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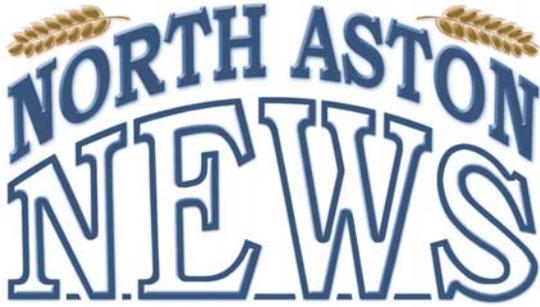


MEMORY OF  
SARAH Wife of  
EDWARD FRENCH  
Who died July 3 1831  
AGED 54 YEARS.

their Son

EDWARD FRENCH

aged 10 years



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# The Chairman's Mark

## On Plan

As our next village forum is on 13th of this month I have couple of items for you to consider.

Due to increasing commitments which are taking him away from the village Kildare has had to resign as one of our representatives to the Mid-Cherwell Neighbourhood Plan Forum. We therefore need to appoint a replacement as soon as possible. Is there anyone out there who can take on this role? It basically involves attending the bi-monthly meetings at Heyford Park, reporting back to the village and feeding our responses to the Forum as necessary. You would not be alone as Chloe Woodhead is also a representative.

I would like to thank Kildare on your behalf for all his hard work in representing us at the MCPN Forum, giving us the information about what is going on and ensuring we had every opportunity to express our views.

Secondly, I said I would look into the cost of a community defibrillator. This would be about £1400. Do we want to have one? Do you know of other communities that have them and were they effective when needed? If you are unable to attend the forum but have something to say about these items or anything else please get in touch.

Can I remind everyone that there are moves afoot to scrap Oxfordshire's district councils and replace them with a centralised unitary authority. If you think this is a bad idea, then please sign the petition via [www.change.org](http://www.change.org)

For younger readers, word has reached me that The Easter Bunny will be making a visit to North Aston again. So make sure you come to The Village Green on Easter Monday to see what she has left us!

Mark

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## Village Forum - 13th April

The next Village Forum will take place on Thursday 13th April, starting at 7:30 pm in the Old Bakery.

This is one of the less-formal community get-togethers, and will be an opportunity for the village residents to plan for future events, gossip a bit, and get vital issues "off our chests". Please do pop along, and if you have a ha'penny-worth to share, then feel free to do so!

Topics for discussion look likely to include:

- The Village Fête (scheduled for July 15th)
- The return of the Mikron Theatre Company (slated for July 23rd)
- The Community Orchard - progress and ideas
- The MCNP Forum - our need for a replacement representative
- A Village Defibrillator - do we need one?
- Superfast Broadband - well, is it?

If you have anything else you'd like raised in discussion, then turn up on the day and have your say, email [info@north-aston.co.uk](mailto:info@north-aston.co.uk), or contact Mark.



# Letters

## To See a Fine Lady

Dear Editor,

By way of introduction, I was once a evacuee at North Aston Hall during 1944, when I had the privilege of staying with my mother and sister in the Hall.

As a tribute to Mrs Hermione Hichens, who owned the Hall and gave us refuge, I have produced a children's animated story in twelve parts which has just been published on YouTube. It is our hope to raise awareness of WaterAid through the video, which can be viewed by accessing YouTube and entering "To See a Fine Lady" as the search parameter.



In order to raise funds for WaterAid, the video needs as much publicity as possible, and I would be grateful if it could be brought to the notice of North Aston inhabitants.

Kind regards,  
Peter Barton

## This Month's BIRTHDAYS

Tracy Boss  
Peter Durnin  
Harry Godwin  
Tony Godwin  
Liz Hite  
Mary Hoare  
Olivia Kneale  
Franca Potts  
Susannah Taylor  
Dawid Waszynski  
Norman 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.

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## Announcements

### Moving on up ...

We welcome Sophie Hills to her new position as Registered Manager at Park Farm, where she has taken over from Gavin Cross, who has moved to Hillcrest's Oaklands College in Staffordshire. Sophie is not new to North Aston, having worked at Park Farm for over three years. She is planning an open evening in the near future and would welcome visitors from the village. Further details to follow.

