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*Planning for
the North Aston Fête and the Flower & Produce Show
Farm Walking, Neighbourhood Watching & Fracking for Gas*

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Upcoming Events

Gardening Club Meeting

Wednesday 10th July, 7:30 pm, Grange Farm

Jubilee Bench Site Meeting

Thursday 11th July, 7:00 pm, The Green

Village Fête

Saturday 20th July 2:00 pm, The Green

Coffee Morning

Wednesday 7th August 10:30 am, The Bakery

Your Village Chairman

When in 2010 we were finalising the text for the North Aston World War II Roll of Honour that now hangs in our Church, we were able to include two people on there who had been more-or-less forgotten about – thanks to the help of a couple of dedicated researchers in Deddington. These same two men in the meantime, after much research, discovered the names of 27 people who died in the World Wars which were missing from the Deddington War memorial and had been ‘forgotten’, and it became national news when a handsome memorial to all of those who died (including the forgotten ones) was unveiled in Deddington Church in June. Next year it will be 100 years since the start of World War I and 70 years since D-Day (already). I hope that we will do something to commemorate these events at the time; we do after all (of course) owe the freedoms and prosperity that we enjoy today to the contribution of each one of those who served, and who died.

As I hope we all now know, our Village Fete will be on Saturday July 20th from 2 – 4:30. I was somehow talked into organising it this year so I am now very much on the warpath for many many volunteers. Some have already offered themselves (thank you!), but we need more.

This is only right, because it only works if the whole village helps, participates and joins in. This IS the highlight of our year together, and it has to be “of the people, by the people, for the people” – we prepare it all together, we do it all together and we enjoy it all together.

People love our fete because it IS very villagey, it’s all done by us, it’s affordable and not blatantly commercial. We will have most of our usual stalls and games, plus at least one interesting new feature. Unless it rains, it will be a glorious afternoon – but only if YOU make it so. So expect a call, and/or PLEASE contact me with your offers of help and support. This is our chance for all of us to contribute to village life and to help raise the money that the Church and the Village need; it doesn’t grow on trees.

To me one of the most lovely sights at this time of the summer is watching the cattle with their heads deep down in the meadow grass where at last they have more to eat than they could dream of (do we know if cows dream?) nosing, pulling, munching, licking, ear-wiggling, tail-flicking, looking round, moving on a step, slowly starting again, like Falstaff gradually working his way through the biggest feast ever prepared. If we love the smell of summer grass, something we don’t even eat, think what huge bliss it must be to them!

We held a Village Meeting on Thursday July 4th in the Bakery. There were quite a few items of interest to discuss, and if you missed it, full minutes will appear in next month’s News.

If you have any suggestions about Village life,
please do call or email me.

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Kildare





Letters

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

A Wedding

Nicholas Kneale has written to say that his middle daughter Tilly is to be married on Saturday 10th August, and she will be fulfilling her childhood dream and lifelong ambition by staging her wedding in North Aston.

Her friends and guests will have dinner in the family garden at Rosemary Cottage and there will be dancing afterwards. Nicholas has expressed a strong recommendation that 'carriages' should be around midnight!

The family apologises in advance for any disruption that may be caused by guest parking (mainly on the Green) or late evening music, and Tilly would like to thank villagers for their forbearance and assures them it will be a one-off affair!

I'm sure everyone will join us in offering our heartfelt congratulations and wish Tilly all the best for the future.



Vegetable Stall

Open Mon-Sat from 9.00am
In the car park behind the Old Bakery

- Wide variety of fresh seasonal organic veg at affordable prices
- Minimal packaging & zero food miles
- Supporting the local economy



Too busy? Why not try our Veg Box Scheme?
Fresh vegetables delivered to you door!

North Aston Farm Walk

The annual North Aston Organics Farm Walk will take place on Saturday 13th July, starting at 2:30pm on the Green. Please call to reserve your slice of cake!

Email: northastonorganics@gmail.com
Tel: (01869) 347702

Announcements

North Aston Organics Farm Walk

Mark & Ginny Stay of North Aston Organics will be holding their annual Farm Walk on Saturday 13th July.

Anyone from the village is welcome to join them, whether a customer or not. Please meet on the Village Green ready to go at 2.30pm. The walk will head up towards the multispan polytunnel at Park Farm via Nicholson's Wood and then tour the market garden in Beasley's Close.

The walk will finish at about 4.30pm with tea and cake. Please let them know if you'll be joining the walk by phoning 347702/ emailing northastonorganics@gmail.com, otherwise they might run out of cake!

