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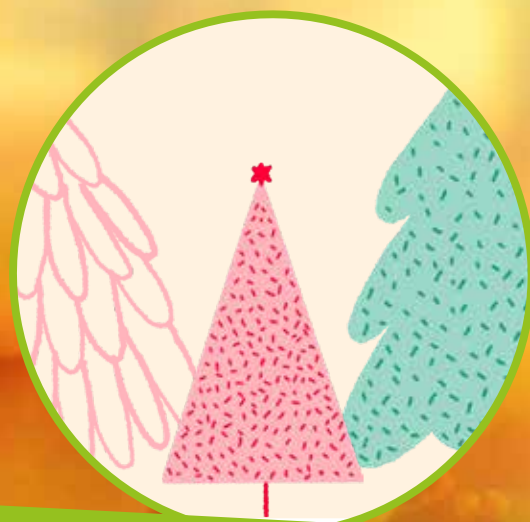
Moulton Scene



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Panto Time?? Oh YES it is! The Laugh Out Loud Theatre Company return once again to Moulton on 22nd December! See page 35 for full details and how to book tickets.



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We must say a big thank you to Rob's Nursery and Prestige Landscapes for the beautiful hanging baskets throughout the village, they really have bloomed this year, but we couldn't do it without the generosity of those who donate towards this scheme, so a big thank you to you too!

Heading into Autumn now, if you find yourself with any spare time on your hands, and would like to fill it, please do visit the Welcome Desk at the Community Centre, as we are always looking for volunteers to help with the various activities we organise.

Please also remember that here at Moulton Community Centre we are here to help. We have a Community Larder and other general support, should you need it, please see pages 45 and 46 for further details.

As always, thank you to all involved in contributing to this magazine. If you have anything you would like to share for the next edition, please do get in touch by email: admin@moultonparishcouncil.org.uk

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From the Parish Council Chairman David Aarons

Health & Wellbeing

Activity at Moulton Community Centre continues apace, and the tempo increased over the summer school break.

At the Wellbeing Hub we are committed to ensuring that we provide care and support when and where needed. The Hub offers the opportunity for local residents to connect with each other and beyond. Most of all, our Moulton community (all 7,000 of us), has somewhere to gather and enjoy facilities and activities to suit all ages. Each morning, a breakfast trolley is laid out with fruit, pastries and cereal for people to help themselves – no questions asked! Snacks are also available throughout the day. Still on the subject of food, Moulton Community Larder continues to be well used and has now grown to two sessions each week – Wednesday 5.45pm and Thursday 10.00am.

The Wellbeing Hub has introduced the Community Together Scheme, designed to assist Pupil Premium families and individuals and families facing temporary or ongoing hardship. Come along to our Community Library and let us help where it is most needed.

For more details about how we may be able to help, visit <https://www.moultonnorthants-pc.gov.uk/moulton-health-and-wellbeing-hub>

Council Staff

You may have come across the Boundary Commission proposal to incorporate Moulton Leys into our parish. There are widely different views regarding whether this should, or should not, happen. Moulton Parish Council believe it is the right way forward. However, we know that some Moulton Leys residents take the opposite view. In the end, all Moulton Leys residents have the final say so “que sera, sera” (“what will be, will be”).

Normally, the life expectancy of a Parish Council is 4 years. However, as a result of Northamptonshire reorganisation into two Unitary Authorities (WNC & NNC), our re-election date was delayed from 2022 to 2025. So, MPC has been able to use the extra time to develop its services and facilities in this more stable extended period.

May 2025 will bring us to the end of this Parish Council and the start of the next. We have 14 members of the Council. At this stage, who will wish to remain, and who might not, is unknown. What is important is that it continues to strive in the best interests of our Moulton Parish community. We have a beautiful village centre and Conservation Area but must remember that by far the larger number of residents live in the surrounding areas. Balancing the needs of both will always be a challenge!

All of our councillors have the wellbeing of our community of Moulton at heart. If you believe you can offer your skills, experience and enthusiasm to support our community, please consider putting yourself forward for election in May.

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Many thanks to the talented crew and cast from White Cobra – we'll try for outdoors again next year!



THE BOB EADY TRUST

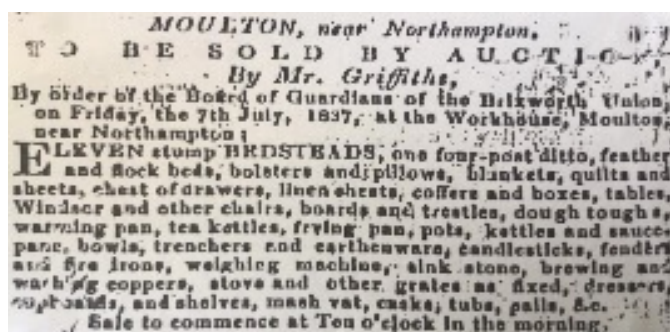
When my husband and I moved to the village in 2016, we never thought that there was a family connection to Moulton. When I started to create a family tree for my step-children, I discovered that three of their great, great grandparents were born here and I came across names and places that I recognised, including Alibone, Jeyes, High Street, The Shoulder of Mutton and Dove's Lane. Having seen mention of the Bob Eady Trust photo collection in the Moulton Scene, I decided to visit the Community Centre to see if I could find any pictures that I could add to the family tree. Little did I know then that this would turn out to be a long job!

I discovered that the Bob Eady Trust collection is massive; there are around 20 large stacks and store boxes and 12 filing cabinet drawers containing, amongst other things, historical records, photographs and newspaper cuttings. To find something specific requires hours of searching.

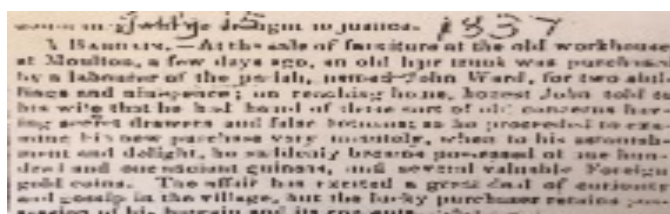
Having shown an interest in the collection, I was asked if I would like to sort through the collection and reorganise it to make it easier for people like me to search. Prior to the pandemic, many volunteers had begun to collate the materials into order but, with lots of new donations, the additions needed to be incorporated into the collection. As I love history and like a challenge, I agreed and roped in my other half and a few more willing volunteers to help. A few months on and we are still sifting through the boxes, and it will be a while longer until we have the contents organised.

In the meantime, I would like to share with you my favourite discovery so far.

Up until 1837, Moulton had a workhouse which Bob Eady's research identified as Waterloo House, the lovely property you can see between the Church and the Artichoke. When the Brixworth Union workhouse was opened, residents were transferred there and any remaining contents were put up for auction.

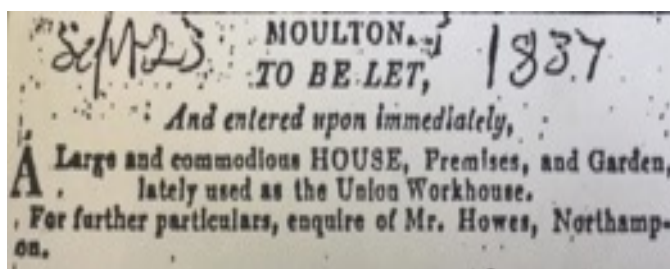


The auction included an old bedstead and coffer (chest) which used to belong to an old lady who died in the workhouse. Her nearest of kin had been asked to contribute towards her interment, but had declined, so she was buried at the cost of the parish and her humble possessions remained in the workhouse.



As you can see from this short newspaper report from July 1837, the coffer was bought for two shillings and nine pence by John Ward, a labourer from the village. What a bargain he got! Another report from the Northampton Mercury gives more detail about his find; the gold coins were from the reign of James I (1603 - 1625, the King Guy Fawkes tried to blow up), Charles II (1660 - 1685), James II (1685 - 1688, grandfather of Bonnie Prince Charlie) and William and Mary (1688 - 1702). It must have been like winning the lottery today. I would love to know how much the coins were worth and what John Ward did with the money. Did he stay in Moulton? If you have John Ward in your family tree and can shed more information on the future of the family, I would love to hear from you.

Once cleared, the former workhouse was offered for rent.



I will let you know how we are getting on in the next issue of the Moulton Scene.

In the meantime, if you have any items that you think would be good additions to the collection, please call into the Community Centre and talk to any member of the Library staff or leave a message there for me to contact you. We'd love to keep the collection growing!

Avril Gilbert

MOULTON SPOOKTACULAR 2024 RETURNS THIS HALLOWEEN!

Join us on Wednesday 30th and Thursday 31st October anytime between 4-9pm at Moulton Village Autos for our annual Halloween display. Last year's event at our new venue was a massive hit, with a record number of attendees, and this year promises to be even better. Expect a night full of spooky entertainment and sweet treats. Highlights include our revamped haunted garage and light show with plenty of surprises for all ages! Admission is free for all. Vespaccino will be parked on the garage forecourt, serving hot drinks including coffee, tea and mulled wine throughout the event. Stay updated by following us on Instagram @moultonspooktacular. We'll share more information and sneak peeks as the event approaches. We hope to see you there in your best spooky costume!



D-DAY MEMORIAL SERVICE IN PUBLIC GARDENS

Councillor David Aarons laid a wreath to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day Landings on 6th June in the Public Gardens.