### Deddington Farmers' Market

The traditional Farmers' Market in Deddington takes place in the market square every 4th Saturday of the month, and in April will be staged on the 22nd. As usual our own North Aston Organics will have a stall, so please do support them.

## Classifieds

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# North Aston Nature Notes

## With Stephen Rees

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It's been a busy month, with lots of new arrivals - some expected and looked forward to, some that occasionally show up, and others that are totally unexpected.

Our Curlew have come home at last. I'm not sure how many yet, but with sightings from James and Fred, and with both myself and Wendy hearing their beautifully haunting call, they are definitely back. They are a very welcome sight and sound, and one that always reminds me of fishing with dad and my brothers when we were young children.

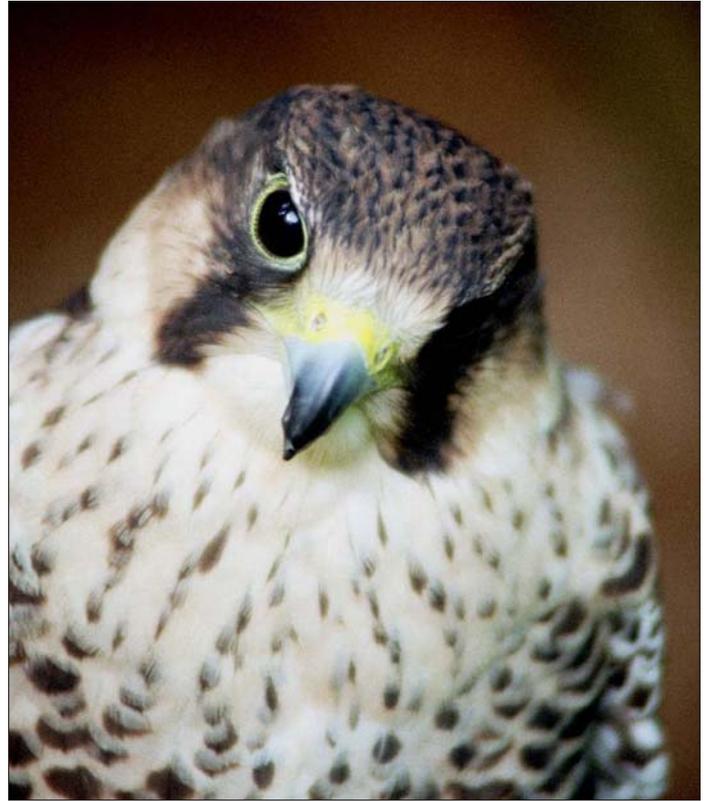


We have Partridges too, in three different places. I have seen a pair together and a small covey of four in another part on the farm, while Wendy has put others up elsewhere. The ones I have seen are French *red legs*, but hopefully there may be one or two English *greys* as well, though I doubt it.

Their morning and evening *chucker chucker* call from the cock birds is like the Curlew - a wonderful sound to hear and one that is less and less often heard. I really hope they pair up and nest this time, as last year they paired up but were unsuccessful. They are notoriously bad parents, and the chicks are very susceptible to wet weather and predators. So, fingers crossed, and I'll be keeping a close eye on them.

We also have some other exciting visitors at the moment, hopefully ones that will stay. Probably the best one for my money is one that I haven't even spotted yet, but did see last year - although only in the air. Last week James had a fantastic view of a Peregrine Falcon sitting on a fencepost in the same place that I saw it flying last year. For obvious reasons I will keep the exact location out of these notes, but I have never been lucky enough to see one sitting or at close quarters, although just seeing one in the air is spectacular enough for anyone with even the slightest interest in wildlife.

I regret that this next sighting is another that I didn't make first, but again it was my old wife Wendy (?? Sorry dear xx). As last time, she was out running and sent me a text saying she'd seen a white deer outside the cover. Blimey, what a good spot! I guessed it would probably be a Fallow, as albinos are quite common in this breed, and sure enough, this is what it turned out to be. It appears that a small group of Fallow has taken up residence in and around the cover, so we now have four Red Deer (still with us), a family of Fallow Deer (including the albino) and our usual group of Roe Deer.



That's not to mention the noisy but very shy Muntjac, and they are all sharing the same small wood and surrounding area.

A couple of nights ago I went out and set up the camera trap on a well-trodden path through the wood, with footprints of lots of deer. I will keep you posted on what we manage to capture!

