

Moulton Parish News

No More Power Cuts?

Following last winter's numerous interruptions to the village electricity supply, the Parish Council has been liaising with PowerSystems Ltd, the company responsible for maintaining supply, to ensure the interruptions cease, or at least significantly reduce.

As a result extensive work has been undertaken to increase electricity capacity in the locality, following a brief shutdown to supply planned for one day at the end of October for a switch-over to the new capacity, and we are assured the supply to the village will be improved.

Pre-School members to be photographed

The photographer will be coming on Friday 17th October, to Pre-School so if anyone wishes to have his or her babies' photographs taken, please contact us. We will be performing a little nativity play on Friday 5th December. All are most welcome. Later in December Father Christmas will be visiting Pre-School.. We always welcome visitors so if you feel you can offer help in any-way, please contact **Gill Targett on 551490.**

Father Christmas Visits Moulton

Father Christmas has once again agreed to come and see the children of the village at the Village Hall on Saturday 29 November. A small charge will be made to see him in his grotto. Every child will receive a gift, and as usual a small donation will be made to Children In Need for each child that sees him.

Father Christmas has also asked that the annual Christmas Fair is held on the same day, and we are happy to confirm that both the Fair and the grotto will be open from 1.30 until 5.00 that afternoon.

Well done W I Litter Pickers!

During the summer two groups from the W I have been picking up litter around the Village. This is part of a national community challenge scheme, which hopefully should continue for some time.

Membership now stands at 42. Their programme is very varied. So ladies, why not go along to the next meeting - 2nd Monday of the month, 7.30pm, in the Methodist School room. It's not all Jam and Jerusalem!

Remembrance Day, Sunday, 9th November

The parade leaves Beehive Corner at 9.45 am for the service in St Stephen's at 10.15. Everyone is welcome to the British Legion after the service.

District Council gives grants to Village

Over the summer months the village has received substantial funding from the Borough Council. You will have noticed the progress on the redevelopment of the land at the back of Regent Street, which has been had 50% funding from VRBC. It is also giving a 100% grant towards a CCTV system for the Village Hall

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Welcome to Bob

Over the summer some of the children from the village enjoyed "Going Bananas"! Together with Davenham Parish Church over 50 children gathered each day for a holiday club learning about different characters in the Bible who seemed to "go bananas" for God. What with craft work, games, songs, big screen video, and a landslide victory for the boys in the daily quiz, we look forward to next year and holiday club 2004.



While we seek to build the living stones (people) of the church with events like the holiday club, we also have to attend to the actual stones of our church premises. St Stephen's has been transformed in recent years and is now a credit to the congregation who have worked so hard and to the village as a whole who have contributed to the renovations. Our great hope for the current year was that the painting of the nave ceiling would be completed. We have received some very generous gifts towards the cost of this project for which we are grateful. However, the process is being held up by our application to the Cheshire Historic Churches Preservation Trust. It may be that our contractors are not able to accommodate us immediately, and therefore we may be looking at Spring 2004 for works to commence.

One venture which the Parish Church has supported in the past and which is having a wider village focus this year is the "Operation Christmas Child" shoe-box appeal organised by "Samaritan's Purse" (<http://www.samaritanspurse.org>). The founder of "Operation Christmas Child" visited St Stephen's last October to preach and to speak about the charity's work. The Co-Op are acting as a drop off point for completed shoe boxes - filled with gifts for children who would otherwise have nothing this Christmas. There are 2 copies of a video presenting the good work that "Samaritan's Purse" is doing which can be borrowed (phone the Vicarage 593355). It will be a good thing for us, who are comparatively wealthy, to remember the poorest of children this year.