Photos courtesy of Ian Patching

MOULTON VILLAGE FESTIVAL

Once again, we were fortunate to have good weather for our annual Festival, encouraging large crowds out and about to enjoy the first real sunshine of the year. Thanks to everyone for your support and making it such a success once again and helping us keep up our community spirit, making sure Moulton remains a good place to live. Thanks are due to all the organisations, village clubs, groups and individuals who run events throughout Festival week, and all over the final weekend. Particularly our appreciation goes out to those volunteers who do all the many jobs and 'getting it ready' tasks that are needed to create our festival and also do all those clearing up jobs.

For new villagers recently arrived, it should be explained that our Village Festival is a community effort run by the village for the village by local groups and individuals, by providing a wide range of different events and happenings that make up the programme. These various events all support and help make the festival financially viable, with donations towards the overall expenses it takes to put it on. We rely on generosity from those who put on the programme events to ensure we end up with our income being more than the expenses! In past years, our funds have supported village good causes and a list of these was publicised in the book "50 years on Moulton Festival" in 2021. This year the Festival raised a surplus of £2800 and we have so far donated £250 to Moulton 77 Band. Many village groups use their Festival involvement to raise income for their own funds, so much of the overall benefit to our community is valuable but unseen. We also hope the local businesses also benefit from the increased trade the Festival generates. Thanks to all those who give their support and importantly the use of premises too.

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Thanks everyone and let us not forget those who put up the flags, fetch and carry equipment, marshal our road closures, set out the traffic cones, collect around the carnival route, litter pick when everyone else has gone home and much, much more.

Next year the date for FESTIVAL SATURDAY is MAY 17th 2025

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Water may look picturesque and inviting, especially on a hot sunny day, but public water courses and SuDS are dangerous and should never be used to play in!

Sites of water in Moulton

Water Courses

- Busby Meadow - Deep
- Public Gardens – Shallow

SuDS

- Forester Road
- Moorbridge Road
- Morning Star Lane
- Mulbridge Way
- Rose Tree Close
- Sandy Hill Lane

SuDS – what are they?

SuDS stands for Sustainable Drainage Systems. They are designed to manage stormwater, mimic natural drainage and reduce flooding and pollution.

They may be filled with water, similar to a pond or maybe look like a dry basin. They often contain reeds and other plants to help with natural drainage, pollution and to help you escape if you fall in.

Don't be fooled if they look dry – you should never play in a SuDS basin!

Top Tips - To Stay Safe Near Water

- Go together!
- Take notice of safety information and warning signs.
- Young children should always be supervised by an adult.
- Water can be colder than you expect and can cause your body to go into shock, this will affect your ability to swim, look after yourself, or rescue others. This is a key reason why many people drown.
- Learn how to swim and get trained in lifesaving and resuscitation techniques.
- You may be able to help yourself and others if you know what to do in an emergency.

NEVER enter the water to save others, look for something you can throw to help them float, a football might help, keep watching until help arrives.

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CYCLE4CYNTHIA

Cycle4Cynthia is back for its 21st year on Sunday 22nd September.

Cycle4Cynthia takes cyclists on a scenic journey through the beautiful Northamptonshire countryside, starting and finishing at Lamport Hall, the stunningly historic country house based in Northampton.

The annual charity bike ride has raised more than £789,000 for Cynthia Spencer Hospice care since its launch 21 years ago.

Keen cyclists looking for a challenge can sign up for the newly extended 70-mile fundraising course.

It is fantastic to be able to offer a more challenging course for those that want a longer route, as well as continue to provide the 25 mile and 50 mile options.

In 2023, Kate Stamp took part in memory of her friend Rachel who was a patient at the hospice. She said: "My friend Rachel passed away a couple of years ago from cancer and she was at Cynthia Spencer Hospice. Events like this are a good thing to do to give back."

"I was really nervous at the beginning because I was on my own and I didn't have any supporters, but the atmosphere was amazing, and everyone was cheering us on."

Participants can pick the distance they travel to match their ability and supporters can also get involved in the family-friendly activities at Lamport Hall.

We hope that the local community will support this fantastic fundraiser.

Cynthia Spencer Hospice, a pioneer in modern hospice care, provides comprehensive palliative care services in West Northamptonshire. Named after Lady Cynthia Spencer and supported by the current Earl Spencer as a patron, the hospice offers a range of services including inpatient care, outpatient services, and a specialist palliative care team operating in various local hospitals.

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Summer Highlights: Community and Connection

As summer draws to a close, we reflect on the engaging season we've had here at our library. Over the past few months, our community has come together through various events and initiatives.

Community Together: Supporting Our Community

The Community Together Scheme was launched to assist families and individuals facing hardship, including those receiving benefits or experiencing temporary changes in their circumstances. The scheme provided essential support through:

- Free Membership to the Community Larder: Access to nutritious food and essential supplies.
- Vouchers for weekly shopping at the Larder: Financial assistance for groceries.
- Free lunch bags for families: Ensuring children had access to healthy meals.
- Free meals at Family Film Fridays: Offering meals and entertainment for families.
- Access to regular support services: Including breakfast, snacks, and care packages.

An additional day was added to the Community Larder, making it more accessible for families and those preferring daytime visits. The Larder now runs on Wednesdays at 5:45pm and Thursdays at 10am.

The scheme has had a significant impact, providing much-needed relief and fostering a sense of community. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of the Community Together Scheme. Your efforts have made a real difference in our community.

Dementia Friendly Community

We're proud of the strides we've made in becoming a Dementia Friendly Community. Our ongoing efforts to provide support and understanding for those affected by dementia have been met with positive feedback and increased participation in related events.

In May we arranged and hosted our first dementia training session, inviting all local businesses and organisations. Attendees received a certificate and a sticker to display in their business, signifying their commitment to being dementia friendly. Our aim was to raise awareness and provide training so that those with dementia and their families feel safe and understood within the community.



The scheme's launch was a huge success, with numerous businesses joining us in this important initiative. We will continue to offer the training regularly, welcoming more organisations to join and help build a truly dementia friendly community.

Thank you to all who have participated and supported this effort. Together, we are creating a more inclusive and understanding environment for everyone.

SPOTLIGHT ON ACTIVITIES

Bring Your Baby Book Club (BYB): Our 'Bring Your Baby' Book Club has continued to thrive, offering a welcoming space for parents and caregivers to enjoy literature while spending time with their little ones. It's been wonderful to see the camaraderie among attendees grow.

Silent Book Club: For those who prefer a quieter reading experience, our Silent Book Club has provided a calm and relaxed environment to enjoy their chosen books. Participants have appreciated the opportunity to read in peace while connecting with fellow book lovers.

James and the Giant Peach: Our summer activities included an enchanting adaptation of "James and the Giant Peach", which delighted children and families alike. This engaging performance brought Roald Dahl's beloved story to life and added a touch of magic to our summer calendar. A huge thank you once again to White Cobra for bringing their theatrical expertise to Moulton – we can't wait to see what you have planned for next year!





Made by Me: Our 'Made by Me' Crafting Club has continued to be a source of creativity and joy. Participants have come together each month to learn new crafting skills, share ideas and forge lasting friendships.

Tiny Hands Big Signs: Our new baby sign language classes have been a wonderful success, offering babies and their families an opportunity to explore and learn new ways to communicate. These sessions introduce babies to sign language through engaging activities that include lots of singing and music. After the structured activities, there is also an opportunity for parents and babies to socialise, making it a great way to build connections within the community.

Successful Pop-Ups: We have begun to host several successful pop-up events, including sessions with the West Northamptonshire Council (WNC), Citizens Advice and Family History Society. These pop-ups have provided valuable resources and support to our community, further cementing our role as a versatile and resourceful space.

Autumn Look Ahead

As we transition into the autumn season, we're excited to announce a series of events and activities to look forward to:

Pantomime - Get ready for some festive fun with our annual Pantomime! This cherished tradition promises laughter, entertainment and a chance for families to enjoy a delightful theatrical experience together. We will once again be joined by the team at Laugh out Loud Theatre, this year bringing their comedic take on Beauty and the Beast.

Christmas Cracker - Our Christmas Cracker event will kick off the holiday season with festive cheer. Join us for a celebration filled with seasonal activities, crafts and, of course, plenty of holiday spirit.

Workshops - This autumn, we'll be offering a range of workshops designed to inspire and educate. From creative endeavours to practical skills, these workshops are a fantastic way to engage with the community and learn something new.

Volunteer Opportunities and Acknowledgements - We're always looking for enthusiastic volunteers to support our programs and events. If you're interested in getting involved, please get in touch. We also want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all our volunteers whose dedication and hard work make everything we do possible.

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Schools & Colleges



MOULTON COLLEGE

Oliver Symons - Principal & CEO

It is my absolute pleasure to introduce myself to you all as the new Principal and CEO of Moulton College. I joined the College in July, taking over from Corrie Harris.

Although not local to this area, I have previously spent time at the College as part of a consultancy team and have always been impressed with its location and facilities. I feel very privileged to now lead this great college into the future.

As this edition goes to press, we will be getting ready to welcome our new intake of students. With applications for courses up 10% on last year, we are expecting to grow again for the fourth consecutive year. This growth reflects the hard work and commitment that is put in by all our staff to give our students an excellent experience and ensure that they are fully equipped for their next steps, either in education or in work.