Lots of trees and hedges are coming out in leaf and bud now. Our couple of plum trees, along the top hedge behind the kitchen garden, are in goodly blossom, so hopefully this year we won't have big winds that blow it all off before it has time to do its business.

Well, that's about it I think. Blimey, these months fly past don't they! Next month, hopefully, all our small birds will start to take up residence in our bird boxes. We are busy making more and will be putting them out shortly on our way towards getting a total of two hundred of them out on the farm.

Happy Easter to all and hoping for fair weather!

Steve, Wendy & Penny



**Engagement Meeting (January) responses**

In theory this was the last public consultation with the public, which exposed detail about each one of the Forum’s 30+ detailed Policy proposals. 21 people from Duns Tew and North Aston attended; questionnaires were distributed, but sadly none from North Aston was returned.

A detailed summary of all the questions that were asked at the meetings in each village and the responses to the questionnaires was prepared. The good news is that the great majority understood the proposed policies, and were similarly satisfied that the Neighbourhood Plan policies will protect our area from unsustainable development, within the constraints of CDC’s own Local Plan.

**Finalising the Plan**

The Plan now runs to over 75 pages, and revisions are being made to it all the time. It will be semi-finalised and 200 copies will be printed by the end of April, which will be distributed to every interested party. After those consultations and final amendments, it will be presented to CDC in August. There will be further reviews and revisions, and then it will undergo its formal examination to be completed by Christmas. If that goes okay, our referendum will be held in February, and if that approves the adoption of the Plan, it will get formally adopted into our local planning law this time next year.

Additionally, it is the Executive’s intention to invite each village to an open meeting over the next couple of months to discuss the Plan as it is now proposed. More news on that soon.

Kildare, who has been your Forum representative along with Chloe, has now resigned this position due to personal reasons, and we are looking for a volunteer to come forward to take over that role. Please contact Chloe or Mark.

Your MCNP Forum representative is Chloe Woodhead, and you can telephone her on 340358 or send her an email: [cewoodhead@btinternet.com](mailto:cewoodhead@btinternet.com)

Further information is available on [www.mid-cherwell.org.uk](http://www.mid-cherwell.org.uk).

**What is it?**



Well, we’re none the wiser. Suggestions included a giant Staddle Stone (for a giant barn!), a well-cap (with no sign yet of a well) and part of a burial mound (but no sign yet of a body). Apparently others similar have now been found ...

**NICHOLSONS**



**The Yurt Café now Open !**

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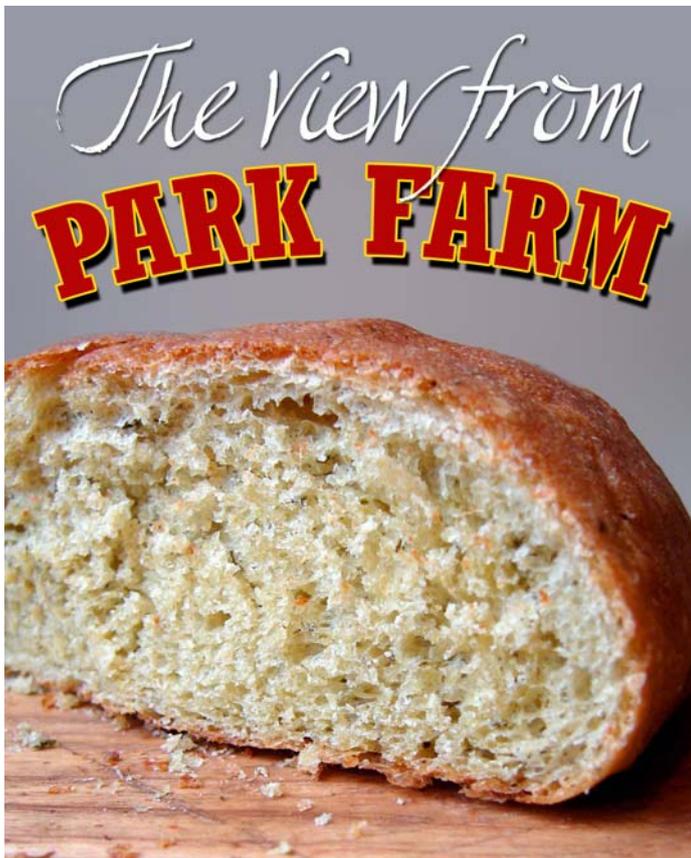
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We have all been looking forward to writing this column for *North Aston News* again! Throughout the month we have been discussing what we could tell you all about.