Moleskin Trilby

A loden-green trilby style moleskin hat (make: P J Powell) was found on the Green in early June. Does it belong to anyone in North Aston? If so, please call 347356, or email info@north-aston.co.uk, and we will try to reunite you.

Road Works

It's obviously the season for roadworks! There may be further delays for those travelling along the **Middle Aston Lane** at the southern end, as work on telegraph poles by BT is not scheduled to be completed until the 12th.

Users of **Station Road in Lower Heyford** may experience yet more interruption between the 8th and 10th of July as work is carried out, under two-way traffic control, to the footpath.

Water Street in Somerton will be subject to occasional closure and traffic control (two-way signals) between 11th and 12th July for essential drainage works.

The **Duns Tew to Middle Barton** road will also be closed for several days later this month while BT carries out cabling works, possibly starting on 15th July and not finishing until the 28th.

Roadworks are on-going through **Adderbury** and **Twyford**, so anticipate possible delays if you're heading in to Banbury.

Is Fracking on our doorstep?

A report in the Oxford Mail in early July stated that the Government is looking into whether or not to issue licences to permit the possible extraction of shale gas from an area of North Oxfordshire defined as being "between Banbury, Bicester and Kidlington". That would appear to centre on the Astons.

Keith Taylor, Green MEP for Oxfordshire, is touring the county with a film about fracking. "Residents of Oxfordshire are right to be concerned about shale gas extraction," he says. "Fracking has serious environmental consequences."

Work by the British Geological Survey has identified an area of 347 square miles that could be a possible source of the gas. A spokesman for OCC said the Council was aware of the potential reserves, but that any planning application for extraction would be considered very carefully against national and local policy.

Fracking involves pumping a high-pressure mix of water, sand and chemicals into the fissures within underground rock to fracture it and release the trapped volatile gasses. These can be used for heat and energy generation. Experimental drilling in Lancashire in 2011 resulted in earth tremors around Blackpool, but the practice is widespread elsewhere, particularly in the USA, where natural gas from fracking meets nearly 40% of the country's energy needs.



THE NORTH ASTON FETE

Saturday July 20th 2013

Gates open 2:00. Fête closes 4:30pm

The Village urgently needs your help!

We desperately need contributions and donations of items for all the main stalls, including White Elephant, Raffle, Tombola, the Book Stall and, nearer the day, Cakes & Produce:

Adult Tombola

Bottles, cans, tins and other suitable goods - all within sell-by date please!

Children's Tombola

Small toys (new only), bottles or cans of soft drinks, and packets or bags of sweets.

White Elephant Stall

Items in excellent, as-new sellable condition, or of antique or collectable interest.

BookStall

Books in tidy, readable condition, hardback or paperback.

Also DVDs, Videos, CD's & Computer Games.

Raffle Prizes

Brand new or very special items, as well as gifts, promises or services!

Cakes & Produce

Home-baked cakes, scones & biscuits, home-grown flowers, vegetables & fruit.

Please deliver these to the marquee on the day. Thankyou!

For now, items can be dropped off at Two School Cottages for storage elsewhere.

We also need . . .

Gazebos, Awnings, Tables & Chairs

If you have an ez-up gazebo, or something similar, that we could borrow for the day, as well as garden chairs & tables, please bring them along to the Green on Saturday morning.

Volunteers

We will need volunteers on Friday 19th July from 6pm to help in setting-up

We will also need stallholders and helpers on the day, to assemble on the Green no later than 1:00pm, to assist with final preparations and manning stalls & games.

Volunteers needed to help on the day!

340200 or email: info@north-aston.co.uk

North Aston Gardening Club

This year's Flower & Produce show entry forms have been included with this month's newsletter, and the categories are also listed here. There are a few changes to the schedule compared with last year's, including a few new categories. We hope that as many people as possible will join in with our annual celebration of growing, making and eating in the village.

The show will take place on Saturday the 31st of August at 2:00pm. All forms and fees should be submitted by 6:00pm on Wednesday 28th August to Gilmore's, the Green.

Instructions for the day will be posted in the August newsletter. This month's NAGC meeting will be hosted by Jill Rawsley at Grange Farm Cottages on Wednesday the 10th of July at 7.30pm. We are looking forward to a tour of Jill's garden and will hopefully pick up some green-fingered tips from her and Geoff.

PS. Don't forget to water and feed your Spud in a Tub and the sunflowers!

Thanks, *Lynn*

PS. The Show will be followed by an Auction and a "bring your own" Barbecue or Picnic Supper.

This Month's Birthdays

Mary Davidson

Rosie Nicholson

Eddie Hatzigeorgiou

Jane Durnin

Marcus Potts

Eileen West



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, please let us know.