In addition to our full-time course offer, we are also expanding our part-time, adult, and higher skills courses. These courses will support adults looking to get back into education, improve their employment or promotion prospects or just enjoy more time on their interest in horticulture, sport or animal welfare.

In addition to our role as a training provider, I am also very conscious that we are a key employer in the area with over 300 people working at the college. We have several job opportunities available, so please check our website and see if you could start a new career chapter as part of Team Moulton.

A key focus as I start my work at the College is building stronger relationships with our key stakeholders, including our local community. I look forward to meeting many of you at some of our open events or community days in the future.



Picture (left) showing the money we raised for the Yellow Wellies Foundation at our Lambing Sunday event in Spring, attended by many local people.

MOULTON SCHOOL & SCIENCE COLLEGE

Dr Angie Dabbs - Headteacher
www.moultonschool.co.uk



This is a big year for Moulton School & Science College as we celebrate 70 years since the school opened. Many locally have attended the school and some now have their children or even grandchildren coming through the school gates. What better way to mark this occasion than to invite everyone in to come and see just how much has changed over the years. This anniversary gave us the perfect opportunity to offer a tour of the school, the chance to meet old friends and colleagues and look through the archives.

We are ambitious for our students, helping each one to be the very best they can be. The school has a tradition of strong academic achievement, set within a context of care and support and development of the whole child. For those looking to make the move to secondary school we will be holding Open Evenings on 3rd and 10th October for Year 6 students. Further details can be found on our website.

As we embark on our 71st academic year, we continue to grow and develop. Work has taken place over the summer break to further upgrade our site. We secured funding to carry out a refurbishment of our sixth form centre and have refurbished classrooms, upgraded social spaces and created a wellbeing area. This space is now the perfect setting to enable our A-Level students to continue to flourish and to help them transition into University, Apprenticeships and the world of work. Students will also now be able to benefit from another undercover area to maximise outdoor space, whatever the weather.

We are so proud of all we have achieved and continue to achieve. Here's to the next 70 years for Team Moulton!



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Village Clubs & Societies



MOULTON FOOTBALL CLUB

Steve Alibone
stevealibone@yahoo.com

As all the club's teams prepare for another season, we can look back with particular pride on all the achievements during the 2023-24 season.

The First team improved on the previous year's 9th place by finishing 4th this time, sadly losing in the semi-final of the end of season play-offs to Winslow Utd; but, on the plus side 2 Cup Finals and 2 victories, firstly beating Sileby Rangers in the Spartan League Division 1 Cup at Newport Pagnell and also retaining the Northamptonshire FA Junior Cup by overcoming Heyford Utd at Wellingborough Town and on both occasions a number of the clubs U18s players were included in the match day squads, which can only bode well for the future.



The Reserve team had a change of management and, from languishing near the bottom of the table in December, finished a credible 5th in the league and also included a number of the Under 18s on a regular basis.

After plenty of discussion, it was decided that we would like to elevate this team to a better standard of football and facilities and consequently, after 45 years continuous membership of the Northamptonshire Combination, the team will now be competing in the United Counties League Reserve Division.

The Under 18s continue to flourish and, as previously mentioned, many featured in the 2 senior teams during the season; they finished 5th in the league and unluckily lost the Jayman Shield Final against the league winners, Bugbrooke. For the 24-25 season we will have a really talented bunch of 16 year olds replacing those now sadly too old to compete at this age group so the future is looking bright.

The Ladies team had a good season in the league, but again it was Cup Finals that caught the eye, sadly losing the NFA Final at Cogenhoe to Bugbrooke, but being successful in the League Cup final against Long Buckby played at Corby Town, just reward for a hard-working group of players.



The Junior section continues to thrive and there were some notable successes here also, including the Under 7 blacks who were runners up in the NYDAL Shield and also in the Grange Park and Harpole tournaments.



The Under 9 Whites won the Earls Barton tournament and the Kettering FC plate, meanwhile the Under 10 girls remained unbeaten in the league season, were runners up in the cup and were winners of the Brixworth tournament. The Under 10 blacks won the NYDAL plate and the Cobblers tournament. The Under 12 stripes were League winners, the first piece of silverware for them since they started out as under 7s, and the Under 13s Blacks finished runners up in the league and won the Silver Cup at the Parklands tournament. And finally, the Under 15s finished runners up in the 'B' League, having won the 'C' league the season before and this season will be competing in the 'A' League as Under 16s.

After another busy year, Moulton Morris are now heading into our recruitment and winter practice period.



We had an amazing crowd turn out on Boxing Day to see our dancing and Mummings Play; we will be there again at 11am on Dec 26th on Stocks Hill. We also had a very successful Moulton Festival, with visiting teams from Nottingham, Chelmsford, Bampton, Evesham and Potterspury. We are already inviting teams to join us in 2025. We also attended the National Morris Weekend in Evesham.

We meet at Moulton Primary School every Thursday at 7.30 – 9.00pm. We welcome men and boys from age 9 upwards. We are a very supportive group, and in these days of ‘well-being’, dancing and socialising together as a group can be very beneficial to your mental health. So why not come along and give it a go and help keep this village tradition alive!!!

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05.10.24	Illustrated Talk by Janette Merillion - 'Plants for Difficult Places'
02.11.24	Illustrated Talk by Howard Drury - 'After the Rain, Snow and Drought - What next for the Gardener'
07.12.24	Illustrated Talk by Samantha Hopes - 'Winter in Bloom'
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White Tiger Tae Kwon-Do practices original Chang-Hon Blue Cottage style developed by General Choi Hong Hi. It was great to see so many new members at the beginning of 2024, starting their Tae Kwon-Do journey. The club is celebrating 32 years in Moulton.

Congratulations to the club's Assistant Instructor, Mr John Simons, for being promoted to 3rd Degree Black Belt. In May 2024, we took part in the Moulton Fun Run.

We are part of NAKMAS (National Associate Karate and Martial Arts Schools) the country's largest independent governing body. Benefits of Tae Kwon-Do: We offer practical, effective self-defence, developing confidence and fitness, tournaments etc.

Classes Available on:

Tuesdays at The Guide Hall, Barlow Lane, Moulton, NN3 7SZ
7pm-8pm Beginners up to Green Belt
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Fridays at The Village Hall, Pound Lane, Moulton, NN3 7SD
6.30pm-8pm All Grades

As the village is expanding and there are many new people moving into the area, you are more than welcome to come and join us. The first three introductory lessons are free. From 6 years + upwards. For more information contact: 07929 636 773 / tiger-gent19@hotmail.com

For all the latest news, visit our website: whitetigertaekwon-do.co.uk/ - website created by local village design company Jweb Creative: jwebcreative.co.uk/

TUESDAY CLUB

Moulton Tuesday Club is a friendly and welcoming club held every 4th Tuesday of the month at the Guide Hall, Barlow Lane. This is open to both ladies and gents. We have a speaker every month covering a wide variety of topics. The cost is just £3, which includes a raffle and tea/coffee/biscuits. Anybody who is interested can just turn up on the day. The list of speakers for the rest of 2024 is as follows:

- July 23rd – Steve Dimmer – “Grumpy Old Men”
- Aug 27th – Kate Wills – Northamptonshire Royal Connections
- Sep 24th – Sue Jackson – The Day I Met Diana
- Oct 22nd – Ray & Jenny Rowson – The Danube & Prague
- Nov 26th – Chris Bazeley – “The Privy”Connections
- Sep 24th – TBA
- Oct 22nd – Ray & Jenny Rowson – The Danube & Prague
- Nov 26th – Chris Bazeley – “The Privy”

LANGUAGE FOR FUN IN NORTHAMPTON NORTH WITH CHARLOTTE

We have had a really enjoyable term in our summer term French sessions, with lots of laughter, coffee and cake amidst our conversation practice! We had a spring/summer meal in Hardingstone and then rounded off our term with a trip to a local vineyard (highly recommended). At the time of writing, many learners were off on their travels to put what they've learned into practice - bon courage!



New for September

Alongside our Beginner, Beginner+, Improver and Advanced French class, we will now be offering Spanish sessions from September - please get in touch if you want to join Monica for an evening class to prepare for a holiday, exercise the old grey cells or just meet like-minded people.

What to expect from a Language for Fun class

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38th NORTHAMPTON MOULTON SCOUT GROUP

Pennie Crow
Group Scout Leader



Our Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts have been having fun out and about learning how to light a fire, cooking s'mores and pocket pizzas, bell boating on river Nene, caving in the old bus, archery and shooting, as well as building go carts and having fun at our local Scout activity centre at Overstone to name just a few things.

Cubs had a fun weekend at pack holiday, where they became space cadets for the weekend, taking part in team building activities which included a visit to Wicksteed Park.

Our Scouts enjoyed a week's camp at Red Rose International Jamboree camp in the Lake District. Lots of memories made by all who attended.

We are already planning the Remembrance Parade in November, where we hope the village will support us, and we will be doing our Christmas Post again around the village; post boxes will be out late November and we will be doing the delivery weekend of the 16th to 18th December. We do have spaces in all sections so if you have a child (boy or girl) aged between 4 and 14 and would like them to learn “Skills for Life”, whilst having fun scouting, please get in contact:
pennie.crow63@icloud.com or 07801 017445 after 3pm.

