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April 2018

Spring Clean

Despite the weather, the Village Spring-Clean still managed to take place over the following week. Many thanks to everyone that took part. Approximately 30 bags of rubbish were picked up from the streets, ditches, footpaths and playing fields.

I'm sure everyone agrees that the village looks a lot cleaner.



Nether Heyford Village Hall

Registered Charity, No. 304256

APOLOGY

To users of the Village Hall after Saturday 17th March.

Unfortunately, on the evening of the above date a party was held in the Village Hall. Damage was done to parts of the fabric of the Hall during the party. The most serious being to the floor. We have been working hard to bring the floor back to its original condition since Saturday. Unfortunately, we require a little longer before the floor is back to its original condition. It is perfectly safe to use as normal. If you have any queries, please contact myself Ray Haddon on 01327 340016.

Thank you.

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PARISH COUNCIL NOTES



The March meeting of Nether Heyford Parish Council was held on March 5th, 2018 at the Baptist Church Rooms.

Northamptonshire County Council

Readers will now be aware of the serious situation regarding NCC, and the damning nature of the government inspector's report, and the recommendation that the County be split into two unitary Councils. Our immediate area will prove a problem should that course of action be chosen, because of South Northants Council's partnership with Cherwell. I have left Cllr Brown's report unchanged from the meeting, as it shows his awareness of what was to come.

Councillor Brown reported that NCC had passed their budget, despite advice and observations that it wouldn't balance. There were also doubts as to the propriety of using capital receipts within the budget. More savings had had to be made, rescinded cuts had had to be re-imposed. If the budget had not been agreed, then District Councils could not set their budgets, and services could not be maintained. Heyford's bus service would not be affected, as the D3 is a commercial unsubsidised service.

The leader of the Conservative Party, Heather Smith, has been removed and the government inspector's report is due on March 16th. It is expected to be damning, and may be followed by Government intervention with Lords Commissioners coming in. Cllr Brown reported that backbench Councillors had had very little input into the budget.

Annual Parish Meeting

This will take place prior to the next ordinary Parish Council Meeting; at 7pm in the Baptist Church Rooms. This meeting is an historic survival which predates the introduction of Parish Councils in 1895. It is an opportunity for village organisations to give reports on their activities, and for topics other than routine issues to be brought up.

New Homes Bonus

Cllr Phil Bignell reported that New Homes Bonus money would still be forthcoming at the same levels, after a debate at South Northants Council; and that SNC has raised its precept by 3%. Very few Councils distribute any of the NHB money at Parish level; so we are lucky to be within a district that does allow its parishes to benefit directly from this.

Neighbourhood Watch

It was reported that the Police have taken over the Neighbourhood Watch for the village, and recommended that Vernon Ilott was due a vote of thanks for all his efforts. The chair agreed.

Village Cleaning days

Unfortunately, the first batch of bad weather resulted in the cancellation of this national project, although it is reported that some brave souls carried on regardless. Thanks, and congratulations to them.

Dog Fouling

Yet again there are reports of dog mess not being cleared up and of bags of waste being irresponsibly disposed of. It seems clear that some dog owners use darkness as an excuse for not clearing up, or simply as cover for not clearing up. Council would ask that dog owners carry a torch if dog walking during the hours of darkness.

Allotments

A meeting will be held to look at future plans for improving the allotments. The Allotment Committee have been visiting other sites and fact finding, and it is hoped their efforts and suggestions from plot holders can show a way forward.

If you would like an allotment, please contact the committee as on below list.

Churchyard

A meeting with the Parochial Church Council will take place to decide on how to proceed with allowing cremated ashes to be interred within the churchyard. Work on repairing the north wall should soon take place, having been held up by the bad weather.

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 have been a few problems with lights being out for longer than is desirable lately, the poor weather has not helped with this. The reasons have been various, shortage of spare parts for old style lamps, the weather, and the involvement of other agencies.

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

Roads and Pavements

There are some bad potholes all around the village (and indeed the whole country) Council/Highways cutbacks and repeated spells of freezing weather have taken their toll. The very worst potholes seem to get dealt with, although other ones which

can unseat a cyclist or damage tyres seem to get left. Council does report them regularly, but the state of the roads is a national issue, and we will not get any special treatment.

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.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Tuesday April 3rd at the Baptist Church Rooms at 7.45 pm and is, like all Parish Council meetings, open to Parishioners.

The meeting will be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting.

