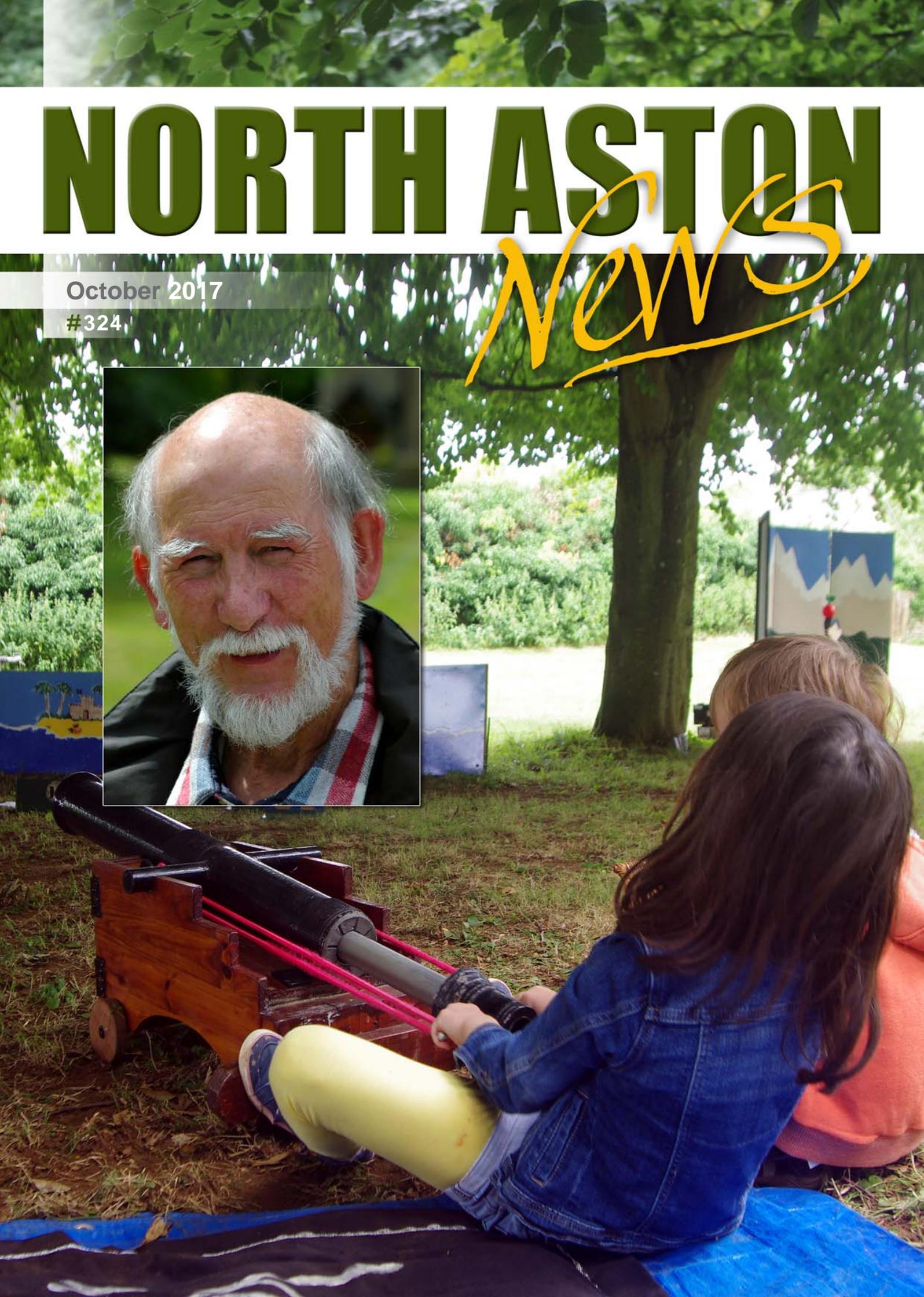
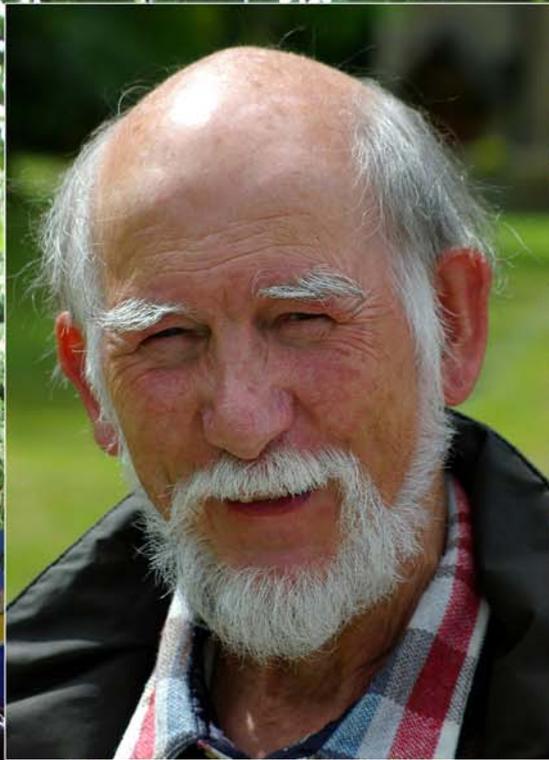