We have had another busy month at Park Farm and we started off with Gardening Club, where we planted beautiful flowers around the front of the house and enjoyed the fresh air. We all like to get outdoors, especially when the sun is shining!

Staff members have also been to visit the Yurt Café in the village for coffee and cake and we were really impressed with everything about the experience! We can't wait for the girls to come and try a hot drink in the café over the Easter holidays.

This month we have new staff members starting, which we're excited about, and we are planning another 'welcome' evening for you all to come round and enjoy a cup of tea with us!

We celebrated a sweet sixteenth birthday last month, and we are all working on becoming more independent in and around the local area by enjoying independent shopping trips and spending time with friends.

We have been in the kitchen this month trying new foods, like potato bread on St. Paddy's day! The local PCSO (Police Community Support Officer) has also been over for dinner with us and we all enjoy spending time with him!

Thank you for reading!  
Park Farm

**March 2017**

The winners of the March draw were:  
**1st Prize (£10): Bev Rees (#49)**  
**2nd Prize (£5): Andy Brown (#87)**

In a few weeks' time this year's 100 Club season will come to an end. If you'd like to join this worthy cause, raising modest funds for the community, but with a high chance of winning, please contact Norman (340368) for further information.

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

## The future of Cherwell District Council

A number of parish councillors from the 11 parishes involved with the Mid-Cherwell Neighbourhood Plan attended a meeting at Bodicote House on Monday night. The Leader of the Council, Barry Wood, made an impassioned appeal to us to do everything possible to save CDC from the abolition that would follow from a successful bid by Oxfordshire County Council to become the unitary authority for the County.

Amongst many issues discussed, the point was made that there would only be a couple of years more of CDC's Local Plan being the relevant statutory plan to which all our neighbourhood plans relate. After that it would be redundant, and replaced by a completely new set of policies that would render our neighbourhood plans void. Our years of work would have been wasted.

Whatever you may personally think about Cherwell's alternative scheme for a combined authority, it cannot be denied that from a neighbourhood plan perspective the survival of Cherwell District Council's Local Plan for its full term until 2031 is crucial to any confidence we as local communities may have in the Government's commitment to neighbourhood plans and to localism.

It was alarming to hear that so far only about 2,500 people signed CDC's online petition against OCC's proposal. It is essential to show the Secretary of State that there is broad support for our District Council to remain in existence. This is urgent as OCC's bid is imminent, so I have also sent a letter to the Secretary of State.

Regards,  
 Martin Lipson  
 Chairman, MCNP

*Please also see Councillor Calling on Page 8, and the contribution last month from our other local councillor, Hugo Brown. This really is a hot topic at the moment, but it is now too late to add your name to the petition, so please write to our local MP instead; Victoria Prentis MP, Member of Parliament for North Oxfordshire.*

*You can write to her at Heyford Park House, Upper Heyford, Bicester, Oxon, OX25 5HD, but the best and quickest method is to send her an email: [victoria.prentis.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:victoria.prentis.mp@parliament.uk). You may also telephone her on 01869 233 685*

**Renewal Time!**

Next month's draw will be the last of this 12-month period, with £100 to be won. Then it will be time to renew for the next 12 months. If you've never taken part before, please contact Norman (340368) to register your interest. The odds of winning are better than the lottery!

# TAKE A CHALLENGE FOR CRISIS

RUN, WALK, SWIM OR CYCLE, WHATEVER CHALLENGE YOU TAKE, DO IT FOR CRISIS. OR JOIN ONE OF OUR EVENTS.



Oxford Fun Run Saturday 6 May | Blenheim Triathlon Sunday 4 June | Oxford Half Marathon Sunday 8 October

To register: [www.crisis.org.uk/challengeoxford](http://www.crisis.org.uk/challengeoxford)  
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Crisis is the national charity for single homeless people. We are dedicated to tackling homelessness by delivering life-changing services and campaigning for change. We have an education and training centre in Oxford, called Crisis Skylight Oxford, where we work with around 300 homeless people a week providing one-to-one support alongside a timetable of educational activities. We're looking for enthusiastic fundraisers to join our teams in the following events:

## Saturday 6th May Oxford Fun Run

5km run around University Parks, with trophies for speed, teams and fancy dress. Suitable for a cross college competition. This is a smallish friendly Fun Run with free BBQ for all participants after the race.