MOULTON PLAYERS/MOULTON THEATRE

Moulton Players started in 1946 – to raise funds for a good cause! In February of that year, a group met at a house in Moulton, with the aim of enjoying acting and using the profits (and the interval raffle!) to pay for beds in the Manfield Orthopaedic Hospital for injured servicemen. The first play was '3 Half-Crowns' (the cost then of a marriage licence!) and took place in the Manfield Hall (now the Evangelical Church). Production dates were dependant on the Welfare Clinic, as mums and babies could not negotiate the extension which had to be made to the stage! The extension came down after the last night and Tom, the caretaker, supplied refreshments for the workers, in the shape of his home brew!



In 1947, the money raised was for a meal and entertainment for Moulton War widows and widowers. In subsequent years, the tradition of putting on a concert and a meal at Christmas for local pensioners continued until the early 70's and became known as the 'Old Folks' Show'! Amazingly, 300 cigarettes were provided by the village doctor! (In those days, a good meal was a treat for many older people.) The concerts were great fun to be in and to rehearse and were a mix of singing, dancing and comedy sketches. Times changed and until the 80's, when it all ceased, sherry and mince pies were served at the concert instead of the meal.

In 1992, a chicken barn at the Manor House was converted by the Players into the Barn Theatre. A portable building was eventually purchased to provide a social and rehearsal area and then a lighting box was added. The number, scope and quality of productions increased, a Youth Group was formed and the Players qualified for membership of the Little Theatre Guild of Great Britain. Many one-act play festivals were entered with some success. When the Manor House estate changed hands, the Players were homeless and plays took place at Moulton School. Then, the 19th century former Methodist Church became redundant, and the Players purchased it and its adjacent cottages in 1992 for £25,000. Then followed a long battle involving listed building laws. Thanks to a £60,000 National Lottery grant, fund-raising and donations, the first production in the new Theatre, 'Tom Jones' by Henry Fielding, was presented in October 2004. A great deal of the building work was undertaken by skilled members of the Players and, as it was a listed building in a Conservation Area, certain elements of the old church had to be incorporated, such as the moulding round the bar and the pulpit, which is now the Box Office.

The Theatre has gone from strength to strength since then and it is probably the only purpose-built amateur theatre in our district and is well known throughout the County. The Saturday coffee mornings are open to the village people, who support the plays and film seasons with enthusiasm.

The Theatre now hosts regular coffee mornings on a Saturday, and we would love to see you at these. Just come along and meet friends and local community members... a warm welcome awaits you.....

Plans are in place for a Youth Group to be established. There are a number of social events for Members of Moulton Theatre. So please join the Theatre and join YOUR local Theatre.

MOULTON ALLOTMENTS



Moulton Allotments is situated off Rose Tree Close on the western edge of the village overlooking Moulton College farmland and encourages the cultivation and enjoyment of allotments by anyone in the local community. Currently we have 112 full plots, 4 half plots, 24 raised beds and several polytunnels, all of which are available at a low rental cost. We can therefore cater for anyone, from someone who wants to grow just a few flowers or vegetables to families who want to grow as much of their own food as possible, including wheelchair users.

Until the Covid disrupted everyone's lives, we had two successful clubs for younger allotmenters: the Junior Growers for 10s and under and the Crafty Growers for 11s and over. We plan to relaunch these this winter and spring, so please contact moultonallotments@gmail.com if you wish to join the fun.

We also have two wildlife areas, including three ponds that host wild flora and fauna, including crested newts, and great care has been taken to provide food and habitat for insects and birds. These provide fabulous peaceful areas to sit and absorb nature.



Every Wednesday from 10am to 12 noon we run a wellbeing club that provides a safe and welcoming environment for all. You can have access to a growing area, sit and natter with tea and coffee, or simply enjoy the fresh air and peace. The choice is yours.

We have a friendly and welcoming community, with volunteer mornings, social events and a social shed. So, Moulton Allotments is a great place to meet new people with a common interest in growing delicious fruit and vegetables in a wonderful setting.

If you wish to join us or just want to come and see it's for you, please ring Jan on 07392 513008 or email moultonallotments@gmail.com

Rachel Vallance – Secretary
 secretary.moultongardeners@gmail.com



The spring and summer months have seen the Society continuing to hold many sociable and informative events. The 'Garden Quiz and Hot Cross Bun' evening in March proved to be very popular and was enjoyed by everyone - not just the winning team!

We have visited Coton Manor, and the Swiss Garden and planes at Shuttleworth. Our trip to Yvonne and Derek Daw's garden at Cottesbrooke was enjoyed by all, and included a village walk led by Derek. The weekend away to Hayling Island was a pleasant mixture of garden visits and local sightseeing.



The Plant Sale in May was a huge success with members and visitors stocking up on plants and enjoying a chat over coffee and cake.

As I write, we are gearing up for our Annual Show in the Community Centre on Saturday 10th August. This yearly event showcases the results of members' hard work in the garden and is another social afternoon in our calendar.

Members are given a variety of informative talks at our meetings which are held each month, except in June, August and December. They have the opportunity to win a prize in the raffle and have a friendly chat over refreshments. New members are always welcome, so come along to our meetings at 7.30 pm in the Community Centre.

Meetings

September 25th	'Potting Plants for Winter Interest & Spring Joy' Members photograph competition 'Native Fruit'
October 23rd	AGM Cheese & Wine Evening
November 27th	'Unexpected Tales of Plants and Gardens'
January 22nd	'Ancient Woodlands of Northamptonshire'
February 26th	'Growing Vegetables in Small Spaces'

Trips

September 14th	Thorncroft Clematis Nursery & Bodenham Arboretum
December 1st	Members only trip to 'Dickens of a Christmas' at Olney followed by Christmas lunch



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At monthly meetings we may have a speaker, recent ones have been belly dancers, cocktail shakers and a talk on local walks. We share our love of cakes and enjoy competitions, raffles and fellowship.

The very active membership organises interest groups such as Book Club, Skittles, Walking Netball and Craft Club. A recent trip to London for a Suffragette walk was on our event calendar with planned trips to Chester House and our annual Christmas market trip.



The WI is also known for Campaigns, Charity work and Service to others. We are proud to participate, having recently supported the food bank and Baby Basics. Being a WI member includes opportunities for personal development. You can become a committee member, participate in courses, help organise events, trips, resolutions and campaigns.

We are holding a new and prospective members evening on 25th September 2024 at 7pm in the Cardigan Arms. Why not come with a friend to hear about our group to see whether we are right for you? Alternatively, we welcome new members at our meetings, 2nd Tuesday of the month at Moulton Community Centre, from 7pm, with the meeting starting at 7.30pm. Feel free to come along.

Please email Sam: samb78@yahoo.com or ring to chat on 07521 602640.

Rural News

PARISH FOOTPATH WARDEN & JOINT HEALTH WALK LEADER

Brian Walton

Since my last bulletin, the weather has been atrocious; the wet spring held things up and my country correspondent did not see a swallow until mid-May, but it has made the trees and hedges much fuller and especially in Crowfields the grass and Kek (Cow Parsley) much taller. I thought I was shrinking to start with!

We had three days in June when everybody donned their shorts and summer dresses, but that was short-lived. One thing very noticeable is the shortage of butterflies. With a lot of fields difficult to walk in, why not walk around Moulton discovering new areas and meeting people old and new by visiting the various coffee shops around. With all the traffic about and a new school opening, it is much quicker - all you need is an umbrella!

If you have got some sturdy footwear and a brolly, why not join the Moulton Health Walk. We meet every Wednesday at the bottom of Doves Lane on High Street, meander around for about 45 minutes and afterwards have some refreshments and a chatter. We meet at 10.30am.

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Who Can Attend?

Everyone is welcome! Whether you're a resident, a professional, or a visitor, our Community Lunch Club is a space for all to come together, enjoy a delicious meal, and connect with others.

Where: Moulton Library, NN3 7AX

Your £5 Contribution Includes:

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Monthly Dementia Support - Drop-Ins

Every 4th Thursday of each month
12.30pm - 2.30pm
with our

Suzanne Whatling - Local Dementia Adviser from Northamptonshire Alzheimer's Society

If you or a member of your family are in need of support or advice, please drop by to see our local Dementia Adviser, Suzanne from Alzheimer's Society Northamptonshire.
Moulton Library NN3 7AX

Dementia Friendly Community

A new campaign launched by Moulton Library Health & Wellbeing Hub
Free Dementia Awareness Training is being offered to local groups, businesses & residents; raising awareness of the illness, giving advice and guidance on how to interact with people living with the disease, so you can support them to feel safe and accepted within our community.
For more details please contact a member of the Library Health & Wellbeing Team,
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MOULTON LIBRARY BOOK CLUB



BOOK CLUB

7pm - 9pm

Share what you have been enjoying in a safe space with others who share the same love of reading. A book is chosen each month to read and discuss together - but all are welcome - no pressure!

Monday 23rd September

The Women - Kristin Hannah

Monday 21st October

Never Let Me Go - Kazuo Ishiguro

Monday 18th November

Monday 16th December

SILENT BOOK CLUB

6.30pm - 8.30pm

Find the standard book club set up a little intimidating? Bring your current read along to silent book club! An evening of sweet treats, relaxed chats and dedicated reading time

Monday 9th September

Monday 7th October

Monday 4th November

Monday 2nd December

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Church News



MOULTON PARISH CHURCH



At Moulton Parish Church we are here to serve our community. To assist us in this task we are delighted to announce that we are going to be joined by two new members of staff. In August Rev'd Philip Evans will start work as a part time Associate Vicar. Until recently, Philip has served as Chaplain at St Andrews Hospital in Northampton. He will be assisting the Vicar, Nick Alexander, in the pastoral care work of the church.



