get even better when the railway line upgrade is completed in September, cutting the journey time to just 45 minutes.

After waxing lyrical about Fritwell and Souldern, it goes on to say "A slight step up, in cost terms at least, is North Aston, which is unspoiled by more modern developments and exceptionally well-maintained". It continues "It also has Nicholsons, a fabulous plants nursery, which is simple heaven for the horticulturally inclined".

I can hear the roar of Chelsea tractors heading up the M40 already !!

Regards, Simon Cunningham

Village Archive

More information next month, but we are looking to create a Village Archive here in North Aston.

We will be issuing an appeal to everyone in the village for material relevant to the heritage and the history of North Aston. That might be old photographs of the village or former residents, ancient documents, maps, old house plans, event programmes, letters, deeds, or indeed anything that might help us to fill in the colour of North Aston's past. We won't necessarily need to keep the originals, unless they're generously donated, but simply to have access so they can be copied for posterity. If you're interested in helping, please drop a line to 2 School Cottages or info@north-aston.co.uk.



NORTH ASTON FETE

July 23rd ~ 2:30-5:00

Add a note in your diary!

Next month we will be appealing for donations towards the Village Fête, including items for the White Elephant Stall, Book Stall, Tombola, Raffle, Children's Tombola, Bric-a-Brac, and so much more. Please start looking now.

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Club



The BIG One

The lucky winners of the April Draw were:

First Prize (£100): Linda Brown (#50)

Second Prize (£5): Mrs Walters (#82)

This month's BIG prize - a whopping £100 - brings to an end the current year's "100 Club". Thank you all for participating. We would very much appreciate you taking part again, starting with next month's May draw.

To this end you will find accompanying this issue of the *News* an envelope showing your previous details (if you are a current participant). If you wish to continue, it would be appreciated if you would use this envelope to submit your annual subscription. Place a £5 note in the envelope for each member of your household that wishes to take part, and put it through Norman's letterbox at 22 The Green.

If you'd prefer not to continue, or you're not currently a member and would like to join the North Aston 100 Club, please call Norman on 340368.

Results Roundup

Over the last twelve months 114 people have taken part in the North Aston 100 Club, each subscribing £5 to join, making a total of £570.

Prizes awarded have been:

	12x	£5.00, making a total of:	£60.00
	8x	£10.00, making a total of:	£80.00
	3x	£25.00, making a total of:	£75.00
	1x	£100.00, making a total of:	£100.00
		Total prize money awarded:	£315.00
		Net profit for Village Funds:	£255.00



North Aston Gardening Club

PLANT SWAP

SATURDAY 14TH MAY ~ 2:30PM - 4:00PM

Pop along to the Fountain with any surplus stock of seedlings, young plants, cuttings or what-have-you and make a swap! Nothing to swap? Then you can buy instead - good prices and varied stock.

Village Hall

The last month has been a period of consolidation, rather than further leaps and bounds, but it is good to feel that we're no longer doing the two-forward-one-step-back dance that seemed to characterise the North Aston Village Hall project for so many years.

Perhaps it is the fact that we are passing through a series of non-return valves that has prompted a further increase in interest in the Hall. We had an excellent and enthusiastic turnout at the last VH meeting at the beginning of April, where those present embarked on a detailed and animated discussion about the various types of building that we can afford, or are most "fit for purpose" in a community like North Aston. Over the months the choice had been narrowed down to two; one of them being the Balscote design, and the other the simpler clubhouse chalet style from Keops.

Although slightly more expensive, the Balscote building from Timberworks offers many advantages of quality, size, sustainability, economy of maintenance and practicality. In addition, the Timberworks structure offers additional flexibility in terms of final finish. Should the Council insist on a stone frontage, for example, or a specific roofing material, this kind of enhancement can be added even quite far down the design and construction stage. The building itself also looks much more impressive, and would be the kind of Hall that everyone in the village could be proud of, and would feel encouraged to use.

Another advantage is that we have Balscote's permission to use their plans and replicate their design, right down to the last nut and bolt, and this could save us tens of thousands in costs. As a result, the decision has been taken to move ahead with the Timberworks design.

Since the results of that meeting were published, just ahead of last month's Village Meeting, we have received feedback from one member of the village who felt he hadn't been consulted about this choice of building. Yet last month's *News* included a detailed update on progress and a statement appealing to everyone in the village to become involved in these discussions, to share their ideas and opinions, and to attend the meetings. Through the *News* and the Village Meetings everyone has been regularly invited to participate in the planning process, but despite this, some residents have resolutely chosen to stay at home. In the meantime, decisions are made that, in some cases, cannot be undone.

However, there is still much to be decided, and many aspects of the design and planning process over which we can all have our say. One such is the exact location of the Hall, as well as its ultimate use. Another opportunity to be involved in this process is by completing the questionnaire in this issue of the *News*. As mentioned last month, we did have a visit from an officer of the CDC Planning Department, and her response is reproduced below. The next VH meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 18th May at Gilmore's The Green. All welcome, as usual. If you want to know more, or would like to get involved, please email info@north-aston.co.uk.

Marcus

Dear Mr Tuffrey

I have now considered the proposal further following my site visit and have also spoken to the County Highways Officer and one of the Council's Conservation Officers.

I understand from my site visit that the site at 'Beesleys' may be the preference for the village currently. In my view, the principle of a village hall in this location may be acceptable. The Highways Officer has commented that as this site is within the village, there are opportunities to link to the existing footways which serve the majority of the village. A new footway link is likely to be required, a proper access and perhaps improvements to the road along the village green. He has commented that there will need to be a car park to serve the facility, the size of which would depend on the floor space of any village hall proposed and he would expect the ratio to be in the order of 1:20. Careful consideration would need to be given to the positioning of any car park on this site, which may need to include landscaping to provide some screening. The Conservation Officer also considers there may be potential on this site, however has commented that the building should be kept as low in height as possible to ensure the views over the valley are not significantly disrupted. Furthermore, the use of timber may be ok, however this may depend on the scale and detailed design of the Hall, which should be kept as simple as possible.