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Our Churches

Parish Church of

St. Peter and St. Paul

Services for April 2018

Sunday 1 st	6:30-ish	Sunrise Service at Upper Stowe
Easter Sunday	09:30 am	Holy Communion for Easter Sunday at Church Stowe
	09:30 am	Holy Communion for Easter Sunday at Flore Church
	11:00 am	Holy Communion for Easter Sunday at Heyford
	11:15 am	Holy Communion for Easter Sunday at Brockhall
Sunday 8 th	10:00 am	Benefice Service at Brockhall
Sunday 15 th	09:30 am	Holy Communion at Heyford
	10:00 am	United Service (Holy Communion) at Flore Chapel
	11:00 am	Family Service at Upper Stowe
	04:00 pm	Youth Church at Flore
Saturday 21 st	02:30 pm	Messy Church at Flore
Sunday 22 nd	09:30 am	Holy Communion at Flore
	11:00 am	Informal Worship, APCM and bring & share lunch at Heyford
	06:00 pm	Holy Communion at Upper Stowe
Monday 23 rd	10:30am	Benefice Prayer Meeting at Upper Stowe
Sunday 29 th	09:30 am	Holy Communion at Heyford
	11:00 am	Holy Communion and APCM at Flore Church with bring & share lunch
	06:00 PM	Evensong at Church Stowe

Midweek Communions are held weekly on Wednesdays, 9.30am at Heyford and Thursdays, 10am at Flore – all welcome. (No service on Wednesday 4th April)

The Streets we shall be praying for during April are: Bugbrooke Rd and Wakefield Way in Heyford, Bliss Lane and the Nursery, Meadow Farm Close and Brington Rd in Flore, Main St in Church Stowe and Manor Farm, The Old Coach House and Manor Cottage in Brockhall.

Rev'd Stephen Burrow, tel 344436

Dear Friends,

Sport can throw up some amazing stories of unlikely and unexpected victory. We might think of the exploits of cricketing all-rounder, Ian Botham in turning around the Ashes series of 1981. Or Manchester United's injury time victory over Bayern Munich in the Champions League final of 1999. Or my particular favourite, the story of Liverpool snatching victory from the jaws of defeat against AC Milan six years later.

That match, played in Istanbul, began badly for Liverpool. A goal down in the first minute, they were three behind by half time. The commentators and pundits were agreed, there was no way back; Liverpool were out of the game. They were dead and buried. I suspect that there were more than a few Liverpool fans with tears in their eyes, their dreams of a European trophy shattered. But it all changed in the second half, as first, their goalkeeper made some amazing saves to keep them in the game, and then three goals in seven minutes saw Liverpool draw level with their Italian opponents. The match carried on through to full time, and then into extra time, with the two teams locked at 3-3. But the remarkable turnaround was made complete in the penalty shoot out, when Liverpool scored three penalties, to Milan's two. After staging one of the most amazing comebacks in football history, Steven Gerrard lifted the Champions League trophy for Liverpool.

Amazing? Unbelievable? Perhaps. But nowhere near as extraordinary as events about 2,000 years earlier, when a small group of women made their way sadly and solemnly to their master's tomb. There were tears in their eyes too. Their dreams had been shattered. Jesus, the centre of their lives, the one on whom they'd pinned all their hopes was dead, cruelly murdered on a Roman cross. Jesus was dead and buried. There was no hope of him coming back; it was over, finished. Suddenly, the women saw that the tomb was empty... and a stranger told them that the Lord had risen... and then Jesus himself stood before them, greeting them as he'd done so many times before. Defeat had been turned into victory; a victory not just for the women, and for Jesus' first disciples, but for us too. A victory in which

we all share, for it means new life for all... new beginnings... new hope. A victory by which we are assured that whatever we might face in life, nothing can come between us and the love of God in Jesus Christ.

Amazing... unbelievable... but true!

He is not here; he is risen! (Luke 24:5b)

Alleluia!

With my prayers and best wishes for a joyful Easter.

Yours in Christ,

Stephen (Tel 344436)

Welcome Packs

Welcome packs are available for newcomers to our Village. The information in them helps people feel at home quickly. If you notice that someone has moved in recently, get a pack for them by calling:

Sue Morris

21 The Green

Nether Heyford

01327 349387



Keep up to date with all the latest news and events in our village.