Claire Smith has just completed 11 years as a teacher in Lincolnshire and brings a wealth of experience in children's work. Claire will be taking over as Children and Families Minister from Nick Lambert, who has moved to a new role in Trowbridge in the West Country. Nick and his family were with us for ten years and were a great blessing to church and community. They will be greatly missed.



All our regular community activities continue to flourish: Lunch Club, ReNew Cafe, Moulton Tots and Open Air Carol Service. More details are available on our website www.moultonchurch.co.uk

You are also very welcome to join us at one of our Sunday services at 9am, 10.30am and 6pm. Every service contains a great message of hope to sustain us through the inevitable ups and downs of life. We very much hope you can join us soon.

CAREY BAPTIST CHURCH

Angela Campling – Publicity Officer – 01604 644280



With help from deacons, church members, ministers and members of local churches, we are a thriving church community, although without a minister. The appointment of a new minister will start in October - a long and thorough process - the ultimate decision being made by our church members. We have been pleased to welcome new members into the fellowship and to have held a memorable service of adult baptism.

The boys and girls of the Brigades went to Dyffryn Ardudwy for their summer camp. 30 young people and 16 leaders enjoyed a successful and rewarding week. A new Alpha course, an introduction to the Christian faith, begins at Carey in September. Details on the website: www.careybaptist.org.uk

We are planning a Christmas Craft Night in October and a self-defence evening - details on the website nearer the time.

At the time of writing, we hope to celebrate William Carey's birthday on 17th August with a Bring and Share lunch.

Cuppa@Carey is still providing a venue in Carey Church hall on Mondays from 2 - 4 pm, when tea/coffee and cake are shared, along with friendly conversation - and enjoyed by all ages from babies to pensioners.



THE MOULTON AND OVERSTONE EDUCATIONAL TRUST

This charity has a limited income available to help students and apprentices (under the age of 25) who live in Moulton Parish (which includes Moulton Leys) or the old Overstone Parish. Grants are available to assist study at school or institutions of higher or further education and to help applicants on leaving those institutions (or school) to enter trade or profession.

Trustees will give greater consideration to items needed over and above course fees or general maintenance, e.g. books, outfits, specialised clothing, field trips, particular pieces of equipment, instruments, etc. The charity was formed in 1971 with funds provided from the sale of land of the Moulton Old National School. If you feel you might be eligible then please contact Rev'd Nick Alexander: n.alexander@moultonchurch.co.uk



Obituaries



Charles Edmund ALIBONE was born on 4th February 1933 to Fred (a bricklayer) and Lucy at 11 Overstone Road. In 1938 the family moved next door to No.10. Chas passed the 11+ in 1944 but he almost failed to get to the Grammar School as his mother told him they could not afford the necessary trousers. However, his aunts combined their wartime ration coupons and he was able to have the necessary uniform. As a boy he was a member of Moulton Church Choir, the Church Lads Brigade and the Army Cadet Force.

On leaving school in 1949 he took an apprenticeship with A.R & W Cleaver (building materials) where he gained 2nd place in a UK-wide Building Industries Diploma exam. He had to leave Cleavers in 1951 to do his National Service in the Royal Engineers. He was based at Aldershot and Crickhowell in the Brecon Beacons, where he learnt to sail – then completed his apprenticeship with Cleavers. He and Janet married in Moulton Church in 1956, having met, aged 11, on the school bus and became childhood sweethearts. They went on to celebrate 67 years of marriage.

Chas got a job as a Sales Rep. selling specialist ironmongery for historic buildings, which necessitated a move to Cambridge where Timothy and then Sarah were born. In September 1968 the family moved to Northampton so that Chas could attend a full-time teacher training course at the University of Leicester. His first teaching post was at Headlands School and his final job was at Fairfields Special Needs School, where he stayed until retirement in 1992, having moved back to Moulton in Ashley Lane.

At Fairfields, he took the children on Outward Bound activities and was instrumental in securing a very large donation, enough to build a school garden which he designed to meet the needs of disabled children – this allowed them to experience and enjoy gardening – something which made him very proud.

Chas loved Moulton, its history and its people. He was a great and entertaining storyteller and also wrote down many in his memoirs – he was a great asset to the History Society. He loved nature, especially bird life and gardening – they were both members of Moulton Gardeners Society. Chas kept chickens and bees and was a member of the Beekeepers Association, keeping his hives in the oil seed rape fields at Sandy Hill Farm and on the Holcot Road. He used his building skills to extend the bungalow and even built a sailing dinghy. Chas and Janet had a long and happy marriage, and although deeply rooted in Moulton and Northamptonshire, they visited many countries overseas – their adventures providing more entertaining stories!

Chas was an unforgettable character – a hoarder of anything that might ‘come in handy’ – with a garage to prove it! His health began to decline a few years ago – cancer and heart issues reduced his mobility, which was difficult – his final days were spent at home, as they both wished, with the help of family and a team of carers. He sadly died in November. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him and especially by Janet, Tim, Sarah, sisters Phillis and Iris and grandchildren, Huw and Elin.

Michael ANDREWS (Mike) died on 5th June 2023 after a short illness.

He was born in 1947 in Sheffield, spending school holidays on a mixed farm on the borders of the Derbyshire countryside, where his love of agriculture and horticulture started. Having spent a year working on a farm with cows and sheep, in 1966 he went to the Royal Agricultural College in Cirencester for 2 years. Mike and Jan married in 1969 and had 2 children, Vicki in 1974 and James in 1977. Firstly, they had a pig farm in Lincolnshire, then Mike got a job at Bishop Burton Agricultural College near Beverly, then they moved to Selby in Yorkshire before moving to a village nearer Beverly. In 1991 they moved to Moulton, Mike having a job at Moulton College. They lived in the grounds for a year before moving to Church View, where they lived for 28 years. Mike became Deputy Vice-Principal and was instrumental in obtaining grant funding which enabled expansion of the College.



On his retirement from the College, Mike took an allotment plot at Moulton Allotments and joined the Committee. The allotments were run by the Parish Council at that time, and it was not possible for the Council to apply for grants. In 2016 Mike played a massive part in helping to form Moulton Allotments CIC, a non-profit Community Interest Company, enabling grant applications. Mike, as one of the directors of the company, was also an excellent Company Secretary and Treasurer. There were many areas he helped to create around the allotments, including the plot holders ‘raised beds’ area, the ‘we feed’ area and the ‘Junior Growers’ area, which he successfully ran for two years until the Covid pandemic stopped it.

As well as devoting much of his time to the allotments, Mike helped his son James to refurbish properties in Wales and Somerset. He also enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren. During the Covid lockdown, Mike and Jan decided to downsize from a house to a bungalow in Narborough, Leicestershire to be nearer to daughter Vicki and family, where Jan still lives. He is much missed by all who knew him.

Justin CARLIN was born on 9th June 1974 and sadly passed away suddenly at the age of 49 in February 2024 whilst on holiday in Spain with his wife Jo, and friends.



Justin grew up in London where he met his wife, Jo, and moved to Northampton in 2010. In 2015, himself, his wife and four children moved to Moulton and it was to be their forever home as he loved living in Moulton so much – he would often say it was the best move he had ever made.

Moving to Moulton he was welcomed with open arms by the villagers due to his fun-loving nature and kindness. He loved socialising and made many friends in the village in a short time after moving here.

His career started in London for a plumbing and heating company and on his move to Northampton, he wanted to go self-employed, which he did in 2010. He then started up what was to become a successful plumbing and heating business, which he was highly passionate about.

He was such a kind man and during Covid would help people by dropping items off to them if they couldn't leave their homes due to isolation.

In December 2023, he decided to reach out to local lonely people at Christmas and delivered Christmas hampers to them and spent time with them chatting and giving them some company.

He had a larger-than-life outlook and always had a beaming smile on his face and was always fun to be around.

Justin will be sadly missed by his family and friends.

Pamela EASTAFF passed away in January 2024 aged 97 years at Duncote Care Home near Towcester. She is survived by her beloved husband Jack aged 101.

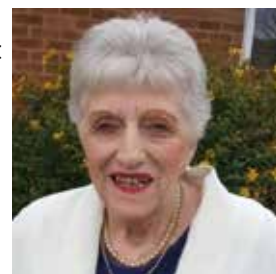


Pam was born in Chesterfield in 1926 to parents Arthur and Lily Pickbourne. Her close sister Shirley also passed away aged 93 years in 2023. Pam lived and went to school in five places: Nottingham, Hastings, Salisbury, Northampton and during the second world war in Bournemouth, where school was part-time, mornings one week, afternoons the next, just 3 days per week. She left school at 14 and worked for the war office at the requisitioned Grand Hotel in Bournemouth as a filing clerk. She was a clever and brilliant administrator, bookkeeping and accounting most of her life for local businesses and in retirement for the Daventry Friends of Iganga.

Pam loved all animals, especially her dogs; she and Jack would often be seen out and about in Moulton village walking their Basset Hound, Bernard and later Oscar. Pam was an extremely fun person and loved people. She was fully involved in Moulton life, including the WI and the Moulton Players.

