

Dates for your diary, and other bits and bobs continued ...

1ST APRIL 2017

THE VILLAGE GOSSIP

VILLAGE WEBSITE

Do you use the Village website?

We try and keep it up to date but could always use some help. It always has the PC news and other useful contacts. Also news about the Church, local events, village events and even the School. Have a look anyway. Northnewington.wordpress.com or simply google North Newington.

FACEBOOK

You must be on Facebook?

So is your village, so keep up to date and have a look at the page. It will remind you about the next films at the School, up-coming events at the pub or other information about the area and village. You can put info on it too or just ask questions.

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

WYATT ALMSHOUSE – ACCOMODATION AVAILABLE

A ground floor, single bedroom unit will shortly become available at the Wyatt Almshouses at Broughton and the Trustees invite applications for occupancy, in writing please, addressed to Margaret Allan, Laverock, Main Street, North Newington, Banbury OX15 6AE. Closing date 21st April 2017.

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The school field

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VILLAGE DRINKS EVENING



It was lovely to see so many of you at the last village drinks evening, so we thought we would arrange another one.

On **Friday 28th April** 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. This will be held on **Sunday 10th September**.



REGISTRATION NOW OPEN: MIDNIGHT WALK 2017

Our 11th Midnight walk will take place on Saturday 24th June. This year's theme is 'Animals', so bring your rabbit ears, slip in to a zebra onesie, or join your friends in a giant caterpillar. Whatever shape, size, or type of animal you choose, you're sure to have a memorable Midnight Walk! Before 30th April the 'Early Bird' entry fee is £15. (£20 thereafter) Please sign up today to help raise money for your local hospice. Sign up at www.khh.org.uk/midnight-walk

HOSPICE OPEN DAY – 12 MAY (2-5PM)

Drop in to the hospice on Friday 12 May from 2 to 5pm for cake and a cuppa to find out more about what we do. Find out how you can get involved as a volunteer or fundraiser, or how you can refer someone to us. We hope you'll be able to join us! For further information, please visit www.khh.org.uk/open-day

CALLING ALL KNITTERS! EASTER KNITS NEEDED

This year's Easter Knits have been so popular we are now in need of even more. Our knitted ladybirds, chicks and bunnies raised over £7,000 last year. If you're a knitter, why not try your hand at making some of our Easter novelties? For more information and our knitting patterns, please get in touch or visit www.khh.org.uk/easter-knitting

EDUCATION COURSES FOR HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS

We offer a range of educational opportunities including short courses, placements and visits for doctors, nurses, allied health professionals, care assistants and students. We also run training sessions for our staff and volunteers. This year we have three courses available for those working in health and social care. You can find more information and book your place for any of the courses via our website, www.khh.org.uk alternatively you can contact Annie Essex on 01295 811866 or annie.essex@khh.org.uk.



Village News

FETE NEWS ...

As I am sure you are all aware, the Summer Village Fete is on 15th July this year. If you would like to be a stall holder or have a good idea for a new stall or game, please get in contact with us. It was lovely to see so many children getting involved last year. We also have a vacancy on the Wine and Water stall.

As it is on Wimbledon weekend this year, the day may have a tennis theme.

As in previous years, there will be a village BBQ after the fete. What about some live music this year, or do you have a better idea? Maybe a village rounders competition, or just the whole village playing football? Radio Horton will be joining us once more.

So do make your voices heard, and come and join in the preparations. Ring Luci on 730928, Jess on 738851, Mike on 738207 or Elaine on 738803 ... or any other VIG member.

Watch the Gossip for further news!

HAR-FEST

Due to popular demand Har-fest is back again this year. It will be held on 10th September at the School, times to be confirmed nearer the day. The entry forms will be in the next few issues of the Gossip, along with a list of all the classes, so you can organise your vegetable and fruit patches to reflect your entries. There will also be art and craft categories; and a cake, jam and chutney section.

If you have any ideas for categories you would like to see, do please get in touch. Or maybe you would like to be a judge?