Free Entry – Raise minimum of £50 for Crisis.

## Sunday 4th June Blenheim Triathlon

Sprint or Super Sprint options at Blenheim Palace. Join over 7,000 Triathletes at the beautiful UNESCO World Heritage site, Blenheim Palace, for the UK's most stunning triathlon. Pay £50 entry fee (rrp £118) and raise a minimum of £350.

## Sunday 8th October Oxford Half Marathon

13.1m starting on Broad Street, right at the heart of Oxford City Centre, and taken on a fast and flat route that showcases everything we love about Oxford!

Register your interest and we'll confirm minimum sponsorship nearer the time. If you would like to sign up please email Sara Hunt at Crisis on [sara.hunt@crisis.org.uk](mailto:sara.hunt@crisis.org.uk) or call her on 01865 263 911.

*If you're a keen runner, then you can, of course, register for any of these events and choose your own sponsor. I believe a team from Nicholson's usually takes part, so you could be jogging (loping along, or even sprinting) with people you know!*

# North Aston Gardening Club

Spring is here and it's a particularly exciting and busy time for gardeners.

As you may know, NAGC rules state that the winner of last year's Tuffrey Cup nominates this year's challenge: Norman West has spoken and this year the Cup will be awarded to the Heaviest Vegetable Marrow. I am reminded of the extra security measures taken to protect prize-winning marrows portrayed in the Wallace and Gromit film: *The Curse of the Were-Rabbit*. Perhaps similar strategies will be required given the rabbit population of North Aston!

Also, collect your seed spud and tub for the Spud-in-a-tub competition. These will be available from Norman's front garden from Monday 3rd of April. One spud and tub per person.

Don't forget the keep taking photographs for the themes of Earth / Wind / Fire / Water (set of 4), 'Serenity' and for the children's category 'Holiday'.

Enjoy the start of the growing season!

*Lynn*



March was a busy month for the Community Orchard scheme, with a meeting in the Old Bakery on the 8th, followed by an energetic site walk through Beesley's Close on the 14th.

The outcome of all this will be a short presentation at the forthcoming Village Forum meeting on Thursday April 13th, just before Easter, and then another planning meeting in the Old Bakery on Wednesday 26th April, starting at 8:00 pm. The project is steadily gathering momentum ...

## Bicester Sculpture Group

You may have noticed throughout April and May, little blue Artweeks signs start springing up around the county. It's a wonderful opportunity to visit the studios of working artists and see what they've been inspired to create.

But did you know that Bicester plays host to a unique studio where a dedicated group of sculptors work at the Old Vicarage in Church Street?

The group was the inspiration of George Muller, a talented artist who worked on notable commissions in cathedrals as well as private houses. He built the studio in the 1990s with the vision of creating a space for sculptors to work together in a shared, creative environment and his legacy continues today with 24 artists working in stone, wood, metal, clay and other media. Most of the artists themselves live in villages surrounding Bicester.

In a beautiful and inspiring location, make sure you visit Bicester Sculpture Group when they open the studio and the garden as part of Oxford Art Weeks, 13th to 21st May (11am to 4 pm) and talk to the artists about their work and maybe find inspiration in what you see.



# Councillor Calling



The topic which has dominated much of last month and most of this year to date has been that of

Oxfordshire County Council's proposal for a unitary county-wide council which would abandon all the region's district councils and Oxford City Council itself.

Well, OCC's 'Better Oxfordshire' proposal was agreed at OCC's March cabinet meeting and has now been sent to The Secretary of State's office in Westminster for debate and a final decision. There is considerable conflict and difference of opinion across the county, however Cherwell District Council remains opposed to the proposal, as does West Oxon and Oxford City Councils, as we feel the residents we represent will be better served at a district and local level as opposed to an Oxford-centric unitary.

You can still register your opinions at <https://www.change.org/p/stopplans-for-a-unitary-authority-in-oxfordshire> \*\*

The fight will still go on, both publicly within the media and privately in Westminster, through the Oxfordshire MPs who are opposed to the proposals.