Sadly, Pam lost her only daughter, Suzanne, to cancer in 2015 and within two years her sister Shirley also lost her daughter to cancer. Pam and Shirley kept each other going. Pam had a wonderful life with many close friends who she frequently entertained at their bungalow at Grove Farm. She embraced and inspired so many, including grandchildren and great grandchildren. As Pam said, 'we don't do age', and she really was always young at heart, taking on new challenges and finding a sense of fun, even in difficult times. She will be sadly missed by family and all that knew her.

Rosalyn ENGLAND, also known as Ross, was born on August 31st in 1941. Ross was the eldest daughter of Walter and Evelyn Guest. With sisters Diane, twins Marie and Angie, and her late brother Steve. Ross moved to Newport Pagnell where she lived for 5 years before moving back to Northampton where she lived in Whitfield gardens with her Auntie Joyce, then moving into Kemure Crescent. Ross went to Barry Road school and left at 15 to go to work in the boot and shoe factory.



In 1958, when Ross was just 16, she met Pete England in the Tree of Liberty pub. They got talking and Pete took her home on the bus, love blossomed, they were married in St Matthews Church on 5th March 1960. They moved to Moulton to a bungalow which they made their home. Ross and Pete had 3 children - Karl, Karen who sadly passed away 8 days old, and Nicola. They have 4 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. Ross was devoted to her family and loved them all very much.

Ross worked at a fish and chip shop part time when the children went to school, she then went to Silvan dressmaking factory with other working mums. Ross then went onto work at the Moulton hairdressing salon, where she worked for many years and made lots of friends. When the children were older Ross worked in the Telegraph pub in Moulton cooking delicious home cooked meals for customers.

Ross got to know many people in Moulton village with all her different jobs, many she was still friends with today.

Ross was sadly diagnosed with bowel cancer in 2000, after surgery and treatment she powered through with lots of support from family and friends.

Ross had many hobbies, she loved making cakes and went back to college to learn more about cake baking and icing, she made wonderful cakes for birthdays, weddings and especially for Pete. Another hobby of hers was spending time in the family greenhouse growing lovely fresh veg for both themselves, friends and family. She was also a WI darts player and then started going to yoga with a couple of friends in her later years. Most of all Ross enjoyed spending time with her family and Pete, together they enjoyed holidays to Gt Yarmouth, Blackpool and Whitby plus visiting other places in the UK and had a lovely trip to Canada to visit Auntie Kathleen. Also, they had a trip to Holland when their daughter Nicola lived there. They never spent time apart and enjoyed every second together, Ross was a very homely person.

Ross was a wonderful wife to Pete and wonderful mum to Karl and Nicola, lovely nan and great nan to all her grandchildren. Ross sadly passed away on February 9th 2024. She will be missed but will never be forgotten. All the memories we have with her will stay in our hearts forever and always.

John William FLETCHER was born in 1924 in Nuneaton, and died in March 2024, having lived in Ashley Lane since 1959. He started work at the Post Office when he was 14 years old, and continued to work for the same employer, other than a gap during war time, until he retired in 1984. His first job was delivering telegrams, cycling for miles around Nuneaton and Coventry, often at night, and sometimes delivering sad news during the early years of the war.



In 1942 he volunteered for the Navy and joined the Fleet Air Arm as a radio mechanic. He went to college in Aberdeen and had various postings in Scotland, Northern Ireland and England. He worked on radar equipment for aircraft on service in the Atlantic and later on submarine detection.

He returned to civilian life in 1947 and rejoined Nuneaton Post Office as a sorting clerk and telegraphist. In 1950 he met Alice at a music group and in 1952 they married. 3 years later Nick was born and then Joanna, and Andrew several years later. He became a lecturer at the PO Training College in Birmingham. In 1959 he accepted a move to Northampton PO and he and his family moved to Moulton. He was promoted to superintendent, then assistant head postmaster.

He loved living in Moulton and soon became very involved with various organisations in the community. He was elected to the Parish Council in 1963 and remained a councillor for over 50 years, with 3 stints as chairman. One of his proudest achievements was helping to save The Crowfields as an open space for the village for recreational use.

He was a governor at Moulton Primary and Secondary Schools, and chairman of governors at the Primary School for many years.

He was chairman and committee member of the Moulton Players, and even acted sometimes, usually playing himself! He played a big part in relocating the Players to their current home in Cross Street. He was the biggest supporter of Alice who was an actor and producer with the Players.

In 1975 he was proud to be selected as a magistrate in Northamptonshire and served until he was 72yrs. For the last 2 years he worked in the Crown Court as a judge/magistrate. After retiring from the Post Office, he became County Director of the St John's Ambulance Association.

In the few years before he retired, he and colleagues formed a Twinning Association at Northampton PO with Poitiers, Marburg and Coimbra. He and Alice made many friends through their visits to these towns, and this became a big part of their lives after he retired.

During his nearly 40 years of retirement John continued to play a big part in village life with the Parish Council, the History Society and the Players in particular. He loved spending time with his family who he gave so much love to, and we will greatly miss him.

Elizabeth Lillian Betty Swain (Betty HIGHAM) was born on 22nd May 1927 in Yardley Gobion, the youngest of 5 children. Her father was killed while working as a night watchman, when a lorry hit his watchman's hut. Betty was only 4. Times were hard and the family were very poor, managing to survive with the help of an allotment. Things began to get better when her mother married again but sadly, this man died 4 years later. In January 1940 her mother decided to move the family to a new house at Roade. On leaving school, Betty went to work for Sears (Trueform) shoe factory and worked there for 8 and a half years, after which she married Jack Higham. He worked all his life at Moulton Co - operative Society, finishing up as Secretary Manager.



They began their married life in Moulton in 2 rooms at first then they moved to Prince of Wales Row. After that it was to a newer house in Carey Close, then the Grove and finally to Tarrant Way. It was a good and happy marriage and lasted for 47 years until Jack died suddenly in 1996. There were 2 sons, Trevor and Kevin, and, in the course of time, 4 grandchildren, Samantha, Natalie, Gemma and Matthew and then 3 great-grandchildren, Noah, Lucy and Caleb.

Betty and Jack were devoted to each other and went everywhere together. She found Jack's death hard but kept going as best she could. She didn't drive so this was an added difficulty, but Betty Higham was a determined lady and she loved to socialise. She was a good dancer, loving ballroom dancing and she went to countless tea dances. She also went to weekly whist drives and keep fit classes. She was Treasurer for the Darby and Joan Club for 25 years and sold poppies door-to-door for 15 years.

The last years were difficult for Betty. Suddenly, feeling unable to cope at home, she went into a care home nearer her sons. She quietly passed away on 8th February this year and will be sadly missed.

Keith LANCHBURY. Keith was born in Nottingham in 1935, the only child of devoted parents, Cyril and Eva. He had a very happy loving childhood. He went to the local primary school and then on to Magnus Grammar School in Newark, which meant travelling 25 miles each way by train. This was no hardship as Keith had been a trainspotter since he was 9 years old and trains were a very important part of his life. He represented his school at chess and was a member of the school cricket team, going on to join Nottinghamshire and playing for the Under 21s. Cricket could possibly have been his career, but his love of maths resulted in him serving Articles for 5 years to become a Chartered Accountant – a job he loved and equated with being a detective, only working with numbers rather than people.



In 1956 he met Jane at a dance and told his parents he had met the girl he was going to marry. They lived opposite ends of Nottingham, so Keith would cycle over early morning and then would travel by bus to and from Nottingham then cycle the 7 miles home at night. There was a very steep hill en route so Keith was delighted when, a year later, he bought a motorbike which made the journey easier. It was an AJS 500. They were married in 1958.

Due to work they had 6 homes in the first 7 years of their marriage. Firstly, Romford where Nigel was born, then Sheffield, where Philip was born then Nottingham, Edinburgh, St Neots and finally Moulton, where Deborah was born. Finding Holly Cottage was a dream come true and they loved both the cottage and the village of Moulton.

Keith served on the Parish Council for 20 years and was Auditor to the Parish Church and for Moulton Players. He also started a Badminton Group which met every Thursday evening at Moulton School. He was an enormous support to Jane, appearing as wine waiter at NSPCC events and welcoming at Macmillan fund-raisers.

In 1980 Keith set up a private practice, working from Holly Cottage. He loved the variety of his clients, many of whom became friends. One of his clients was the Rolls Royce Enthusiasts Club and when he retired, despite the fact that he drove a Honda, they made him an Honorary Life Member. Lin, his trusted secretary, was by his side for over 30 years. It was only when Lin retired that Keith also decided to retire. He was 82.

Keith loved reading but only non-fiction. Bradshaw, the Holy Bible for rail enthusiasts, was a feature of the bookshelves. Keith travelled the length and breadth of the country simply to ride on trains, always taking one or two of the children with him. He also enjoyed his allotment – rhubarb his speciality. Loving rhubarb was almost a rite of passage for membership of the Lanchbury family! His taste in music was eclectic – he loved bagpipes, big band music and musicals - his favourite being Seven Brides for Seven Brothers. He also loved cartoons of the Tom and Jerry type.

In 2012, returning from a holiday in the Channel Islands, Philip had a heart attack and died. This was devastating for the whole family. He was 50.

Keith and Jane were the total opposites of each other, but two halves of the same coin and they were very happily married for 65 years. So many of the cards received referred to him as a gentleman and he was, in both senses of the word. He was Grandpa to Chris, Jay, Matt, Charlie and Thomas and great grandpa to Jesse and Agatha (Aggie). He is much missed by all who knew him.