Ring Penny Gulliver on 07808480880 or Luci Jordan on 07754016865 if you want to help in any way. Thanks to all our village artists and gardeners.

VILLAGE PLANT TUBS

If you live near one of our 22 plant tubs, please look after them. In the summer months they will need watering, but also a bit of weeding and general care. The new summer plants will be put in during April/May so come and help out if you can. If you think a plant tub needs replacing, just let us know.

Easter treats

LEMONY EASTER CHICKS

Get the kids involved in the Easter celebrations with these mini meringues. A light lemony flavour and cute chick decoration makes them the perfect Easter treat.



Ingredients:

2 medium egg whites
100g golden caster sugar
½ tsp cornflour
grated zest ½ lemon, plus tsp juice
yellow food colouring paste
orange, black and yellow icing pen, to decorate

Wild Oxfordshire

THE STATE OF OXFORDSHIRE'S NATURE: Wild Oxfordshire's new report reveals the county's nature is at a tipping point.

On 21 March, local conservation charity Wild Oxfordshire launched the first ever complete picture of the State of Oxfordshire's Nature.

Over 100 people representing some 45 organisations attended the launch at Blenheim Palace. Oxford University's Professor David McDonald set the scene and fascinating range of speakers gave their perspective on Oxfordshire's wildlife. From young photographer and nature enthusiast 13 year old Alex White, to a local group of volunteers working hard to restore the precious Lye Valley in the middle of Oxford, whilst Smiths Bletchington showed how good gravel pit restoration can benefit wildlife.

THE FUTURE

Challenges and pressures on wildlife will not go away. Oxfordshire's State of Nature Report supports previous national calls for more, bigger, better and joined up natural habitats. That requires action across all sectors not just conservation organisations. Sian Liwicki, Chair of Trustees, for Wild Oxfordshire, said: *"Wild Oxfordshire is delighted to have played a key role in what has been a huge partnership effort. The fate of the county's future is at a tipping point and only the involvement of all sectors can secure Oxfordshire's nature for future generations."*

We are grateful to Oxfordshire County Council, Natural England, Banbury Ornithological Society, Beard Construction, Blenheim Palace, Seacourt Press and Smiths (Bletchington) for their kind support.

From 22nd March – download the report
www.wildoxfordshire.org.uk/stateofnature

Safe and Well visits from Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service

Did you know that Oxfordshire County Council's Fire and Rescue Service offer free Safe and Well Visits? Our firefighters will visit you at home to see what they can do to help you reduce the risk of fire.

What does a visit cover? It combines a Home Safety Check to help reduce the risk of fire in your home, such as checking and fitting smoke alarms and helping you make a fire escape plan. We can also offer you advice and support to help your health and wellbeing.

During the visit firefighters are able to provide advice and support to reduce any immediate risk from falls, fire, flood or power cuts, along with advice to help protect you from scams and doorstep crime.

You can request a visit online at www.365alive.co.uk/safewell or call our Community Safety Helpline on 08000 325 999. If a loved one or friend would benefit from a visit please let them know about our Safe and Well visits.

Do you have a fire safety concern or question? There's lots of great tips and advice to help keep you and your family safer at home on www.365alive.co.uk. Or you can call our Community Safety Helpline on 08000 325 999.

Oxfordshire County Council Fire & Rescue Service

Method:

1. Heat oven to 140C/120C fan/gas 1. Line a baking sheet with baking parchment and put a medium-sized plain nozzle on a piping bag.
 2. In a clean bowl, whisk the egg whites until they are very stiff. Add half the sugar and continue to whisk until the mixture is becoming firm and shiny.
 3. Stir the cornflour into the remaining sugar and add to the meringue, along with the lemon zest and juice, and a smidge of yellow food colouring paste. Whisk again until you have a very thick, firm and glossy pale yellow meringue.
 4. Carefully spoon the meringue into the piping bag. Push any air out of the top and tightly twist the opening to seal. Pipe about 25 thumb-sized dollops onto your baking sheet – if possible, try to make them wider at the base than the top, resembling a chick's body and head. Leave a gap between each chick to allow for expanding when cooking.
 5. Cook in the oven for 30 mins until they are crisp, firm and come off the baking parchment easily. Leave to cool on a wire rack.
 6. To decorate, use the orange icing pen to make a V-shaped beak, and a black icing pen for eyes and feet. The yellow icing pen can be used to decorate fluffy hair on the chick's head and/or wings. Will keep for up to 1 week in an airtight container.
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Easter crafts