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# The Chairman's Mark

## John Harvey-Lee

*As I am sure most of you know by now, John died peacefully on Friday 22nd September. His death has left a big hole in our community. To think only a few weeks ago he was in our midst, helping out at the Fête and attending the Flower & Produce Show, but now he is gone.*

*John was loved by all who knew him and although in recent years he fought and overcame cancer, suffered a heart attack and then, most unfairly, had to contend with Parkinson's disease, he led a full and interesting life and was a truly good man. That is to be celebrated and is something by which we can all be inspired. On behalf of you all, I send our condolences to Elizabeth and the family and wish them all strength to bear their loss.*

## Beatrice Hathaway

*Amazingly and wonderfully, on the very same day that John died, Clare Hathaway gave birth to a beautiful daughter; Beatrice. And so the cycle of life continues. Congratulations to Clare, Ed and young Artie.*

## Ride & Stride

*Well done to Oscar and Susie Taylor, and Freya Stay, who took part for the first time. I forgot to promote this excellent event in last month's News, as it has declined in popularity somewhat over recent years. This is a shame, as not only do participants get to raise money to help maintain the fabric of our beautiful and historic churches, they also get lots of healthy exercise and lots of cake! There was a huge plate of excellent chocolate brownies at Over Worton and hardly anyone turned up to eat them! (I did what I could to help ...)*

## Harvest Lunch

*The delay in publishing this month's News gives me the opportunity to say how very much heartened I was by the good turn-out at this year's Harvest Lunch. A huge thank you to Mary for organising the catering; to Annabel, Annie, Tony, Vicky, Jeremy and Tuck for washing, peeling and chopping an awful lot of vegetables; and to Niel and Liz for providing a wonderful venue and setting up the tables and chairs.*

## The Duns Tew Panto

*Finally, don't forget to book your tickets for the Duns Tew Panto (see separate advert). I think it should be called The North Aston and Duns Tew Panto, as there are no fewer than six Northastoners involved this year. It will be fun to work out who they are under all that costume and make up!*

Mark

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## North Aston Gardening Club - Seedlings

As the main growing season draws to a close, the Gardening Club is meeting on Friday the 27th of October at 8pm at the Hazles'. We'll be discussing the F&P Show, this year's and next year's; allotments; seed catalogues; and NAGC activities for the next year. I look forward to seeing you there.

Lynn

## Brexit - a last word?

Dear Sir

You have been kind enough over the past year to give space to various views on Brexit and its consequences. A sympathetic correspondent has just sent me this quote attributed to Jean Monnet, the 'founding father' of the EU project:

"Europe's nations should be led towards a superstate, without their people understanding what is happening. This can be accomplished by successive steps, each disguised as having an economic purpose but which will eventually and irreversibly lead to federation".

I rest my case.

Yours sincerely, Kildare BB

(On balance, I feel I it should be noted that Monnet made his statement in 1952, five years before the EEC was formed. Many of his views have long-since been overtaken by events, although this historical statement rose to the surface again in 2013 upon publication of the first English translation of *Europe: The Shattering of Illusions* by Václav Klaus, former president of the Czech Republic. Klaus was acerbic in his criticism of Monnet and much of what the EU's 'founding fathers' had aspired towards. However, perhaps it's easy to overlook that it was Winston Churchill who, six years before Monnet, said that "we must build a kind of *United States of Europe. In this way only will hundreds of millions of toilers be able to regain the simple joys and hopes which make life worth living.*" He was a strong advocate of European federalism, alongside Monnet, Schuman, Adenauer and the rest. The EU itself wasn't created until 1993 by the *Treaty of Maastricht (1992)*, to which the UK was a signatory. If the UK didn't like the way the EU was developing, perhaps there's some merit in the thinking that we'd have been wise to work harder for change from within the EU, rather than jumping ship. With what is now happening elsewhere in Europe, it might not have been long before the UK gained some sympathetic allies, and likely sooner than the Brexit process itself is ever likely to be completed. Ed)

## Mary Davidson 1931-2017

We are very sorry to relay the news, just as we go to print, that Mary Davidson has passed away. She died in the early hours of Sunday 1st October, at home in Kidlington.

We extend our sincere condolences to Don, Jane, Peter, Daniel, Lucinda, Olivia, Camilla and all the family at this very sad time.



The winners of the August draw were:

1st Prize (£10): M Graham (#107)

2nd Prize (£5): E. Harvey-Lee (#58)

It's now too late to join in this year's 100 Club, so you'll just have to sit back and watch with envy as others reap the rewards. However, if you harbour dreams of winning big next year, please contact Norman (340368) for further information. Remember ...

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

# October Birthdays

Tom Baimbridge  
Daniel Durnin  
Olivia Durnin  
Tom Godwin  
Paul Honess  
Audrey Newman  
Jimmy Rees



Congratulations to  
**Marcus & Franca**  
on their Wedding Anniversary!

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.

## Announcements

### Deddington Farmers' Market

The traditional Farmers' Market in Deddington takes place in the market square every 4th Saturday of the month, and in October will be staged on the 28th.



