

North Moreton Parish Council

Footpath dispute settled. After very many years, the dispute between North Moreton Parish Council and Mr. Harold Wilson has been settled out of court. Details of the settlement are contained in what is known as a Tomlin Order signed on 18th January 2010. This is a public document and interested parties may see the details in the Parish Council section of the North Moreton website. This is a compromise agreement which inevitably means that the Parish Council has not done as well as if it had gone to court and won. But our legal advisor has consistently recommended an out of court or mediated settlement if possible to avoid the risk of an adverse verdict – however unlikely. The settlement has the helpful effect of allowing the Parish Council to release funds for other purposes which had been earmarked for litigation.

Not my job, but..... The Parish Council would like to thank all those residents who take the time and trouble to cut grass verges and tidy up footpaths in North Moreton, even when in most cases it isn't strictly "their job". It really does make a big difference to the look of the village and is much appreciated.

Please let us know. Do you have views on some local issue such as Planning, flooding or public transport on which the Parish Council should also have an opinion and may possibly be able to influence a decision made elsewhere? If so, please do let us know – even if you also make your point directly to some other authority such as District or County Council. If we don't hear anything from you, we may reasonably assume that you have no strong views on the subject. We can't guarantee to agree with all parishioners on all subjects, but if we do know your views, we are much better placed to ask the right questions. Please send any views to the Parish Clerk or a councillor, or for public transport issues, preferably send them to our representative Mrs. Ros Templeman.

Roger Haycock, Chairman NMPC

Dates for your Diary including Forthcoming Events

JUNE

- 6 Open Gardens for SM School 2 - 5pm
- 8 Artistic Effects with Textiles 10 - 3pm Village Hall
- 9 W I Meeting 7.30pm Village Hall
- 11 TWHAS Talk 7.45pm Wallingford Town Hall
- 12 Hat Stand Opera 7.30pm North Moreton House Barn

JULY

- 4 South Moreton School Fete 1 - 4pm
- 14 W I Meeting Garden Meeting, South Moreton
- 26 Parish Council Meeting 8 pm Village Hall
- 29 - 1 Aug. Beer & Cricket Festival The Bear/The Croft

AUGUST

- 4 W I Visit to Thames Valley Police Museum

SEPTEMBER

- 8 W I Meeting 7.30pm Village Hall
- 20 Parish Council Meeting 8pm Village Hall

OCTOBER

- 1 & 2 Two Piano Concert at Melhuish Farm for CLIC Sargent Polly Vacher
- 13 W I Harvest Supper

NOVEMBER

- 6 Soup Lunch & Charity Card Sale TBC
- 10 WI Meeting 7.30pm Village Hall

EVENTS CALENDAR

Don't forget to use the Events Calendar on North-Moreton.com to avoid clashes! Contact Sonia Willson - Admin@North-Moreton.com.

Oxford Brookes – Support to Small Businesses

EiE (Environmental Information Exchange) have obtained funding for a pilot project to help more businesses in southern Oxfordshire to reduce energy, waste, water and transport costs.

The TRACTOR project (Training Rural and Agricultural Communities towards Optimising Resources) will work with businesses to find low cost (or zero cost) actions that lead to savings - financially and environmentally.

TRACTOR support is free and there are a number of ways we may be able to help your business:

- An on-site resource audit (energy, waste, water, transport) to identify site-specific opportunities for saving resources and costs. We will provide you with concise, practical, costed recommendations for how to make changes.
- Workshops which will provide you with opportunities both to learn more about resource efficient ways of operating and to network, over refreshments, with other businesses in your area.
- Information on funding and grants available for improving resource efficiency.
- An online resource which provides information and case studies of the experiences of other businesses, which you can access at times to suit you.
- Back-up support by phone and email, as you progress. You can use our staff to research suppliers and equipment to meet your needs. The project is just beginning and we are looking for businesses that could benefit from our services.

For more information visit www.brookes.ac.uk/eie/tractor.htm or call the TRACTOR Team on 01865 483299.

Moreton Cricket Club

Surprisingly, as I write this in the last week of May, we are approaching the point where we have played almost a third of our fixtures for the season and its less than three weeks to midsummer day! The results so far are going very favourably and by the time you read this we will have played Braywood in the 3rd round of the N-power National Village Cup.

Nic Cross and Jonny Yaxley will be leading our touring team to Bordeaux in July and then the highlight of the season will be upon us - the Cricket and Beer Festival - over the weekend of 31st July / 1st August.