I note the comments made by my colleague in 2007 to the Beesleys site, which emphasised the site is a conspicuous and visually sensitive space, which forms an important space in the setting of the village green and contributes to the significance of the conservation area. This site is closer to residential properties and therefore the impact by noise and disturbance would need to be considered.

With regard to the other site, again, I consider this may be acceptable in principle, however the Local Highway has commented that the site is outside the village centre and the 30mph speed limit. There is no footway link and little space to provide one and therefore there may be highway implications with this site, which could make it unacceptable from this point of view.

As explained, I consider there may be possibility for either site to be suitable for the proposed village hall, however you may experience less objection from Highways in relation to the Beesleys site. The Beesleys site will require a greater level of attention to detail and a more sensitive development as it is within the conservation area and is within an area which forms an important view towards Deddington.

My advice now would be to consider the preference the village has for the location and then consider the detail of the scheme taking into account my comments. I would suggest that any application be accompanied by a justification as to why the site has been chosen and why you have applied for the design and size of the village hall (along with any other detail you choose). Once you have considered the scheme further, I would suggest a planning application be made.

I hope this is of assistance to you, however I must stress that this is an informal Officer opinion which does not prejudice any subsequent decision the Local Planning Authority may make. The proposal can only be fully evaluated through the submission of a planning application.

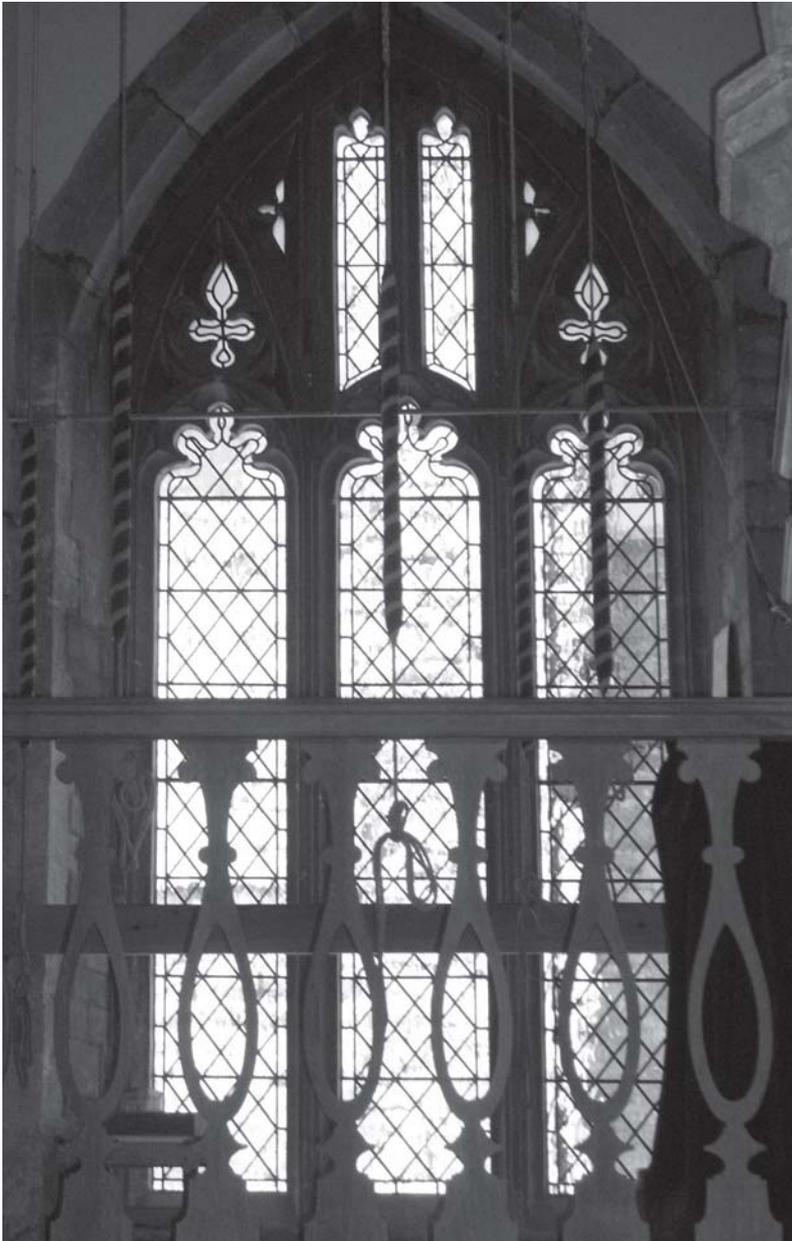
Kind regards,

Caroline Ford

Assistant Planning Officer Cherwell District Council



The Church MATTERS



The West Window is done

The large Victorian window on the west wall of the tower facing the Hall was in a really poor condition, with nothing much holding it together. So we have had the whole thing replaced - all the glass and all the lead. The new glass is fuzzy-clear and lets in lots more light, and is a really delightful improvement. At the same time Bristol Stained Glass replaced numerous cracked and broken panes in the leaded windows around the north side of the church, maintained the irons bars and cleaned everything including all the high level windows in the clerestory. So everything is now a lot brighter. This work brings to a close all the Church repair and maintenance jobs that have been going on for the last year, and now we can focus on the two big projects - the Anne Monument and the crumbling South windows.

April 2011 Annual Report

Each year the PCC produces its Annual Report, and at least one copy is left in the Church for anyone to read. Missing this year is the Rector's Report, as we don't have one, but there are sections from our Secretary (Ted Short), our Treasurer (Beryl Greenwood) and our senior Churchwarden (Clive Busby). It highlights the people who have helped so much to keep the Church up and running during the year, and the contribution of 'North Astonites' to the Benefice during the priest vacancy. It shows how much money we received and spent, pays tribute to all our very generous donors (and we still need about £11,000 a year just for week-to-week expenses), and gives details of what

money we have remaining in our Restoration Account. It also gives details of the various repairs that have been carried out during the year, as well of course of the services and other events that have taken place.