Open Mon-Sat from 9.00am

In the car park behind the Old Bakery

- Wide variety of fresh seasonal organic veg at affordable prices
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- Supporting the local economy



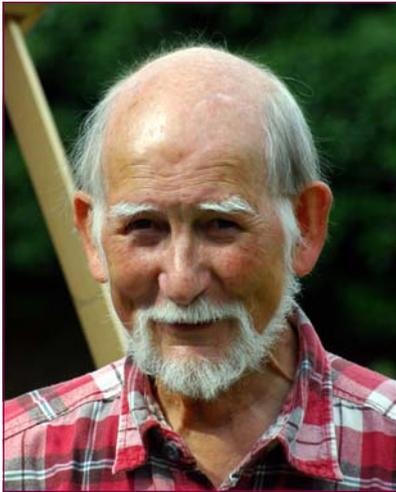
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## John Harvey-Lee 1934-2017

On the morning of Friday 22nd September John came in from the garden having done his usual rounds, and sat down in his favourite chair. He closed his eyes, and he went to sleep.

If I could choose a time and manner of my passing, I would hope that it could be as

peaceful and as dignified. It makes even more poignant my last recollection of seeing John, just a few days before. He'd arrived, unannounced as ever but ever welcome, to share a recent sales catalogue. I'd offered him the traditional cup of 'Harvey-Lee'; a notably weak cup of Yorkshire's best with a generous helping of sugar. After all these years, there was never a need to ask how he liked his tea – a hint of brown and very sweet. On that day, now a little over a fortnight ago, he'd stayed far longer than usual, and we'd chatted widely about art and antiques, Josh's return to university, trips to Paris, some family history, and a generous smattering of village gossip. All the while Molly, our cat, sat on his knee, being gently stroked to a loud purring of pleasure. (He had a soft spot for pets called Molly, as Niel and Liz's dog can testify.) After almost two hours he finally rose to his feet, a little unsteadily perhaps, and announced that he ought to be heading for home. I showed him to the door, and watched as he walked back towards the gateway, where he turned briefly and waved a hand, before disappearing from sight around the wall.

I never saw John again, but I shall always remember our times together. I consider myself very fortunate to have known him for some twenty years or so, and called him my friend. As others have said on this page, he was a uniquely generous person; kind and thoughtful, and everything so many of us aspire to be. He was also supremely talented, both as an artist and as a writer, with a witty turn of phrase as funny and observant as many of his deftly crafted cartoons.

John and Elizabeth arrived in North Aston in 1993, having moved to the country from Willesden pending John's imminent retirement from the Foreign Office. He'd learned tact and diplomacy at the highest levels! Previous to his stint in the service of HM, John had been a journalist, and he put this experience to good use not long after his arrival by taking on the duties of Editor to this esteemed publication. Under his guidance, North Aston's parish newsletter developed and grew, aided by his delightful illustrations, most notably of the Mole family. An interest in local history resulted in a fascinating series about the village, and from that developed the idea of publishing a book – a proper book – about North Aston's past.

I was honoured to be asked to co-author and design *North Aston ~ A Millennium*, although we never dreamed quite what a task it would become. Each time we thought we'd finished, someone else would step forward with another contribution. In the end it was ten years in the making, by which time John had also completed a stint as Secretary to the Parish Meeting – a duty he performed with typical efficiency – and established a Neighbourhood Watch scheme. He had also devised and created the many unique and imaginative games that are now

such a key part of North Aston's annual Fête – without which it would never have achieved the popularity it currently enjoys.

In more recent years he focused on helping Elizabeth with her antique print business. His background as an artist, and experience as a painting and print restorer, meant he understood exactly what Elizabeth needed, and he was able to photograph and process images for her catalogues and website. Sadly, those years also saw him succumb to illness. He fought off cancer with typical stoicism; quietly and without fuss, although regaling us with tales of his many trips to the JR with humour and astute observation. Having overcome one illness, he was beset by another, and then another, but each was faced with the same cheery, almost cheeky smile and a gentle chuckle, despite whatever pain or discomfort he must have been feeling. He was, indeed, an example to us all, and will be hugely missed. I'm sure all our thoughts are with Elizabeth and John's family, to whom he is utterly irreplaceable.

One of my memories of John was that he used to hand deliver beautiful art Christmas cards to every house in the village at Christmas. That was typical of John, thoughtful, kind and generous. Our thoughts are with Elizabeth and family. *Eve*  
Very sad to hear the news - he made a wonderful contribution to the village. *Clare*

I passed John as I was walking (well, pushing a buggy full of grandchildren actually) just last week and we exchanged a cheery 'hello'. As ever he was outside, looking busy and wearing one of his bright jumpers; perhaps making the most of the Autumn sunshine. One must be thankful that he was active to the last. *Nicholas*

A truly lovely chap and will be missed. *James*

John was a peerless man, the best friend, the best neighbour, the best collaborator, the best companion that one could ever wish for.

Ask him a favour, he would always say yes; ask his advice, it would always be good; ask for his time, he would always give it, lend him a pint and he would always return a gallon. Tell him an amusing story and he would always appreciate and remember it, and then come back with something even better.

