

A close-up photograph of a raspberry branch with several ripe, red raspberries and some unripe, greenish ones. The leaves are green and serrated. The raspberries are clustered together, and the background is slightly blurred.

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# Your Village Chairman

## Our Fête

Saturday July 18th is the day and as always we need your help, please. As Marcus has said elsewhere, we need nice things for the Raffle, the Bric-a-brac stall, the Bookstall (children's books and DVDs are especially welcome) and all these should be dropped off at the Bakery in advance. We need fruit and veg for the Produce stall, also young plants - please bring these to the stall by one o'clock on the day. We need cakes for the Cake Stall, and Trudy needs help making scones etc for the Tea tent.

For the first time we are offering home-made sweets, and I'm sure that Vicky and Susie would love some help with that. We need the loan of your garden gazebos etc just for the day please, as many as possible.

We need as many people to set up the marquees and tents at 5:30 on the Friday evening, and as many volunteers as possible to help run all the stalls and games on the day (please call me). If you can manage none of that, please COME from 2 pm onwards and join in the fun, and spend a little money. This is our day, it's nothing without your help and participation; with it we will all enjoy it, and make some hard earned cash for the church and the village.

## The Cherwell Local Plan

The Inspector's Report following his examination of CDC's Local Plan proposal is now finally available to read. You can do this online by visiting [www.cherwell.gov.uk/LocalPlanExamination](http://www.cherwell.gov.uk/LocalPlanExamination) or physically at Deddington Library (Monday 2pm - 5pm, 5.30pm - 7pm, Tuesday closed, Wednesday 9.30am - 1pm, Thursday 2pm - 5pm, 5.30pm - 7pm, Friday closed, Saturday 9.30am - 1pm, Sunday closed).

Heyford Park Free School & the Viridor incinerator at Ardley

During June I attended the formal opening ceremonies of both these new very different facilities on your behalf. They are both important developments and I thought it might be of interest to expand a little bit of what they are. Please see the article further on in this Newsletter.

## Dogs

We just have to solve this issue of dog poo and the disgusting habit of people leaving their poo bags around or hanging up on bushes. I'm a dog owner and lover myself and there are plenty of us in the village, but there are responsibilities. If you see anyone leaving dog poo or bags around, please don't be shy to remind them about what they should be doing. I am going to talk to the Council about this, because we have to go on until we have literally cleared this up.

**Kildare BB**

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# Thank you!

This year's Christian Aid Week collection in North Aston raised £334.21.

Sincere thanks to all those who contributed towards this wonderful total.

# Mikron Theatre in North Aston

A reminder that the Mikron Theatre Company returns to the village this month for a performance of their new show, *Raising Agents* - a celebration of 100 years of the Women's Institute.

For the past three years Mikron has performed in the Orchard Barn, but this July the Theatre will be moving onto the Green, where the marquees will be erected (in case the 'summer' we had at the end of June doesn't last the month!) and refreshments will be available. Bring your own chairs or a blanket, a picnic, and a be prepared for a memorable evening!

The Mikron Theatre travels the country aboard the converted narrowboat *Tyseley*, and will be performing at other venues in the area both before and after their visit to North Aston. You can catch a performance of their alternative production, *One of Each*, by checking the website: [www.mikron.org.uk](http://www.mikron.org.uk).

## **The story so far ...**

Bunnington WI is a bit down-at-heel. Dwindling membership means they can barely afford the hall, let alone a decent speaker. So when a PR guru becomes a member, the women are glad of new blood. Initially. The milk of WI kindness begins to sour when she re-brands them the Bunnington Bunnies. They're hopping. With stakes higher than a five tiered cake stand, a battle ensues for the very soul of Bunnington, perhaps the WI itself!

On the threshold of one century into the next, this tale of hobbyists and lobbyists asks how much we should know our past or how much we should let go of it. Above all else, like the WI itself, *Raising Agents* is a story of friendship.

No tickets required. Cash collection after the show.

**RAISING AGENTS**  
100 YEARS OF THE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

**North Aston Village Green**  
**Monday 27th July 7:30 pm**

## This Month's BIRTHDAYS

Mary Davidson

Jane Durnin

Eddie Hatzigeorgiou

Robert Hite

Rosi Nicholson

Marcus Potts

Eileen West



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

## Announcements & Events

### **Donations Please!**

This year's Village Fête will be on Saturday 18th July. Please look out for items to donate to the White Elephant, Book Stall, Tombola and Raffle. More information over the page ...