Congratulations also to
Clive & Trudy Busby
on their wedding anniversary this month

2013 North Aston Flower & Produce Show

Section A: Vegetables & Fruit

Section rules: ALL exhibited vegetables and fruit must be home-grown and where appropriate displayed on plain white paper plates*.

1. Oddest Shaped Vegetable
2. Four Carrots
3. Four Potatoes
4. Three Onions
5. Six Shallots
6. Three Beetroot
7. Three Courgettes
8. One Cucumber
9. Four Runner Beans
10. Longest Runner Bean*
11. Four French Beans
12. Four Tomatoes
13. Six different vegetables in a tray
14. Three of a kind of 'exotic' vegetable
15. Three Eating Apples
16. Three Cooking Apples
17. Six Soft Fruits
18. Bowl of Five Fruits

19. Spud in a Tub* **(No entry fee required)**

Section B: Plants & Flowers

Section Rules: All plants, flowers and herbs must be own-grown. Exhibitors to provide their own container. All exhibited pot plants must have been in the exhibitor's possession for at least 3 months

20. One Single Stem Rose
21. One Spray of Roses
22. Six Sweet Peas
23. Arrangement of 5 Blooms Picked from your Garden
24. Flowering Plant in a Pot
25. One Flowering House Plant
26. Geranium in a Pot
27. Flower arrangement in an unusual receptacle
28. Arrangement of Wild Plants or Flowers
29. Village Tallest Sunflower Competition* **(No entry fee required)**

Section C: Cookery*

Section rules: All jams, marmalade, chutneys etc must have been made by the exhibitor since September 2012. **They must be displayed in 1lb (360 – 400g) jar with a screw top.**

30. Jar of Jam*
31. Jar of Chutney*
32. Victoria Sponge* (3 eggs, any jam/lemon curd, castor sugar on top)
33. Fruit Cake*
34. Three Scones, Plain or Fruit*
35. Fruit Pie*
36. Men's Only Cake*
37. Three Cupcakes*

Section D: Photography, Arts & Crafts

Section rules: Photographs must be unmounted and must not be larger than 18cm x 13cm. All entries must have been made or taken since September 2012. Maximum 5 entries per person.

38. Photograph of a Waterscape
39. A photograph of Animals
40. A photograph on an Agricultural Scene
41. Something made from Wood
42. A Picture made from any Medium on any Subject
43. A Limerick starting
"There was a/an called"

Section E: For Children under 8 years, and 8-16 years

Rules for Sections E : All entries must be wholly the work of the children themselves, and to have been created by the exhibitor since September 2012.

43. Four Cupcakes*
44. Four Biscuits*
45. A Creature Made from Vegetables
46. A Miniature Garden on a Plate
47. A Painted Picture of a Monster (for under 8s only)
48. A collage of any subject (for 8-16s only)

*Paper plates will be supplied by the organisers. Children may also enter all other sections. Judging will be by ballot except those categories marked with a *, which will be judged by an independent adjudicator.

Entry fees: 30p adult per exhibit, 20p per exhibit for children.

Additional Entry Forms and full rules will be distributed in July/August.

The Annual
NORTH ASTON

FETE

20^{SAT}_{TH} JULY

2:00PM - 4:30PM

Yarnton Brass Band

**Traditional
STALLS & SIDESHOWS**

Games & Refreshments

Entrance by Programme: £1

Children U/12 Admitted Free

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 August 7th

peace in the park

THE FESTIVAL OF SPIRIT

12, 13 & 14 July

global retreat centre
nuneham courtenay, oxfordshire
fri 3 - 8.30pm, sat & sun 11am - 7pm

enchanting meditation pavilions * life changer seminars
feelgood space * mindsets - small talks * earth care area
acoustic music in the grounds * planet peace kids space
meadow maze * labyrinth * artworks * fairy tale theatre
ancient tree trail * tea under the trees * food & soul cookery demos
meditation for the world finale

including
Peacemaker Concert

friday 12 July 7pm with sacred & world music
celebrating twenty years of the retreat centre

www.peaceintheparkfestival.org #pipfest 01865 343 551

The event is
Free of Charge





Ride & Stride

This year's Ride & Stride in aid of the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust (and specifically our own church of St Mary's) will take place on Saturday September 14th. Sponsorship forms can be obtained in advance by calling John Morrison on 01865 876625. Last year the Ride & Stride raised over £120,000 for Oxfordshire churches.