Is the Church relevant; is it relevant to you? We hope so. Our aim is that it should be open and welcoming all of the time. More people attend Church each week in this country than go to football matches. About a quarter of our village was there for Easter Sunday Communion. The Church does have something to say to our hearts and souls, and we very much want to keep it that way. With your help we will.

Any comments about the above are very welcome.

Please email Kildare: k.bourkeborrowes@btinternet.com or tel: 340 200
If you wish you can also email Clive: casb@north-aston.com or tel: 338 434

Any other member of the PCC will also be very happy to talk, and they are: Bill Adams, Richard Bailey, Nick Bevan, Beryl Greenwood, Jenny Martin, Ted Short, Jeremy Taylor and Norman West.

It's your Church

North Aston Gardening Club

The next meeting of the North Aston Gardening Club is on **Wednesday May 4th** at Gilmore's The Green, starting at 7:30pm. New recruits welcome! Benefits include:

- Generous discounts on orders for seeds and plants.
- Discounts from local Garden & Plant Centres
- Seed and Plant "Swap Shops" - next one 14 May!
- Talks, visits, social evenings, and much more

If you are interested in joining this newly-formed group, please speak to Chris or call him on 07903 339155, or email info@offac.co.uk.



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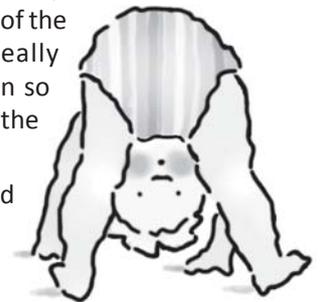
Every Wednesday - 9:30-11:30am

The Group meets in Duns Tew Village Hall. Any parents and tots wanting to join please just drop in on the day or call Beth Leach (07817926366) or Helen McRae (01869 340029).

The group is in search of donations of suitable new toys/books/games/baby bouncers etc. If you think you have something suitable, please call one of the numbers above. The group is really excited to be up and running again so please support them and spread the word.

Come along for a cuppa, play and chat. Drinks & snacks provided.

£1.50 per family



COFFEE MORNING

Come and join us for an informal get-together at the Bakery on the first Wednesday of each month. Tea, coffee and cakes will be served from 10:30am till 12:00 noon.

EVERYONE WELCOME!

If you would like transport, or a helping hand across the road, please ring *Gwen Short* (01295 810762) or *Beryl Greenwood* (340122) to arrange.



WE HOPE TO SEE YOU ON WEDNESDAY MAY 4th

MAY MOVIE PUZZLE

Here's a novel Spring Puzzle from Paul Martin to get you into the swing. The answer to each clue is the title of a famous film. Take the **first letter** of each film title to create an anagram of another famous movie.

Wookies, Harrison Ford, Darth Vader. (4,4)

Big Ship, Iceberg, Leonardo de Caprio. (7)

Marlon Brando, Unions, 'I coulda been a contender'. (2,3,10)

Russell Crowe, Ridley Scott, Rome. (10)

Michael J Fox, Doc, DeLorean, Marty McFly. (4,2,3,6)

Jane Austen, Gwyneth Paltrow, Ewan Mc Gregor. (4)

Kevin Costner, Morgan Freeman, men in tights, Sherwood. (5,4,6,2,7)

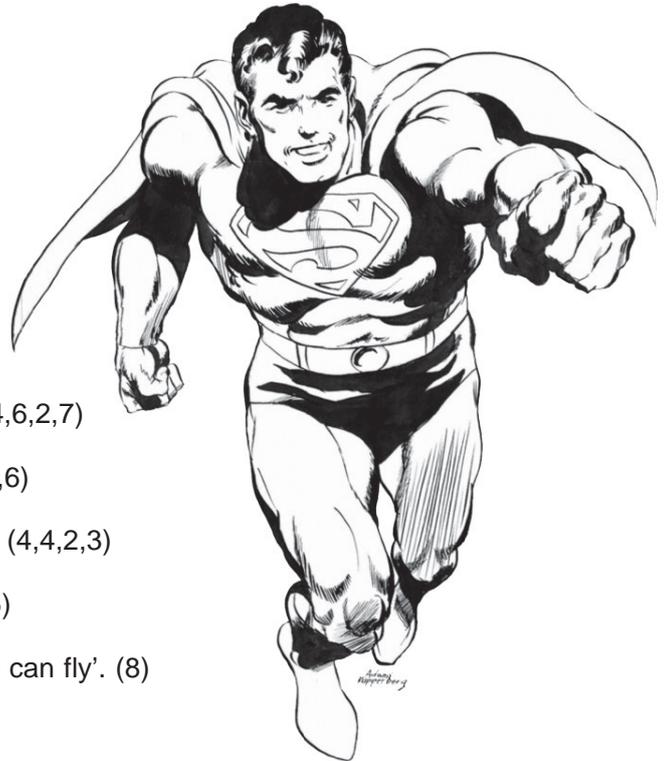
Eddie Murphy, Dan Ackroyd, Jamie Lee Curtis, 'pork bellies'. (7,6)

Jack Lemmon, Tony Curtis, Marilyn Monroe, 'Nobody's perfect'. (4,4,2,3)

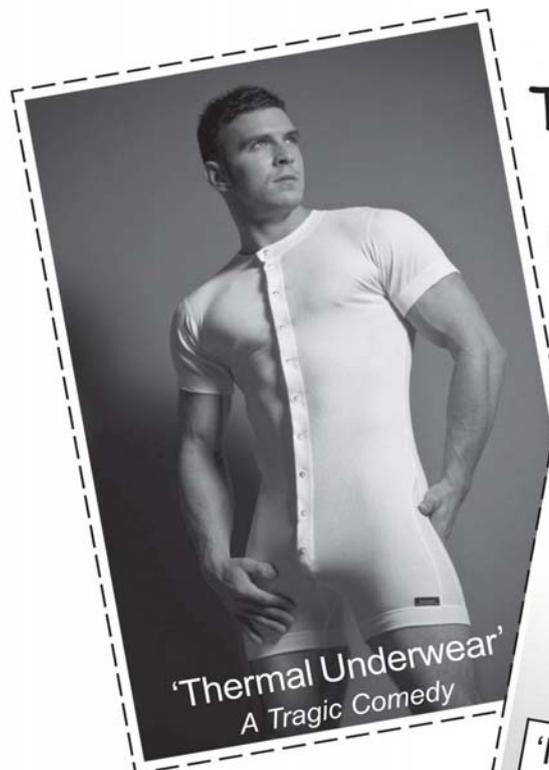
Wizards, Emma Watson, Voldemort (the first one). (5,6,3,3,12,5)

Christopher Reeve, Lois Lane, Kryptonite, 'You'll believe a man can fly'. (8)

Richard Burton, Elizabeth Taylor, Dylan Thomas play. (5,4,4)



Need a hint for the final anagram? Well, you know who you're gonna call, don't you? Answers next month!