EASTER SWEET JARS

YOU WILL NEED:

- Small jars
- PVA glue
- Paint brush
- Fine glitter
- Craft foam
- Sweets
- Pom poms
- Googley eyes



INSTRUCTIONS:

- Paint a thin layer of PVA all over your jar.
- Sprinkle on glitter and shake off the excess.
- Set aside and allow to dry.
- Cut ears from the craft foam and stick them to the jar.
- Glue on a pom pom for the tail.
- Glue on googley eyes, and a pom pom for a nose.
- Then cut whiskers from the foam and glue them into place.
- For the chick, cut out some feet from the foam and stick them to the bottom of the jar, add a triangle beak from the foam.
- Then fill with sweets!

Julian's Jokes

The thing about opportunistic ceramicists is that if you give them an inch they'll make a tile.

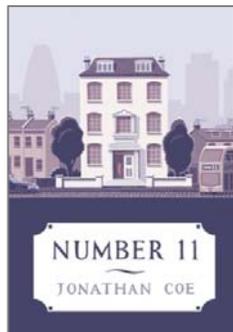
How the hell am I supposed to know when it's raining in Sweden?

Apparently, by law you have to turn your headlights on when it's raining in Sweden.

I fell asleep at a party last night, and someone put a teabag in my mouth. I was furious! No one treats me like a mug.

Ever since I can remember I've always wanted to make one of the Seven Dwarves change colour - and if I could I'd dye Happy.

Bloke's Book Club



NUMBER 11 BY JONATHAN COE

This was February's read. It's Coe's eleventh novel and is thought to be a sequel to *What a Carve Up*. Coe is an academic and has a powerful line in mockery and satire taken almost to sci. fi. levels. He is passionate about social injustice, prejudice of any sort and political inadequacy and corruption. Sounds good? You wait!

No 11 is the house next door to the lady who has no opposition, a circular Birmingham bus route frequented by down and outs who want to escape and enjoy warmth for a couple of hours and the eleventh underground floor of an obscenely expensive house in Kensington.

The book relates an intermingling series of accounts of unrelated people all experiencing traumatic events largely due to upbringing, misfortune, prejudice and general lack of support. The protagonists over the course of time emerge, connect, fail and sometimes succeed.

All sounds serious stuff? It is, but the writing is adventurous, gripping, rollicking and can be very funny. We had a few problems. There were obvious political interpretations and differences. I think the main problem was that we didn't know how to take it; serious satire, humour or just a good read? He is a good writer, we all agreed.

If you want to be amused at a left-of-centre level, or arm yourself for a good old political argument with friends or family, go for it.

Roger Shapley



North Newington Freecycle



One nearly new
television table, oak
wood.
2 drawers. Come and
have a look. Ring Luci on
730928

Please email thegossip@northnewington.info if you have any items in need of a new home.

VIG Screen

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



LOVE AND
FRIENDSHIP

28th April

A STREET CAT
NAMED BOB

19th May



LION

23rd June



JACKIE

7th July



LA LA LAND

22nd September

Colour me in!



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News from Bishop Carpenter School

As spring emerges Bishop Carpenter are well into the New Year. Since the Christmas break alongside the Curriculum there have been many exciting opportunities for the children.



Athletic sessions have taken place at the Warriner School and a Netball tournament held at Sibford (joint FIRST).

Year 3 attended a singing workshop at Carrdus School and some children also took part in a music morning at Bloxham.

The fire service came in to talk about fire safety with Key Stage 2 (the junior children).

Key Stage 1 went to Warwick Castle and spent a very enjoyable, if a little cold, day and had lots of new experiences.