In the UK 136 women are diagnosed with breast cancer every day. This year, will you help *Against Breast Cancer* by taking the plunge and raising vital funds for their research into improving breast cancer detection and survival? Sponsored parachute jumps are organised from the airfield at Hinton-in-the-hedges, near Brackley. No experience necessary! Minimum sponsorship £395, including £70 deposit. Next jump 7th Sept - book now! events@againstbreastcancer.org.uk

Beyond the Veil

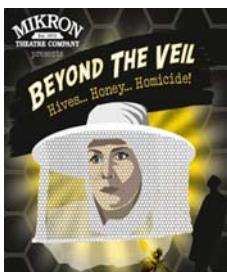
DCI Mark Starkey thinks he's got a quiet patch in sleepy Thistledale, but all that is about to change dramatically when there's a sudden, unnatural death on the local allotment...

The grisly discovery down by the beehives is only the beginning for Detective Starkey. To unmask the murderer he must first uncover an altogether less savoury side of life in Thistledale; the bitter grudges, thwarted passions and murky pasts.

And then there are the bees. The life of the honeybee might be described as one of great sweetness and harmony, punctuated by sudden, desperate, acts of violence. The same could be said for Thistledale.

Detective Starkey soon realises that the more he knows about bees, the closer he gets to the killer!

Yes, the Mikron Theatre Company is returning to North Aston with an all-new production that's right up our street. Make a note in your diary now.



Tuesday August 13th in The Orchard Barn

Performance starts: 7:30 pm. Tickets: £9

Please reserve your seat in advance
by calling Julie Hillier at Nicholsons
on 01869 340342 or email julie@nicholsons.gb.com

Classifieds

Cleaner Needed!

If anyone currently has a cleaner who might like to do an extra couple of hours in the village once a week, or even once a fortnight, I'd be very grateful to hear from them. We have no children and no pets and we're very tidy! Call 07767 221534.

Lamps for Sale

Following the successful Artweeks exhibition in the church, the village has for sale a number of clip-on spotlights that were used to illuminate the paintings.

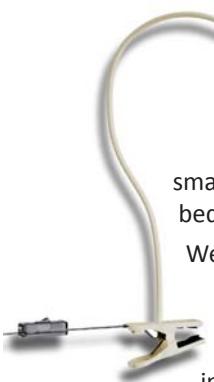
These are of two types, and both can be found on the Ikea (or Amazon) websites.

The first is the Ikea Kvart spotlamp in black, with a flexible stem, solid twist-grip clamp, and fitted with a low-wattage, high-intensity LED type lamp.



The second is the Ikea Jansjo lamp, in white.

This is a more discrete lamp, with a neat flexible stem, and small head containing a high-intensity LED spotlight. This has a sprung clamp with small suction pads to ensure a firm grip. Perfect for bedtime reading.



We have several examples of the Kvart available, but just one Jansjo, and they are priced at £10 each, including bulbs. Please call 347356 or email info@north-aston.co.uk for further information or to enquire about a purchase.

All money raised will go back into Village Funds.

Village Hall FORUM

Emphasis of late has been on organising events like the Artweeks Festival and the Village Fête, and looking ahead to the Mikron Theatre visit in August and NAGC's Flower & Produce Show - details for these elsewhere in the News. We are planning another Forum meeting later this month, but pivotal to that is receiving feedback from Cherwell District Council's Planning & Conservation department concerning the various proposed sites for the Hall. Our contact there is currently very busy, but we hope to receive some fresh guidance, and perhaps a site visit, in the next fortnight or so.

We have already supplied them with a fairly detailed ground-plan and design sketches for the Hall, as well as maps showing the plots under consideration. If you'd like to see copies of those plans, please email your request through to info@north-aston.co.uk.

Confirmation of the exact date for the next Forum will be distributed via email and posted on the noticeboard, and will be governed by the availability of JT to attend.

Marcus

From Thames Valley Police

This month's appeal for witnesses or information:

More Village Thefts

There have been yet more thefts from within the village in the last few days.

Between 10:00 pm on Sunday 7th July, and 08:35 am on Monday 8th July, a garden shed at North Aston Mill was broken into and a new lawn mower was stolen. This theft is in addition to the similar theft (of an older mower) last month, and is thought to have been perpetrated by the same people. If you have any information that might help the police in their investigations, please contact PC Sullivan through the Thames Valley Police 101 advice line.

Theft of Catalytic Converters

The presence of valuable metals within the catalytic converters of motor vehicles and their increasing scrap value has made these items even more attractive to thieves. There have been several instances locally in the last few weeks and the advice for vehicle owners is:

Where possible, park your car in a garage.

Alternatively, park in a location that restricts access underneath your vehicle.

Consider security lighting.