Andy Greenhough

Christmas Services:

Nov 30th	Christingle Service	4pm
Dec 21st	Carols By Candlelight	6.30pm
Dec 24th	Christmas Eve Communion	11pm

Message from Singapore

Lynda Doukanaris writes "that her daughter, Rachel, and husband, Andrew, moved into Moulton at the beginning of May. They had only been in the house a week when Rachel gave birth to Joshua which caused a bit of a stir because she didn't make it to the hospital and he was born at home! What a lovely start to their new life in Moulton. Rachel and Andrew also have a son called Oliver. They have only been in the village a few months but already feel at home. I came over from Singapore for the birth of Joshua and found Moulton to be one of the friendliest places I have ever been to.

I wonder if Joshua was the first baby to be actually born in the village in 2003?

It's great that you have your newsletter on the web(see <http://madca.org.uk>). It means I can keep up with the news in the village my family live in. Many thanks."

Was Joshua the first baby born in Moulton in 2003? Do you have family or friends who read this newsletter from far flung corners of the globe? Let us know. (See back page for contact).

Christmas Fair,

Saturday 29th November

Village Hall

Watch out for posters

RAMP UPDATE

'Funny Money'

a farce

by Ray Cooney

directed by Chad Meadows

When Henry Perkins gets home from work and opens his briefcase he realises that he must have picked up a case belonging to another traveller on the train. What's the obvious thing to do? Hand it in to lost property perhaps. But Henry has a surprise when he opens the case and finds that it contains £750,000 in cash. Subsequent events are.....well just farcical!

Moulton Drama Group's next production begins on Monday 27th October. Tickets can be obtained from Chris Kirkham on 594190.

Can you Help?

Pupils at our local school are keen to become brass players. Unfortunately there are not enough instruments available. Have you a trumpet, cornet or other instrument languishing in your cupboards or hidden away in the attic gathering dust and wanting to be played? If you can help please contact the school on 592182.

Classes with *The Wonderful World of Music* take place every Tuesday morning at 10:30am in the Village Hall. You are welcome to come and join in the fun as we sing songs, play instruments and get to know how to make music! The sessions are supported by CDs, and your little ones will love the certificates and medals they get as a reward for all their hard work. Please call **Jacqui** on **08700 118068** to arrange your free trial lesson.



Bob the Postmaster,

not Bob the Builder!!

Bob Ogisi has recently taken over from Ian and Sadie at the Post Office. Bob, an ex-merchant sea captain has decided to hang up his sea boots to sail the uncharted waters of pension books, electricity bills and other such paper mysteries. Welcome to Moulton Bob!. We hope to see your face behind the counter for many years to



Most of you are aware that we are still in discussion with The Secretary of State, John Prescott, about the Mino-sus Planning Application. The Parish Councils and other objectors are putting fresh arguments forward with the hope that John Prescott will not re-issue the Planning Permission that was successfully quashed in January 2003. The Public Enquiry in 2001 did not cover issues raised in enough detail to alleviate our fears. This may be our last chance to persuade John Prescott not to pass it again!

One of our main targets is the Traffic and in particular the Junction onto the Bypass. Waste will come from outside Cheshire and we will have to put up with lorries, 5 ½ days a week, for the next 20 years. Taking the waste underground will be a 24/7 operation, so some waste will be on the surface all the time. No. Shaft 4, on Jack Lane, is used to take machinery into the mine and is also part of the air circulation system. This extra operation makes multiple use of the lift another concern.

If you have any views on the traffic issue, now is the time to do something about it so we can get the junction made safer for us all, whether Mino-sus start operations or not.

If you need more information or can help please contact: **Laura Williams** – Tel: **594339**

The Parish Clerk, Elaine Beech, may be contacted at 578, Chester Road, Sandiway, or on 888015 or by e-mail at moultonpc@ukgateway.net

