

## Dates for your diary

1<sup>st</sup> February 2017

### VILLAGE DRINKS EVENING



We thought it would be good to arrange a village drop in at The Blinking Owl. On **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February** the pub will be open at 6pm for anyone who would like to pop down for a drink to meet with friends and meet other villagers. Children are welcome.

### VILLAGE FETE

It's never too early to mention our village fete and this year it is on **Saturday 15th July**.

### HAR-FEST

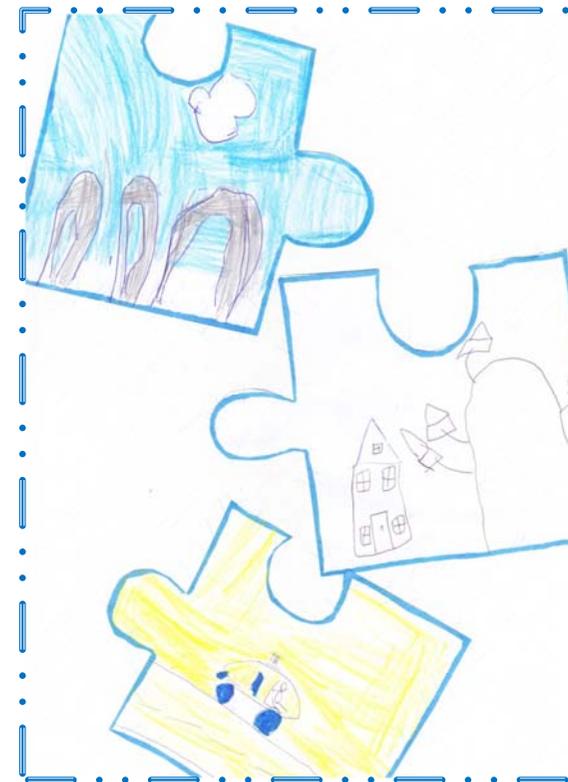
Also this year we will repeat our 'Har-Fest' competition but the date is not finalised yet but it will be at the **beginning of September**.

### BABYSITTERS

Emily Howarth – 01295 738560  
Esme Davidson – 01295 738247

If you would like to advertise any services around the village, babysitting, dog walking etc. please contact:  
**thegossip@northnewington.info**

# The Village Gossip



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## Broughton and North Newington Social Club

### DID YOU KNOW YOU COULD HIRE THE SOCIAL CLUB?

Broughton and North Newington Social Club is available to hire for a range of activities from family celebrations, parties with friends and more organised activities such as classes, clubs and events.



The Social Club is fully licensed and has ample car parking for visitors. The organising committee has recently been refreshed and are looking to ensure this local facility is used to its full potential.

A short questionnaire has been created, and the committee is interested in hearing your opinions.

1. Have you used the sports and social club before? If so, what were your impressions?
2. What would encourage you to use the facility on a regular basis? e.g. Yoga or fitness classes, themed village social events?
3. Would you be interested in helping develop the club as a venue for future village events?

For Enquiries and Bookings contact:  
**Stuart Williams on 07734824801**

If you have general comments or thoughts on the attached questions, please contact: **james@broughtongrounds.co.uk**



### **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN 2016!**

From everyone at Katharine House, a huge thank you to all of you in our community who have helped Katharine House Hospice over the last 12 months. Whether you volunteer your time, donate to our shops, take part in the Midnight Walk or Santa Fun Run, climb a mountain or hold a cake sale or fashion show, you're making a real difference to hundreds of people in the local area who are facing life-limiting illness. We couldn't carry on providing our services without your help. Thank you again, and we look forward to seeing you all in 2017!

### **COULD YOU VOLUNTEER AT KATHARINE HOUSE?**

We're always looking for volunteers to help us deliver a variety of services. Volunteers are an integral part of the work we do in our hospice and in the community.

Volunteer roles include: Catering Assistants, Kitchen Assistants, Receptionists, Complementary Therapists, Patient Drivers, Shop Volunteers, General Day, Hospice, Ward Clerks, Gardeners

For more information please visit our website ([www.khh.org.uk](http://www.khh.org.uk)) or contact Joanna Morris, Volunteer Co-ordinator on 01295 811866, email [volunteering@khh.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@khh.org.uk)

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Remember you can keep up to date with all our events and everything that's happening at the Hospice, as well as buy tickets to our events and donate to Katharine House by visiting our website: [www.khh.org.uk](http://www.khh.org.uk)

### **DO YOU KNOW SEO?**

Do you have experience optimising website content for search engines? Can you help us fine tune our content to make it easier for people in our community to find what they're looking for? If you can spare a few hours to help us provide a better online service to people facing life-limiting illnesses, please get in touch with Chris on 01295 816 484, or email [chris.higgins@khh.org.uk](mailto:chris.higgins@khh.org.uk)

### **Introduction**

Happy new year and welcome to the new look Village Gossip!

