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The Heyford Village Newspaper

So many March celebrations!

Everyone is invited to the

**Neighbourhood Plan Feedback Events**

on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup> March

in the Village Hall

*St David's Day, Mothers Day,*

*Commonwealth Day, Spring Equinox,*

*St Patrick's Day, Good Friday,*

*International Women's Day,*

*Palm Sunday*

March 2018

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**March 2018**

## Thanks

I would like to thank personally my next door neighbours and all my friends, also persons I know in the village and beyond, for all the help and kindness over the past couple of months. I was taken into Hospital for an operation and while there I thought how lucky I am to be living in such a caring village with such thoughtful people.

Thank you all.

*(Robin) Bob Smith*



## Cover: Tom Dodd

See the Neighbourhood Plan Update on page 11



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# PARISH COUNCIL NOTES



**The February meeting of Nether Heyford Parish Council was held on Feb 5th 2017 at the Baptist Church Rooms.**

## **Northamptonshire County Council Cutbacks**

The state of affairs at Northamptonshire County Council continues to cause concern with a ban on any new expenditure, and we are starting to get reports of works being delayed for lack of available funds. At this stage we do not know how much this will impact on the village, but will report any news we get.

## **Village Cleaning days**

In the Public session Mrs Reeves said how pleased she was that there were plans for participation in this national event, but was concerned that the litter picking would be done safely. South Northants Council have been contacted to try and secure a supply of high visibility jackets, gloves, litter pickers etc. for the event.

## **Allotments**

Rent night took place on Jan 18th at the Youth Club in Roberts Field.

Approximately 75% of rents collected so far at Rent night and since. 35 plots paid, 12 still to come, but it is suspected 17 plots will remain vacant.

10 people had come forward at the Rent night showing an interest in improving the allotments.

Clearance work continues on the allotments.

If you would like an allotment, please contact the committee as on the councillor's list.

## **Cemetery**

Mr Wright reported that he would be unable to continue with helping at the Cemetery, which he had now done for 40 years. The chair thanked him on behalf of Council and the village.

## **General Data Protection Regulation**

Council needs to be compliant with law from May 25th. Clerk reported that he had attended a training course. Council would need to do an Information Audit, appoint a

Data Protection Officer and form a policy on document retention and destruction prior to the introduction of GDPR.

## **Churchyard**

Mr Haynes reported that the Church was receptive to having cremation ashes put in the churchyard, and the Parish Council will be meeting with the Parochial Church Council to discuss this. The work on repairing the north wall should soon take place.

## **Streetlights**

that have gone out or are damaged should be reported to the Clerk at the link below. I will then report to the maintenance company, Aylesbury Mains.

There has been a problem with the light at the junction of Winston Close and Furnace Lane. The column was knocked down by a truck before Christmas; it was replaced quite quickly by Aylesbury Mains, but has not worked since. It has transpired that this is because the power has not been reconnected; this being the responsibility of another agency – and it seems that they are the cause of the delay, which it is hoped will not persist for much longer.

Some reports have been going to Balfour Beatty who deal with Highway Lights on the major roads. The reports do get passed on but there is often a time lag.

**[netherheyfordparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:netherheyfordparishcouncil@gmail.com)**

## **Roads and Pavements**

There are some bad potholes in Hillside Road and Furnace Lane which have been reported on a number of occasions, and we are told they will be repaired within 4 months.

Parishioners are reminded that anyone can report a pothole or other highways problem online to the Streetdoctor service, and this can refer to problems outside the village too.

Google Streetdoctor Northamptonshire County Council or use this link.

<http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/en/councilservices/Transport/roads/streetdoctor/Pages/Step1.aspx>

Alternatively phone 0300 126 1000 and ask for Streetdoctor.

Next meeting will be Monday March 5th 2018 at 7.30 pm and is, like all Parish Council meetings, open to all Parishioners.



