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Parish Council News.

No doubt you have noticed that the defibrillator has been installed in the old BT telephone kiosk. In order to unlock the case, you will require a code which will be available by dialling 999. We are at present testing a mobile phone which will only dial 999 and which picks up any mobile providers' signal but we have to test its efficacy. The alternative will be to install an emergency BT landline. We have arranged a training session on Monday, 24th April at 7.00pm in the Village Hall which is open to everyone.

Two new dog bins will shortly be installed in Moor Lane and in Julian Barbour's field at the end of Sands Lane. There will also be a new rubbish bin with a lid to be sited to the right of the Village Noticeboard. I hope that, in future, the village won't be littered with dog poo bags. If you have concerns that some people are still discarding bags on the verges or in bushes, please contact either one of the Parish Councillors or the Cherwell District Council's Dog Warden, who can investigate.

The Tree Surgeon has completed the trimming back of the Poleaxe, the churchyard extension and the Jubilee Oak Trees at the end of Moor Lane. By the time you get this newsletter we will have had the annual village clear-up and many thanks to all those who were involved.

Jean Tarver has retired from her duties as the Neighbourhood Watch liaison person and I will be taking over as the contact for the village before it is sent out on the village email. I would like to take this opportunity to thank her on your behalf for her years of dedicated service.

I hope that there will be a good turnout at the Annual Village Meeting on Tuesday, 25th April in the Village Hall. The Parish Council encourage you to raise issues of concern and other matters of interest, such as the design and content of the Village Website. For example, how people feel about whether we should allow adverts on the site and whether we should expand or reduce items of interest. A page has been added to the website to keep you informed about the activities surrounding our Flower and Produce Show, including important changes to the Entries' policy. A big thank-you to Darron Maddock who has done a fantastic job in the past year in running the website and acting as moderator of the village emails.

Peter Thomas. Chairman

Oxfordshire Science Festival: Look again… Look Deeper… See the world with fresh eyes

Between Friday 16th and Wednesday 21st June, the Oxfordshire Science Festival invites everyone, young and old, to explore the dynamic scientific research and creativity in and around the vibrant city of Oxford.

Researchers, journalists, policymakers and industrial experts will come together in locations around Oxford city centre, to share thought-provoking and innovative ideas with the public. There really will be something for everyone, from talks and debates to science cabaret and family shows. A highlight of the programme will be a busy weekend of exciting hands-on activities, performances and workshops, with a family-friendly Research Fair in Oxford Town Hall from 12pm to 5pm on Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th June.

Visit the Festival website for more information. The full programme will be available in late April. On the internet at www.oxfordshiresciencefestival.com .

Cotswold Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)

Anyone looking for walking trails, museums, places of interest to take friends or visitors could do a lot worse than search the Cotswold AONB website at http://www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk. There is also a

downloadable guide to eco-friendly exploration via public transport systems 'Explore the Cotswolds by Public Transport Guide' which is also available in hard copy at the many tourist information offices. Containing information split into North Central and South Cotswold areas this is a useful and informative guide to a beautiful area on our doorsteps.

For anyone interested there is a quarterly Newsletter published online, details on the website if you want to receive a regular copy.

49 Club

The winners for the period from December 10th through February 25th are listed below.

	Date	Amount	Number	Name
1	10 Dec	£20	20	Dawn Hodson
2	17 Dec	£20	08	Bill Burles
3	24 Dec	£20	12	Lilian Clifton
4	31 Dec	£20	25	John Britton
5	07 Jan	£35	38	Gill Brounger
6	14 Jan	£20	33	Jenny Smith
7	21 Jan	£20	51	Carole Brierley
8	28 Jan	£20	20	Dawn Hodson
9	04 Feb	£35	22	Penny Carey
10	11 Feb	£20	28	Michael Pritchard
11	18 Feb	£20	04	Jim Honeybone
12	25 Feb	£20	26	Peter & Sue Thomas

The draw for numbers for the coming year was conducted on the 3rd February with Dee O'Connor. With 59 numbers available in the Lottery there are still a few available. Contact Paula Staples (01295 721104) to join and help to support the Church insurance.

This year's numbers are allocated as follows:

1	Swan family	19	Dee & Ron O'Connor	36	Bruno Brown
2	Carole Brierley	20	Judith Denby	37	Jasper Briggs
3	Andrew Wells	21	Jenny Rudnay	38	Whittle family
4	Dale Gingrich	22	Colin Galloway	39	Gill Brounger
5	John Hadley	23	Dawn Hodson	40	Peter Read
6	Terence Harper	24	Nicky Catton	41	Peter & Jane Perry
7	Keith Lobban	25	Debbie Gale	42	Mary Adams
8	Harden family	26	Margaret Forster	43	Peter Thomas
9	John Braithwaite	27	Christine Dobbin	44	Patricia Ebdon
10	Dorothy Hands	28	Darron Maddock	45	Carmen Guard
11	Sue Robertson	29	Frank Davis	46	Bridget Read
12	Jenny Smith	30	Bill Burles	47	Alan Briggs
13	Peter Hudson	31	Linda Curtis	48	Michael Maskey
14	Pam Bailey	32	Mike Fenner	49	Stephen Anderson
15	Adrian Atkinson	33	Michael Pritchard	50	Lilian Clifton
16	Jim Honeybone	34	Anne Edwards	51	Gordon Hands
17	Lin Brecknell	35	John Britton	52	Penny Carey
18	Julian Barbour				

South Newington Flower and Produce Show: Reserve These Dates for the 2017 Show

It might seem a little early to be writing about the show, but we are already well into planning and plotting!
This year we will feature two displays in the church – the Art Group will be exhibiting their work and we also invite everyone in the village to start looking out their blazers, ties, games, photos etc to display on the theme of Childhood and Schooldays.
Dates have been decided, a few new classes added and some novel attractions included. The new schedules will be distributed around Easter time as usual and will also be posted on the village website.
Last year there was some confusion over entries, late entries and internet entries. So we have made some adjustments this year.