Don't forget, we are always on the lookout for new members of all standards and at present we are also looking for a groundsman to work on the pitch 2 to 3 hours a week (tuition available!). We look forward to seeing you on the Rec where you can sip the finest ale from The Bear and watch some very exciting cricket from Tim's new grandstand.

Trevor Denning, President MCC

(MCC beat Braywood by 251 runs to 105 and will play Rowledge away on 6th June. Ed.)

North Moreton Village Hall

The Hall continues to be well used for regular and special events, particularly children's parties.

The March Book Sale was, as always, well supported and made over £800, with takings in excess of £500 going to the Tower Fund. As ever a huge thank-you is due to Kate and Gar Evans and their dedicated team.

The committee are taking a summer break from fund-raising but will be back in the Autumn. In the meantime, if you have any suggestions for events, do let us know.

Nora Haycock, Chairman NHMC

South and North Moreton Women’s Institute

At the AGM held in March at the home of Rosemary Ryder, Sue Harrison was elected President. Sandra Monk was warmly thanked for all her hard work as President during the last three years. The new committee was also voted in.

The April meeting was an illustrated talk about Kuekenhof Gardens and Bulb Fields, whilst two meetings were held in May. The first was the spring meeting of the Thames Valley Group when Mrs Valerie Calderbank entertained members from six local WIs with a lively and informative talk entitled "A Visual Tour of the Universe". The second was the Resolutions meeting, when members discussed and voted on the National proposal to make labelling on food much clearer, so that consumers could easily determine where products originated.

The meeting on 9th June will be about the Llangollen Music Festival, the speaker being Briony Newport. Future meetings include a Garden meeting in July and a talk about the Northmoor Trust in September. The outing in August is to the Thames Valley Police Museum.

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month in North Moreton Village Hall. We are always pleased to welcome new members. Please contact Sue Harrison 817042 or Liz Elliot 812562 for details. Penny Busby

 * **North Moreton Open Gardens** *
 * **in aid of South Moreton School** *
 * **Sunday 6th June 2 - 5 p.m.** *
 * **Teas Plant Sales Garden Advice Quiz** *
 * **Entry: Adults £4 Children Free** *

North Moreton Toddler Group

Are you looking for something to do with your little ones on **Thursday mornings**? If so, please come and join us at:

The North Moreton Toddler Group in the village hall, from **10am - 12 noon** (term time only).

The session is **£2.00** per family. This includes:

- Tea, coffee and biscuits for you
- A healthy snack for the children
- General play, plus weekly art/craft activity and a sing-along.

Babies, toddlers and pre-school children are welcome.

The last session for the summer term will be **Thursday 15th July** and the first for the autumn term **Thursday 9th September**.

For more information, please call Deborah Caporn (512116) or Priscilla Sadler (812906).

TWHAS History Talk

The next TWHAS (The Wallingford Historical and Archaeological Society) talk will be given by Liz Wooley on *Child Labour in Oxfordshire 1870-1900*.

The talk highlights the differences between boys’ and girls’ experiences of work and the particular fates of the pauper apprentices.

This meeting will take place at Wallingford Town Hall on **Friday 11th June** at 7.45 for 8pm.

Visitors welcome: Entry £2

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Joint 'Masterpiece'

Enormous blooms on a large straw hat marked the centrepiece for the story about a donkey nibbling the flowers on the hat. Fourteen children from North Moreton and the surrounding villages and their parents sat on logs around Kate and Gar Evans who read and re-enacted this delightful story. Rapt attention was the order of the day and not one eye wandered to the chocolate eggs being distributed around the garden for the children to search for later on.

The occasion was the second birthday of Wizard and Muffin, the only two North Moreton resident donkeys. The afternoon started by everyone going to say 'hello' to the donkeys who came snuffling up, delighted with all the attention. There was a birthday cake which consisted of a ginger cake decorated with ginger biscuits, apples, carrots and polo mints. Two candles added the finishing touch and after they had been blown out, everyone sung happy birthday and the donkeys devoured the cake with great gusto!

Tea for the children consisted of tiny cakes made by Phoenix Vacher (aged 3, who comes from the other Moreton and is my granddaughter) and jellies, also made by Phoenix. Then came the masterpiece when Gar and Kate showed great aptitude for story telling in the most delightful of ways.

The afternoon was pronounced a success by all and there were many requests for it to become an annual event.

The future plan when Wizard and Muffin are old enough (they have to be at least four) is to build a library cart for them to pull. Kate and Gar will climb aboard with a display of children's books and the donkeys will visit local villages at appointed times where the supreme story tellers from North Moreton will entrance children with the delight of story telling. They can swap or buy second hand children's stories from the library cart.