Visit our facebook Page

www.facebook.com/HeyfordPrattler



Nether Heyford Baptist Church

Morning Services: 10:30 am

Afternoon Services: 4:00 pm

Sunday Services

April	10:30 a.m.	4:00 p.m.
1st	Worship for Easter Sunday led by Martin Buckby	
8th	Worship led by Wally Mular	Informal Songs of Praise with Bethany Homestead singers (tea and cakes)
15th	Worship led by Mike Hoyer	
22nd	Informal morning Songs of Praise led by Martin Buckby (coffee and biscuits)	
29th	9-30am prayer meeting followed at 10-30am by a communion service led by Les Britten.	

Events

April 4th 2pm Wednesday group meeting includes a Update by Burma (Myanmar) with Audrey Yates

April 9th 2pm Prayer and bible study

April 26th 9:30am to 11:30am Open Door. Do come along for free coffee and chat. (Sales table / Books)

ALL WELCOME

Throughout each year we remember special and significant dates such as birthdays, anniversaries and also those dates and those times when we said “goodbye” to loved ones. Dates, diaries and calendars are important to so many of us. I have been thinking about some special and significant dates

Valentine’s day, February 14th was also Ash Wednesday – a special and significant date in the Christian calendar. Until this year, Ash Wednesday last fell on Valentine’s day in 1945 – 63 years ago!

Easter Sunday, another special and significant day and date in the Christian calendar and this year will fall on **April 1st** – April fools day. Easter day - Resurrection Sunday gives reason and purpose to Good Friday. There is no point and no purpose in Good Friday without Easter Sunday. For those who follow the Christian faith Easter Day is of such great importance and significance and I am reminded of the verse in 1 Corinthians chapter 1 verse 18

New International Version

“For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.”

King James Bible

“For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.”

The cross had purpose and the resurrection is the promise to all who believe.

Finally, **Sunday 8th April at 4.00 pm** is another special and significant date. You may already know that on the second Sunday of each month we hold, in the chapel schoolroom, a short and informal service which has become a special and significant time for many. On April 8th 2018 **The Homestead Singers** will be leading the service and singing a number of songs from their “repertoire of music”. **The Homestead Singers** are a group of predominantly male singers, supplemented by a few wives, who either live at or have close connections with Bethany or The Methodist Homestead in Kingsley, Northampton. We will meet in the chapel and then following the 45 minute service, tea and cakes will be served in the schoolroom.

Please join us if you can for this special occasion and also for other services mentioned elsewhere in this edition of “**The Prattler**”.

Thank you

Martin Buckley

On behalf of the fellowship at Heyford Baptist Chapel

Pilot Project for Heyford

A project is being run in June this year for older people who live in Upper or Nether Heyford. To be more specific, it is aimed at folk who would like to meet with others whilst enjoying entertainment, coffee and lunch; folk who don't usually get the chance to take part in events or to get away on holiday any more. This is why it's billed as **Holiday at Home**.

The dates for the two-day event are already booked for 28 and 29 June, so all we need are participants who will support us by coming along to engage with the event and then to help by giving feedback so that we know of changes we need to make if the event is to run in future years. Plenty of helpers will be on hand, drawn from the churches in Heyford. Additionally, carers who would normally accompany participants are welcome to share refreshments, to read the paper or take part whilst being on hand. Our helpers will facilitate all of the activities, prepare food etc but are not able to provide personal care.

In advance, we are holding a quiz in the Village Hall on 8 June – quizmaster Revd. Stephen Burrow. This is to raise funds towards Holiday at Home.

If you would like more information about Holiday at Home, either for yourself or for somebody that you know, please contact Alison on 07732 406539. We will be taking firm bookings closer to the date; spaces however will be limited because of the pilot nature of the project.

QUIZ NIGHT

In aid of the Holiday at Home project (see article)

Friday 8th June 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Teams of up to six people or come along and make up a team on the night

£5 per person, including refreshments, please bring your own drink and glass

With thanks to Revd. Stephen and Deborah Burrow for running the quiz

Please contact Jane on 01327 340678 or janerands@gmail.com to book

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kyra44@gmail.com

Limited Tickets Available - Book early to avoid disappointment

www.heyfordsingers.org



Creative Thinking

Having met lots of people at the events held at the end of March, the Nether Heyford Neighbourhood Plan Group is now busy taking the statements and objectives that were discussed and are looking at how specific policies and actions will now ensure that they can be achieved.

Meanwhile, I took some time to ask one villager her thoughts on her personal hopes for where the plan needs to support people such as herself. She is in a situation that many younger people find themselves in – working, but living at the family home, as renting and buying a house are out of reach on her salary. So, what attracts her about the village?