He fully understood the human condition, and was extraordinary tolerant of people's weaknesses and contrariness, always finding something kind and forgiving to say. Underneath that he had fine principles of truth, honesty, endeavour and punctiliousness. Animals were his friends equally with humans, and this was part of his very balanced place on our planet.

To me, he totally possessed the three qualities that are the only ones that really matter – modesty, humility and the love of humankind in all its forms. We are utterly privileged to have had him among us for all these years as an example of what we, the rest of us, might be like but aren't. *Kildare BB*



## Memorial Service

There will be a memorial service in St Mary's on Wednesday 11th October, starting at 2:00 pm. All are very welcome.

# North Aston Nature Notes

## With Stephen Rees

The Hawthorns down by us have gone from lush green to a rich glowing gold colour now, and the big lime tree in Bill and Jean's garden is going the same way.

Our Swallows have now left us to make their epic journey back home (or is this their home, and winter quarters are where they migrate to?), and the mornings are becoming misty and dewy and much cooler. I must admit to autumn being my favourite season.

Sloes are looking good but they need a good frost before we can make this year's sloe gin, and once again we have managed to get hold of my friend's apple press and are looking forward to cider-making in October.

We have just got back from a week in the Elan Valley in Wales, where we had some lovely long walks in completely different countryside from ours. We both love Scotland and try to go once a year if possible. It gives me a chance to fish for non-existent salmon, partake in too much whisky (and gin for Wendy!) and have a couple of big walks but, I don't know, the hills and valleys of Wales seem softer, warmer and more inviting sometimes. They're also only three hours' drive away, and not ten! I reckon I'm getting soft in my old age!

Welsh hill country wildlife is so different to ours as well. There are lots of kites, ravens and buzzards, as we also have, but many many more besides. That's about it really. We rarely see any deer, no rabbits and only the odd fox. The hills do have Stonechats and Wheatears that flit along in front of you as you walk, but that's about it - oh except for hundreds of squirrels.

We did see one Hare and had a Tawny Owl outside our window for a few nights, which was nice, but it's always nice to come home. I took Penny out the morning after we got back and enjoyed seeing all our rabbits again, who are so used to us that they hardly move as we walk past them. I watched a Jackdaw harassing a Kestrel three times and just above Bustards Hill saw a fox jump out and grab a rabbit and shoot off to Ram Spinney very proudly.

Our hedgerows seem very quiet and devoid of birds this week. Some have left for warmer climes and a lot of inward migrants have yet to arrive, although I have seen a definite increase of jays already.

I found a dead slow-worm last week; the first I have seen in years. It was about 8 inches long, which is about 20cm in new money, for any younger readers. It was on a cycle track and had been hit, and a little bit of its tail had been chopped off. Wendy and I looked at its amazing skin and texture for a good while. That was a really interesting spot, although it would have been nicer if it was still alive.



I met an old school friend in Deddington Post Office last weekend, who I haven't seen in 30 years. It made me feel old! He said he reads my article on line and really enjoys hearing about the woods and fields of his childhood, which made me feel funny inside. What an honour to give someone that feeling. I'm always surprised when I hear that anyone reads it!

Well that's about it, I think. It's always a bit quiet at this time of year. One final note though; the Shaggy Ink Caps are starting to come out again on the corner of the Green near the fountain, as they do every year. They make a sight worth seeing and are really worth a closer look over the next few weeks.

Bye for now, Steve, Wendy & Penny

*Can I just add that, although the Shaggy Ink Cap is, in theory, edible when young, it autodigests once cut, and will turn black in a matter of minutes - hence the name. Please don't pick them, but leave for others to enjoy. Can I also ask gardeners to resist the temptation to trim back the ivy at this time of the year. The ivy flowers are a rare source of nectar for butterflies as they prepare to hibernate. Instead, admire the vibrant colour of the Red Admirals, Commas, Tortoiseshells (now sadly very scarce) and Peacocks as they flock around the flowers on a sunny afternoon. Cut back in late Winter or early Spring instead, to encourage tidy, fresh growth. Ed*

## Tennis in North Aston

Is there any interest in the village in playing tennis? If so, we would like to share the availability of our tennis court with keen tennis players in the village. This is an experiment which we hope will work out - it will all depend on responsible and sensible usage.

In order to be insured we need to have formal membership, so we have registered a club with the Lawn Tennis Association; 'North Aston Tennis'. This involves some costs so I am suggesting players should pay an annual membership of £20 per household for any family that wants to join.

If you might be interested in joining the club, can you email me at [cewoodhead@btinternet.com](mailto:cewoodhead@btinternet.com) to give me your name, email address and any questions you have. I will then send you the joining details. Alternatively ring me on 01869 340358. When the membership is set up, there will be an online booking system, but anyone not happy to book online can of course get in touch with me directly to check availability.

Regards, Christopher and Chloe, Folly Field House

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# North Aston Village Forum

Thursday 17th August 2017 ~ Notes

**Those present:** Mark Stay (MS, Chairman) Beverly Rees (BR, Treasurer), James Taylor (JT, Secretary), Chloe Woodhead (CH), Robert Hite (RH), Clive Busby (CB), Trudy Busby (TB), Linda Brown (LB), Marcus Potts (MP), Annie Savage (AS), Tony Buxton (AB).