BOOK NOW
Jenny Martin
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DON'T MISS The Duns Tew Drama Group's Bank Holiday Special

In their first spring outing for years the team will feature veteran members of the group (most of them tricked out of retirement), new and exciting young signings and a debut performance by a dynamic director.



£12
(includes supper)
Friday 27 May
Sat 28 May
7:30pm
Duns Tew Village Hall

 **DUNS TEW**
Drama Group

Announcements & Adverts

Mobile Library

Like many services in our region, the Mobile Library is under threat as a result of funding cut-backs. It's another case of "use it or lose it". If you value the facility of having a library that actually visits the village, then pop across to the telephone box and say hello next time it calls.

**Every Second Thursday of the Month
09:40-09:55 by the Telephone Box**

Not a member? Enrol at the library in Deddington, or on-line at www.libcat.oxfordshire.gov.uk. It's free.

Need a Baby Sitter ?

Responsible baby sitting service available most evenings, including weekends. Also dog walking.

Phone **Josh** on 01869 347356

(after 5:30 Mon-Fri or Sat & Sun anytime)

Gardening and Lawn Mowing

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Phone **Thomas** on 07522 342093 (Please note new number) or 01869 347918 after 4:30 Mon-Fri or Saturday & Sunday anytime.

BabySitting Service

Mature and responsible 14 year-old available for babysitting.

Please contact **Yvie** on 01869 340090

ORCC Trading Oil Scheme

Full details of this money-saving scheme for purchasing domestic heating oil were included in the January edition of the News. Basically, if you use oil for your domestic heating, then this scheme could save you hundreds of pounds every year. If you would like further details, or to join the scheme, please contact Chris Tuffrey, North Aston's liaison officer with ORCC. Call him on 07903 339155 or email: info@offac.co.uk. There is an annual membership fee of £20, but you could save many times this amount over the same period.

Fish & Chips!

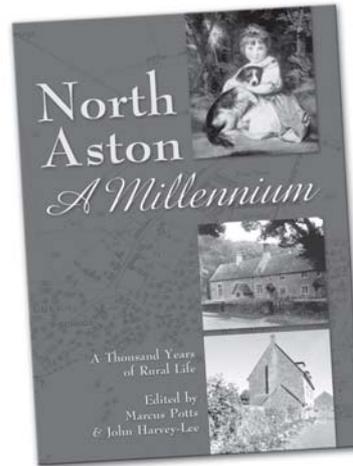
**Every Thursday afternoon from 5:00pm
until approx 5:30pm, by the telephone box**

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NEW TO
NORTH
ASTON?

~~£25~~
£15

Copies of *North Aston ~ A Millennium* are available to residents of the village for the reduced price of just £15.

Chronicling the history of the village from the time of the Roman invasion to the year 2000, this unique book is packed with previously unpublished photographs, maps and illustrations, as well as detailed historical information, personal accounts and anecdotes.

192 pages. ISBN 978-1-902863-18-4

Call in at Two School Cottages or phone 347356

Village Marquees & Generator

There are trestle tables, chairs and a hefty 4.0 kVA diesel-powered generator available for hire as well as three marquees - two traditional and one tubular-framed plastic. If you would like to book any of these items, or for further information, please contact Marcus (347356) or email info@north-aston-co.uk.

NEXT VILLAGE MEETING

The next Village Meeting will take place on Thursday 23rd June 2011 at 7.30pm in the Old Bakery.

Items for consideration include:

- Final preparation for the The Village Fête
- Planning for the North Aston Big Lunch
- Progress on the Village Hall
- Autumn events - Flower & Produce Show

A full agenda will be posted on the Village Noticeboard nearer the time. If you have any items you would like included, please email your request to info@north-aston.co.uk.

If you're "on-line" and have your own email address, and would like to be informed of happenings in the Village, Neighbourhood Watch updates etc, please contact:

info@north-aston.co.uk

Use this address to submit items for the NA News.

North Aston Village Meeting

Thursday 14th April 2011

MINUTES

Present: **Chris Tuffrey (Chair), Franca Potts (Clerk)**

Present: **Eileen Gilmore, Clive Busby, Trudy Busby, Nick Bevan, Marcus Potts, John Harvey-Lee, James Taylor, David Greenwood, Jan Liberadzki, Lynn Quek, Nicholas Kneale, Gurli Andreass, Jane McArdle, Sandra Reeves.**

Apologies: **Sue Hatzigeorgiou (Treasurer), Mark Stay, Ginny Stay, Jeremy Taylor, Tuck Hatzigeorgiou, Vicky Taylor, Beryl Greenwood, Eve Liberadzki.**

Village Meeting

1. Welcome & Apologies

Chris Tuffrey (CT) welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting, as published in the February issue of the *North Aston News*, were approved unanimously. Proposed by John Harvey-Lee (JH-L), and seconded by Marcus Potts (MP).

3. Treasurer's Report

In the absence of Sue Hatzigeorgiou (SH), Franca Potts (FP) read the report. The report was proposed by JH-L, seconded by MP.

4. The Status of the Village Meeting

CT reported that he had had a conversation with OACC and that North Aston was now the largest village in the Cherwell District Council (CDC) area that did not have Parish Council status. CDC would be sending out a consultation letter shortly asking for opinion regarding the elevation of North Aston's Parish Meeting to a Parish Council. There are now only seven villages in CDC which do not have a Parish Council.