In other news, the much anticipated Castle Quay 2 development was approved at CDC's full council meeting in March. The new development will face the canal rather than the current design which backs onto the canal. It will contain an eight-screen cinema of 30,000 sq ft, a 117-bedroom Premier Inn hotel (with a 3,700 square foot restaurant), six independent restaurants, a 30,000 square foot LIDL supermarket, a new pedestrian bridge across the canal, and car parking for 990 vehicles.

My fellow Deddington Ward councillor Hugo Brown and I are part of two working groups, the *A361 Working Group* and the *Mobile Signal Working Group*. The first of these, as the name suggest, is looking into ways of improving safety and traffic flow along the A361 in conjunction with OCC, which is responsible for Highways. The other is to identify mobile telephone signal 'Not Spots' and weak signal areas within our ward. Therefore please feel free to notify us of any specific mobile networks who either cannot be accessed or provide weak coverage within North Aston and the surrounding area.

Another topic which increasingly affects our rural way of life is the rise in 'Fly Tipping' across the district. Many incidents have been reported to me, not I may say within the parish of North Aston but in neighbouring Deddington. I am pleased to note that CDC's Enforcement Team and their army of officers always respond immediately and remove the offending waste within a matter of days. Please feel free to report any instances of fly tipping as we strive to keep our district clear of such blatant disregard for our countryside and wildlife.

One last point which I'm pleased to report is that in the past month I had to call two planning applications to the Planning Committee due to strong support from the community which challenged the intended recommendations of the planning officers. On both occasions the decisions went in favour of the applicant and thus the community, which says a great deal about democracy, our district council and the Deddington Ward.

*Thank you, Bryn Williams*

\*\* Please also see the contents of a letter on Page 6, submitted by Martin Lipson, Chair of the Mid-Cherwell Neighbourhood Plan Forum. I am aware that several residents are very anxious that this proposal should not go ahead, so please do act if you share their concerns

## Church Yard Regulations

At the beginning of 2017 the Diocese of Oxford published new regulations governing how we manage our church yards.

First, as Rector may I thank all our village families for the care and compassion with which they help care for our village church yards. They are places of great beauty and mean an enormous amount to so many people. Thank you for the part you play in keeping them so special.

I do however have to pass on some of the new regulations, and ask if you might help us keep our rural church yards special. I think in some way, the new guidelines reflect changes and habits that are affecting the civic cemeteries; the Diocese's desire is that rural church yards retain a different feel - and I know that this is appreciated locally, especially as we aim to protect our natural countryside environment.



Might I therefore point out that the new guidelines forbid artificial flowers or any kinds of toys or solar lights being placed in church yards. (Poppies may of course be placed in our church yards at Remembrance time for those who have served in the forces.) Also, please do remember not to plant shrubs or the like on graves. Bulbs however, bringing appropriate traditional

flowers to the church yard at the right season of the year, are always welcome - and it's lovely to see so many daffodils following the snowdrops just now.

Please forgive me passing on this information. The full regulations are on the Oxford Diocese website. If we do have to clear anything away, we will try to let folk know or put things carefully away so that they may be collected later.

I know lots of families will be tending the church yards over Easter, and I hope this season of joy and hope will be very special for you and for all those you love.

*Marcus Green, Rector*

# North ASTON

## Frozen North Aston Beef

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- Blade - £11 per kilo, sold in joints, average 1.2kg
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- Shin - £10 per kilo, average pack 450g

Please note - quantities on some items now very limited, so please check on availability by calling:

**Vicky (07818 794447) or James (07979 388066)**



# The Church MATTERS



## It's almost Easter ...

... almost time to shout out - Christ is Risen!

But first may I say how lovely it has been to see folk across the Benefice make Lent so special this year. I have seen some people really make an effort to find time to worship on a Sunday, and others have been keeping up with our Bible reading through St John's Gospel, and lots of folk have been attending our Lent Course in Tackley Methodist Church. Indeed, I have been absolutely thrilled to see so many folk gather on Thursday evenings.

Lent is special because it makes us spring-clean our souls and open wide our hearts ready to welcome afresh the new life and ever-new love of the Risen Lord Jesus.

Lent finds its climax in Holy Week, the days leading up to Easter. For us in the Benefice this year this is going to be a very special time, and we welcome everyone to come along and join with us as we get ready for Easter.