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## Fête Feedback

BR said the total taken on the day was just under £4000. £3241 had been paid into the bank with £573.53 held back to cover expenses – some of which hadn't come in yet. It was felt that the costs were much lower this year than last.

The general layout of the Fête was deemed to have been successful. A discussion was had as to whether some more benign games might be included next year, it having been noted that there was quite a high percentage of *shoot-em-up* games. MS suggested an inter-village Tug-of-War involving Somerton and Duns Tew – with a competition at each respective fête.

CB felt it unnecessary to have to ask to see people's programmes before allowing them on certain stalls. MP said he was concerned that some people were entering without paying. A discussion was had as to whether we need programmes at all. Maybe the entry fee could simply be an entry ticket that also acted as a prize draw ticket. This would be much cheaper and save MP a lot of time. Any programme of events could be displayed on a couple of boards.

It was suggested that the main raffle uses printed tickets instead of the cloakroom tickets as currently. This could also mean fewer tickets but an increase in the price to 50p each rather than 50p per strip. The question of licensing arose.

MS reminded the meeting that last year it had been suggested we use coloured wheelie bins to help with disposing/recycling of waste. He would like to introduce that next time.

TB asked if the village could have its own set of cups and saucers. (It was noted that this had come up last year as well!) It was agreed to look around for some cheap sets – from JS Auctions or the like.

LB made a request for more tables and chairs near the tea tent for people to sit and eat at. Card table size was considered big enough.

MS asked if the date for next year could be set as 14th July, because the 3rd Saturday in the month (the 21st) would occur after the school holidays had started. CW said that when Duns Tew changed their fête from end of July to end of June takings went up by a third.

TB said that she felt the cake marquee was looking a bit grubby. It seems that attempts to clean it have had no effect. She also commented that the stated prizes for the "Pegs on the line" game was a bottle of wine and a book token – but in reality a packet of biscuits was given out. There was obviously some confusion here and it would be looked into.

## What are we raising money for?

MS wanted the Village to consider why it was raising money and what it should be used for.

A defibrillator was the main suggestion from those present. Many other local villages have them now. MS said at a cost of £1400 he would need to feel there was real support from the village before spending that sort of money. He encouraged those who were in favour to ask people to contact him directly so he could feel confident there was enough support for this idea to push it forward.

A footpath up to Park Farm was also put forward but MP said

the Village wouldn't have nearly enough funds for a project on that scale, what with all the highway regulations etc.

## Mikron Theatre Visit

MS said this was a fantastic show, as always, and that he had intended to have a stall advertising the event at the village fête the week before – but this hadn't happened. It was felt numbers were slightly down on last year. AS wondered if the timing (1.00pm on a Sunday) could have contributed to that. MS said he would contact Mikron to get feedback and see if they would like to return.

## Mid-Cherwell Neighbourhood Plan

The Executive has produced a Draft Plan with Appendices and a Report Summary – copies of which will be available in the Bakery. People are invited to comment on the Draft or Summary up until the Tuesday 19th September \* – using the MCNP website. CW said that a huge amount of work had gone into the document. She also pointed out that North Aston should not be alarmed to see The Green not mentioned on the wish list of green spaces to be preserved. This is because it already has statutory protection and is officially registered as a Village Green. MS thanked CW for representing the Village at the MCNP Forum. (\* *Details were published in the September News and distributed via the mailing list in August.*)

## Harvest Lunch

This has been confirmed for Sunday 1st October at The Orchard Barn – Nicholson Nurseries. To help increase attendance MS suggested we return to door-to-door ticket sales prior to the event and invited anyone planning on going to invite a neighbour. AS volunteered to help with the ticket sales.

## Flower & Produce Show

It was noted that this was taking place on the same day as the Park Farm House barbecue. MP said in theory it would be possible to attend both. MS said it would be good to support Park Farm House as well if possible, as they had put on a few events which have not had much support.

## Any Other Business

AS wanted to point out that **dog fouling** had once again become an unacceptable issue on the Woodland footpath and that many people including families with children were suffering from the consequences.

RH asked if a contact number for the **Speed Watch** campaign could be listed in the Newsletter along with the other contact numbers on the "Contacts" page.

It has been noticed that there have been no notices in the new **Notice Board**. MP said he was still in the process of completing the Village Map that will go in the centre panel. MS asked if some small knobs could be put on the doors to make them easier to open. A suggestion was put forward that a notice could be put in the board with the key holders contact number for anyone wishing to put up a notice. It was also noted that there had been no inscription above the board along the lines of "Village Notice Board" or "North Aston Village Notice Board" as had been the original plan.

JT and BR reminded the Forum that they would be stepping down as **Secretary** and **Treasurer** at the **January AGM** – having served for three years. The date for the next meeting would be published in the *North Aston News*.

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# Councillor Calling



It was with great sadness that we learnt of the passing of John Harvey-Lee, a long time stalwart of the village and community, and who did so much for the village over the years. He was a former Secretary of the Parish Meeting and the instigator of the Neighbourhood Watch, and co-author of the official history of the village. We, your district councillors and CDC send our sincerest condolences to his family and the North Aston community. He will I'm sure be hugely missed by all who knew him.