If your catalytic converter is 'bolt on,' you can have the bolts welded shut by any competent garage.

Consider the installation of CCTV to protect your property. Identify/etch your converter with a unique serial number (Retainagroup offer this service) and advertise that the vehicle has been protected using window stickers.

The police are seeking the whereabouts of a light blue Ford Mondeo, reg Y489BOJ in relation to these thefts. If you see the car, dial 999 and advise TVP of its whereabouts. Should you wish to contact the police about any non-urgent matter, please use the 101 number. They want to hear from you, no matter how trivial you think the incident may be.



The lucky winners of the June draw were:

First Prize (£10): Jenny Martin (#38)

Second Prize (£5): Marcus Potts (#69)

This is your last chance to sign up to this year's 100 Club. After July we cannot accept new members, so if you haven't yet renewed an existing membership, please return your fee to Norman West in the envelope he provided in April. Don't worry if you've lost it - just call Norman on 340368. Likewise, if you do not wish to continue, please let him now.

All numbers have been included in the first two draws this year, but after June, only numbers belonging to paid-up members will be included until arrears have been paid.

That said, we really do need some new members if the 100 Club is to be a complete success. Anyone who hasn't taken part before, but would like to join, should contact Norman. You can also enrol a relative or friend as a member.

Annual membership is just £5, with the chance to win any one (or more!) of the following prizes:

12x £5 prizes ~ 8x £10 prizes

3x £25 prizes ~ 1x £100 prize

Call Norman on 340368

Village Fête Poster

Included with this month's News is a loose copy of the poster advertising this year's Fête. Please help us to make this year's Fête another success, raising more money for the Church and Village funds (not the Hall this year) by displaying this poster prominently - at your workplace, in a shop you visit regularly, your favourite pub, or just a local telegraph pole or noticeboard.

Oxfordshire Community Woodfuel Programme

News from the Oxfordshire Woodfuel Programme: July 2013

The Oxfordshire Woodfuel Programme has launched a woodfuel standard, OxLogs, which aims to improve woodfuel quality in Oxfordshire, and counter the uncertainty of what is meant by 'a load of seasoned wood'. OxLogs suppliers will specify the volume, moisture content, type of wood (hard or soft) and length of the wood. When you buy logs, ask for OxLogs!

If you own a woodfuel boiler – chip, pellet, log batch or wood burning stove with back boiler – please fill out a short survey at www.surveymonkey.com/s/9SZBD9T. The results will help others who are thinking about installing similar boilers.

If you own a woodland that needs managing, or are interested in working outside in return for logs, do join the programme's **Logs for Labour** scheme as either a 'log offer' or a 'labour offer'.

The woodfuel programme will have a stall at the Botley 'not the Jubilee' festival on 13 July; the Elder Stubbs festival on 17 August; and the Wychwood Fair on 1 September. Do come along!

For more information on any of these please see www.oxonwoodfuel.org.uk.

Please feel free to contact Riki Therivel with any ideas and questions about woodfuel. Her postal address is: Wood Fuel Programme Manager, 28A North Hinksey Lane, Oxford OX2 0LX.



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01865 243488 ~ manager@oxonwoodfuel.org.uk



CHURCH SERVICES

PARISH WORSHIP IN JULY 2013

STEEPLE ASTON

NORTH ASTON

TACKLEY

July 7th - Sixth Sunday after Trinity

11.00
Holy Communion
Revd Stephen Pix

No service

9.30
Holy Communion
Revd Stephen Pix

6 pm Evensong

July 14th - Seventh Sunday after Trinity

11.00
Holy Communion
Revd Stephen Pix

9.30
Family Service
Revd Stephen Pix

9.30
Holy Communion
Revd Mervyn Puleston

6 pm Evensong

July 21st - Eighth Sunday after Trinity

11.00
Holy Communion
Revd Stephen Pix

9.30
Holy Communion
with Baptism
Revd Geoff van der Wegen

6 pm
Holy Communion
Book of Common Prayer
Revd Stephen Pix

July 28th - Ninth Sunday after Trinity

6 pm
Evensong
Malcolm Hensher

No service

United Benefice
10.30 Holy Communion
with Baptism
Revd Geoff van der Wegen

Families are welcome to all services.

Mid-Week Services & Morning Prayer - Every Week

9.30 am
Morning Prayer, **Tuesdays**

9.15 am
Morning Prayer, **Wednesdays**

Other Events this Month

Wednesday 3rd July – 10.30-12 pm *Coffee Morning* at the *Old Bakehouse* in North Aston
Saturday 20th July - North Aston Fete from 2:00 pm