

MOULTON NEWS

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NEWMARKET EVENTS

Newmarket Town Council will be hosting a **Children's Easter Party on 27th March**. This event is free, but booking is required. There will be fun and games, refreshments, and an Easter egg hunt. It will be from 2pm to 4pm.



The 2008 Carnival will be held July 5th at the Rowley Mile Racecourse. There will be a parade at 1 pm beginning on the Severals and ending at the racecourse. The theme will be "television." Carnival events will be from 2 pm to 5:30 pm. The 2007 Carnival holds a record for Carnival attendance with around 3,800 people in attendance.

Call 01638 667227 and ask for Erika for more information.

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Many people will remember that until around 1992 there was a successful WI run in the village. Following a meeting in the Village Hall on Monday 14th Jan, a new WI has been formed.

Over thirty ladies attended and heard from Suffolk West Federation Chairman and colleagues about some of the national and international campaigns that they have been involved in. There were many reasons for wanting to join such a group, but overall there was a desire to meet new people in the village and to share experiences and knowledge and to learn new skills. If you were unable to attend, do come along to the next meeting and share in setting the Programme for 2008.

There is also a really informative WI web site:
www.womens-institute.co.uk.

Meetings will be in the Village Hall, 2nd Monday of each month @ 7.45pm - 9.45pm.

The next meeting will be on the 11th February 2008.

MVH 200 CLUB

Tickets are now on sale - each household having received an application form, delivered by Bev and Mel, our postgirls.

Cost £26; 4 draws during the year, the first draw taking place at the Parish Council AGM on Monday 31 March. Closing date 29 February; post-dated cheques accepted. 50% of ticket sales goes to the Redevelopment Fund for our new village hall. New members would be very welcome.

For more information or an application form, please contact Sue Mannell on 552881 or Jan Morgan on 750327.

MOULTON BULK HEATING OIL ORDERING SCHEME

I was pleased to note that the price of oil appears to have stabilised a little and even gone down a bit. The last order placed on the 14th January was for 41 deliveries with a total of around 30,000 litres which we managed to purchase at 39.80 p per litre. Clearly we all want to save money where we possibly can, but ordering in this way reduces the number of oil tankers coming through the village and hence reduces pollution.

We have run the Bulk Oil Ordering Scheme now for three years and generally it works really smoothly. If anyone is interested in running it in the future we would be pleased to pass all the details on to them.

The following dates will be when I will be ordering oil over the coming months. Please note that this is the ordering date and not the delivery date. The oil companies always try to deliver as soon as possible after the order has been placed, but clearly due to their demands this is often a few days later.

<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
7 th April 2008	12 th January
14 th July	
22 nd September	
24 th November	

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on the following dates:

SATURDAY 15th March 2008
SATURDAY 10th May 2008
SATURDAY 12th July 2008
SATURDAY 13th September 2008
SATURDAY 15th November 2008

If you are unable to make this date but would still like to discuss a local issue, please contact me on the details below.

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VILLAGE HALL BOOKING DETAILS

Moulton Village Hall

Availability for Regular Bookings

The Village Hall is used by a number of organisations with regular bookings but we have space for more.

Available sessions are as below but some of the times could be varied to suit your requirement.

Monday	2.00 pm - 4.45 pm
Tuesday	10.30 am - 12.30 pm 12.30 pm - 4.30 pm
Wednesday	2.00 pm - 5.30 pm
Thursday	Fully booked
Friday	2.00 pm - 11.00 pm
Saturday and Sunday	– open for discussion.

Booking can be for the Main Hall or the Small Back Hall or Both and will include use of the kitchen and all furniture. A full description of the hall and current fees can be viewed on the Moulton Village web site (www.moultonsuffolk.co.uk) or contact the Booking Clerk to arrange a visit.

Booking Clerk – Albert Shipton
Tel: 01 638 552711; email -
bookingsVH@moultonsuffolk.co.uk

LOCAL CHARITIES THEATRE NIGHTS

Raising money for St Nicholas Hospice, local PTAs, Mildenhall Museum, British Legion, Action Medical Research, MS Society and many more

Featuring Riverside Theatre Company In

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**Friday 29th February &
Saturday 1st March 2008**

**At the Jubilee Centre, Mildenhall
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Our wonderful Christmas present at St Peter's was a new sound system and hearing loop. We are grateful to the anonymous "St Nicholas" who enabled us to install this invaluable asset. It is not only helpful to those who use a hearing aid - they can tune in directly to the loop system - but to all those who attend and take part in our services



PANCAKES

Easter is very early this year but that means Pancake Day is all the earlier! Even that's not soon enough for Gazeley who are holding a Pancake and Coffee Morning at the Village Hall in Gazeley on Saturday 2nd February from 10.00 am to 12 noon. Not only will there be a Bring and Buy Gift Stall, but the amazing deal of as many pancakes as you can eat - all for £2.00!