We really hope you like the new features we've included in this issue. We're aiming to introduce two new features per issue whilst keeping the regular articles you know and love!

As you can see we have introduced a cover to The Gossip, this cover has been created by Lucie Holford, Aidan McFarlane & Paloma Deane from the village. We'd like to have a different cover each time so we're asking for any villager young, old or in-between to submit their drawings to feature on the front cover, it can be of anything but ideally it should have a North Newington/village theme. Please either e-mail to [northnewington@gmail.com](mailto:northnewington@gmail.com) or drop off at 2 Herrieffs Barns (near the playing field).

Instead of monthly issues we have decided to go bi-monthly, the next Gossip will be delivered at the beginning of April, if you have anything you'd like included please email to the address above by the 5<sup>th</sup> March.

Happy reading!

CAT & KARRA

### **THANK YOU**

Thanks so much to Father Christmas for visiting the children of North Newington before Christmas and a huge thanks to all his elves and helpers for making it a lovely evening.

Also we must thank the Hook Norton Brass Band for helping us all have a lovely evening of friends and carols. Our virtually local quartet of singers were stars again with their beautiful voices and variations of Christmas songs and carols.

We hope everyone enjoyed the entire evening and that your 2017 is full of friends and it brings you all you wish for... here is to 2017.

LUCI JORDAN

## Valentine's day menu

### STARTER: CRISP PROSCIUTTO, PEA & MOZARELLA SALAD WITH MINT VINAIGRETTE

#### INGREDIENTS:

4 slices of prosciutto  
100g frozen peas  
1 ball buffalo mozzarella,  
torn into large pieces  
For the vinaigrette  
Juice ½ orange, 1 tbsp  
olive oil, small handful mint  
finely chopped plus extra  
small leaves to serve.



#### METHOD:

1. Heat a frying pan. Without adding any oil, fry the prosciutto slices until wrinkled and crisp. Place on a sheet of kitchen roll, leave to cool, break into large shards, then set aside.
2. Boil the peas in a pan of salted water for 2 mins until just tender.
3. Meanwhile, mix all the vinaigrette ingredients together, season, then set aside. If making ahead, do not add the chopped mint until ready to serve, as it will discolour.
4. When the peas are cooked, drain, then run them under cold water until completely cool. Pat dry with kitchen paper.
5. To serve, divide the mozzarella between 2 plates, scatter the peas over and sit the prosciutto shards on top. Drizzle the dressing over and around, and scatter with the mint leaves.



#### JUDAS BY AMOS OZ

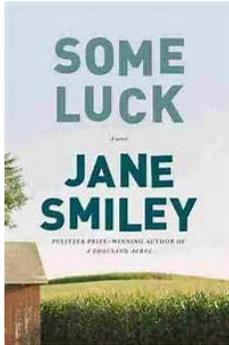
This was an unusual choice of book by the group. Amos Oz is an Israeli novelist with an international reputation. His books are intense, personal and deep. This one is set in 1959 Jerusalem. He explores a clash of idealisms that connects Israel's present and recent past to the story of the biblical traitor. Alternative views concerning the foundation of the Jewish state and its relationship with its Arab people are sharply debated. The less dominant (and losing) view is framed as betrayal by the other. But Oz then sets out to explore the idea of betrayal by examining the Judas figure of old; and by suggesting his act of treachery may have been for the best of motives.

The characters in the book are not likeable or admirable. But they do force a considered response from the reader. In the main the group found this a difficult book to deal with: enigmatic, over demanding and unsettling. The writing is first class but overall the book left an unsatisfactory after taste.

PAUL MILLER

## Blokes' Book Club

### SOME LUCK BY JANET SMILEY



This week's book was *Some Luck* by Janet Smiley. This is the first in a trilogy about a mid-western, American farming family, the Langdons, from the 1920's to the 1950's.

Janet Smiley is a well-known and respected American author and academic and the recipient of several prestigious literary awards including the Pulitzer.

The book describes the Langdons through years of growth, drought, dust, mechanisation, family expansion and birth and death all related to an unfolding socio-political America together with the Second World War and its aftermath. A pretty big canvas and this is just the first instalment. Each year is given a chapter in which the progress of each family member is described.

We had mixed feelings about the book but it did provoke a lot of discussion. It was easy reading, perhaps too easy and superficial, but nonetheless page-turning. There was uncertainty about whether a narrative would emerge or whether it would become a family saga and it took a good third of the way into the book before the saga triumphed.