Canon Bruce Gillingham, until recently rector of St Clements, Oxford, and now a chaplain at Wycliffe Hall, is joining us for Holy Week as we host a series of gatherings under the title "The Way of New Life". Each of our parishes will host two events through the week, each with worship and reflection around the themes and events that led up to the Crucifixion and Resurrection of Jesus, each with a short talk by Bruce helping us to think about those events and what they might mean for us. The full list is printed in the rota of services. By all means, dip into the week and come to anything that you can make. Or why not go the whole hog and really make a celebration of this Easter ( - it's genuinely about more than chocolate and bunnies - ) and why not take a little time each evening of Holy Week and follow the story of Jesus with us? Come and see how the timeless truths build together and make sense even for us, even here, even now. I'm delighted to add that Bruce will also be taking our Easter Sunday service here in North Aston.

In Brexit Britain, for those excited by leaving Europe and those fearful, for young and for old, for the

religious and those who left that word behind long ago, Easter speaks of a way of life that always matters. Everyone faces disappointment, fear, disillusionment and the death of dreams. What matters is not how fast we run away from such realities, but how we choose to face them. Holy Week is our story. It speaks of real life. It pulls no punches. And yet it ends with hope, and more than hope - with love.

Christians aren't Christians "because it helps", but because it changes everything. Because Jesus changes everything. Because Holy Week is glorious - and gives us a way of life that is always making old things new. I'm a Christian because the Jesus who rose at Easter lifts me up when I fall, and pushes me to hope when I despair, and more than hope - to love, when I'm just about done.

If it's been a while since you've really listened to the heart of the Easter story, why not take this opportunity, this Easter, and come with us as Canon Bruce Gillingham joins us to help us listen again?

*Revd Marcus Green*

Bible Study happens on most Mondays at 2pm in the Rectory; Morning Prayer will be at the slightly earlier time of 9.30 this month on April 6th; and 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: Richard Bailey, Kildare Bourke-Borrowes, Beryl Greenwood, Vicky Taylor, Jenny Martin, Ted Short, Jeremy Taylor and Norman West.



# CHURCH SERVICES

## PARISH WORSHIP IN APRIL

**NORTH ASTON**

**STEEPLE ASTON**

**TACKLEY**

### Sunday April 2nd 2017 - Fifth Sunday in Lent

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

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

5:30 pm  
Evensong  
**Canon Robin Gibbons**

### Sunday April 9th 2017 - Palm Sunday

9:30 am  
Family Service with Procession  
**Revd Marcus Green**

11:00 am  
Family Service with Baptism  
**Revd Marcus Green**

10:30 am  
Palm Sunday Service  
*With Tackley Methodist Church*

### Holy Week

#### Wednesday April 12th

8:00 pm  
Compline  
*The Way of True Faith*  
**Canon Bruce Gillingham**

#### Tuesday April 11th

8:00 pm  
Compline  
*The Way of Clear Purpose*  
**Canon Bruce Gillingham**

#### Monday April 10th

8:00 pm  
Compline  
*The Way of Costly Sacrifice*  
**Canon Bruce Gillingham**

#### Holy Saturday April 15th

7:30 pm  
Easter Vigil  
*The Way of Deep Doubt*  
**Canon Bruce Gillingham**

#### Good Friday April 14th

12:00 noon  
Meditation  
*The Way of Saving Grace*  
**Canon Bruce Gillingham**

#### Maundy Thursday April 13th

7:30 pm  
Holy Communion  
*The Way of Serving Love*  
**Canon Bruce Gillingham**

### Sunday April 16th 2017 - Easter Sunday

9:00 am  
Easter Family  
Communion  
**Canon Bruce Gillingham**

11:00 am  
Easter Family Communion  
**Revd Marcus Green**

9:30 am  
Easter Family Communion  
**Revd Marcus Green**

### Sunday April 23rd 2017 - First Sunday after Easter

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

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

5:30 pm  
Informal Service  
**Revd Marcus Green and  
Canon Robin Gibbons**

### Sunday April 30th 2017 - Second Sunday after Easter

No service

No service

5:30 pm  
*United Benefice Ecumenical  
Communion*  
**Canon Robin Gibbons and  
Revd Alison Mares**

Families are welcome to **all** Sunday services within the parish.  
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