ASH WEDNESDAY

Lent starts officially on Ash Wednesday and there will be a short communion service on Wednesday 6th February at 7.30 pm at Gazeley with the ancient tradition of the imposition of ashes.

A RISK WORTH TAKING

starting on Wednesday 13th February at 7.30 pm
Some of you will remember our recently retired Archdeacon, John Cox. John has written a little book for groups to study - 'a course that is challenging and relevant to contemporary life and experience.'

'The brutalities of the world leave many without, or questioning, faith in God. How can we risk and retain a credible, trusting belief in a loving God while being honest about the way things actually are, here on earth?'

We shall be meeting using John's course on Wednesdays in Lent from 13th February to 12th March from 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm. To cover the cost of the book the course will cost £5.

Do come and join us. It's a risk worth taking!!

MOTHERING SUNDAY AT MOULTON

This year we are at Moulton for our Benefice Mothering Sunday Service on Sunday 2nd March at 10.30 am. And so to Easter with services this year at Dalham (at 9 am) and Gazeley (at 10.30 am)

Meanwhile our regular services continue on the first Sunday (Family Service) and third Sunday (communion) of the month at 10.30 am

Stephen Mitchell

MOULTON GOLF SOCIETY

The Annual general meeting of the Moulton Golf Society was held at the King's Head on Thursday 10th January. The Treasurer reported that the year had been financially successful and fees had covered all costs of bookings and prizes. It was generally agreed that the golf programme had been enjoyable and all the players were satisfied with the choice of venues and, with one minor exception, the quality of the food served at the dinners. It was agreed that a similar programme should be booked for 2008 and it was left to the Bookings Clerk to set up the programme.

Mark Curtis was elected Captain for 2008.

The Captain's Charity for 2007 was Newmarket Open Door and the 2007 Captain, Albert Shipton, presented a cheque for £300.00 to the John Morris, Chairman of the Trustees. In accepting the cheque John said: "Newmarket Open Door is appreciative of the efforts made to raise this money. Open Door is continuing to grow and develop with the objective of providing five additional rooms in the Spring of 2008. The demand for our facilities continues, sadly, to grow and a donation such as this helps us enormously. We are very grateful for the support of Moulton Golf Society"



Albert Shipton (left) and John Morris (right) at the cheque presentation

THE MOULTON WANDERERS

Still trying to recover from the festive season?

*A gentle way to do that would be to join **The Moulton Wanderers***

*who walk the village circuit between 5.45 and 7pm on Thursday Evenings at a pace to suit the slowest walker. **If you can't make it for the start, just join in when you arrive***

For further information contact: Christine Grant on 552 174 or Ron Wallwork on 751869 Why Walk?

It is a low risk activity with minimum impact on joints. It is within the physical capabilities of most people. It is free and needs no special equipment. It is easily incorporated into everyday life. It is accessible regardless of age or ability. It provides the opportunity for social contact and support.

The recognised benefits of Walking for Health include: *Disease prevention, Weight management and prevention of associated illnesses along with positive mental health promotion.*

News from the Parish Council ... and other matters.

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on the 7th January 2008 and the following were some of the items discussed:

o It was agreed that an approach should be made to the Area Highways Manager with a request that he include the Newmarket / Moulton Road in his priority salting scheme. At present the Cambridgeshire stretch of this road is salted, but the Suffolk area is not. This leads to very hazardous driving conditions as the road surface changes from salted to unsalted surface quite abruptly.

o A complaint has been passed to the County Council regarding some of the bus driver's not making non-designated stops which had been previously agreed. This particularly enables elderly passengers to access the bus where it is most convenient.

o It was agreed that an application should be made for Grant Aiding to improve the footway along the Newmarket Road to connect with Footpath No 1; and a further scheme to improve the habitat for Kingfishers along the river adjacent to Footpath No 4.

o Concerns were raised over the costs of the refurbishment of the Forest Heath District council Offices (estimated cost £3.2m).

o The budget figures for 2008/09 were reviewed and it was agreed that next year's precept will be set at £26,864 (This is the amount it costs to maintain the Parish services etc.)

o An additional dog fouling bin has been installed on the village green opposite the Packhorse Bridge. A fresh supply of dog-poo bags are available free of charge to parishioners from the Post Office Stores.