### **Big Lunch**

Don't forget that the Fête will be followed the next day by the Big Lunch (19th July), starting with a welcome dose of bubbly! Bring your own main course, cutlery, glasses, a bottle or two, and a yummy dessert 'to share'. The more the merrier.

### **Deddington Farmers' Market**

The traditional Farmers' Market in Deddington takes place every 4th Saturday of the month. This month's will be on 25th July. Our own North Aston Organics will have a stall.

### **Mobile Library**

As mentioned in June, the times for visits to North Aston by the Mobile Library have now changed. Starting the week commencing July 5th, the Library will stop by the Fountain for just 15 minutes every alternate Thursday, between 10:30 and 10:45. It will also visit Steeple Aston (outside the pre-school from 10:50-11:05 and by the old White Lion from 11:10 to 11:40).

### **Antiques & Collectables!**

We are always looking for interesting and good quality items to add to our stock of antiques and collectables. If you're having a clear-out or want to 'downsize' or 'de-clutter', then please give us a call or drop us an email. We'd be pleased to have a look and offer a fair price. Old School Antiques. Telephone: 347356 or email [sales@oldschoolantiques.co.uk](mailto:sales@oldschoolantiques.co.uk).



THE  
**NORTH ASTON FETE**  
**Saturday July 18th 2015**

Gates open 2:00. Fête closes 4:30pm

**The Village urgently needs your help!**

The annual Village Fête is only a few weeks away, and we need to get everything in hand very soon. We need generous 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), soft drinks (named brands) & 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, CD's & Computer Games - **no videos** please.

**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!

Other items can be dropped off at The Old Bakery.

*We also need . . .*

**Gazebos, Awnings, Tables & Chairs**

If you have an garden gazebo, small marquee or anything similarly weatherproof (just in case!) that we could borrow for the day, as well as garden chairs & tables, please bring them along to the Green on the Saturday morning.

**Games & Attractions**

All the ever-popular stalls and attractions will be included. We will need volunteers not only to help man the stalls on the day, but also to help with setting up on the Friday evening. Please do put your name forward ... it's all in a good cause!

*Volunteers needed to help on the day!*

340200 or email: [info@north-aston.co.uk](mailto:info@north-aston.co.uk)



# North Aston Nature Notes

With Stephen Rees

Rabbits. I have never seen so many rabbits as we have at the moment, they are everywhere! I even counted seven on the Village Green the other morning. Out the back of our house in Beesley's Close we can see 20 or 25 early in the morning and all the hedges seem to have colonies in them now. What is interesting is that I have not found one rabbit with myxomatosis. No wonder we have so many foxes and buzzards on the farm.



I had an afternoon fishing down on the river at the far corner of the farm on Saturday, almost opposite the lock house. I caught a good few fish but was getting distracted by all the birdlife. Two pairs of Curlew were calling every time they got up or went down. It's such a wonderful sound you can't help but stop and look up. Then a Sparrowhawk went by carrying a Swallow that it had just caught. It must have had to work hard for that meal for its young.

Two Chaffinches were in a small Hawthorn tree opposite me and kept flying out to catch big flies and even took a big butterfly, which I've never seen before, but the thing that was distracting me the most was the Swifts. There was dozens of them, although it's real hard to count them, they are so flipping quick on the wing. They were having a right old good time flying past my head just feet from me. I could hear them as they swished through the air, true acrobats of the bird world. Later in the year they will start to make their screaming call to each other as they fly around trying desperately to catch enough food to put on weight for their epic journey south for the winter.

A few Skylarks were up in the air as well, making their wonderful summer song then suddenly going quiet as they dived bombed to the ground.

I did manage to catch seven small Chub but would have probably had lots more if I was concentrating on the fishing and not the birds, but that's what I like about fishing — you do get to see a lot of wildlife.

The grass out the back is now going to seed and making a pretty display with lots of different varieties with names as lovely as the colours they make. Timothy, Brome, Cat's tail, Yorkshire-fog, Cock's-foot and Foxtail to name but a few, sending their seed to the wind as you walk through them.

Most of the birds have young now and some are on their second brood. We have a couple of pairs of Red-legged Partridge but haven't seen any English Partridge this time or any young ones.



## Summer at Nicholsons

We seem to be as busy as ever and with the dry weather we are doing a lot of watering both here in the nursery but also on site. Although we like the sun and warmth, and as you know we have our own reservoir, there is nothing like real rain — the water quality seems to make the plants grow better and all our sites are desperate.