There was disappointment about the lack of psychological development of the characters and a bit of confusion because of the jumble of events towards the end. Having said that some of the writing was evocative, profoundly moving and intensely realistic particularly of life in a farming community.

So, all in all a good quality soap, easily readable and gripping; Interesting too that one of Smiley's main fields of research was Dickens and his novels.

ROGER SHAPLEY

## MAIN COURSE: SEA BASS WITH MUSHROOMS AND POTATOES

### INGREDIENTS:

600g new potatoes, unpeeled  
400g mushrooms (mixture is good), thickly sliced  
75ml olive oil, plus extra for rubbing on the fish  
A few sprigs of thyme  
3 garlic cloves, finely chopped  
Juice & grated zest of ½ lemon  
2 chunky sea bass fillets  
Salt & black pepper

### METHOD:

1. Preheat the oven to 200C/180C Fan
2. Put the potatoes in a saucepan and cover them with water. Bring the water to the boil and simmer the potatoes for 7-8 minutes, until they're half way to being cooked through. Drain and slice them thickly.
3. Take a large roasting tin and line it with foil. Add the potatoes and mushrooms, spreading them out evenly in a single layer. Drizzle over the olive oil, then add the thyme, garlic and lemon juice and zest. Season generously.
4. Roast the mushrooms and potatoes in the oven for about 15 minutes, by which time they should be browning around the edges.
5. Rub the skin of the sea bass fillets with olive oil, then season them with salt and pepper. Place the fillets on top of the mushrooms and potatoes, skin-side up, and put the tin back in the oven. Roast for 8-10 minutes, depending on the thickness of the fillets, until the fish is just cooked through. Serve immediately.

## DESERT: MINI BLUEBERRY CHEESECAKES

### INGREDIENTS:

75g digestive biscuits	1 tsp cornflour
25g butter	Juice of ½ lemon
2tsp golden syrup	2 tbsps water
300g full fat cream cheese	40g caster sugar
65g caster sugar	200g blueberries
1 lemon, grated rind and juice	
200ml double cream	

### METHOD:

1. Add the biscuits to a small plastic bag, seal the top then crush the biscuits with a rolling pin. Heat the butter and golden syrup in a small saucepan until melted, stir in the biscuit crumbs and mix together. Divide between eight 75ml (3 fl oz) heart shaped sections in a flexible silicone cake mould. Press the biscuits into a thin layer with the back of a teaspoon. Chill while making the filling.
2. Add the cream cheese, caster sugar and lemon rind to a bowl and whisk together until just mixed. Gradually whisk in the lemon juice and the cream until smooth and thick.
3. Spoon the cheesecake mixture into crumb lined moulds then spread into an even layer and swirl the tops with the back of a spoon. Chill for 5 hours or overnight.
4. To make the blueberry topping, add the cornflour to a small saucepan, stir in the lemon juice and mix until smooth. Then add the water, sugar and blueberries. Cook over a medium heat for 2-3 minutes, stirring until the blueberries are just beginning to soften and the sauce has thickened to become a rich blueberry colour. Leave to cool, cover and chill until ready to serve.
5. To serve, loosen the edges of the heart moulds and press up from the base, removing the cheesecakes with a small spatula. Transfer to serving plates and spoon the blueberries on top.

## Compost corner



🥕 This is an ideal time to plant bare rooted fruit, ornamental and indigenous trees. Do not plant into their final positions if the ground is frozen. If this is the case dig a temporary trench and heel in the root stock with the stems at an angle for planting out when the frost has cleared.

- 🥕 Check plants in the greenhouse. Remove any dead or yellowing foliage and check for fungal growths. A light spray with an anti-fungal spray, repeated at two to three weekly intervals should clear the condition for the rest of the season.
- 🥕 2017 seed catalogues are now out with the main companies, either in book form or on-line. Resist the temptation to buy cheap out of season seed. Fresh, current season seed will always give the best results.
- 🥕 Ensure that propagators and heaters are in good working order in readiness for the first sowings to be made at the end of the month.
- 🥕 Apply a mulch of compost to herbaceous borders. The worms will pull much of this underground by spring, greatly improving the soil condition for next seasons growth. Do remember that spring bulbs will soon be pushing through, so don't overdo the compost in planted up areas.

ALAN CRAVEN

## Julian's jokes

Last night I drank 8 pints of yoghurt.  
I was absolutely mullered.

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No matter how kind you think your children are, German children are kinder.

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I buy all my guns from a guy called T-Rex. He's a small arms dealer.