The Village Hall Redevelopment Project is set to go ahead later this year. The District Council have confirmed that a grant amounting to one third of building costs will be available, which coupled with the £100k Planning Gain from the Kennett Park Development should see sufficient funds for at least the bulk of the project.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on March 31st at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Prior to the meeting there will be displays, advice and 'freebies' from:

Community Safety Team on 'Home Protection' and from the District Council on 'Home Energy Saving'

Following the meeting a draw will be held for the 200 Club.

On a personal note:

A couple of days ago I was out walking with our dog Splash, and was delighted to see the blue flash of a Kingfisher feeding along the riverbank. These beautiful birds need to be encouraged and that is why we are looking to improve the river environment and public access. I was saddened to find a Stoat that had been killed on the road carrying food (a small shrew) back to its young. Although stoats are voracious killers they are also beautiful creatures. Other wildlife that I have noted in the village are the large number of owls that can be heard any evening in the centre of the village and rare glimpses of the occasional badger.

Sadly all this beauty is often marred by the few irresponsible dog owners who are still allowing their pets to foul the footpaths or to my mind, worse still, picking up the offending deposit in a plastic bag and discarding the whole lot in the hedgerow. Hopefully they may read this and look out for the appropriate bins that are in place around the village.

The other issue that concerns me is still the number of speeding vehicles that whizz through the village. I believe the local Police will be conducting more speed checks over the coming year so maybe motorists will slow down.

Bill Rampling



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A POLICEMAN'S LOT

A car broke down on the A14 recently and pulled over onto the verge. The driver got out and opened the boot from which two men in raincoats got out. These men then started exposing themselves to the passing traffic and an almighty pile up occurred. The police arrived and my colleague let rip at the driver "Why on earth did you put those two perverts at the side of the road?" The driver explained "I was just using my emergency flashers"



I would like to remind readers that no financial institution will ever ring you up out of the blue and ask for pin or internet codes. They may have some of your info ie card and account numbers but will fish for your security codes to be able to defraud you. They can seem very plausible and offer their name and phone number. Never give these details out unless you have made contact to a number you know to be correct, so if you receive such a call tell them you will phone back and then ring the number you know not the one they give you which can be an accomplice.

Finally....if the police arrest a mime artist, do we have to tell him he has the right to remain silent?

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Please do remember the village website with your functions/ events/general information: it receives a large number of visitors each week.

Email: moultonnews@aol.com with information etc

Full details of Parish Council meetings are available on www.moultonpc.ukonline.co.uk.



INTERESTING VILLAGERS by Ron Wallwork

Moulton's dog walkers, in the main are a responsible and friendly lot and like so many people in our small village have interesting backgrounds and stories to tell and up until losing Ben his faithful dachshund, Bill Johnson now in his eighty-ninth year was one of them.

Born in Essex, Bill as a young man was a keen cricketer. Joining Southend in 1938 he recalls cycling the eleven miles from his home every Tuesday and Thursday evening to practice and then cycling home afterwards. His dedication paid off because he became a regular of the team which played in the Cricket Club Conference of the London Area. A fast bowler, he played against some of the top players of the time and was good enough to make the Essex county second eleven on a number of occasions. He must have had considerable potential because he was invited to join the Surrey ground staff in 1940, but Mr. Hitler put a stop to that and instead, it was Royal Army Veterinary Corps that he joined in late December 1939.

Bill had a distinguished cricketing career whilst in the forces, playing for his unit and Doncaster, where he was based until posted to the Middle East where he played for the Army GHQ under the captaincy of the legendary England Captain F.R. Brown. After the war he returned to play for Southend, but his passion for the game had to be tempered by the needs of what was a time of great uncertainty for all the population.

Work in equine breeding brought him and his wife Vera to the area in the mid 1950's here he gained rapid promotion to Stud Manager at Derisley Wood Stud. Once settled he took up his beloved cricket again playing for Burrough Green, helping them to league and Gibson cup victories.

Bill and Vera moved to Lark Hill in 1975, so half their married life has been as Moulton villagers and they celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary in 2003. Bill has fond memories of Ben, a rescue pup he saved from being put down and who to Bill's great delight had a long life, spanning almost nineteen years. As for the cricket, the passion remains and a perfect day would be reading about the game, whilst listening to *Test Match Special*.