So don't forget to keep an eye on your plants as they are likely to need watering. The drying winds we have had also suck a lot of water from the plants and we have seen drought damage here in the nursery and on site where we have not been watering fast enough!

We have just completed the show gardens for Adderbury Fields Show Homes, so do go and have a look at what our teams can do — we are very pleased and hope it helps them to sell their houses. Most of our work is in private gardens so not easy to show people but this one is on general display!

We have just celebrated another staff wedding in the barn and so we wish them all the best in their lives together. We are also delighted to have quite a few work experience and holiday students over the summer — it is always great to encourage the younger generation into the industry and get extra help on site as well as helping them with some summer income. Wishing everyone a good summer! *Niel*



The lucky winners of this month's draw are:

First Prize (£10): Jeremy Taylor (#125)

Second Prize (£5): Matt Rees (#22)

Thanks again to everyone who renewed their subscription last month. For anyone who didn't, there's still time to ensure your number will still be included for the rest of this year, but you'll have to be quick. Contact Norman West as soon as possible ...



## New Members Needed!



Anyone who hasn't previously been involved but would like to join should speak to Norman or call him on 340368. It's all in a good cause, raising funds for the village, and your chances of winning are far better than they are for the Lottery! If you'd like to join in, reserve a number, safeguard your existing one, or withdraw from the 'club', then please let Norman know.

**You've got to be in it to win it!**

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# From Thames Valley Police

*This month's updates and information:*

## Royal Mail E-mail Scam

A scam email is currently being sent claiming to be from the Royal Mail. Linked to the email is the CryptoLocker virus.

The 'victim' receives an email purporting to be from the Royal Mail stating that they are holding a parcel or letter. The recipient is then required to contact the Royal Mail to arrange for the item to be resent or collected.

Following the instructions leads to the downloading and installation of the virus, which then encrypts files on the victim's computer and makes them inaccessible. A ransom is then demanded in order for the files to be decrypted.

### Protect yourself:

Look at who the email is addressed to. Is it generic or is it specifically addressed to you?

Look at the quality of the images included on the email. Are they of sufficiently high quality that they could come from the organisation they claim to represent?

Do not open any attachments from unsolicited emails regardless of who they are from.

Do not click on any of the links. Instead, find the genuine relevant website on-line (using Google, if necessary) and, if you really do have an account, log in from there.

Check the 'from' address of any email received to see if it appears legitimate. Look out for spelling mistakes, 'dots' in the wrong place, unlikely domain names etc.

If you believe that you have been a victim of fraud you can report it online to Action Fraud (see above right) or by telephone on 0300 123 2040.

## Fake Bailiffs

Action Fraud has seen an increase in the number of businesses being contacted by fake bailiffs requesting payments for a phantom debt.

The scam involves the business being cold-called from someone claiming to be bailiffs working on behalf of a court, attempting to recover funds for a non-existent debt. The caller will then request payment by means of bank transfer and if this is refused, will threaten to visit the premises to recover the debt that is owed.

### Protect Yourself:

Confirm what the debt is regarding; bailiffs are only used to recover certain debts such as council tax, child support and compensation orders. Bailiffs are not used to recover debts relating to private advertisements; these would be collected by debt collectors. Debt collectors do not have the same legal powers as bailiffs and will not have special court authorisation to act. For more details regarding this, please look at the Citizens Advice website.

Double check with the Court or originating company to confirm whether the call is legitimate; if you use a landline make sure you hear the dialling tone prior to dialling as the fake bailiffs could still be on the line.

Request details of the debt in writing to assess its legitimacy.

Do not feel rushed or intimidated to make a decision based on a phone call.



If you, or anyone you know, have been affected by fraud or any other kind of scam, report it to Action Fraud by calling 0300 123 2040 or visiting [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk).

### Contacting TVP

If you have any information that you think may be of interest to the Police or you have witnessed an incident, and the situation is not time-critical, please contact TVP on 101. As always, in cases of emergency, dial 999.

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## Please Keep the Pavements Clear



Pavements are for pedestrians. Please do not park across the pavement, obstructing the path and forcing pedestrians to walk out into the road.

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# North Aston Gardening Club

The recent weather, with alternating sunny and wet days, has been great for growing. I've noticed a really impressive flush of flowers, especially roses, all over the village in the last fortnight or so. The veg plots have also been filling out with robust growth and it won't be long now before we get to enjoy those first freshly podded peas and sun-ripened tomatoes.