With a population of around 166 adults and 50 children, North Aston is now technically too large to operate under a Parish Meeting. We have little choice in the matter, but what does it mean for the village?

Firstly, if left to proceed normally, the change might not be completed for several years. However, if the Village wished it, and if the change was seen as beneficial, the transition could be processed more quickly. One of the immediate results would be that a total of five Parish Councillors would have to be voted onto the Council. Of these, only the Clerk would need to be paid - all others being voluntary positions. As a result, the annual precept would have to be increased.

The Parish Council would have to assemble more regularly than is currently the case with the Parish Meeting, and monthly meetings would be required. The Council would become responsible for all Village decisions. Items for discussion at the Council meeting would have to be listed on an Agenda.

Clive Busby (CB) suggested that one downside of

becoming a PC might be the loss of decision making responsibilities. However, MP commented that, under the new *Localism Bill* of December 2010, becoming a Parish Council could be beneficial, as it would allow North Aston to have more say in planning issues. CT pointed out that being a Parish Council would also enable the VAT on village projects, such as the construction of a Village Hall, to be reclaimed.

CT offered to gather together the relevant information and publish this in a forthcoming issue of the *NA News*, ahead of the next Village Meeting.

4. Any Other Business

There was no further business relating directly to the Village Meeting. As a result, the Meeting moved on to discuss the Village Fund:

Village Fund

1. Welcome

Those attending and apologies for absence as above. Chris Tuffrey welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting, as published in the *News*, were approved unanimously. Proposed by JH-L and seconded by MP.

3. Treasurer's Report

In the absence of SH, FP read the report. The report was proposed by JH-L, seconded by Nick Bevan (NB).

4. Traffic Calming and Kerbing of the Village Green

CT explained that the Dorchester Group now has planning permission to proceed with housing development at Upper Heyford. Part of the planning permission stipulates that the Group has to fund traffic calming measures in 10 local villages.

CT has registered the interests of North Aston under the scheme. CT explained to the meeting that North Aston currently has approximately 30,000 traffic movements through the village every month and, with more houses constructed at Heyford, this would inevitably result in an increase in through-traffic. There is however only £40,000 available in total, and the proposals put forward by Ardley could already have taken up that amount.

The Council will raise a consultative document and discuss this with the Village. If North Aston is considered deserving, we will get some assistance.

MP reported that despite several attempts to contact Nathan Abbott (who had carried out the driveway work for the Hall) with regard to the kerbing of the village green, he had had no response, and it now seemed likely that there would be no assistance forthcoming from that quarter.

CT said he had received a letter from a resident concerning the kerbing of the Green in which it was suggested that perhaps a series of posts, sited along the edge of the grass, might deter drivers from crossing the verge, and that this might be a cheaper option, pending any possible grant from the Dorchester Group to help fund the kerbing. The cost of this option would be investigated and discussed at the next Meeting.

5. Middle Aston Lane

In January the Council was asked to investigate the state of the Middle Aston Lane with a view to establishing designated passing places. MP reported that, as of now, no response had been received. However, Kevin Cash has confirmed that he will make good the damage caused to the verges along the Lane by his own contractors, when the work on the Lakes is complete.

David Greenwood (DG) told the meeting that the hedge line should be looked into, as the sweep into the entrance to the new driveway to North Aston Hall needs to be clearer. MP explained that he understood that the entrance gates would be set back from the road, with the hedges on either side trimmed back in an arc that would improve visibility.

6. Dog Fouling

The local Dog Warden has put up two new signs on the Green warning that the area is now under surveillance and that dog fouling is an offence that carries a penalty. Liz Hite had reported to CT that when playing with her son on the Green and children's play area she had been upset by the amount of dog mess.

MP has made some discreet signs which he will put up at the edge of the area. He has also obtained a small bin which he is willing to put up and then empty when necessary.

James Taylor (JT) told the meeting that on behalf of his father, Jeremy, he would like the Meeting to consider a pit in which to dispose of dog waste. This was discussed, but deemed to be unenforceable, as dog owners would have to carry the dog waste in a scoop to the pit and they would be unlikely to comply. Dog waste bags also do not biodegrade quickly enough to be used in such a pit. In addition, such a system is fairly costly to purchase and install, and then requires the regular addition of a chemical agent to encourage the breakdown of the waste.

7. Parking on Pavements

MP apologised if the photograph of a car parked on a

pavement in the Village published in the last Newsletter had caused any offence, as it was not intended to single out any individual household, and distinguishing features on the car had been "airbrushed" to make it harder to identify. However, it had served to illustrate the problem. He went on to explain that parking on the pavement is now a statutory offence and can lead to the imposition of a fine. There was general support from the Meeting that parking on the pavement poses an increased risk of accidents to pedestrians, especially those with pushchairs, and that obstructing the pavement in this way is unnecessary in North Aston.

8. Ardley Incinerator

The *Ardley Against the Incinerator* group, dedicated to fighting the proposed plans for a waste processing incinerator on the edge of the village, has now appealed against the plans on a point of law. The incinerator as approved is actually capable of burning considerably more waste than Oxfordshire produces, and therefore exceeds the needs of the area. The Group is asking for contributions to help fund a High Court action – if they win, contributors will get their money back, if they lose – they won't. They are thought to have a 60/40 chance of winning. If anyone wishes to support their appeal, please visit their website: www.ardleyagainstinincinerator.co.uk.

9. Village Hall

CT began by explaining that as much had been done as possible to ensure that the Village had been kept fully apprised of progress with the Village Hall project through the *Newsletter*. There are also regular meetings of the Village Hall Committee, to which everyone is invited. He said how very encouraged he had been by the turnout, and enthusiasm displayed at the most recent meeting, and that good progress had been made.

MP read out a letter from Cherwell District Council regarding the Council's views with regard to the siting of the proposed Village Hall. In essence, CDC favoured the Beesley's Close site, although did not dismiss the old Pavilion site entirely. The letter suggested that there would be a greater number of planning and Highways issues to be overcome with the Pavilion site, with associated costs, but that there would also have to be careful consideration given to the proximity of residential properties, vehicle and pedestrian access, and parking on the Beesley's Close site. In general, however, the letter was very encouraging.