"The village of Nether Heyford has felt like home ever since I first drove in, past the beautiful country pubs and well-kept green over 5 years ago. I have always felt safe when walking along the canal; making idle chit-chat with local dog walkers and feeling proud at all the annual events we have to share. It's a place I have no desire to leave, however looking to become a first-time buyer may leave me no choice. The properties of the village are timeless and stunning - with this often comes a big price tag."

Do you have any ideas that the Neighbourhood Plan might encourage or support?

"It is a careful balance between keeping the foundation of what makes this village special and giving opportunities for the next generation. With this in mind there are other ways than just adding more houses that may help ensure we preserve our community rather than individuals having to go further afield.

Firstly, considering options such as house shares; these are affordable ways individuals can pay to live within the community without the massive rental prices. If you have extra room in your home then why not make some extra income? I spent a great deal of my time using house shares and found it greatly enriching. I got to be part of my landlord's household: feeding chickens, getting fire wood and making sure Spud the border terrier wasn't up to any mischief. Some people just don't use all of their property – some bigger houses could be separated into apartments. We could look at what happens in other villages and look at initiatives between villages where co-funding and co-working might help make opportunities available. We have to get creative."

The NHNPG are very open to creative ideas and hold a public meeting every last Thursday evening of the month, at the Youth Club on Roberts Field, where you would be welcome to come along and let us know more.

Tom Dodd (Vice Chair NHNPG)



Heyford Picturedome

The next film to be screened will be **Breathe** which is a true British story about Robin Cavendish who is given only three months to live after being paralysed by Polio at the age of 28. He survives to become a pioneering advocate for the disabled. He and his devoted wife travel the world with the hopes of transforming the lives of others like him. The cast includes Andrew Garfield, Claire Foy, Hugh Bonneville, Tom Hollander and Diana Rigg and the film is to be shown in the Village Hall on **Thursday 19th April**.

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.

Tony Clewett
Phone no. 341533



Community Flood Group

The National Flood Forum Bulletin of February 2018 was totally devoted to flood groups up and down the UK concluding that the present planning process was “broken” with regard to building on flood-plains and implementation of the National Planning Policy Framework, NPPF.

The following extracts reflect the opinions expressed in my articles of October 2017 to January 2018:-

- “NPPF is quite clear”, inappropriate development in areas of flood risk should be avoided by directing development away from areas of highest risk, ie. Zone 3b.
- under no circumstances should flood risk be increased elsewhere.
- common sense must prevail and loopholes closed through joined up thinking and using a multi-agency approach instead of the present fractured responsibilities.
- time should be allowed in the planning process for local opinions to be represented in order to create a more even playing field by listening to those with the “real expertise” rather than so-called arm chair consultants.
- Pitt Report recommendations are not being implemented.

Following my own concerns over so-called “permitted developments” which could be undertaken without formal planning application and the lack of control over so-called minor developments, I approached the Secretary of State for clarification of NPPF rules relating to accumulation of minor developments on a single site designated as Zone 3b floodplain. His response confirmed that building in Zone 3b should be avoided and an accumulation of minor developments must not be permitted that could lead to impeding of the free flow of flood water.

Unfortunately the planning applications fail to insist on all buildings on site being identified and as a result approvals are being given on false premises. Unfortunately the Governments recent Housing Policy changes will lead to more chaos and even less control. Locally CFG will continue to oppose any developments on the River Nene floodplain that increase the risk to local properties.

So far this year we have experienced unprecedented weather as the jet stream swung wildly creating the bitterly cold “beast from the east” to storms from the west and warm air from the south. The latter named as EMMA rather surprised me as no such name was listed on the UK Met Office categories. It turns out that within Europe France, Spain and Portugal Met Offices also name storms but use identical naming albeit different from UK and USA. Locally although temperatures swung from -13 to +13 deg. C we appeared to suffer minor disruption compared with the

rest of the UK. Although it feels that 2018 has started with continuous rain and snow it has only resulted in minor rises of the River Nene, peaking at 1.4 m. The recent dredging may have contributed. Rainfall so far is slightly above average with January normal, February only 50% of normal and March currently exceeding its normal average.

Work still continues on the Horestone Brook outfall which has now been underway for 6 months, progress no doubt interrupted by the inclement weather and the flooding in December 2017.

J Arnold

The Beast from the East and All That!

What a Winter we've had! It started on 9th December with 130mm (5 inches) of snow and a period of overnight frosts then up to 20th December and a lowest minimum of -7deg C on 12th December. Of course, it warmed up just in time to avoid a white Christmas and the frosts returned on 29th December and into the first few days of the New Year. Rainfall in December was above average at 87mm (3.5 inches).