As promised, this year's Flower & Produce Show's final schedule is enclosed as part of the entry form in this month's newsletter. I hope many of you will support this annual village event by submitting as many entries as you can: unlike many other F&P shows the unique atmosphere (and with judging by public poll – except cookery classes) of the North Aston Show does really mean that it is the taking part that matters!

Please bear in mind the closing date for entries if on Sunday the 23rd of August at 6pm. We need time to collate entries before the show day.

Now that we're in the best part of the growing season, it's only natural to turn one's thoughts to eating the produce so the first NAGC Allotment BBQ will be held on the plot on July the 25th from 3.30pm onwards. Bring your own cooking apparatus and food, plus a snack item or drink to share.

Char-grilled cabbage anyone? *Lynn*

# Hogweed Express

A few weeks back I noticed the first stirrings of growth beside the footpath that links the Nicholson's wood with the fenced path alongside Bottom Park field. Parsley-like, the plant grew quickly, and soon stood almost as tall as me. There was no doubting the family; *Umbelliferae*, and as such a close relative of many of our common vegetables and herbs, such as carrot, celery, dill, fennel, parsley and parsnip. I despise celery, for its sour taste and pointless watery crunch (although my wife loves the stuff) but parsnips vie with beetroot for being my favourite root vegetable. However, this was none of these ...

At first I thought it might be a Hogweed, of the genus; *Heracleum*. The Hogweeds are so named because the white flowers smell distinctly of sweaty pig, and they earn *Heracleum* after Hercules, for their heroic stature.

I first encountered Giant Hogweed, *Heracleum mantegazzianum*, through Irene, the eccentric custodian of Little Bourton Lock during the 1970s. Her canalside garden was dominated by swathes of these plants, some ten or twelve feet high, their huge umbrella-like flowers swaying laconically in any breeze. She was probably unwise to nurture these monsters, but since her garden also included the likes of Henbane, Foxglove, Belladonna and Monkshood, I think she had her reasons ... and probably knew what she was doing.

Today Giant Hogweed is governed by the *Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981*, and it's an offence to cultivate the species, and it's possibly because of this that the plant beside our footpath was uprooted. Giant Hogweed contains photosensitising furanocoumarins, which are notoriously phototoxic. Even a chance brushing on bare skin, combined with bright sunlight, can cause severe blistering and intense pain. There have been several cases this year of walkers ending up in hospital, their legs horrifically disfigured by pustules and burns. (The trick is to cover the affected area with a dark cloth and head immediately for home, avoiding exposure to light, and then wash with mild soap and water.)

There are, however, other members of the Hogweed family, and the Common Hogweed, *Heracleum sphondylium*, is the one we're most likely to come across. Unlike its Giant relative, which thrives in wetlands and beside rivers, the Common prefers shady woodland and roadside verges. It is smaller and rarely exceeds seven feet, and the hairy stems don't have the blotchy purplish marks that help to define its fearsome Great Uncle. It is still phototoxic, but less so, and is actually considered a culinary delicacy. Those in the know harvest the young shoots and unopened flower buds and rate them among the tastiest of free foods, while the seeds can be eaten raw or pickled as an accompaniment to fish and stews.

The plant growing by our path was actually neither of these. The stems, rosy pink at the base shading up to pale green, were hairless and smooth, and covered in fine splatterings of deep red spots and short reddish stripes. The flower umbrells were small and dainty and the leaves fern-like. No, this wasn't a phototoxic stately giant but an out-and-out killer – Hemlock, *Conium maculatum*, one of our most poisonous native plants.

I hope whoever uprooted the plant wore stout gloves, and washed their hands afterwards. Ingesting just a small amount of any part of the plant can prove fatal, although seeds and roots are the most toxic. Paralysis is followed by respiratory failure, but the brain is unaffected, so take care, and remember that just because we regularly serve one plant with dinner doesn't mean that all its relatives are equally safe to eat. *MP*

## Banbury & Bicester Job Clubs

Expert employment help and advice

### Are you out of work, facing redundancy or looking for a change of career?

#### Come to the Banbury or Bicester Job Club

- Free and confidential one to one advice to help you return to work
- Help with CV writing and interviews
- Individual action plans
- Volunteering opportunities
- Latest vacancies
- Free use of IT equipment