MP, CT and JHL have had meetings with Timberworks, the company who built Balscote Village hall. The size of Balscote village and its demographics are very similar to North Aston's. Balscote has generously offered the use of the plans for their Hall and, if they could be adopted largely unchanged, this could save North Aston as much as £20,000 in the cost of constructing a similar building.

MP suggested it should be possible for anyone who would like to visit Balscote and see the Hall for themselves to join a "group outing", and that a date for this could be discussed at the next Village Hall Meeting. He went on to describe the building, which is a sophisticated design

made largely in Estonia from sustainably-grown woods, sourced from cold climates where the timber grows slowly, and therefore has a tight grain that is more dense and less liable to splitting. It is well insulated and, in the case of the Hall at Balscote, is kept warm using a heat sink pump. This is exceptionally efficient and cheap to run, and when the group visited the Hall in February, the building was so warm that the site staff had opened several of the windows. The total running cost including insurance was expected to be around £3,000 per annum, although preliminary results suggest the final figure could be much lower than this.

CT reported that the most recent meeting of the Village Hall Committee had approved the outline design of the proposed Hall, and that Jeremy and James Taylor were both in favour and were keen that the project should now go ahead.

Clive Busby (CB) thought that the design looked to be unnecessarily high, and that the position marked out on Beesley's Close might block the view across the valley to Deddington from the Village.

MP explained that the site marked in Beesley's Close had been pegged out very much as an opinion-testing exercise and CT's comments were exactly the kind of feedback that the project needed. He added that the stakes had only been sited in their (then) current position so that the front entrance of the proposed Hall would align between the existing trees on the Green, and this would mean that none would need to be felled. However, there was no reason why the Hall could not be sited closer to the stone wall and nearer the corner of the Green.

MP thought that if the height was of concern, the Hall could be moved further away, but people need to voice their concerns now. He referred back to the 1994 questionnaire, to which only three people had not responded. The overwhelming response at that time was for a location on or near the Village Green. The results of the 2007 survey were very similar, when Beesley's Close was overwhelmingly voted the most preferred site.

CT felt that if the people of the Village could see things happening they would become more enthusiastic and actively supportive of the plan. He said he has been working on sourcing funding for the project, and had been encouraged by the grants still available, despite the downturn in the economy. He also said that it would help if the location could be finalised.

Balscote Village Hall cost around £100,000 to build, a further £30,000 to erect, and nearly £70,000 to fit out and complete (Total c.£200,000). With the savings made by using a similar design, and through learning from Balscote's experiences, the cost of a similar building on Beesley's Close is estimated at c.£150,000. The same building on the Pavilion Site might be closer to £250,000, due to the need for new footpaths and improved access to the site from the main road.

CT said that the new building should be seen as a Community Centre and not just a Village Hall.

Jan Liberadzki (JL) asked about road access to Beesley's Close and what changes, if any, would be needed to be made. MP said that access would be able to follow the existing line of the road and trackway, and that preliminary comments from CDC's Planning Department suggested that the only significant change might be that the point where the current roadway joins the Somerton Road, opposite the Fountain, might need to be moved a few feet further west and the corner rounded off more, at the site of the old village sign.

JL offered to make a photo montage showing what the building might look like. However, MP had already done one, although conceded that it was not perhaps the best "view". CT had a small printout of the image with him.

Jane McArdle (JMc) wondered if there would be a problem with noise if the Hall was booked for parties and concerts. CT responded that the building would be for the exclusive use of the North Aston community only, and that the village would have ultimate control over any events staged there. There would be no bookings taken from anyone outside the village. MP commented that the various surveys had repeatedly shown that the residents of the village did not want to see any Hall in North Aston booked by anyone outside the community. He also said that North Aston was the only village in the area without its own a hall. Because of this there would likely be no demand from surrounding villages anyway.

Nicholas Kneale (NK) thanked MP and CT for all the work they had put in on the project.

Eileen Gilmore (EG) said that this project had had many starts and stops over the years and it now needed to move on, and that real progress needed to be made.

CT commented further on funding. He said there were several sources, and that a possible grant of up to £50,000 from Virodor might be available. There is also a local Community Fund, and many smaller grants, some of only a few thousand Pounds, but all adding up to a substantial "pot". He also believed that the Village itself has the potential to fundraise, and that we need to demonstrate to the funding organisations that we are also making an effort to raise the money needed to construct the Hall.

Balscote's experiences had shown how important it is to have all the money in place before work actually begins, and that contingencies are in hand to complete the project.

MP said that once the build started the Hall itself would be very quick to construct, and from a completed foundation through to erection of the main structure would be about 10 days.

CDC has admitted that Balscote has set a precedent which should ease the path for North Aston.

JMc asked where the car park would be. MP responded that a hall of the size proposed required only eight permanent parking spaces, which would be located down the hill behind the Hall. These could be based on the "grasscrete" plastic or reconstituted stone system, so

would have less of a visual impact when not in use. Hopefully, if the Beesley's Close site was approved, most people would be able to walk there from within the village, and only a small number would need to drive.

CB commented that any landscaping around the building could be worse than doing nothing. MP agreed that any planting done would need to be in-keeping with the area, and that a "Saxon" mix hedge, based largely on Hawthorn, might be most appropriate. JL said he would like to see a proposal for the screening. MP agreed that this would be part of the consultative process, and that plans would be drawn up.

CT said that the next stage would see the project in the hands of the planners, and that the Village now needed to come forward again with ideas and comments. It was agreed that a final questionnaire would be published in the *Newsletter*, and that this will be an opportunity for the new residents of North Aston to have their say, and also for those who have been through the process before to add to - or amend - their previous input.

To make the process more efficient, MP asked that anyone who had not yet done so should let him have an email address. They could then be added to the mailing list and receive regular updates and information.