Show day is Saturday August 12

Entries Evening in the Village Hall is <u>Thursday</u> August 10th.

The Village Hall will be open from 6.00pm to 8.00pm on the 10th. Entry Cards issued at the Hall are written up and paid for on the evening and then you take them away.
Entries can also be made using E-mail at any time up to 8.00pm Wednesday August 9 (the day before Entries Evening). Cards for email entries will be written up and will be ready for you to collect when the show tent opens for staging on Saturday morning. Don't forget to bring your entry fees!
Please Note: In order to plan the exhibit staging, no entries after 8pm on Thursday 10th or new entries on show day can be accepted.

Church Fabric

Just a note to record that current activity is focused on the repairs to the roof and repairs to failed lighting elements. Minor works to clean up the churchyard and prevent damage to graves from wind-blown tree branches are ongoing.

Village Hall Report

At the recent Annual General Meeting the Committee welcomed two new members – Stella Darke and Sue Robertson. The Committee is now a fully working group.

John Braithwaite has put in a great deal of time and effort into getting quotes for a new boiler and applying for a grant. The present boiler has been working since 1987 and instead of waiting until it gives up, the committee is looking at ways to have a new, more energy efficient, boiler installed before the winter.

Following Magi's move from the village, Sue Thomas has taken on the task of overseeing the Coffee Morning Rota.
Coffee Mornings were recognised as a great source of funds and are a welcome opportunity to meet people. They take place on the 4th Thursday of the month and the next ones are –

Thursday 23rd March Thursday 27th April Thursday 25th May

It was decided the floor of the Hall needs to be cleaned and re-polished and Joyce is to get a working party together to do that when the weather improves. In addition, the hole in the chimney is about to be repaired.

Bookings are still in the capable hands of Linda Curtis. E-mail lcrg139@btinternet.com Tel. 01295 368229.

Joyce Aydon

Cotswold Decorative & Fine Arts Society Lectures

On April 12th the Cotswold Decorative and Fine Arts Society lecture will be "Food as Ephemeral Art" by Dr Annie Gray. On May 10th the lecture will be "The Beauty of Frames" by Julia Korner and on June 14th "The World of Jane Austen" by Rupert Willoughby.

Lectures are held at Bradwell Village Hall, Burford OX18 4XF. They begin at 11.00am with coffee and tea available 10.15-10.45. Non-members are very welcome, no need to book, (suggested donation £10). For more information see our website at www.cotswolddfas.org.uk.

South Newington Weather

The 28th February is the last day of winter in meteorological terms although the Spring Solstice is not until mid-March, and is when the length of the day and night are the same. Whilst writing these brief notes the day is almost 'spring-like' but we all know that March is very capable of hiding a few weather surprises yet to come.

The South Newington Weather Station received a visit from our Regional Engineer today (2nd March) to make sure all the instruments were working correctly for the rest of 2017.

We had two dry months, and one average month for rainfall. December and February were quite dry and well below average at 31.4mm and 39.8mm respectively and January was over average at 83.7mm (average 64.82mm). The wettest 24hrs was on 10th December with 19.2mm. This is the time when we look at 2016 as a whole and I recorded 696.0mm for the year. Very similar to 2105 which was 690.4mm. Again quite dry when the yearly average is 777.84mm. We had a few flurries of snow on 10th/11th February and 13th January, but very little to concern us in the village. Storm Doris on 23rd February brought the strongest winds that I have recorded where The Gatehouse is fairly sheltered the anemometer read 52mph. It was undoubtedly worse on the higher areas of the village and much stronger. Doris was the worst storm so far this year and the low pressure associated with it came across this part of the country. Storm Barbara on 23/24th December passed west and north of the village and only recorded 34mph.

Our lowest air temperature (air frost) was on 22nd January at -7.7C and this was in the middle of a line of night frosts from 20th to 29th January. The warmest day came on 20th February and reached 15.9C. This was exceptionally warm for February and was part of a long mild spell towards the end of February.

Overall we have had an 'easy' winter with no very severe frosts problems, or floods, and only Doris to keep us on our toes. I will be back with another report in early June, reporting on the spring weather.

John Britton, 2nd March 2017

Invitation

Dinner with an African flavour

Followed by Songs and fun
From Comedy Quartet AWIF

The Christopher Fenner Educational Fund

April 28 2017 South Newington Village Hall

7.30 pm Drinks Reception

8.00 pm Dinner (Veg option available if pre-ordered)

A small presentation on conservation and the Fund

£16 pp

wine available by the bottle, tea coffee £1.50

RSVP

info@chrisfennerfund.org tel: 01295 720631

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abba11131@gmail.com, **or at The Old farm, South Newington, OX15 4JW**

Glass Jars Wanted







I am collecting glass jars for my wedding in June.

If anyone has any clear glass decorative jars or vases of any shape or size, big or small lying around that aren't needed anymore, or if you just want to clear some room and would be happy to donate them to a good cause, please let me know by calling:

Emily Gale

Mobile: 07584 251 863

Or

Email: emily.gale3@gmail.com

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