## The Horton

The main news that broke from CDC during the past month concerned the Horton General Hospital and the fact that a judge has ruled in favour of Cherwell District Council, South Northamptonshire Council, Stratford-on-Avon District Council and Banbury Town Council in our fight against proposed downgrades to services at the Horton General Hospital.

The councils are seeking a judicial review into the Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group's (OCCG) consultation on changes to services including maternity, critical care and hospital bed use. On Tuesday, 5th September at the Royal Courts of Justice in London, Mr Justice Fraser ruled that the claimants should be granted a three-day hearing at which they can challenge the way in which the consultation was run and make the case for a full judicial review. It is expected that the hearing will take place later in 2017.

## Parking

Another piece of news which will affect many of the parishes in the district, although possibly not so much in North Aston, is the fact that CDC has agreed to give police £60,000 to improve Parking Enforcement across the district.

The money will allow Thames Valley Police to dedicate the equivalent of one full-time Community Support Officer (PCSO) to parking enforcement for the next two years. This will mainly affect parishes where parking is an issue at school times, or inconsiderate and illegal parking at busy junctions, public events or entertainment/hospitality venues.

## Waste

Parishioners are also quite rightly concerned about new guidelines for the Ardley and other Waste Recycling Centres in the district. First of all there is the good news is that all will remain open. There had been rumours from OCC that Ardley and others might be closed, but at least that is now not happening. However, new rules and charges for 'Non Household Waste' are proposed. This is classified as larger items such as bathroom or kitchen white goods etc, normally taken to the tip when a household is renovating or updating their kitchens, bathrooms or gardens. There is a guide to the nature of these chargeable items on the OCC website. The charge itself will be £1.50 per item, and this came into effect on Sunday, October 1st.

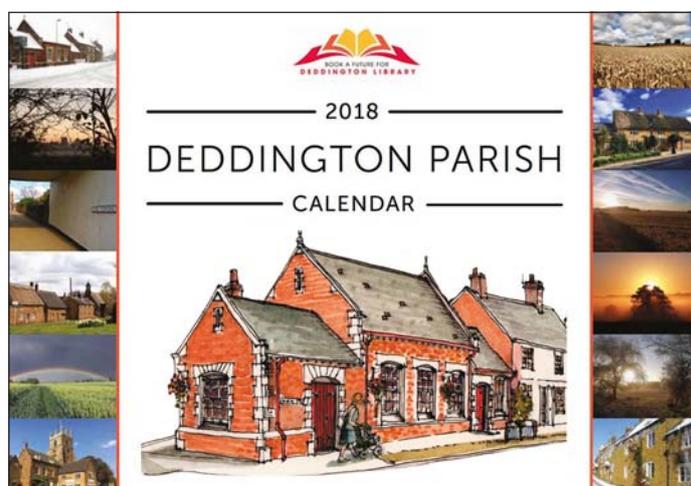
## Heyford Developments

Another topic that may have concerned residents of North Aston will have been the application for yet more housing at Upper Heyford, in particular on a Greenfield site off Camp Road, specifically application 15/01357/F.

The application was discussed at the latest Planning Committee meeting on Thursday, September 28th and was passed subject to various requirements set out in the minutes. I appreciate that there were a number of objections, including those of the Mid-Cherwell Neighbourhood Plan Forum, but CDC clearly believed it was justifiable under the current Local Plan and planning guidelines, however unpopular the surrounding parishes and residents believe it to be.

## Bryn Williams

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The Friends of Deddington Library are delighted to announce that the 2018 Parish Calendar is now on sale! A launch event was held on Friday 22nd September at the library for the photographic competition winners and sponsors, at which the calendar was revealed for the very first time! The top three entrants were presented with a large canvas print of their winning entry and the remaining finalists and Sponsors were presented with a complimentary calendar. It was a lovely evening, much enjoyed by all.

We've had a fantastic response to the photo competition and received some excellent entries. It was extremely difficult to choose the final 12 images for the calendar but we hope you'll agree the winning entries are stunning. We are grateful to all the entrants and hope you'll continue shooting images of our wonderful parish and countryside for next year's competition.

We are also extremely grateful for such a positive response from the sponsors we approached; the parish businesses have really been behind this initiative; we sincerely hope they are as pleased with the results as we are!

We then ran a very busy market stall at the Farmers Market on Saturday 23rd September at which we promoted and sold the calendar. The take up was exceptionally good, and we hope that many within and beyond the parish will support it as you did last year. The 2018 Parish Calendars continue to be on sale at the library and will be available at the October and November Farmers' Markets too. Reserve yours by emailing [books@deddingtonlibrary.org](mailto:books@deddingtonlibrary.org), phoning the library on 01869 338 391 or just calling in and picking one up!