#### Banbury

When: Every other Friday: 3, 17 and 31 July, 14 and 28 August, 11 and 25 September

Time: 11am - 1pm

Venue: Banbury Town Hall, Bridge Street, OX16 5QB

#### Bicester

When: Every other Friday: 10 and 24 July, 7 and 21 August, 4 and 18 September

Time: 11am - 1pm

Venue: Methodist Church Hall, Bell Lane, OX26 6JQ

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or telephone 01295 221863

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DISTRICT COUNCIL  
NORTH OXFORDSHIRE



# The Church MATTERS



We are holding a Benefice Confirmation service over in Steeple on August 9th and last night we held the first of four discussion evenings for folk preparing to be confirmed. It's a group of adults from across the Benefice, and half those present were from North Aston. As you might imagine, we talked about God.

No - we talked about God. Our understanding of God, and even if we can understand God at all.

The people in the group come from very different backgrounds with very different life stories, and I think one of the few things that unite us all is that we've all developed and changed over the years in our story of faith. There have been ups and downs and (for better or worse, mostly for better) we are all not the people we once were.

One member of the group said: sometimes we tell a story of God that seems very small, and surely that can't be right?

I think there's a lot of wisdom in that. Sometimes the Christian story can be put across very negatively, very much limiting options - don't touch that, don't go there, God doesn't like that, stop it! The story of God that Jesus constantly tells is a story that makes people see a bigger life. People who thought they were excluded find themselves hearing Jesus say - join in! People who thought they had no hope find Jesus' hand taking hold of them and offering second chances. He makes it about life not death, about joy not sorrow, about hope not despair, about resurrection. The resurrection of Jesus always says, "And there's more..." in a way that is glorious, subversive, enchanting, intriguing, and filled with love.



We settled on that word for a while: love.

It's the centre of Christian faith, the central understanding of the character of God, the core of all spirituality and the quality we see in Jesus above all others. Sometimes our religion reduces it to a mere word or a theory, but our hearts and lives know the real thing, and we long to find that reality in God.

That's the story of Christian faith. Not every moment is a 'mountain top' spiritual experience of ecstasy, but setting our hearts towards God opens them to receiving his love. It opens our hearts to being shaped and filled with that love, to knowing and understanding what is beyond knowing and understanding because the risen Jesus (by his Spirit) takes us by the hand and (smiling) says, "And there's more..."

And with tiny drops of faith, we believe.

Our church in the village is your church in the village; our journey of faith is your journey. The church is not a club with a membership, it's open to everyone. Please come and worship with us, walk with us on this journey. I pray that with tiny drops of faith together may we all know our God and find his love.

*Revd Marcus Green*

In addition to Sunday services, Morning Prayer is said in St Mary's every Thursday morning, and Bible Study happens in the Rectory every Monday at 2pm.



Any comments about the above are very welcome. More news is always available on our website: [www.sntchurch.com](http://www.sntchurch.com)  
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Any other member of the PCC will also be very happy to talk, and they are: Kildare Bourke-Borrowes, Beryl Greenwood, Jenny Martin, Ted Short, Jeremy Taylor and Norman West.

# Councillor Calling

**Cherwell**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL  
NORTH OXFORDSHIRE

## Nuisance

This can be more of an issue in the summer months when the sun tempts us out of doors. When an event involves alcohol being sold, late night refreshments provided or entertainment laid on, the Licensing Act 2003 gave responsibility to the District Council for issuing a Temporary Event Notice ("TEN"). I've applied for these in the past as church warden when we've had concerts in Lower Heyford's church and can vouch for the process, as the party-thrower, being simple and straightforward.

Complaints about noise from another village in the ward, however, led me to find that the system doesn't necessarily work well for neighbours, for three reasons:

- Notice: the Act lays down a minimum 10 working days' notice for applicants. That leaves very little time for the council to process the application and almost none for anyone else to be told – a week at best.
- Consultation: by law, the only two bodies who get to object are the Police and the council – in practice the anti-social behaviour team. If they don't object, nobody else can.
- Information: there is no requirement in the law for anyone else to be told about the proposed event.

While the first two problems are set in stone by the law, the third issue is simply that nobody else *has to be* told, not that nobody else *can be* told. I realise that the lack of notice (not to mention lack of resources) might well make it impractical to inform every neighbour, but I am asking for a change of policy so that Parish Councils and ward councillors are emailed with dates, times and details of forthcoming TEN events. While still unable to object, at least neighbours can be forewarned and can prepare themselves.