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Just booked a table for Valentine's Day for my wife and me.  
It's bound to end in tears though: she's rubbish at snooker.

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Two wind turbines in a field, and one says to the other: "Do you like music?"  
The other replies: "Yes, I'm a big metal fan."

## Valentine's crafts

### LOVEWORM BOOKMARK

#### YOU WILL NEED:

a strip of card  
6 small craft foam hearts  
1 large craft foam heart  
2 tiny craft foam hearts  
1 pipe cleaner  
2 small wiggle eyes  
red pen  
heart sticker  
glue



#### INSTRUCTIONS:

- Stick six of the small hearts in a column overlapping the top of one heart over the point of the heart above. This is the body.
- Stick the large heart on top. This is the head.
- Cut two short pieces of pipe cleaner. Stick these to the back of the head. Stick a tiny heart to the end of each piece of pipe cleaner.
- Glue on the wiggle eyes to the head, add a heart sticker for the nose and draw on a mouth.

### LOVEBUG LOLLIPOP

#### YOU WILL NEED:

2 large craft foam hearts  
2 small craft foam hearts  
1 pipe cleaner  
2 tiny craft foam hearts or sequins  
2 small wiggle eyes  
lollipop  
glue  
double-sided sticky tape



## VIG Screen

Fridays at 7.30pm (doors open at 7.00pm)  
Bishop Carpenter School Hall on School Lane, North Newington

**10<sup>th</sup> February**

**HAIL CAESAR!**

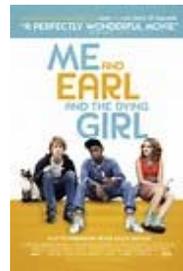


**10<sup>th</sup> March**

**NOW YOU SEE MEE 2**

**31<sup>st</sup> March**

**ME AND EARL AND THE DYING GIRL**



## 5. Finance

-Review of Income and Expenditure - as the Responsible Finance Officer was not present at this meeting the monthly accounts will be reviewed at the next meeting.

-Bill payments

-Chq: 300078 £60.00 N Prickett October grass cut

-Chq: 300079 £150.00 Katherine House Hospice donation

-Chq: 300080 £386.61 Clerks salary and expenses

**6. Children's Playground** – A working party has cleared the leaves from the play area. The hedge is to be cut before spring. There were no other problems to report.

## 7. Clerks Business

-Letter to Bishop Carpenter – The School have responded to the Council assuring them that the gates will be open on time for parents to collect children. They will also write again to parents asking for their co-operation in parking sensibly and safely around the village, giving due consideration to residents.

-Residents letter of objection to planning application 16/02006/F – Two storey side extension to Glen. View – The council has received a letter of objection to this planning application. The Council note the objection.

-Planning consultation, Oxford's unmet housing needs – 12 December – The Clerk and Cllr Davidson to attend and report back.

-Village transport – The council has received three completed questionnaires with one interested in having a bus service for the village.

-Barclays bank - signature mandate - The Clerk & RFO have visited the Banbury Branch to provide the further information required.

-Village telephone kiosk – after much discussion the PC resolved not to apply to adopt the kiosk.

-Transparency code grant – the pc resolved not to apply for a grant at this time.

-Main Green & Triangle Green posts – The main green post has been fixed back into place by a resident. The PC awaits a quote to replace the Triangle green post.

**8. Village Improvement Group** - There were no updates from the VIG to report

**9. Any other matters for discussion** – There were no other matters for discussion

The next meeting will be on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2017

The meeting closed at 9.04pm

## North Newington Parish Council – MN12/16

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at Bishop Carpenter School at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs D Jennings, S Holford, M Davison Clerk E Boswell

Apologies: Cllr Espinaisse, Cllr Doidge

Guests: Martin Fagan – Community Enterprise

### 1. Minutes of the Previous Meetings

These were agreed and signed

**2. Declaration of Interest** – There were no declarations of interest

### 3. Matters Arising

- Community Enterprise presentation - Martin Fagan from Community Enterprise delivered a very comprehensive and informative presentation on defibrillators and how the Parish Council could approach the process should they decide to proceed with purchasing a defibrillator for the community. Mr Fagan will provide a quotation, and the Parish Council will consider this matter further at the next meeting.

- Start Parish Precept Calculations – There are currently no large projects for the council to consider or significant increase to the current budget, therefore it is unlikely that the precept will need to be increased. As the RFO was not present at the meeting the precept calculations will be finalised at the next meeting.