Pamela Aida NORRIS (known as Pam) the daughter of Joseph and Aida Herring, born in Edmonton North London on 9 May 1930. Pam grew up in a close neighbourhood with many of her family living in the same street or not far away.



Aged 9 years, Pam's first big adventure was forced upon her. The war came and her parents felt it was safest for her to travel to a farm near Reading in 1940; she joined her cousins there. Pam told wonderful stories of her time at the farm playing with her cousins, going to school with the other evacuees. She spoke of it as a happy time.

Following the war, Pam continued her life in Edmonton and chose to go to Pitman College to study typing and shorthand. Her first job was in central London, which was a long commute, and she soon took a job as typist with the local Gasworks in Tottenham. Here Pam formed many dear friendships that endured throughout her life. She often went dancing at the weekend or on holiday with these friends, and later in life continued to keep contact.

In 1951 Pam went on holiday with her parents and sister, Patricia, to the Sunshine Holiday camp at Hayling Island. Here she met Peter Norris, who was on leave from his work as a Policeman in Uganda. After Peter returned

to Uganda, Pam and Peter stayed in touch writing letters for the next 2.5 years. When on his next leave, Peter proposed, and they married on 27 December 1954. Shortly after the wedding, Pam was whisked on a trans-mediterranean steamer to Uganda with her new husband Peter. Both on the long ship journey to Uganda and her years of living there, Pam made great friendships that endured a lifetime.

Uganda proved to be a good period for the family, with Peter founding the railway police and Pam and Peter building a family - Paul, Helen and Philippa all being born there. In Uganda they spent a lot of time far from cities due to Peter's work and amazingly, Pam gave birth to and raised 3 children while there, often in challenging situations. To illustrate...when pregnant with Paul, he decided to make an appearance 6 weeks too early. Pam was loaded into a car to travel 160 miles in the blistering heat on dirt tracks to Kampala hospital. Typical of Pam, she didn't complain about this, or having to find her way without comforts, close family, or the other challenges of living life without the mod cons of life back home. On Uganda becoming independent under the rule of Idi Amin in 1963, the family could see a safer life ahead in the UK. Pam and Peter first settled in Endon in Staffordshire where Timothy was born in 1966.

There were further moves to Ballymena in Northern Ireland, then Hale in Cheshire and finally in 1981 to Moulton in Northamptonshire, where Pam lived the remaining 43 years of her life.

Pam's desire to help people endeared her to many and she made great connections wherever she was, often helping those in need of some support or simply kindness. Here in in the village, Pam spent around 30 years helping to run the Monday Club at the Carey Baptist church. Pam also helped at the Moulton Baby Clinic held in the Village Hall for many years, where she supported nurses and parents with whatever was needed along with other WI members. In later years, Pam often saw many of these babies walking to school with their parents as they grew up. She loved helping wherever people needed it, with no judgement and full of kindness.

Should you wish to submit an obituary for the next edition via Angela Campling, please ensure it is sent at least 'one week earlier' than the deadline date printed on page 3 of this magazine (to allow enough time for it to be forwarded on to the Parish Office).

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Here if you need us...

Here at Moulton Community Centre we have a variety of resources available, to anyone who may find themselves in need. Please help yourself when you're visiting.

Kindness Rail - Browse our kindness rail if you are in need of some clothing. Jackets, jumpers, children's clothes, hats, scarves and blankets are available.

Sanitary Products - Towels and liners can be found in all toilets throughout the building. Need to take some sanitary products home for the night or weekend? Please take a ready-made bag!

Baby & Toddler - Nappies, wipes and spare clothes for little accidents are also available. These can be found in each of the disabled toilets, alongside our baby-changing facilities.

Snack Basket - Visit the welcome desk where you will find our complimentary snack basket, help yourself to some fresh fruit or a pastry.



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WHAT

Moulton Community larder is a membership service open to all that provides access to affordable groceries as well as saving food that would otherwise go to waste.

WHERE

MOULTON LIBRARY

MOULTON COMMUNITY CENTRE
SANDY HILL
REEDINGS, MOULTON
NN3 7AX

WHEN

WEDNESDAY

5.45PM - 6.30PM

THURSDAY

10AM - 10.45AM

HOW IT WORKS

Visit the larder and complete a membership form.
Pay the annual joining fee then shop at the larder
once a week.

WHAT DOES IT COST?





Annual Membership Fee: £10
Up to 10 items per session for £5
Up to 22 items per session for £10

Your membership includes FREE fruit, veg and bread
in addition to your items (subject to availability)

How do I pay?

You can pay on the day by cash or card.



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-  @moultonconnect
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-  moultoncommunitylarder@gmail.com



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MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
Moulton Tots 10.00 Moulton Church Centre (Term time only)	Stay & Play (Under 18 months) 9.30 - 11.30 Moulton Library Health & Wellbeing Hub	Mums & Tots 9.00 - 11.00 Moulton Evangelical Church (Main Church) (Term time only)	Little Kickers 9.30 - 12.00 Moulton CC	Silver Swans Ballet for over 55's 9.15 - 10.00 Moulton Guide Hall	Coffee Shop 10.00 - 12.00 Moulton Theatre	Moulton Minis Soccer Club 9.00 - 10.00 Moulton Football Club
Pilates with Maree 10.45 - 11.30 Moulton CC	Renew Wellbeing Café 9.30 - 12.00 Moulton Parish Church	Prayer Meeting 9.30-10.00 Carey Baptist Church	Community Larder 10.00 Moulton Library Health & Wellbeing Hub	Little Kickers 9.30 - 12.00 Moulton CC	Girls Football Sessions @ Moulton 10.30 - 11.30 Moulton Football Club	Table Tennis Club 10.00 - 12.00 Moulton CC
Stay & Play Under 5's 13.00 - 15.00 Moulton Library Health & Wellbeing Hub	Walking Football 10.00 - 11.00 Moulton Football Club	Moulton Tots 10.00 Moulton CC	French 'Improver' Lessons 10.30 - 12.00 and 'Advanced' 12.00 - 13.30 Moulton CC (term time only)	Games Morning 10.00 - 12.00 Moulton Library Health & Wellbeing Hub	Storytime 11.30 - 12.00 Moulton Library Health & Wellbeing Hub	Bingo 13.00 Moulton Club
Cuppa@Carey 14.30 - 16.00 Carey Baptist Church	Silver Swans Ballet for over 55's 11.00 - 11.45 Moulton Guide Hall	FitSteps 10.00 Fitsteps FAB 11.05 Moulton Guide Hall	Storytime 11.30 - 12.00 Moulton Library Health & Wellbeing Hub	Walking Football 10.00 - 11.00 Moulton Football Club		
Rainbows 17.15 - 18.15 Moulton Guide Hall	Wellbeing Appointments 13.00 - 17.00 Moulton Surgery	Music Bugs 10.00 - 12.00 Moulton CC	Crafternoon 13.00 - 15.00 Moulton Library Health & Wellbeing Hub	Chair Yoga (for people with disabilities) 11.00 - 12.30 Moulton Guide Hall (held MOST Fridays, please tel: 01604 646764 to check)		
Zumba 17.45 - 18.45 Moulton CC	Construction Club 13.30 - 16.30 Moulton Library Health & Wellbeing Hub	Coffee Morning 10.00 - 12.00 Moulton Evangelical Church (Coffee Lounge)	Library Learners 15.30 - 16.30 Moulton Library Health & Wellbeing Hub	Community Lunch Club 13.00 Moulton Library Health & Wellbeing Hub		
Boys Brigade 18.00 onwards Carey Baptist Church Hall (Term time only)	French 'Beginner' Lessons 17.30 - 18.45 and 'Beginner Plus' 18.45 - 20.00 Moulton CC (term time only)	Health Walk (35-45 mins) 10.30 Meet o/s Evangelical Church	Marvellous Makers 16.00 - 17.15 Moulton Library Health & Wellbeing Hub	Bounce & Rhyme 13.00 - 13.30 Moulton Library Health & Wellbeing Hub		
Beavers 18.15 - 19.15 Scout HQ, The Nurseries	White Tiger Taekwon-Do 19.00 (beg.) 20.00 (senior) Moulton Guide Hall	Meet, Greet & Move Your Feet 10.30 - 12.30 Moulton Library Health & Wellbeing Hub	Walking Netball Club 16.30 Moulton College	Rhymetime 14.00 - 14.30 Moulton Library Health & Wellbeing Hub		
Pilates with Maree 18.30-19.15 Moulton CC	Scouts 19.30 - 21.00 Scout HQ, The Nurseries	DDH Community Lunch Club 12.15 Chappell House (£5 for a 2-course hot dinner)	Brownies 18.15 - 19.45 Moulton Guide Hall	White Tiger Taekwon-Do 18.30 - 20.00 (all grades) Moulton Village Hall		
Moulton Brownies 18.30 - 20.00 Guide Hall	Moulton 77 Brass Band 19.45 - 22.00 Moulton Village Hall	Luncheon Club 12.15 Moulton Church Centre (Fortnightly)	Walking Football - General & Ladies Only Session 18.00 - 19.00 Moulton Football Club			
Walking Football 19.00 - 20.00 Moulton Football Club		Health & Wellbeing Choir 14.00 - 16.00 Moulton CC	Cub Scouts 18.00 - 19.30 Scout HQ, The Nurseries			
Moulton Church Bell Ringers 19.30 Moulton Church		The Gap Primary School After School Club 15.15 Moulton Church Centre (Term time only)	Moulton Morris Men 19.30 Moulton Primary School			
Keep Fit Class 19.30 - 20.45 Moulton Village Hall		Community Larder 17.45 Moulton Library Health & Wellbeing Hub				
		Rainbows 17.45 - 19.00 Moulton Guide Hall				
		Guides and Rangers 19.30 - 21.00 Moulton Guide Hall				