Class 3 are looking forward to their visit to the Sealife Centre at the end of this month.

Just last week, we had pancake races and World Book Day, when the children were invited to dress up as a character from a Roald Dahl book (pictures on our website shortly).

Which reminds me – look out for our all new Website being launched in April.

We have been celebrating our fantastic results with not only an article in the Banbury Guardian but also a letter of congratulations from Rt Hon Nick Gibb Minister of State for School Standards. Bishop Carpenter ranks in the top 1% of schools in the country and I am very proud of our pupils and our staff team.

Claire Clark

Kids Screen

Bishop Carpenter School Hall on School Lane, North Newington
Bagels, bacon rolls and the usual popcorn, sweets and drinks will be available to buy.



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



North Newington Parish Council – MN02/17

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 7th February 2017 at Bishop Carpenter School at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs D Jennings, S Holford, M Davison, P Espinasse, G Doidge

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

These were agreed and signed

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

MATTERS ARISING

- Check phone numbers for emergency planning – The current list was reviewed with one amendment being required. The Clerk to update and re-distribute.

- Potholes – The PC note that there are numerous potholes in the village and there are areas throughout the village where the road surface is becoming broken up and very uneven, in particular along School Lane. The Clerk will report the issues to Highways.

- Salt storage – Park Farm – The Chairman noted that the salt stored at Park Farm has not been collected and re-distributed into smaller bags by CDC as agreed last year. The Clerk to report this to CDC Winter Services.

PLANNING PERMISSION

- 16/02059/LB – Alterations to existing outbuilding – The Roebuck, Banbury Road, North Newington – NOTICE OF DECISION - GRANTED

- 16/02339/F – Part demolition of existing side and rear to allow for new single storey rear and side extension forming new study and lounge – Plemont, School Lane, North Newington – NOTICE OF DECISION - GRANTED

- 16/02352/LB – Re-building of chimney stacks – The Roebuck, Banbury Road, North Newington – NOTICE OF DECISION – GRANTED

- 16/02417/F – Erection of a two storey, three bedroom dwelling in the garden – Re-submission of 16/00685/F

- Pear Tree Cottage, Main Street, North Newington – NOTICE OF DECISION - GRANTED

FINANCE

- Review of Income and Expenditure - The monthly accounts were reviewed by the Responsible Finance Officer at this meeting. They were found to be a correct and accurate account. Proposed PE seconded DJ.

- Bill payments

Chq: 300082 £80.00 Mr J Dunham - to re-concrete in post on village green

CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND

No problems to report.

CLERKS BUSINESS

- Community Defibrillator – The PC reviewed the quote received from Community Heartbeat. For a fully managed solution it would be: £1700.00 for an unlocked unit or £1950.00 for a locked unit. In addition there would be an annual support fee of £126.00. Furthermore the Council would need to arrange and pay for installation locally. These costs would appear to be comparable to other providers that have been researched, details of which are on file. After some discussion the Council resolved that they would purchase a community defibrillator and will bring the matter to the open meeting in May to give residents the opportunity to offer their opinion as to whether a locked or unlocked unit would best suit the village. In the meantime Cllr Holford will speak to the Headmistress at Bishop Carpenter School to confirm if the Defibrillator unit can be situated on the school premises as it was highlighted by both Community Heartbeat and the PC as the most prominent and accessible position for it.

-Spring clean – The Council resolved to provisionally set the date for this years Spring Clean as 14 May, proposed DJ seconded MD all agreed. The Clerk to order necessary equipment.

- Telephone Kiosk – The consultation period has ended and a formal decision has been reached. CDC has notified BT that the PC has no objection to them removing the kiosk on Shutford Road.

VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT GROUP

There was nothing to report from the VIG.

Any other matters for discussion

- A resident has written to the PC highlighting their concerns about the apparent increase in the number of HGV vehicles travelling through the village and has requested the PC apply for a weight restriction. The PC will consider this matter at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be on 7th March

The meeting closed at 8.10pm