10. Easter Egg Hunt

Jane McArdle kindly volunteered to organise an Easter Egg Hunt at 10am on Easter Monday.

11. Village Fete

IT WAS AGREED that the Village Fete would take place on Saturday 23rd July.

12. The Big Lunch

IT WAS AGREED that the Big Lunch would take place on Sunday 24th July.

13. Village Archive

MP proposed that the Village should establish a Village Archive. Ultimately this would be kept in the new Community Centre. Further details in the Newsletter.

14. The Royal Wedding

MP reminded the Meeting that the residents of North Aston had been invited to attend the Duns Tew celebrations for the Royal Wedding on Friday 29th April. Tickets for the supper and dancing in the evening were available at £10 each.

15. Any Other Business

Loose Kerbstones. JT said that Jeremy wants to know what is happening about the loose kerbstones on the footpath. CT will contact the Council and ask them to be re-set.

TetraPak Recycling. JT asked on behalf of Jeremy that a rota be established to empty the TetraPak bin on the Green. CT said he would look into it.

Village Marquee. JT asked on behalf of Jeremy whether repairs could be made to the 'old' village marquee. MP said that this had been considered as part of the process

of purchasing a new marquee last year, but the company who examined the fabric of the old marquee said it was too fragile to make long-lasting repairs, and was therefore possibly beyond economic repair. However, it was still usable, even in its current state. If any serious rips were discovered this year, then the possibility of remedial repairs would be reconsidered.

Fox Crossroads. CB asked about progress on safety considerations at the Fox crossroads, which had been registered with the Highways Department earlier this year. MP gave an update, including confirmation that extensive support for the proposal had been offered by all the surrounding parishes. OCC Highways department had issued a reference number for the Fox, and any communication sent to them should quote this number. Several of the local Parish Councils had already written to OCC, and MP suggested that an item be added to the News asking residents to add their weight to the appeal, and that he would prepare an item for the forthcoming issue.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 23rd June at 7.30pm.

The Meeting closed at 9.15pm.

**Bag it
Bin it!**



Discreet notices have started to be placed around the village to encourage dog-owners to tidy up after their pets. Please try to abide by them and make North Aston a village for us all to be proud of.

- Please ensure your dog doesn't foul on or around the Green. Please remove (or move) any waste from within three feet of any of the designated public footpaths in the Parish. Dispose of dog waste responsibly, preferably in your green bin at home. Biodegradable dog waste bags are available free of charge from Cherwell District Council, or from Eileen & Chris at The Green.

**Please keep the
Pavements Clear**



Traffic Speed Monitor - March

Back to a regular month after the brevity of February, and our through-traffic total for March returned to normal again. In fact, it was marginally above the usual 30,000 figure by an extra couple of thousand.

The month also saw our highest-yet recorded speed through the village of 64 miles an hour; clocked on March 29th at six in the morning. A further 25 vehicles exceeded 50 mph, with all these quicker travellers passing through either late at night or in the early hours of the morning. Just one went through during the day (between 9am and 6pm), at 13:37 on the afternoon of the 17th. This bucks the trend set in February, when the over-fifties were recorded at all times of the day, including mid-afternoon. Remember, these are one-way figures, as the monitor only records vehicles travelling towards it, so the actual total may be twice this, or more.

So, March saw 25 vehicles recorded going over 50, 123 over 45, and 583 clocking 40 or more. Nearly 3293 vehicles passed through at a speed that would have resulted in points on their licence, had they been spotted by a police unit, while an overall total of 6331 drivers exceeded 30 mph. In every case, these are up on January and February, although it's hard to determine why, and the total exceeding the 30 mph limit represents an eye-watering 42% of all traffic passing through the village.

All the data for March was recorded with the monitor facing west, towards Duns Tew. Since then the unit has been turned round, and faces Somerton. It may be interesting to see how the results for April differ when they are checked next month.



The Fox Crossroads

As you may recall from previous issues of the *News*, and the minutes from various Village Meetings, we have submitted a request to Oxfordshire County Council to investigate the possibility of making the Fox Crossroads safer for drivers and pedestrians.

We have been issued with a reference number by the Highways department, unique to the Fox Crossroads.

If you have concerns about the crossing - have ever been involved in a near miss, witnessed an accident, seen dangerous driving, queued for hours to cross the road, or in any way felt apprehensive about using the junction - please find ten minutes to write to them.

You can email or send a conventional letter (details below), and the only vital element is that you quote these references:

Reference Number: 392979

Title: The Fox Crossroads, North Aston and Duns Tew

You can address your letter to:

Highway Enquiries Team,
Customer Service Centre,
Oxfordshire Customer Services,
3rd Floor Clarendon House,
52 Cornmarket Street,
Oxford. OX1 3EJ

You can email: highwayenquiries@oxfordshire.gov.uk

You can also telephone them on 0845 310 1111, or fax a note to 0845 606 9628.

This is one of those issues that needs your support, and unless we can keep pestering the Highways Department, and convince them that we're serious, nothing will be done until another person is killed. Please, pick up your pen, dust off the typewriter, or compose an email today, and add your voice to those others who have already expressed their concern.

Burglary in North Aston

Message to North Aston - Tuesday 19th April

Dear All

A burglary occurred in the village of North Aston overnight on Sunday or Monday, 17th/18th April, between the hours of 8:00pm and 07:00am.

A bedroom window in one of the houses on Somerton Road was forced open and jewellery stolen. The occupants are believed to have been in the house at the time.

Please alert neighbours and remain extra vigilant. If you saw anything suspicious in the area at that time, please telephone the police on 08458 505 505 with information.

Many Thanks, Deborah, *Cherwell Regional Watch Co-ordinator*



If you have any information or concerns you can contact

Crimestoppers (anonymously) on **0800 555 111** or Thames Valley Police on **08458 505 505** to report incidents.

This Month's Birthdays

Richard Boss
Linda Brown
Clive Busby
Hal Busby
Fred Hoare
Deirdre Oakley
Joseph Martin

Oscar John Taylor

Many Happy Returns
to all the North Aston residents
who celebrate birthdays this month.
If you're not listed, or know someone
who should be, let us know.