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# Our Churches

## Parish Church of

### St. Peter and St. Paul

#### Services for March 2018

Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>	08:00 am	Prayer Book Holy Communion at Flore Church
	09:30 am	Holy Communion at Church Stowe
	11:00 am	First Sunday - All Age Service at Flore Church
	06:00 pm	Holy Communion at Heyford
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	Mothering Sunday Coffee Church at Flore Chapel
	10:00 am	Mothering Sunday Family Service at Upper Stowe
	11:00 am	Holy Communion at Heyford
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup>	02:30 pm	Messy Church at Flore
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	09:30 am	Holy Communion at Heyford
	10:00 am	United Partnership Service at Flore Chapel
	11:00 am	Family Service at Upper Stowe
	04:00 pm	Youth Church at Flore
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 am	Benefice Prayer Meeting at Heyford Church
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup>	03:00pm	Messy Church at the Heyford Church Rooms
		<b>Holy Week</b>
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	Benefice/Partnership Palm Sunday Service at Flore Church
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>	07:30 pm	Holy Communion & Meditation for Holy Week, Upper Stowe
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	07:30 pm	Benefice/Partnership Maundy Thursday Supper at Flore Church
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>	02:00 pm	Good Friday Walk of Witness in Heyford (see over)
	7:00 pm	United Good Friday Service at Flore Chapel

**The Streets** we shall be praying for during March are: Close Rd, The Pound and The Peak in Heyford, The Avenue and The Glebe in Flore, The Old Dairy Farm in Upper Stowe and the outlying farms around Stowe and the Mews Houses in Brockhall.

On **Good Friday**, 30<sup>th</sup> March, we will be having a **Walk of Witness** around Nether Heyford, starting at St Peter & St Paul Church at 2:00PM, arriving at the Baptist Hall for hot cross buns and refreshments at about 3:00PM, and then having a Good Friday service at 4:00PM, in the Baptist Chapel on the village green. As we make our way around the village, we will pause at various points to hear about and reflect on some of the events of that first Good Friday afternoon, as Jesus made his way through Jerusalem to his crucifixion.

Dear Friends,

Imagine going through life continually carrying a heavy load, a box full of books, perhaps, or a bag full of rocks. I suspect we wouldn't be able to do it for long, before our arms, back or legs ached, and we had to put our heavy load down. Yet in some ways we carry heavy loads with us all the time; mentally, emotionally and spiritually. Our lives can become full of difficulties and worries that burden us. We have doubts and fears that hold us back; our past mistakes or present weaknesses prevent us from enjoying life to the full. All too often, we seem to be struggling along, getting by as best we can, yet wondering how much longer we can cope.

If that's how you're feeling, then listen to what Jesus has to say in Matthew's Gospel:

"If you are tired from carrying heavy burdens, come to me and I will give you rest. Take the yoke I give you. Put it on your shoulders and learn from me. I am gentle and humble, and you will find rest. This yoke is easy to bear, and this burden is light" (Matthew 11:28-30, CEV)

Jesus said this to his first followers, and he says it to us, almost 2,000 years later. As we make our way through Holy Week, at the end of this month, we remember the burden that Jesus carried as he made his way to his crucifixion. He carried the heavy wood of his cross, and he carried the great weight of all our burdens; the mistakes we've made, the fears that haunt us, the problems that beset us. Jesus has dealt with all these burdens on the cross.

There are times when we feel weighed down by life, with all its troubles and difficulties. But the truth we celebrate at Easter is that Jesus has taken our burdens upon himself and is ready to set us free from the loads we bear, free to live life to the full.

Yours in Christ,

*Stephen (Tel 344436)*



**Messy Church** is an all-age, fun form of church for children and adults that involves creativity, celebration and hospitality. It typically includes a welcome, a long creative time to explore the biblical theme through getting crafty (and messy!); a short celebration time involving story, prayer, song, games and similar; and a sit-down meal together at tables.

Messy Church in Heyford now meets on a quarterly basis. We meet next on **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 3:00PM** in the Church Rooms on Church Lane to celebrate a 'Messy Easter'. There will be crafts, games, an Easter Egg Hunt, and we'll remember the story of the first Easter, before sitting down to a party tea.

Messy Church is for people of all ages, adults and children, alike. We look forward to seeing you on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March.

Heyford Parish Church and Heyford Baptist Church

Invite you to join them for a

## LENT LUNCH

Of Home-Made Soup and Crusty Bread

In The Baptist Schoolroom

**12noon to 2pm**

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March**

No set charge

But donations invited for The Hope Centre, Northampton





## **Nether Heyford Baptist Church**

**Morning Services: 10:30 am**

**Afternoon Services: 4:00 pm**

### **Sunday Services**

March	10:30 a.m.	4:00 p.m.
4 <sup>th</sup>	Worship led by Clive Leakey	
11 <sup>th</sup>	Worship led by Stuart Jenkins	Informal Songs of Praise with tea and cakes led by Martin Buckby.
18 <sup>th</sup>	Worship led by Eleanor Mc Mahon	
25 <sup>th</sup>	9-30am prayer meeting followed at 10-30am by a communion service led by Clive Leakey	