January was a 'normal' month for the weather with 14 overnight frosts and rainfall of 70mm (2.75 inches).

February was a **very cold** month with 23 frosts compared with only 1 last year and then **The Beast from the East** arrived with a vengeance on Tuesday 27th with snow on 27th and 28th February amounting to 45mm (nearly 2 inches) and yet more snow on 2nd and 3rd March amounting to 60mm (2.5 inches). On 1st and 2nd March the temperature didn't get above freezing all day and we had overnight frosts for the first 5 days of the month. The biting cold near gale force winds caused the snow to form huge drifts in exposed places and caused traffic chaos in many parts of the country including Northamptonshire. The lowest temperature recorded in February was -8.8 degC and in March so far -7.7 degC.

February was an unusually dry month with only 26mm of rain (1 inch). March has been wetter than normal to date (15th) with 46mm (1.75 inches) – what we'd expect for the whole month. What else does the weather have in store for us?

Tony Clewett



Upper and Nether Heyford Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

Protect yourself from falling victim to doorstep crime

Every day in Northamptonshire people are prone to falling victim to doorstep crime. Most of the victims are elderly or vulnerable. Doorstep crime takes two forms:

Distraction Burglary Tactics

Distraction Burglars or 'bogus callers' will call at a house with the intention of tricking their way inside to steal money and/or other valuables.

- Distraction burglars may be smartly dressed and claim to be from the water board, the council, the police, health organisations or charities.
- They may say they need to turn off the water because of a leak, use the phone because their car has broken down, or perhaps say they have lost a pet.
- The caller may be a man, a woman or even a child and they will use any story they can to try and gain access to the property.

Rogue Doorstep Traders' Tactics

Rogue Doorstep Traders will use a trade as a means to extract large sums of money from people.

- Offering services such as driveway re-surfacing, block paving, roofing, fascias, gardening or selling goods such as furniture, alarms or mobility aids.
- They may claim you have a loose roof tile or that a tree you have is unsafe and needs to be trimmed.
- They will often give a very low quote that will increase when work begins.
- Sometimes they will drive victims to the bank and will often come back on future occasions to get more money.

What can you do protect yourself from falling victim to doorstep crime

- Remember you are never required to open the door to unexpected callers and that it is not rude to send someone away.
- **"IF YOU'RE NOT SURE DON'T OPEN THE DOOR"**.
- Think about the tactics used by rogue doorstep traders and distraction burglars.
- Try to ensure that the outside of your property is well maintained, including the garden. Properties that are poorly maintained may be targeted.
- Do not keep money in the house and keep credit cards, debit cards, cheque books, savings books and any other valuables in a safe place.

- If you need any home improvement work carried out, visit Trading Standards approved trader 'Buy With Confidence' scheme on 0300 126 1000 or go to the website www.northamptonshire.gov.uk

If you have any suspicions or concerns that distraction burglars or rogue doorstep traders are operating in your area or targeting you or someone you know, DO NOT HESITATE to contact the dedicated:-

Doorstep Crime Hotline: 0345 23 07 702

Find more advice on crime prevention at

www.northants.police.uk/crime-prevention

Join the relaunched Northamptonshire Neighbourhood Alerts to receive Northamptonshire Police updates about any criminal activity in the village and surrounding villages as well as information and advice on preventing crime by visiting **www.northamptonshireneighbourhoodalert.co.uk** to register and start receiving alerts.

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

or online at

www.northants.police.uk/webform/online-crime-reporting

Farmers Markets - Monthly 9am until 2pm unless stated

Brackley: 3rd Saturday

Daventry: 1st Saturday

Grandborough: (St Peters Church 10am - 12:30pm)

Northampton: 3rd Thursday

Oundle: 2nd Saturday

Towcester: 2nd Friday



In Nether Heyford

As you may have guessed, the snow caused us, and probably many other groups, to cancel the March WI meeting. Our intended evening of Line Dancing will now take place in April when, as there is yet more snow outside as I write this article, we hope the weather will have improved!

Just in case you don't remember the details - the meeting will start on Thursday April 5th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The cost is £5 (the usual WI refreshments included) and be prepared to dance the night away! Any ladies wanting to find out what happens at Nether Heyford WI will be more than welcome.

A Members' outing has been planned for May 7th when we will be given a tour of the refurbished Delapre Abbey. I was lucky to be able to go last year when the alterations were still in progress and am looking forward to seeing the finished article. It really is a forgotten gem in Northamptonshire.