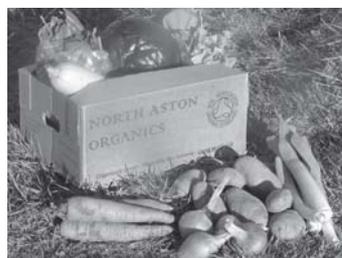


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Councillor Calling



Planning Committee dealt with some big issues this month:

- **RAF Upper Heyford** saw an outline application for the entire Base approved. Previously, we had given permanent planning permission to the existing housing and now the rest of the site is covered, meaning certainty at last for hundreds of families living and working there, while surrounding villages can look forward to an end to the water towers dominating the skyline and to the grim security fence, and to restoration of the rights of way.

There is still debate over the exciting prospect of a new 3-18 Free School in the former Officers' Mess, as the County Council were counting on developer contributions to fund Bicester's third secondary but, with the whole tide of Government policy, planning as well as educational, moving in its favour, it has powerful momentum already.

- **Kingsmere**, as the new development on the right of the Middleton Stoney Road as you come into Bicester is called, sparked debate with an application for an extra 50 homes on a site which had been reserved for a second new primary school.

The County Council think this won't be needed once St Edburg's has relocated in expanded form to the other end of the site, contrary to the belief of the Town Council, so we must hope OCC have got their figures right.

- **Eco Town** on the North West side of Bicester applied for its first 400 homes as an exemplar site, again arousing misgivings with the Town Council as to whether this genuinely exemplified the best of "green" living or was merely a run of the mill housing estate with a light greenwash.

Working Together

Joint Working with South Northants moved up a gear with the new Joint Chief Executive officially starting on 16th May (though she's been around a lot already, getting to know both parts of the job). Behind the scenes, there has been a lot of work getting IT systems tied together so the new joint management team can work efficiently, whichever council offices they happen to physically find themselves in. However, it is the 14 new joint procurement projects which interest me as they should start to produce quite significant savings quite soon – and these are over and above those predicted in the project plan.

From a personal point of view, though, I just look forward to coordination of meetings, so I don't have to leg it at high speed from a Planning meeting in Bodicote to a South Northants meeting in Towcester which have been inadvertently scheduled on the same night!

The Cost of not Moving

Parking charges have now increased, so be careful to check whenever you park. In particular, Blue Badge holders will now be charged in Cherwell car parks and there will be a small one-off charge when you park in the evening. As both of these were previously free, however good the signage, people who are not expecting to pay might get caught out.

Frozen Assets

Recovery of all our capital and most of the interest due from the Iceland bank deposits came a step closer with the judgement of an Icelandic court that we (and many other Local Authorities) rank as preferential creditors, thus having first call on the substantial assets remaining in the banks and not having to share with all the others owed money. There is still the possibility of an appeal to the Icelandic Supreme Court before we get the money back, so we are not there yet, but it's a positive sign.

Effects of Localism

Standards Committees are to be abolished by the new Localism Bill. Ours has never had a complaint against a District Councillor, but has devoted too much time (and therefore money) to wrangles in Town and Parish Councils which could have been left to local resolution, so I will not be sorry to see it go.

When the national Code of Conduct disappears, Cherwell will put an equivalent local one in its place, so we can still be seen to be whiter than white, though perhaps with the new regime allowing for no sanctions tougher than "censure", it may have swung too far in the direction of laissez faire.

Elections, Referendums and Easter will all be gone by the time you read this, so it's hard to know how to sign off. My "re-election" to my Parish Council has already happened, as fewer of us stood than there were seats, despite plenty of attempts at arm-twisting. I do hope these columns show that getting involved is fun and aren't just putting you off . . .

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CHURCH SERVICES

MAY 2011

STEEPLE ASTON

NORTH ASTON

TACKLEY

Sunday 1st

11.00 am
Holy Communion
Rev'd Mervyn Puleston
Please join us
for coffee afterwards

8.00 am
Holy Communion
Rev'd Mervyn Puleston

9.30 am
Children's Church
Mrs Dorothy Willatt

11.00 am
Holy Communion &
Children's Church
Rev'd Stephen Pix

6.00 pm
Evensong
Fr Robin Gibbons

Sunday 8th

11.00 am
Holy Communion
& Children's Church
(Prayers for Healing)
Rev'd Geoff Hunter
Please ask if you need
healing prayers after the service.

Sunday 8th
9.30 am
Family Service
Mr Nick Bevan

9.30 am
Holy Communion
Rev'd Geoff Hunter

6.00 pm
Evensong
Fr Robin Gibbons

Sunday 15th

11.00 am
Cotswold Churches Events
Family Communion
Rev'd Geoff Hunter

6.00 pm
Sung Evensong
Mr Malcolm Elder

9.30 am
Holy Communion
Rev'd Geoff Hunter

6.00 pm
Evensong
and dedication of new
Altar Front
Fr Robin Gibbons

Sunday 22nd

11.00 am
Cotswold Churches Events
Ecumenical Holy Communion
TBA

6.00 pm
Choral Evensong
With Oxford Welsh Male Voice Choir
Mr Malcolm Elder

9.30 am
Mattins
Mr Richard Bailey

9.30 am
Common Worship
Morning Prayer
Rev'd Mervyn Puleston

6.00 pm
Holy Communion
Rev'd Mervyn Puleston

Sunday 29th

11.00 am
Rogation walk
Rev'd Mervyn Puleston

9.30 am
Rogation Walk from Allotments gate
Rev'd Stephen Pix

10.30 am
Rogation walk with Methodists
Mrs Jan Grimwood

6.00 pm
Evensong & Holy Communion
Rev'd Mervyn Puleston

Other Events this Month

A short service of Morning Prayer is said on most Tuesdays at 9.30 am in Steeple Aston

A short service of Morning Prayer is said on Wednesdays at 9.00 am in Tackley

Wednesday 4th North Aston 10.30 am to noon Coffee in the Old Bakehouse

Wednesday 18th Steeple Aston 10.30 am to noon Coffee & Chat at The White Lion