### **Events**

**March 7<sup>th</sup>** 2pm Wednesday group meeting includes a photo show of Gibraltar and Spain with Clive Leakey

**March 10<sup>th</sup>** 9:30am to 11.30am Coffee morning

**March 12<sup>th</sup>** 2pm Prayer and bible study

**March 22<sup>nd</sup>** 9:30am to 11:30am Open Door. Do come along for free coffee and chat. (Sales table / Books)

**March 24<sup>th</sup>** 12:00pm Lent Lunch

**ALL WELCOME**

**30<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

# **Good Friday Walk of Witness**



**2pm** Meet at Heyford Parish Church to walk around the village, pausing at various points to reflect on the events of that first **Good Friday**

Finishing about 3pm at the Baptist Church

**2-4pm** Free Refreshments and Display in the Baptist Schoolroom

**4pm** Good Friday Service in the Baptist Church led by Revd Stephen Burrow

**Everybody welcome to join in at any point**

## **Café on the Green**

Please note that the café will be closed on

Good Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> March, except for

Walk of Witness refreshments 2-4pm

**Everybody welcome**



## Our Invite to Upcoming Neighbourhood Plan Events

The Nether Heyford Neighbourhood Plan is moving forward another step this month! Everyone in the village is invited to come to the village hall to hear feedback from the survey results, and how this evidence is driving the objectives for the plan. The objectives are really important to the plan – these are what any policy will look to achieve, and also help us measure how useful they have been when we review the plan over the next few years.

For example, 31% of villagers who responded to the survey said that they felt there should be improved equipment in the play area on the Green, and 60% said that the 15 to 19-year-old age group were under-served for recreational opportunities. 43% felt likewise for the 10 to 15 age group. From this, and other comments, we suggest an objective should be *to improve the leisure and recreation opportunities for residents of Nether Heyford of all ages by encouraging provision of open space and children's play facilities*. This can be achieved by, for instance, *protecting and improving existing assets such as the school, village hall and other community buildings and spaces used for community events*. There will be other ways of making sure this happens, which would be detailed in the policy on 'Leisure'. South Northants Council and the Parish Council are held accountable in holding to these policies, once the Neighbourhood Plan has been agreed in a referendum. Hence, the importance of using evidence from the village to construct the objectives and subsequent policies.

The dates and times of the events are Friday 23rd March at 7.30pm, Saturday 24th March at 10.30am and Sunday 25th March at 2.30pm. There will be a short presentation to outline progress with the plan, and each of the objectives will be displayed for you to see and discuss with the people who sit on the Nether Heyford Neighbourhood Plan Group. This third key event is not only to ensure you have feedback, but another opportunity for you to help us, by refining the objectives and to fill any gaps that you feel the Neighbourhood Plan might be able to take into account.

The NHNPG will really benefit from seeing you there. There's quite a momentum building now we are getting into the 'nitty gritty' of the plan. The survey results can be seen on our website - [www.netherheyfordneighbourhoodplan.org.uk](http://www.netherheyfordneighbourhoodplan.org.uk) - and we will publish the final objectives after the events. Together we can all help to build a vibrant and prosperous village. Thanks.

*Tony Clewett (Chair) Tom Dodd (Vice Chair) Sue Corner (Secretary & Treasurer)*

# Ricky Humphries

Painter & Decorator



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## Heyford Picturedome

The next film to be screened will be **Victoria and Abdul** which is the highly acclaimed 2017 British film about the real-life relationship between Queen Victoria and her Indian Muslim servant, Abdul Karim. It is an unofficial sequel to the 1997 film, *Mrs Brown*, and like that film it stars Dame Judi Dench as Queen Victoria. Also starring are Ali Fazal, Michael Gambon, Eddie Izzard, Adeel Akhtar and Tim Piggot-Smith in his final film before his untimely death last year.

The film is to be shown in the Village Hall on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March**.

**Doors open at 7.15** for free coffee or tea with a **film start at 7.45pm**. The admission price remains at **£4.00 per person** and there is no joining fee. There will be an interval and there will be a licensed bar for the purchase of wine and soft drinks.

Our February film, *My Cousin Rachel*, was thoroughly enjoyed by nearly 60 members and our new sound system integrating the Hall's hearing loop meant that everyone could hear clearly no matter where they sat.