### 4. Planning Permission

- 16/01982/F – Erection of new storage outbuilding to front – Roselyn, School Lane, North Newington - The Parish Council has the following objections to this planning application: The look and design of the storage unit would appear to resemble that of a residential dwelling rather than that of a storage outbuilding. The position of the proposed storage unit is in front of the existing build line of School Lane and due to the size the proposed unit would have a visual impact on the surrounding properties. Permitting planning permission could set and unacceptable precedent for other properties in the vicinity. Should permission be granted the parish council would like the following conditions to apply: - The storage outbuilding should be used solely as ancillary to the dwelling house of 'Roselyn' and should not be sold, leased or used separately from 'Roselyn' or used as an independent unit.

-16/02352/LB – Re-building of existing chimney stacks – The Roebuck, Banbury Road, North Newington – The Parish Council has no objections to this application and has no further observations or comments.

-16/00296/TCA – T1,T2,T3 x cherry – Crown thin by 15% T4 x Eucalyptus, T5 x Elder, T6 x Laburnum T7 x Apple – Crown thin by 20% - T-Tree House, Main Street, North Newington – NOTICE OF DECISION – No objections

-16/00254/TCA – Conifer T1 – Fell due to excessive shading and low amenity value, 1 Hill View Banbury Rd, North Newington – NOTICE OF DECISION – No objections

-16/01693/F – Erection of single and two storey extensions, Becks, Park Lane, North Newington – NOTICE OF DECISION - Granted

## Kids Screen

More Kid's Screen films coming soon ...



If you have any requests or would like to help out with the Kid's screen please speak to Mike Wilson.



## The future of health care in North Oxfordshire

The meeting in the school last Monday to discuss The Loss of Acute Services at the Horton Hospital was well attended and informative, and demonstrated major support for the Horton.

Changing demographics and health care needs coupled with a reduction in hospital beds and specialist services such as Consultant Lead Maternity, in-patient paediatrics, and consultant-lead Accident and Emergency underwritten by decreasing funding are changing local provision. The depth and extent of these changes hadn't been fully appreciated.

The Government believes that the NHS needs a major re-jigging yet again, underwritten by their budgetary constraints. The three key elements of the re-jigging are Health and Well Being, Care and Quality and Financial Challenges.

The forty-four LHE's [Local Health Economies] in England have been asked to produce Sustainability and Transformation Plans {STP's} in line with the above three elements.

We are part the BOB STP [Buckingham, Oxon and Berkshire Sustainability and Transformation Plan.]

Beyond the platitudes, getting exact information about the proposals is VERY difficult.

There will be a public consultation on the above beginning next week. There will be meetings in Banbury on 26/1/17 and 16/3/17. One will be public and one round table. We don't know the venues yet! The elements for discussion haven't been published yet!

The exercise is called The Big Consultation.

Contact [www.oxonhealthcaretransformation.nhs.uk](http://www.oxonhealthcaretransformation.nhs.uk)  
[cscsu.talkinghealth@nhs.net](mailto:cscsu.talkinghealth@nhs.net)  
ring 01865 334638

Your GP practice is supposed to have details too. I tried them today and they haven't!

**KEEP AT IT. IT ISN'T JUST FOR US BUT FOR OUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN TOO!**

## North Newington Table Tennis Club

North Newington table tennis started up 18 months ago. We run four sessions, all coached by Eric Barlow: two after school clubs for years 5 and 6 on Thursday, and a junior club at 6:30-8 on Wednesday followed by an adults community club session. Our ultimate aim is for junior players to progress into the adult section and represent the village in the local league.

Table tennis is a fast, explosive sport which combines skilful deft touches and spins and can appeal particularly to some more introverted youngsters who shun team sports. It can be played competitively or 'just for fun' and is suitable for all ages and abilities. As the juniors continue to progress from participation into 'performance' standard they will be encouraged to enter local competitions: we are planning to send squads to the Oxfordshire Schools U13 and Lillington (Warwick) tournaments. Some of our players also attend the Friday evening League Coaching Academy, and the Head Coach has given some great feedback about them.

The adults club now has a team in the Banbury league. We are learning and developing a lot as the year progresses. With 13 teams in the division there is a broad spread of experience and ability: sometimes it can be frustrating, but we've won some matches and are both enjoying it and improving.

During the last couple of years, as Banbury Table Tennis Coaching Officer, Eric has been heavily involved in the local coaching development project with the aim to significantly increase table tennis participation in the Banbury area, of which the North Newington club is just one element.

Our juniors have had a lot of support from the school, community, volunteers and parents for which we would like to say a big thank you. In particular we would like to give special thanks to Eric for his leadership and coaching, and to Geoff Gilkes who gives up such a lot of his free time and supports the coaching at all three junior sessions. Villagers and BCS children are always welcome to come along to try us out: contact [julian@woowar.com](mailto:julian@woowar.com) for more information.