*Bryn Williams, Friends of Deddington Library*

# From Thames Valley Police

*A brief round-up of this month's updates:*

## On the telephone ...

Do you know when to dial 999 and when to ring 101? It's incredible when you hear the trivial reasons people use to justify calling the emergency services - they've locked themselves out of their house, blocked their toilet, or got a cotton bud stuck in their ear. One woman phoned because her TV wasn't working "and EastEnders is about to start!", while a man who did not have change for a parking machine called the police claiming the staff had kidnapped him because they were refusing to let him out for free. Put simply, you only call 999 in an emergency or when a life is threatened. At all other times, dial 101. Oh, and all those examples are real!

TVP has devised a short on-line survey that will help users to a better understanding of how and when to use the emergency services. Visit [www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/101or999](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/101or999)

## Victim of Crime?

The Police and Crime Commissioner's new initiative *Victims First* now has a Facebook page to keep people up to date on information, advice and support for victims of crime.

*Victims First* is a website which has advice on what to do and how to get help if you've been a victim of crime, including information on what you should expect from the police and other criminal justice agencies if you report the crime. There's a directory of support agencies and the website can be used to refer directly to the PCC's own services. If you've been a victim of crime, *Victims First* can help you find the support you need. Visit [www.victims-first.org.uk](http://www.victims-first.org.uk). The Facebook page is at @victimsfirstTV, where there are hints, tips and advice

## Theft in Lower Heyford

On the 13th September tools were stolen from a vehicle on Freehold Street in Lower Heyford. Please ensure that vehicles are locked and secured and that where possible tools are not kept in vehicles. Register your tools on a secure property-recording website such as [immobilise.com](http://immobilise.com). Mark tools clearly to deter the criminals, either by engraving them with name and postcode or mark them with permanent marker or paint. Leave your vehicle empty and set the alarm.

## BT Bill Scam

This is the latest email scam doing the rounds, and it's an easy one to fall for. The email looks like a regular statement from BT, advising you that your latest bill is now on-line and ready for viewing. It will say something like ...

*Your bill amount is: £356.50. This doesn't include any amounts brought forward from any other bills.*

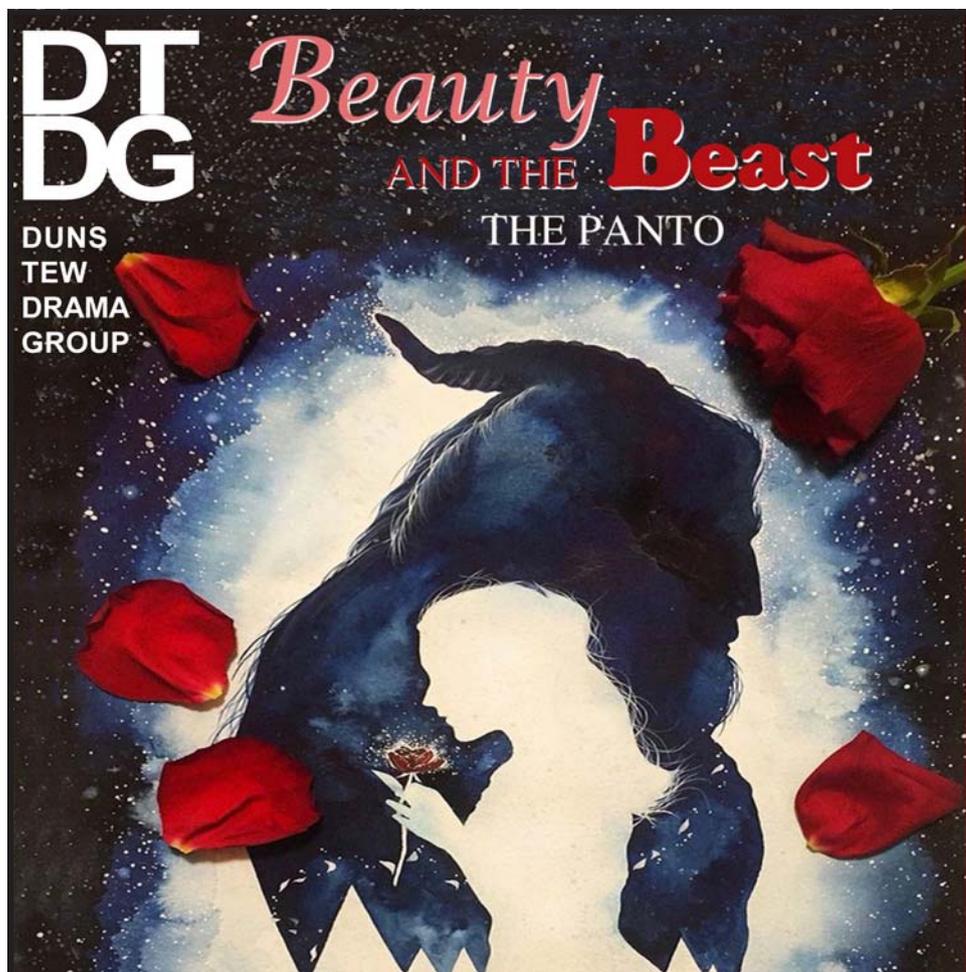
*We've put your latest BT bill online for you to view. See your bill here (with a link).*

*The PDF version of your bill might not be available for download yet. It can take up to 48 hours.*

*We'll take your payment from your account as usual by Direct Debit.*

It all looks fairly convincing, but the amount is probably more than you're expecting. However, not all the links lead to the genuine BT website. Instead you may arrive at a lookalike where your computer could be exposed to an attack by *Trojan Horse* software, which will be installed onto your computer from the bogus website and, potentially, relay information about your key-logging, bank details or personal data.