*Tony Clewett*  
*Phone no. 341533*

## DAVID THACKRAY

Pauline, Helen, Tim and families thank all their friends in the village for the prayers, cards and support on the death of David.

Thanks also go to those who donated to the Baptist Church and to Martin Buckby who led both Services.

*Pauline Thackray*

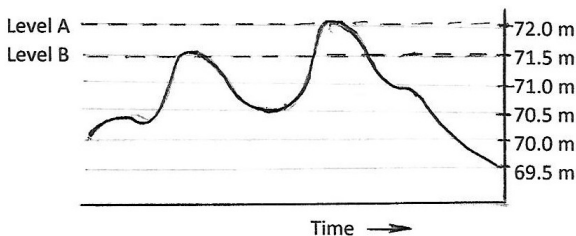
## Community Flood Group

The World Premiere of "Nene", composed by Benjamin Till for orchestra and choir, took place at the Royal Albert Hall on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2017. It charts the course of the River Nene from Badby to the sea, a distance of 100 miles and includes folk music from Badby within the classical composition. Derngate and Peterborough Cathedral have been identified as venues for the next performances in March 2018.

With the recent flooding on 27<sup>th</sup> December 2017 and the sequence of events observed from previous floods it is of interest to note the local criteria for flooding events on the River Nene floodplain which can be followed on-line. Between normal river levels of 70.5m and full flood of 72.0m (highest point of bridge arches), a rise of only 1.5m at which Broad Meadow and Crow Lane (on road to Upper Heyford) is completely submerged. The graph shows the sensitivity between partial and full flooding.

Whilst on the subject of flooded roads the Environment Agency have conducted a survey of 18000 AA members, of which 2/3 said they would drive through flood water in spite of flood warden advice or displayed flood signs. As a consequence over 14500 cars have been rescued from flood water since 2013 of which 75% were written off. Water levels of only 200-300mm, typical of the Crow Lane area, are sufficient to immobilise a vehicle.

Whilst work is still continuing on Horestone Brook outflows, the channel has been re-profiled, see photograph. Over the week of 5-9<sup>th</sup> of February 2018 local residents would have observed the enormous crane like digger in the field adjacent to the road in Middle St. The dredging of the channel from the bridge to Horestone Brook junction has now been completed and the channel cleared and widened, see photograph. This is the first time since 1996 when the E/A succeeded the River Authority, that dredging has taken place along this stretch of the River.



How to read River Nene Flooding Criteria.

Level A- Full flood.

Level B-Partial flood.



*J Arnold*

## **Nether Heyford Spring Clean**

**3-4<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

### **Volunteers needed!**

(In conjunction with 'The Great British Spring Clean' weekend)

**Give Litter the Sack!**

Can you spare an hour or two over the first weekend in March to help?

If you would like to actively tidy up our village, please volunteer with a comment on the Prattler Facebook page or e-mail [Heyford\\_prattler@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Heyford_prattler@yahoo.co.uk) to clean up your street.



If you are volunteering to tidy up our village, please follow these safety guide lines:

Wear bright clothing so you can be seen.

Wear heavy duty gloves.

Cover any cuts, however minor, with surgical tape or waterproof plaster.

If you see syringes, needles, or drugs, do not pick up but notify Northamptonshire County Council

Avoid rubbing the mouth and eyes whilst working

Wash hands and forearms before eating, drinking, smoking or going to the toilet

If you see fly-tipping or come across hazardous waste report it to the Environment Agency on their 24 hour hotline 0800 807 060 or alternatively contact the police.

Be wary on roads.

It is important that children are provided with gloves and wear suitable clothing and footwear. With children, do no more than an one hour stint.

Please notify us of the number of bags or sacks of litter collected so I can notify the 'Keep Britain Tidy' Group.



## Upper and Nether Heyford Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

### Update on the Towcester Waitrose Community Matters Scheme (Green Token)

As previously advised, our scheme was selected for the December 2017 Towcester Waitrose Community Matters Scheme (Green Token); we would like to say a huge 'Thank You' to any villagers who shopped at Towcester Waitrose in December and dropped their Green Token in the Upper and Nether Heyford Neighbourhood Watch Scheme slot. We raised **£200** which will be spent on purchasing news signs for the village as a few have gone missing or been broken in the recent high winds.