Such precautions might include getting the numbers of the anti-social behaviour team – 01295 227093 and 07971 326755 – their email – ASB@cherwell-dc.gov.uk – and, of course the Police on 101.

## Anti-Social Media

As it happens, I gather the ASB team were out late monitoring the event in question, but neighbours were not to know that, and have now launched Operation Jazz to crack down on such nuisances over the summer. In the towns, the biggest complaints are about house parties, which frequently involve under-age drinking and can get out of hand if word gets out on social media. This ties in with current concerns over safeguarding young people, in the wake of recent cases of child sexual exploitation in Banbury and Oxford, where alcohol and drugs played their part. So, if you spot something dodgy going on, they'd much rather you reported it so they can check it out, even if it's not being a direct nuisance to you – you might be protecting someone else's child.

## No Laughing Matter

A recent phenomenon they'd like us to look out for is discarded small silver canisters. These are used for nitrous oxide, known to my generation as laughing gas, but now called hippie crack\*. As one who has only just discovered two Sicilian grape varieties, Nero d'Avola and Grillo, which have been around since Roman times, I am somewhat behind the times in my self-poisoning!

## Breathing Easy

There is one nuisance, though, that does seem to have gone away: the Ardley compost site liaison group heard that not a single validated complaint has been received by Cherwell, the County Council or the Environment Agency and therefore decided it need not fix a future meeting. This reflects well on all parties, residents who diligently reported every issue, nuisance teams and Environment Agency officers who followed them up and Agrivert, the site operators, who reacted by changing their procedures. Fingers crossed that this never recurs but, just in case, keep a note of the numbers to call – Environment Agency 0800 807060, Cherwell 01295 227007 (Mon-Fri 9am-5pm) and 01295 221531 (Thu-Sat 6pm-3am).

I think that's enough of a nuisance from me!

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*\*To help you recognise these if you stumble across one, they look just the same as the old three-inch Sparklets canisters that anyone who's had a soda syphon in the past will be familiar with, but whereas those were mostly painted green, the N<sub>2</sub>O canisters are usually bare-metal silver. They are used, legitimately, in the catering trade to power whipped cream dispensers. Ed.*



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# CHURCH SERVICES

## PARISH WORSHIP IN JULY-AUGUST 2015

NORTH ASTON

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### Sunday July 5th - Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am  
Holy Communion  
*Book of Common Prayer*  
**Revd Marcus Green**

11:00 am  
Holy Communion  
**Revd Marcus Green**

5:30 pm  
Evensong  
**Revd Marcus Green**

### Sunday July 12th - Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am  
Family Service  
**Revd Marcus Green with**  
**Christopher Compston**

11:00 am  
Family Service  
**Revd Marcus Green with**  
**Christopher Compston**

5:30 pm  
Holy Communion  
**Revd Marcus Green and**  
**Fr Robin Gibbons**

### Sunday July 19th - Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am  
Holy Communion  
**Revd Marcus Green**

11:00 am  
Holy Communion  
with Children's Church  
**Revd Marcus Green**

5:30 pm  
Informal Service  
**Revd Marcus Green and**  
**Richard Bailey**

### Sunday July 26th - Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am  
Morning Prayer  
**Revd Marcus Green**

11:00 am  
Holy Communion  
Book of Common Prayer  
**Revd Marcus Green**

5:30 pm  
Holy Communion  
**Revd Marcus Green and**  
**Fr Robin Gibbons**

### Sunday August 2nd - Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am  
Holy Communion  
**Revd Marcus Green**

11:00 am  
Holy Communion  
**Revd Marcus Green**

5:30 pm  
Evensong  
**Revd Marcus Green**

Families are welcome to **all** Sunday services.

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#### St Mary the Virgin, North Aston

St.Mary's is a small and beautiful church, tucked away down St Mary's Walk and well worth the detour. The church is in very close proximity to North Aston Hall and dates from the 14th century, although a church has existed on the site since the mid C12th.

An interesting interior feature is an ornate and detailed alabaster monument to John and Alice Anne dating from the C15th. A guide to the churchyard is on display and includes reference to the graves of two civil war soldiers who died after a local skirmish in 1644. The church features a nave that is broader than long, and a chancel which doubles the overall length of the building. The Anne Monument has recently been restored, the South windows are soon to be repaired, the Lytch Gate is to be renovated (enhancing disabled access) and a new organ was installed earlier this year.



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