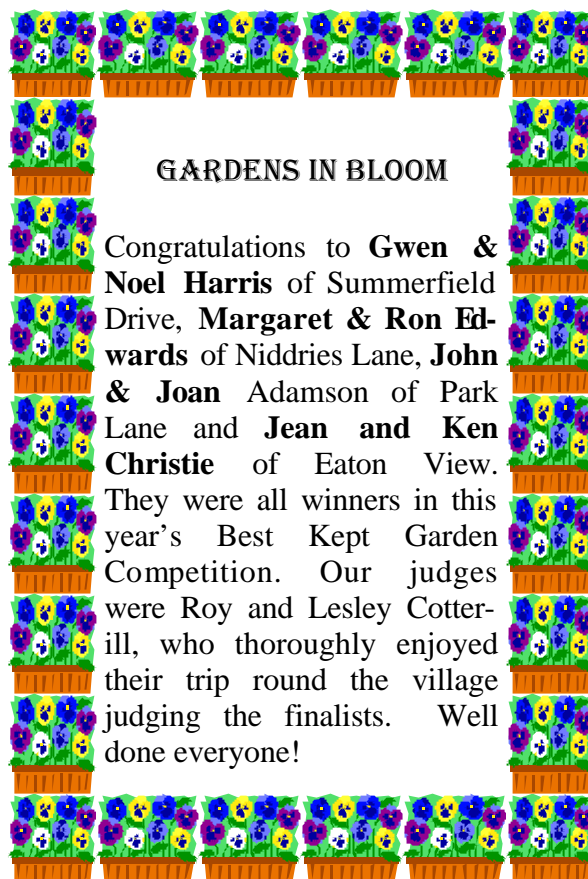
Another book from local Author

Geoff Crompton, author of '34 MEN', is now well on with his research into the 12 men from the village who perished in WW2. Hopefully, this book will be published next year and will be entitled 'ANOTHER DOZEN'. Geoff is looking for two photographs for this book and hopes that one of our readers might be able to help. He would like a photograph of the adult Moulton Crows - in full flight, of course!! and also a recent aerial picture of the village. If anyone can help Geoff then please contact him on 01606 76818.

Copies of '34 MEN' can be purchased from the village newsagents or the British Legion Club with all profits going to the British Legion Poppy Appeal.

The Wednesday Art Group

The Wednesday Art Group, which meets every Wednesday in the Village Hall, are planning to hold an exhibition of their work at the Castle Park Art Centre, Frodsham, during January 2004. This is their third exhibition at Castle Park and the subject this time will be "The Cheshire Landscape"



GARDENS IN BLOOM

Congratulations to **Gwen & Noel Harris** of Summerfield Drive, **Margaret & Ron Edwards** of Niddries Lane, **John & Joan Adamson** of Park Lane and **Jean and Ken Christie** of Eaton View. They were all winners in this year's Best Kept Garden Competition. Our judges were Roy and Lesley Cotterill, who thoroughly enjoyed their trip round the village judging the finalists. Well done everyone!

Local Councillors - Contact details

Welcome to three new councillors, Tariq Shah, Mark Leah and Andy Yeomans and to the return of David Wakefield.

Name	Address	Telephone	
Felix-Browne, Mrs Jane	Eaton View, 162 Main Road	590999	
Green, Mark Vice Chairman	Moulton Lodge, 15 Park Lane	557712	
Leah, Mark	6 Poplar Avenue	551526	
Scott, Mrs Janet	Rosedale, Jack Lane	594076	
Shah, Tariq	99 Main Road	592862	
Turner, Carl	27 Beechfield		
Vernon, Mrs Pauline Chairman	30 Main Road	594707	
Wakefield, David	17, Whitlow Avenue	559893	
Watkinson, Mrs Denise	37 Eaton View	593542	
Wood, Arthur	489 London Road, Davenham	42711	
Yeomans, Andy	Eaton View, 162 Main Road	590999	
Beech, Miss Elaine Clerk	578 Chester Road, Sandiway	888015	
Kerruish-Jones, Mrs Joan			
	VRBC	Peck Mill Farm, Bostock	48206
Wood, Arthur	VRBC	489 London Road, Davenham	42711
Woodhouse, Bob	VRBC	32 School Lane, Hartford, Northwich,	75037