Neighbourhood Watch aims to bring neighbours together to create strong, friendly, active communities where crime and anti-social behaviour are less likely to happen, where people are safe from crime and enjoy a good quality of life. It's about making sure fewer people feel afraid, vulnerable or isolated in the place where they live.

The funding from Waitrose will contribute to our work to help to protect our village, vulnerable and elderly residents, help villagers safeguard their property as well continuing to make people aware of criminal activity taking place locally.

**Join the relaunched Northamptonshire Neighbourhood Alerts** to continue to receive Northamptonshire Police updates and information and advice on preventing crime. Northamptonshire Police have relaunched their message alert system to help people living and working in Northamptonshire be much better informed about crime and police activity in their local area and help keep communities safe.

This relaunch means emails and alerts from our scheme have now ceased and we are asking villagers to **register and join this new alert system** to continue to receive Police updates about any criminal activity in the village and surrounding villages, as well as information and advice on preventing crime.

Northamptonshire Neighbourhood Alerts from Northamptonshire Police can be received via email, text message or voice message – whichever suits you.

If you would like to sign up to receive these free messages, please visit **[www.northamptonshireneighbourhoodalert.co.uk](http://www.northamptonshireneighbourhoodalert.co.uk)** to register and start receiving the alerts.

Finally, may we remind you that if you have a **non emergency matter** and require the **Police ring 101**.



## In Nether Heyford

At our February meeting we were transported to a true Indian kitchen as Chef Anita Chipalkatty taught us about the differences between North and South Indian cooking whilst, at the same time, cooking a chickpea curry. We learnt about mixing spices and heard stories of her family back in India. At the end of the demonstration we tasted the curry and several other dishes she had prepared earlier - in true 'Blue Peter' fashion. I have to admit that I'm not usually a fan of curries but I really enjoyed these! What more could one ask for than an evening of gentle humour and good food amongst friends?

Just to show how diverse Nether Heyford WI is our next meeting is one where we can let our hair down, put on our dancing shoes and forget that perhaps we are not as young as we once were. Renee Watt is coming to share the fun, laughter and music of Line Dancing!! So, Ladies, if you are up for a fun evening the date is Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, the venue is the Village Hall, the time 7.30pm and the cost £5 for the evening and refreshments. If you do decide to come, please remember to wear comfy shoes and clothing.

The first round of the WI Skittles tournament is drawing to a close. There is one more game to play and, although not having got into the final draw, we have had some highly entertaining evenings and met some really friendly ladies from other groups along the way.

If you are looking for a good way to spend the first Thursday evening of each month you will find a warm welcome from the Nether Heyford WI awaiting you at the Village Hall and, as you can see, we are not still just 'Jam and Jerusalem'!!

*Mary Rice*  
*Heyford Lodge, Church Lane*  
*01327 340101*



### **Mobile Library**

**3<sup>rd</sup> March 2018**

**12:15 - 13:00**

**Watery Lane**



## Heyford Garden Club

[www.heyfordgardenclub.com](http://www.heyfordgardenclub.com)

At our February meeting Richard Gornall, Director of Leicester Botanic Gardens explained the history of Botanic Gardens and told us of the important research work that goes on behind the scenes. I was surprised to find that Leicester Botanic Gardens had been behind the development of Red Alert tomatoes, probably the best variety of outdoor tomato on the market. It's not just a pretty place!

Next month Chris Day of Buckingham Nurseries will present an A to Z of foolproof gardening; so after that we shall have no excuses left.

The evening will also feature the annual daffodil competition.  
The classes are:

1. Single coloured daffodil
2. Bi-colour daffodil
3. Small flowered daffodil or narcissus

Each exhibit will require only one bloom.

### **Garden to visit**

If you find yourself in Oxford it is well worth visiting the gardens at Worcester College. The college is in Walton St, just a short walk from the Ashmolean Museum. The borders they have there are stunning, full of tender plants in summer and bulbs and spring bedding in season, and there are also extensive grounds with woodland walks. The gardeners are friendly and informative, in the past they have invited us to visit their heated greenhouses where they keep their banana plants and palms in the winter.

The grounds are normally open from 2 pm, but if you are making a special trip check first ([www.worc.ox.ac.uk](http://www.worc.ox.ac.uk)), because they are sometimes closed for special events.

Last month we went to see the snowdrops, of which they have two or three dozen varieties (though to my mind they all look pretty much the same!) And other naturalised bulbs which are an impressive sight.