If you've been affected by any kind of fraud, report it to Action Fraud at [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk) or call 0300 123 2040.



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# Beauty AND THE Beast

THE PANTO

**Duns Tew Village Hall**

Evenings - 7.30pm  
Friday 1 Dec  
Saturday 2 Dec  
Friday 8 Dec  
Saturday 9 Dec  
£14 inc. supper

Matinee - 2.30pm  
Saturday 2 Dec  
Under 16's £5  
Adults £7

**Tickets on sale from Oct 15th**

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# The Church MATTERS



## Restoration & Reformation

I need to begin with a thank you and a note of celebration. We have reached our first target in the 'St Mary's For Everyone' campaign! We are appointing a contractor, and will have the renovations on the windows done in the Spring. We'd hoped for the autumn, but the stonemason we want to do the works is busy so it will be early next year. This is great news! Also, we have raised 30% of our entire project costs, which means we can start to apply to some larger funds and hopefully get closer to the amounts we need for the lychgate/path works, and for the alterations to the church's interior. If you'd like to make a donation of any amount - small or large - please contact me or Clive Busby or Jane McArdle.

In other news... October sees the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation in Europe. Some months ago, Kildare asked me if we were going to do anything about it.

Well, I began my Christian life at school, and I remember my History teacher giving me some books to read on the Reformation in Europe. Those books had a profound effect on me - as a student, as someone looking into history, and as a young Christian. I read about Martin Luther and others who changed the shape of their world as they read their Bibles and encouraged others to do the same. Luther always felt so human. I read of how this man from another country and another age would shout and get depressed and show enormous courage and deep insecurity - and through it all, his faith and hope in God would keep him going. I think as a fifteen year old, I could relate to all of that! I think as a fifty year old, I still can ...

At the end of October 1517 Luther wrote a letter containing 95 Theses, 95 reasons why the church needed to change, to the Archbishop of Mainz. Legend has it he also nailed the letter to the door of All Saints Church, Wittenberg. This was the start of that religious revolution - and that story, which I read when I was fifteen has always fired my heart. God's love is free and for everyone.

The Reformation changed politics, it changed culture, it changed the church and it changed people. It could be beautiful, as people loved and served each other; it could be ugly, as people fought to the death. It affected every part of life, and who we are today is still shaped by it - by Shakespeare, by Bach, by the Gunpowder Plot, by friendships and divisions across Europe and by more than we know.

In this Five Hundredth anniversary year, we recall how Luther began the Reformation in Germany which then spread across Europe and changed the history of the Western world. Simply put, he believed that the Bible said that you could never earn or buy a place in heaven. Salvation was the gift of God, a free gift, and God would give this gift to anyone who trusted in Jesus. "Anyone" means anyone. It's not just for the clever or the religious or for people who look like should get it - God's love is there on offer for anyone and everyone who asks.

On October 29th 2017, Reformation 500 Day, we will have a United Benefice Service in Steeple Aston at 11am to celebrate this event, and we will be joined by Dr Steven Gunn, head of History at Merton College Oxford and a member of St Ebbe's Church in the city. He will look at the Reformation in Europe and in England, and help us think how it can still make a difference for good for us today. Please do come and join us for this important event!

*Revd Marcus Green*

Bible Study happens most Mondays at 2pm in the Rectory. Morning prayer in October is on Wednesday October 26th at 10am in church. More news can be found on [www.sntchurch.com](http://www.sntchurch.com).



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: Richard Bailey, Kildare Bourke-Borrowes, Beryl Greenwood, Vicky Taylor, Jenny Martin, Ted Short, Jeremy Taylor and Norman West.



# CHURCH SERVICES

## PARISH WORSHIP IN OCTOBER-NOVEMBER

**NORTH ASTON**

**STEEPLE ASTON**

**TACKLEY**

### Sunday October 1st 2017 - Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

9:30 am  
Harvest Festival  
**Revd Marcus Green**

11:00 am  
Harvest Festival  
**Revd Marcus Green**

5:30 pm  
Harvest Festival  
**Revd Marcus Green and  
Canon Robin Gibbons**  
followed by Harvest Auction

### Sunday October 8th 2017 - Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

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

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

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

### Sunday October 15th 2017 - Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

9:30 am  
Holy Communion  
**Revd Stephen Pix**

11:00 am  
Holy Communion  
**Canon Bruce Gillingham**

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

### Sunday October 22nd 2017 - Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

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

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

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

### Sunday October 29th 2017 - Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost

No Service

11:00 am  
**Reformation 500**  
United Benefice Service  
**Revd Marcus Green & Dr Steven Gunn**  
Professor of History at Merton College Oxford

No Service

### Sunday November 5th 2017 - Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost

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  
All Souls Service  
**Revd Marcus Green and  
Canon Robin Gibbons**

Families are welcome to **all** Sunday services within the parish.  
Visit the Benefice Website for further information [www.sntchurch.com](http://www.sntchurch.com)

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