What's On

Your Regular Monthly Groups

MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
Men's Breakfast Club 10.00 eat AT MCC (1st and 3rd Mon of the month)	Ladies Fellowship 14.00 Moulton Church Centre (1 st Tues of the month)	Lunch Club Moulton Parish Church (2nd and 4th Wed of the month)	Sling Library 9.00 - 11.00 Moulton Library Health & Wellbeing Hub (Various dates)	West Northants Council Customer Service Drop-in 10.00 - 12.00 Moulton Library Health & Wellbeing Hub (last Fri of the month)	Craft Club 9.30 Moulton CC (1 st Sat of the month, excl Jul & Aug)	Made By Me Social Crafting 14.00 Moulton Library Health & Wellbeing Hub (1st Sun of the month)
Cuppa Connections 13.00 - 14.30 Chappell House (4th Mon of the month)	Moulton Tuesday Club 14.00 - 16.00 The Guide Hall (4th Tues of the month)	Evening WI Skittles Practice 19.00 Moulton Club (3 rd Wed of the month)	Family History Society 10.30 - 12.30 Moulton Library Health & Wellbeing Hub (1st Thurs of the month)	Monthly Ward Surgery 10.30 Moulton Library Health & Wellbeing Hub (last Fri of the month)	Who Let The Dads Out 09.30 Moulton Church Centre (2nd Sat of the month)	Quiz Night at the Artichoke Pub (1st & 3rd Sun of the month)
Silent Book Club 18.30 - 20.30 Moulton Library Health & Wellbeing Hub (various Mondays)	Moulton Evening WI 19.00 / 19.30 Moulton CC (2 nd Tues of the month)	Healing Space 19.30 Carey Baptist Church (1st Wed of the month)	Dementia Support Drop-in 12.30 - 14.30 Moulton Library Health & Wellbeing Hub (4th Thurs of the month)	Musical Memories 14.00 - 15.30 Moulton CC (Various Fridays)	Network Arts 10.00 - 16.00 Moulton CC (2 nd Sat of the month)	
Adult Book Club 19.00 - 21.00 Moulton Library Health & Wellbeing Hub (various Mondays)		Gardeners' Society General Meeting 19.30 Moulton CC (4 th Wed of the month, excl Jun, Aug & Dec)	Evening WI Ladies That Natter 19.15 Moulton Club (3 rd Thur of the month)	Dangerous Club 18.30 - 20.00 Moulton Church Centre (2nd Fri of the month)	Hardy Plant Society 14.00 Moulton CC (1st Sat of the month, excl Jul & Aug)	
		Evening WI Book Club 19.30 Moulton Club (2 nd Wed of the month)		Moulton History Society 19.30 Moulton Club (3rd Fri of the month, excl Dec & Jan, & on 4th Fri in May)		
				Final Fridays - Social Evening for Members & Friends Moulton Theatre (Last Friday of the month)		

While every attempt is made to ensure that all information is current and correct, please be aware that timings may be different during school holidays/bank holidays, or only run during term time, etc. Please check direct with organiser before attending.

SCHOOL TERM DATES

Moulton Primary School

2nd & 3rd September – Teacher Training Days
 4th September – School re-opens
 25th October – School closes
 4th November – Teacher Training Day
 5th November – School re-opens
 20th December – School closes
 6th January – School re-opens
 14th February – School closes
 24th February – Teacher Training Day
 25th February – School re-opens

Moulton College

(Further Education Students only)

9th September – Term starts
 28th October – 1st November – Study week
 19th December – Term finishes
 6th January – Term starts

Moulton School & Science College

2nd & 3rd September – Teacher Training Days
 4th & 5th September – Yr 7 & 12 Transition Days
 6th September – School re-opens
 25th October – School closes
 4th November – Teacher Training Day
 5th November – School re-opens
 20th December – School closes
 6th January – School re-opens
 13th February – School closes
 14th February – Teacher Training Day
 24th February – School re-opens

What Not To Miss

September

- 3 Moulton Parish Council Meeting 19.15 *Moulton Community Centre*
- 7 Moulton School & Science College – 70th Anniversary 10.00-14.30 *Moulton School & Science College, Pound Lane*
- 14 Quiz Night *Carey Baptist Church*
- 15 Harvest Festival Service 10.45 *Carey Baptist Church* (Donations to Weston Favell Food Bank)
- 22 Cynthia Spencer Hospice - Cycle 4 Cynthia Charity Bike Ride 08.45 *Lampport Hall*
- 25 Moulton Evening WI - Prospective Members Evening 19.00 *Cardigan Arms*
- 26 Bingo Night 19.00/19.30 *Moulton Library*
- 29 Harvest Service 10.30 *Moulton Parish Church*

October

- 1 Talk by Steve Pateman (on the true story of his family's shoe factory, immortalised in the film 'Kinky Boots') Entry £3.00 Doors Open 19.00 *Moulton Community Centre*
- 1 Moulton Parish Council Meeting 19.15 *Moulton Community Centre*
- 3 Moulton School & Science College Open Evening (For Children in Year 6 for Year 7 Entry 2025) *Moulton School & Science College, Pound Lane*
- 10 Moulton School & Science College Open Evening (For Children in Year 6 for Year 7 Entry 2025) *Moulton School & Science College, Pound Lane*
- 12 Moulton College Open Day 09.00-13.00 Gate 3, Pitsford Road, Moulton
- 19 PAWS@MCC 13.00-15.00 *Moulton Community Centre*
- 26 Bright Lights Party 17.00 *Moulton Parish Church*
- 27 Books & Beyond – Children's Literary Festival *Moulton Library*
- 27 Time to Remember Service 18.00 *Moulton Parish Church*
- 30 Moulton Spooktacular Halloween Display 16:00-21:00 *Moulton Village Autos*
- 31 Magic School *Moulton Library*
- 31 Moulton Spooktacular Halloween Display 16:00-21:00 *Moulton Village Autos*

November

- 5 Moulton Parish Council Meeting 19.15 *Moulton Community Centre*
- 10 Remembrance Sunday (Open Air) 10.15 *Moulton Public Gardens*
- 10 Remembrance Sunday (in Church) 10.45 *Moulton Parish Church*
- 10 Brigades Enrolment Service 10.45 *Carey Baptist Church*
- 16 Moulton College Open Day 09.00-13.00 Gate 3, Pitsford Road, Moulton
- 23 Cynthia Spencer Hospice – Charity Christmas Fair 11.00-15.00 *Collingtree Park Golf Club*

- 24 Christmas Cracker 10.30-14.30 *Moulton Community Centre*
- 26 Blood Donation *Moulton Community Centre*
- 27 Moulton College Foundation Learning Open Day (for Students with EHCP/SEN) 17.00-19.00 Gate 1, Pitsford Road, Moulton

December

- 1 Christingle Service 10.30 *Moulton Parish Church*
- 2 Moulton College Undergraduate Open Day 09.30-12.00 Gate 1, Pitsford Road, Moulton
- 2 Advent Songs of Praise (followed by tea and cake) 16.00 *Carey Baptist Church*
- 3 Memory Morning 09.30 *Moulton Parish Church*
- 3 Moulton Parish Council Meeting 19.15 *Moulton Community Centre*
- 8 Modern Carol Service 18.00 *Moulton Parish Church*
- 10 Cynthia Spencer Hospice – Tree of Love Service 19.30 *The Cathedral of Our Lady & St Thomas, Kingsthorpe Road*
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- 14 Moulton Parish Council Meeting 19.15 *Moulton Community Centre*
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Councillor Fiona Baker
Lead Member for Children Families, Education and Skills.
West Northamptonshire Council

West Northamptonshire Council Cabinet Member, Cllr Fiona Baker talks to us about the exciting development of Family Hubs and the recent launch of an online resource for families.

Family Hubs will offer a safe, welcoming space and central point of access for all families with children aged 0 to 19 years (or 25 years for a young person with a special educational need or disability).

At their heart, Family Hubs are about bringing everything together to help families get the right information and help when needed, giving babies a great start in life and supporting families through to adolescence.

Cllr Fiona Baker, Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Education at WNC said: “We are pleased to have launched the Family Hubs website which provides an online tool to support families and their children right from the start of planning their pregnancy, through to their teenage years. The dedicated website page provides practical guidance for children of all ages, as well as details of local services to support families.’

WNC are developing a network of “Family Hubs and Spokes” across the area; the main hubs will be in Towcester, Northampton and Daventry. The launch of the first in-person Family Hub is due to take place later this year in Towcester. WNC are working closely with local authorities and partners to look at how it can extend this in-person offer in local communities throughout West Northamptonshire, with the introduction of ‘Spokes’. Spokes will offer a more localised service to families and provide a link to the main Hubs.

This fabulous initiative for West Northants is being delivered by Cllr Baker who has been working with Moulton Parish Council for some time. Cllr Baker adds “Moulton already provides excellent services for families and children, and we are excited to learn from them, and explore further opportunities to work together in the coming months.”

To visit the family hubs webpage head to: www.westnorthants.gov.uk/family-hubs-west-northamptonshire



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