### **Some Things to do in March**

1. plant early potatoes, onion sets and summer bulbs
2. top dress containers and pots with fresh compost
3. prune bush and climbing roses and late flowering clematis

*Mark Newstead*

## Bugbrooke and District Flower Society

We invite you to join us at our monthly meetings to relax and watch demonstrations by a fully qualified NAFAS Area or National Demonstrator. This is followed by refreshments and the opportunity to win one of the arrangements in our raffle. Learn how to arrange and enjoy flowers.

Meetings are held on the fourth Monday of the month at 7.45 pm in Nether Heyford Village Hall. Our next meeting is on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March when we welcome Ann Anson with her demonstration "Alternative Arrangements". There will also be a competition for 'A Spring Basket'.

A warm welcome awaits both new members and visitors. People new to flower arranging are especially welcome.

For more information please ring Dianne on 01604 830063 or Simone on 01327 342167, or follow us on Facebook.



### Meal Club

The next meal club win be held on Thursday March 1<sup>st</sup> in the Village Hall.

All welcome.

Call Debbie on 01327 349163 for further details

## Nether Heyford Village Hall



### Bookings:

Large Hall or smaller Meeting Room  
available for Club Meetings, Parties,  
Weddings, Business Meetings etc.  
Modern facilities. Disabled friendly.

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[www.netherheyfordvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.netherheyfordvillagehall.co.uk)  
07849 356 618





## **VILLAGE GARAGE SALE**

Sunday 22nd April 2018

10AM - 4PM

TO REGISTER YOUR GARAGE (COST £5.00)

Contact: Rosemary Haddon 01327 340016

or

**[r-haddon@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:r-haddon@tiscali.co.uk)** by the 10<sup>th</sup> of April

MAPS SHOWING ALL THE REGISTERED GARAGES AND  
REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE DAY IN THE  
VILLAGE HALL.



*I'm singin' in the rain, just singin' in the rain.  
What a glorious feeling, I'm happy again.  
I'm laughin' at clouds, so dark up above.  
The sun's in my heart, and I'm ready for love.  
Let the stormy clouds chase, everyone from the place.  
Come on with the rain; got a smile on my face.  
I'll walk down the lane with a happy refrain.  
I'm singin', just singin' in the rain.*

**By Freed and Brown**

The forthcoming spring concert by Heyford Singers is entitled ...

***"America! A celebration of songs from The Great American Song-Book"***

The term "American Songbook" is one that has been given to the many, popular and long lasting songs that emerged from the period between the 1920's and the 1950's. This was a great era for Broadway musicals, musical theatre and Hollywood musical films. We all have our favourite films from that period, although time, memory, and the vast improvements and changes in film techniques can now make those films look rather "sugary, glossy, overly sentimental" but still fun to watch and enjoy! I just loved The Rodgers and Hammerstein stage shows and films, the seemingly exhausting Fred Astaire and Gingers Rogers dance sequences, and Gene Kelly dancing through the puddles (albeit in a studio). There are numerous others to quote but they can be stored for a wet, winter afternoon!

The songs and music from that incredibly productive era in entertainment continues today. There are numerous recordings of original songs made and performed by modern day singers, bands and jazz instrumentalists. They have taken the original melodies and words, and "reinvented" them in their own personal ways. Remember those various comedy sketches played out by the likes of Morecambe and Wise, and Victoria Wood?

The composers and lyricists most usually associated with the Great American Songbook include George and Ira Gershwin, Cole Porter, Irving Berlin, Jerome Kern, Richard Rodgers, Lorenz Hart, Oscar Hammerstein, Lerner and Lowe, to name but a few! As you read these famous names do any songs or tunes immediately spring to mind I wonder!

In the spring concert Heyford Singers will be singing several songs by some of the above composers and partnerships, one of which is a medley of songs by Cole Porter. **"Lets Fall in Love"** is a collection of tribute songs to Cole Porter and includes "Just One of Those Things", Ev'ry Time We Say Goodbye", "Begin the Beguine" and "Let's Do It". Although we may perform only a few of those mentioned,

just opening the pages of the music score seems to release a lovely sense of musical history, of wonderful tunes and a bygone age recaptured for a moment or two. We're also doing "Singing in the Rain" without the puddles!

I do hope that you can join us for the concert, to enjoy as we do, these wonderful songs that have been passed down from a golden age but are still treasured today. The concert is on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May in Nether Heyford village hall as usual, and details of ticket sales, prices, etc are on the concert poster included in this issue.