All good wishes for Easter from Nether Heyford WI members and here's hoping for no more snow!!

Mary Rice
.Heyford Lodge, Church Lane
01327 340101



Meal Club

The next meal club win be held on Thursday April 5th in the Village Hall.

All welcome.

Call Debbie on 01327 349163 for further details



Heyford Garden Club

www.heyfordgardenclub.com

At our April meeting Chris Day from Buckingham Nurseries gave a comprehensive talk on all aspects of gardening which was both fascinating and at times alarming - the invasion of 18 inch long Spanish slugs for example.

On the 14th April we welcome Malcolm Dickson of Hooksgreen Herbs who will be telling us about "Herbs Through the Seasons". The evening will also feature the annual tulip competition.

Over the years we have bought, been given or won in raffles, pots of hyacinths for winter bloom. I always pot the bulbs on after they have finished flowering and keep them growing until they die down in the summer. Potted up in the autumn and kept somewhere protected from rain they flower again with much smaller (but I think more elegant) flower heads. A particularly good variety is "Woodstock" with deep crimson purple flowers.

On the subject of pots, we are often advised to put crocks or gravel at the bottom of pots for drainage. This is in fact wrong! Having the coarse material at the bottom of the pot means that water won't drain through until the compost is saturated; the opposite of what is needed. It is better to make all the compost well drained by adding grit or vermiculite etc and then to stop the compost falling out of the drainage holes I cover them with a bit of netting, but I'm told that old tea-bags are also effective.

The Virtues of Untidy Gardening

I started to clear away some of the dead leaves from the flower borders recently, and in a corner of one bed I uncovered a hedgehog; so I covered it up again and went indoors for a cup of tea instead.

Some Things to do in April

1. Increase watering of houseplants
2. Feed roses and shrubs
3. Sow hardy annuals, herbs and vegetables

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 23rd April when we welcome Jane Ellis with her demonstration "A Box Of Delights".

There will be no meeting in May due to the Bank Holiday.

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.



Nether Heyford Village Hall



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VILLAGE GARAGE SALE

Sunday 22nd April 2018

10AM - 4PM

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That the sky is blue;
Glad for the country lanes
And the fall of dew.*

*After the sun the rain,
After the rain the sun;
This is the way of life,
Till the work be done.
All that we need to do,
Be we low or high,
Is to see that we grow,
Nearer the sky*

Hymn by Lisette W Reese (1856 – 1935)

It has been a long and cold winter, with dark mornings, afternoons and nights. As we near the end of March and the beginning of April it seems that we are still waiting for those lovely spring days to enjoy the “great outdoors”. We **SEE** evidence of spring emerging all around, yet too often it is through the bus, car or house windows. Clumps of snowdrops defiant against the whirling snow, daffodils gallantly standing and bracing themselves in blustery winds and rain showers, carpets of crocuses looking bright and cheerful for brief periods before closing their petals as temperatures fall again!

On one of those rare warm spring days that we had in late March, we were enjoying the garden; the pleasure of being outside without having to cocoon ourselves in coats, hats, scarves and gloves was wonderful. But it was the sounds that really struck me, that made me stop, listen and marvel. A robin in a tree, a blackbird on the TV aerial, both were singing their hearts out. Then there came the sounds of the children in the school playground as they emerged for their lunch break, laughing, shouting, chorusing, squealing; celebrating being free and being outside! The school bell rang and all went quiet, the bell that has been rung over the village and over the decades, marking time for the school, the shops and people in their homes.

Sounds all around us: hearing the trains rattle by, the distant but unrelenting murmur from the motorway, tractors and farm vehicles, even the dustbin lorries on their Wednesday village circuit. And friends stopping to chat and swap news, rather than a swift friendly greeting before hurrying away in the cold. Hopefully soon lawnmowers will emerge from sheds and garages to become part of an outdoor sound tapestry.

Having experienced a long, cold winter and often being “trapped” indoors where the radio, TV, washing machine and dishwashers become the sound tracks to our daily lives, the music of the world outside can now be truly appreciated.

Heyford Singers are thoroughly enjoying rehearsing the songs for our forthcoming spring concert, **"America! – a celebration of songs from The Great American Songbook"**. With wonderful songs like "Lullaby of Broadway", "Don't Get Around Much Anymore", "I Wish You Love" and "Begin the Beguine" it certainly helps to dispel the winter blues and make the sun shine musically.