Anyone who missed out on this year's party please contact me on 817554 for an invitation next year. Also if anyone has any children's books they don't want please contact Gar and Kate on 813858 or ccevans@btinternet.com. Polly Vacher

Two Piano Concert in aid of CLIC Sargent 1st and 2nd October

In October 2008 Zara Baker, then aged 3, was diagnosed with a rare form of eye cancer necessitating removal of her left eye and a course of chemotherapy as part of her treatment. During this time CLIC Sargent nurses provided care for Zara at home, visiting twice a week, so avoiding regular hospital trips and admissions. They provided amazing support to Zara and her family as well as essential nursing care. Currently CLIC Sargent is raising funds to pay for more specialist nurses to help keep children at home while they are receiving treatment for their cancer. This is a very skilled job and the staff and nurses are supported only by charitable giving and without all our help their incredibly valuable work would not be able to continue.

Normally, Patricia Loveland and Polly Vacher choose two charities to support with their concerts, but because this is such a special cause and because of Zara they have decided to contribute all the proceeds to CLIC Sargent. As Zara is 'one of us' and lives in the village, please come and support this charity and have a good evening out as well. (see enclosed leaflet for concert details and application form).

Artistic Effects with Textiles - Tuesday 8th June

A day learning, with Victoria Squires, artistic effects with textiles. If you have a sewing machine, or fabric that you want to use, cushion pad, sewing kit, etc, do please bring them along. Materials will be provided.

Cost is £30.00, and the session runs from 10.00 a.m. -3.00 p.m. Lunch and refreshments included. Money raised will go to All Saints' Church, North Moreton and the Queen Mother's Guild.

For more information or to book your place, contact Libby Macdonald (812273) or Vicki Squires (817964). Cheques payable to Victoria Squires. Cut off date for bookings is 1st June.

South Moreton School

Spring Lunch

On Wednesday 28th April, South Moreton School joined forces with Oxfordshire County Council's catering department, Food with Thought, in their initiative to raise money for Cecily's Fund, a charity which helps to educate and feed orphans in Zambia. Parents of Foundation Stage children were invited to enjoy a special Spring Lunch menu with their children and a donation from every school meal purchased on the day has been made to the fund, the idea being that every meal purchased in school will provide a school meal for a Zambian orphan.

The event was well supported by the parents as well as Councillor Patrick Greene who also joined us for lunch. A nourishing school meal in Zambia costs just 5p and we are delighted to have been able to provide 81 meals by running this event.

Summer Fete

South Moreton School invites you to their summer fete on Sunday 4th July 1- 4 p.m. It'll be a busy, fun-packed afternoon to include an Irish Dance display, as well as Dog Agility, with their energetic canine stars. Didcot Cheerleaders will also be there to give the afternoon a hint of occasion. There'll be some fun rides for the young and young at heart including a huge inflatable slide. For the more demure, a cup of tea and a slice of cake may be more appealing. For those who enjoy a bit of competition, decorate six fairy cakes and bring them along on the day to be judged - and no doubt eaten! - by our panel of experts. And continuing on the culinary theme, make an animal out of vegetables, bring it along and you might leave with a prize.

Some great raffle prizes to be won,
So come along and join in the fun!

Home Insulation Deal

Local homeowners could start pocketing savings within 12 months of taking up Oxford County Council's new home insulation offer.

Under the deal, local homeowners and private tenants can get cavity wall or loft insulation fitted for a standard price of £99 each. At this price insulation pays for itself fast in reduced energy bills. The low price has been made possible by a performance related grant from central government.

The £99 deal is subject to funding and offered on a first come, first service basis. If you are 70 or over, or receive means-tested benefits, you may get the work done free.

The Council's insulation offer is being managed exclusively by Cocoon, a long standing partner of the Council. Cocoon offers a fast on-line self-referral option at www.cocoonyourhome.co.uk

To find out more, call 0800 8048 777 and ask for the 'Oxon Deal'.

Beware Bogus Compostable Caddy Liners!

SODC are urging residents to check their food sacks after a Thame market trader was caught selling normal, uncompostable plastic bags carrying the text, 'this bag is fully biodegradable and 100% compostable' to unwitting members of the public. Any contaminated food bins using these bags would unfortunately have to go to landfill.

Please be on your guard and use either newspaper or cornstarch caddy bags purchased from a reputable source & which bear the compostable caddy liner logo.

NB: even when supermarket plastic carrier bags are marked biodegradable, they are not suitable as this process takes many years - so they are not suitable for composting .