*Jill Langrish*

And if you would like to find out more about Heyford Singers please look at our website

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## Heyford Cricket Club

Despite the cold, wet weather and dark nights, preparations are already underway for the cricket season. The new Committee was confirmed at our February AGM, and we are working hard to make sure everything is in place for a successful 2018.

### **Adult Cricket:**

Winter nets are already underway. This year we are using the excellent facilities at Quinton House School every Monday from 7-8pm. We are always looking for new players so if you would like to join us then please get in touch or come along!

Jimmy Edwards will again captain the 1<sup>st</sup> XI in Division 3, no doubt keen to improve on our 10<sup>th</sup> place finish in 2017. The 1<sup>st</sup> XI squad is strong, and subject to availability will be competitive, despite playing in a league which is filled with teams who pay both local and overseas players in search of success.

But perhaps the most important role at the Club this season is that being taken on by Rob Pardon as captain of the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI. Following the incredible success of our U15 team in 2017, who reached the last 16 of the national ECB U15 competition, we have a huge number of talented young cricketers playing adult cricket. Rob is the ideal role model and leader for these young men, and is the perfect appointment to prepare them for the step up to the 1<sup>st</sup> XI, and ultimately the future success of the Club.

### **Junior Cricket:**

In 2017 we ran three junior teams in the U11, U13 and U15 age groups. This was largely thanks to the efforts of Andrew Taylor, with the support of a number of adult players and other volunteers. Unfortunately Andrew will not be as involved in 2018 due to work commitments, but we are determined to keep all 3 junior teams running. We would be delighted to hear from anyone who would like to volunteer to help with the junior cricket in any way.

2018 will also see Heyford CC running the ECBs 'All Stars Cricket' initiative for 5 to 8 year old boys and girls. If you would like to know more about this fantastic introduction to cricket then please refer to our website, or search online for All Stars Cricket which will automatically signpost you to our club.

### **Bonus Ball and Fundraising:**

The Club works hard to raise money to improve the facilities at the Club. One of our main fund raising initiatives is the Bonus Ball. Players pay £1 a week to the Club (usually a £13 quarterly standing order), and if your number is drawn as the bonus ball during the Saturday draw then you win £25!

Our Social and Fundraising Secretary, Ceri John, has done a tremendous job selling more balls but there are still many available so if you would like to support the Club but also stand the chance of winning something in return then please get in touch! For transparency we publish the winners on our website each month and from now on in the Prattler too.

So far in 2018 the Bonus Ball has been won by: 6/1/18 no winner, 13/1/18 Ray Cory, 20/1/18 no winner, 27/1/18 no winner, 3/2/18 no winner, 10/2/18 Marjorie Jenkinson, 17/2/18 no winner.

David Baker will be running the traditional annual Quiz Night at the Playing Fields from 7:30pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April, the eve of the new season. Put the date in your diary and we will provide more information next month!

We are also in the final stages of planning a Golf Day and will provide more information in next months Prattler, so watch this space if you would like to enter a team!

More details about Heyford Cricket Club can be found on our website [www.heyfordcricket.co.uk](http://www.heyfordcricket.co.uk) or via social media where we can be found on both Facebook and Twitter!

We have also recently released a smartphone App which can be accessed by downloading TeamApp and searching for Heyford CC. We hope that this will provide all players, volunteers and supporters with even easier access to essential Heyford CC Events and News!

If you would like to get in touch you can also email us at [heyfordcricket@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:heyfordcricket@hotmail.co.uk), or call Matt Baker (Chairman) on 07779 795458.

*Matt Baker*

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## Heyford Athletic Football Club

With February over it means the season will be entering its final stages, although it doesn't feel like it this year as both teams have a significant number of games left to play as we enter March. What this does mean is that there will almost certainly be night games in April so would suggest everyone keeps an eye out on the fixtures, the bar will be open and what more could you want other than to watch football on a warm spring evening.

Rather than focus too much on the results this month I thought I'd spend some time talking about the facilities and a couple of departures that will happen at the end of the season.

As you may well be aware the field on the right as you drive up to the car park has been purchased and work has begun to change this into a field suitable for football. We will be using this field for our youth teams moving forward and we hope they will benefit from moving away from the far end of the playing fields. We are hoping to be in a position to use this come September.