I do hope that you can join us for the concert, to enjoy as we do, these great songs that have been passed down from a golden age but are still treasured today. The concert is on Friday 11th and Saturday 12th 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

It's worrying to see snow on the ground just four weeks away from the first game of the season! Fingers crossed the weather picks up and we have a nice warm spring to start the season...

Adult Cricket:

Winter nets continue 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! The squads are looking strong and everyone seems to have 'wintered well' so we are confident about the season ahead.

Junior Cricket:

We are still planning to run three junior teams this year at U11, U13 and U15 age groups. U15 players (any any other youngsters who have played adult cricket) are welcome to join the adults at their winter nets on a Monday at Quinton House School. We will be arranging a few indoor sessions for the other age groups at the beginning of April, and will be in touch with parents in due course. If you have children between the ages of 9 and 15 who would like to play cricket then please get in touch!

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:

Since the last edition of the Prattler the winners of the £25 Bonus Ball have been: 24/2/18 Jeremy Rice, 3/3/18 David Livermore, 10/3/18 Tom Akrigg and 17/3/18 Annie John.

Thank you to everyone who plays. If you would like to support the Club for £1 per week, but also stand the chance of winning £25 each week then please get in touch for more information!

Forthcoming Events and Home Fixtures:

Saturday April 7th - 10am - Pre-Season Grounds Preparation Day

Friday April 20th - 7:30pm - Pre-Season Quiz Night at the Playing Fields.

Saturday April 21st - first 1st XI match of the season v Irchester CC (Home)

Saturday April 28th - first 2nd XI match of the season v Wollaston CC (Home)

More details about Heyford Cricket Club can be found on our website 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, or call Matt Baker (Chairman) on 07779 795458.

Matt Baker



The advertisement features a black and white photograph of a young boy in a cricket uniform, swinging a bat. In the background, a girl is running on a grassy field. The text 'ALL STARS cricket' is overlaid on the left, with a star and cricket ball graphic. The main text reads 'Big moments start with All Stars Cricket'. At the bottom, it says 'Register now - allstarscricket.co.uk'. A small ECB logo is in the top left corner.



300 Club Draw

300 Club February Winners

1st Prize (£65) – 170 - Cricket Club

2nd Prize (£30) – 281 - Richard Denny



Heyford Athletic Football Club

So, its been a tough month and the weather has shown no let up. It is hard to believe that we are heading into April and we are just a few weeks away from having night games. And yet I am writing this just after the 'mini beast' has dropped some more snow on us.

We are now in the business end of our season and the first team are looking for their highest position in the league table in recent years and a few big games coming up against local rivals as they try to secure that slot. The reserve team has had a difficult season but as the season draws to a close there have been some better results recently and we are confident that over the summer we will be able to bring in some new players that will provide a fresh impetus to both of the sides.

As I mentioned in a recent article and on Facebook Chris Peck will be stepping down from running the first team next season and his replacement has since been announced. Gary Hammond will take on the role after being assistant manager this season and he will be supported by Dan Horton who is coming to us having being in management on a Sunday recently. We are excited that he will help us in our efforts to take that next step up. Tom Butcher will continue to run the reserves and his assistant for the new season is yet to be announced, though I am hopeful we will be in a position to be able to soon.

Our youth teams continue to perform well and it is looking extremely likely that all the teams will stay together for next season, which is great as some of these teams are nearing the age of being able to play adult football, and we are looking to have everything in place to ensure smooth transitions for those players who want to do this.

Some of these teams will also benefit from the new field, which if you pop down to the club you will see that the process of getting this ready for football next season is well underway and we hope the teams will benefit from their own facilities.

Nothing left for me to say other than as the weather hopefully starts to get warmer you should join us down the club for a drink, and take advantage of the many early evening games that will be coming up in April.

As usual if you want to get in touch with me about any aspect of our club please contact me on the number below

Gary McMahon
07801 276488



Heyford Bowls Club

www.heyfordbowlsclub.co.uk

Indoor

The "LADIES PAIRS" competition was played on Saturday 10th March and saw four teams contesting for the trophy. The format was for each team to play three matches of six ends. The two highest scorers would then proceed to the final. This produced an excellent standard of bowling which was maintained throughout the competition. After a very hard fought game the final was won by ROSEMARY HADDON and JEAN CULLIN over PAULINE GROOM and PAULINE THACKRAY by the narrow margin of 5 to 3.

An important date for your diaries; the Mixed Singles Completion which will include the Norman and Vivien Browne Trophy will be played on Saturday 14th April. Time will be 1pm for a 1.30pm start. Please enter your names on the notice board in the village hall.