Youth football is very important to us, indeed we are lucky to have 5 teams currently and the older team is coming to an age where they can move into adult football and we hope that our senior sides will reap the rewards of the work done by all the coaching staff at youth level. As we get the new facility it leads me to wanting to do more here, but I need everyone's help. We have an U7 side currently who will move to U8 and it would be great if we are able to have a new U7 side. To do this I need some committed volunteers. If you have the qualifications then great, if not please don't worry as we can support you through this. Just give me a ring on the number below and we can chat through.

Those of you who follow us on Facebook will be aware that we have a couple of club stalwarts who are leaving us this year. First team manager Chris Peck and our groundsman Lee Arnold have decided to call it a day. They will both be missed by the club and we are grateful for everything they have done for the club during the many years they have been involved.

I should be in a position to firm up their replacements in the next prattler article, so watch this space.

This is an opportunistic time for me to ask if there is anyone in the village keen to get involved in local football then again give me a call or drop me a text on the number below. We are always on the lookout for helping hands and of course if anyone is new to the village and wants to play football then again my details are below.

*Gary McMahon*  
*07801 276488*



## **300 Club Draw**

300 Club January Winners

1st Prize (£65) – 263 (Isobel Billingham)

2nd Prize (£30) – 36 (Chris Peck)





## Heyford Bowls Club

[www.heyfordbowlsclub.co.uk](http://www.heyfordbowlsclub.co.uk)

### Indoor

The "David Juland President's Cup" competition took place on 10<sup>th</sup> February with four teams of players participating. The first rounds and semi-finals proved to be highly contested. Eventually after a very entertaining afternoon, the final turned out to be a hard fought affair, level going into the last end; it was close until the last bowl. The winners of a very good match were Barry Cole, Ray Haddon and Pete McClean over Pauline Groom, Bernard Alder and Den Taylor by the score of 7 to 5.

Indoor bowls competitions are once again in the pipeline with the very popular "LADIES PAIRS" to be held on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March. Please note the changed start time (at the time of writing) 12noon for 12.30pm. Entrants names as usual on the notice board. This is an extremely well supported event so ladies please let us have as many bowlers as possible.

Members' support is very strong maintaining very good support for our Wednesday bowling sessions. Anyone wishing to play indoor short mat bowls will be made most welcome at the afternoon bowling sessions in the village hall at 1.50pm every Wednesday.

*Den Taylor*  
341405

### Outdoor

It is a sign that spring and summer are on the way when the outdoor section of Heyford Bowls Club start writing articles for The Prattler again. But at this time of the year it's only social events I can tell you about, no playing just yet.

The annual enrolment night is on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at the Bowls Clubhouse from 6:30pm onwards. This is the night when existing members commit themselves to the club for the 2018 season. It is also the night when new potential members can come along and find out what we have to offer at the Bowls Club, both indoors and outdoors. No commitment, just information.

In the Village Hall on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March we are holding our Fish and Chip Supper. Self-evident food – pies are available – followed by fun and games. A popular event. Shirley Collins has the tickets on 342287.

Advance notice: we shall be holding an Open Day, when you can try the game and hopefully get hooked. It is on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May. Twenty-eight people turned up last year and we are hoping for a similar number again, so spread the word.

*Geoff Allen*  
349909

## Flore Arts Events

Tickets now on sale for our next two events. Call Rosemary Read (between 9am and 8pm) on 01327 341026 to reserve your place for...

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### MORE 2018 DIARY DATES

We have pretty much inked in the rest of the year's events for your calendar, including some return visits from artists who have entertained us previously. Watch out for more news on:

June 23<sup>rd</sup> – Music for a Summer's Evening: 'cellist James Jarvis, tenor Peter Philps and pianist Helen Rouse. Russell House, Flore.

July 22<sup>nd</sup> – Jazz in the Garden (Rock Springs, Flore). A return for the lively Jazz Sans Frontières. Let's face it: we're due some good weather this year!

September 8<sup>th</sup> – Vocalium in partnership with Flore Boards: Tudor and contemporary sacred and secular choral music in a mixed programme of Words and Music. All Saints.

October 6<sup>th</sup> – Silent Movie Night: organist Vincent Byrne back by popular demand: All Saints.

November 17<sup>th</sup> – Budapest Café Orchestra: varied and lively music inspired by the Eastern European gypsy tradition. All Saints.

Don't forget to keep an eye out for updates on our website at [www.FloreArtsEvents.com](http://www.FloreArtsEvents.com) and our Facebook page. We'll also be providing more information in future editions of the Prattler. We hope to see you soon!

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