If you would like to have a go at trying short mat bowling you will be made most welcome by a friendly group of people. Do not worry about equipment it will be provided for you to try. We have two sessions every Wednesday, so just turn up at the village hall at either 1.45pm or 7.15pm.

If you would like more bowls club information please visit our website address at www.heyfordbowlsclub.co.uk

Den Taylor
341405

Outdoor

As I write these notes, snow is on the ground, and the idea of outdoor bowls seems something of a pipe dream. But we have faith that old Mother Nature will come good and spring and summer are just around the corner.

Working on that theory, we plan to open the green on Monday 9th although that might prove to be a trifle optimistic. Our first home game is against fellow members of the short mat section on Saturday 21st at 2.00pm. The following week on 28th we start our friendly fixtures with a trip to Cogenhoe.

On the social front there is a Quiz Night on Saturday 7th at the Village Hall.

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...

Ben Holder Jazz Trio

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Ben's Trio will be completed by wonderful support from Jez Cook on guitar and Paul Jefferies on double bass. This will truly be an unforgettable evening!

Flore Millennium Hall: Saturday 21st April; 7.30pm. Doors open 7pm. Licensed bar. Tickets £12.50 (£5 under 18s). Proceeds to Flore Millennium Hall Fund.

Fiori Musicali

A return visit from one of the area's best-loved early music ensembles. Fiori Musicali will be entertaining us with an evening of sparkling music for soprano and strings featuring the coloratura talents of locally-based singer Judit Felszeghy. The programme will include works by Vivaldi and Handel, among them Handel's famous "Largo", a piece used in a number of films.

Fiori Musicali were founded in Northants in 1983 and have established a reputation for a committed but sensitive and emotional approach to early Music. They have performed in a wide range of ancient venues across Europe, and they have also released a number of acclaimed recordings.

So come along and enjoy beautiful music... elegantly played, and in a wonderful setting.

All Saints Church, Flore, Saturday June 2nd, 7.30pm. Tickets £20 (£5 under 18s); call Rosemary Read (between 9am and 8pm) on 01327 341026.

More 2018 Diary Dates

Watch out for more news on:

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

July 22nd – 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 8th – 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 6th – Silent Movie Night: organist Vincent Byrne back by popular demand: All Saints.

November 17th – 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 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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The Census return of 1871 for Heyford – the Enumerators Walk

The first four households listed were in Back Lane. Church Street at one time was called Back Lane but there is confusion that this Back Lane could be Watery Lane as the next entries in the census refer to Heyford Cottage, occupied by John Smith and the Farm House occupied by George Tarry, a farmer of 60 acres.

He then moves on to what is now known as Middle Street as the next five entries are the School House in Middle Lane, occupied by Thomas Stanton, School Master; The Olde Sun Inn occupied by George Attwood, tailor and Innkeeper; followed by three other houses. From here the enumerator seems to have walked alongside the Green, where there were no houses to the Foresters Arms.

The Foresters Arms, occupied by John Wright; the Primitive Methodist Chapel, The Sub Post Office, occupied by William Treadwell, bricklayer and his wife, Millicent; Seven houses in Billing's Yard; Seven houses in Front Street; The Manor House; ten more houses in Front Street; eleven houses in Masters Row; one house in Church Street; the Rectory, the Church; Fifteen more houses in Church Street, including Edward Capel, butcher. Two houses in Robinsons Yard; one more house in Church Street, one more in Front Street; six in School House Lane and finally seventeen in Grocers Row.

It can only be speculation, but the journey seemed to go right down to the Manor House, then on to the Church and Rectory, and then back up to the Green.

The journey then takes him around the Green. Here there are twenty-eight households listed as The Green; then the Farmhouse occupied by Thomas Starmer, farmer of 213 acres; 13 houses in the Barracks and four at Crabtree Corner.

He then goes along Weedon Road towards Stowe Hill: two houses in Stowe Hill Lane, one called Primrose Cottage, one called Field House; two at Pincham, then the High House occupied by William Thompson, boat builder, two at Flore Lane, both coal merchants; six at Stowe Hill; The Globe Inn (now known as the Narrowboat), four at Stowe Hill Yard, the Anchor Inn and two more houses in Weedon Road.

The enumerator then seems to have walked along the A5, taking in one house at Tanborough and two at Aldermans Hall before turning back into the village down Furnace Lane.

There are four houses in Furnace Lane, one at Heyford Wharf, The Bricklayers Arms, occupied by John Dunkley, beer seller and five in Wrights Yard, including George Payne, furnace keeper.

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