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Gift and Open Day
Saturday 12th May 2018
9.00am - 1.00pm

at Nether Heyford Baptist Church
Flowers, music and candles
in the chapel

**Sales
table**

**Lots of
Plants**



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and
Cards**

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May 2018

WW1 Memorial

During the next twelve months, my wife and I and two other friends are planning to visit the graves of as many of the WW1 deceased that appear on the Daventry & Weedon Bec War Memorials that are honoured in France. We plan to place a cross at each headstone and memorial and take a picture. The idea is to get a picture to any remaining family of the deceased. To this end I would request that family contact me so that I can get a cross to you to put a personal message on for us to take with us. My friends are travelling in one month's time. Myself and wife in the Summer, then all 4 off us returning early 2019. I have posted on here as one person on the Weedon Cenotaph is Private Arthur Weston, son of Mrs Sarah Ann Weston from Lower Heyford. He was killed in action on March 28th 1918 at Bullecourt, France. Does anyone know of a living relative of this man who may wish to write a simple message on his cross?

The photograph will then be offered to that relative. Any help would be appreciated.

Malcolm Ogle

(If you can help Malcolm, please get in touch via heyford_prattler@yahoo.co.uk)

Thank you Vernon

Thanks must go to Vernon (Cameron-Ilott) who had been coordinating the local neighbourhood watch in the village until recently. He did a fine job of filtering the information that came from a much wider neighbourhood watch area, and making sure that those who were interested or involved got information in a timely and appropriate way. I know that people can still sign up to receive information circulated by the police, but it will provide alerts to crimes across a much wider area, and one has to be prepared to sift through for pertinent information. He'll be missed in this role; whatever the politics that surround the changes, the village can only benefit from local people taking a lead in these sort of matters.

Tom Dodd

N.B. The Prattler facebook page now posts the local neighbourhood watch warnings and see article later in issue about the new scheme.

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PARISH COUNCIL NOTES



The April meeting of Nether Heyford Parish Council was held on April 3rd 2018 at the Baptist Church Rooms and was preceded by the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

Chairmans Report

This year I will start with a serious thank you to our Parish Clerk, and all Nether Heyford Parish Councillors. I am extremely privileged to work with a group, dedicated to the wellbeing and success of Nether Heyford, and who are prepared to strive so hard, to this effect.

There are vacancies for Parish Councillors, currently. Volunteers will be extremely welcome.

The Neighbourhood Plan for Nether Heyford got off to a flying start. The Committee are dedicated, determined, and inspired. The Neighbourhood Plan open day, was a great success, and well attended. Plans are on track to achieve the type, and quality of development suitable to the needs and demands of Nether Heyford residents. I am confident that this will allow us control of, and a say in, future Development within Nether Heyford at least until 2029.

The Parish Council purchased and sited two Defibrillators. They are located adjacent to One Stop, in the centre of Nether Heyford, and near the Bowling Club premises, on the Playing Fields. Both machines are contained in locked metal cases, secured by an access code, provided at the time of need by the Ambulance Service. The units are inspected monthly, and a record is maintained. If used the units are again inspected and if necessary, replaced providing continual and freely available access to the defibrillators.

The financial crisis currently within Northamptonshire County, caused by and for a variety of reasons, will have a serious affect on the infrastructure and services within Nether Heyford. Our already, sporadically, and badly maintained road surfaces, over winter have become, in my view, positively dangerous. They are almost at the stage of inhibiting free access on our roads, and thereby restricting our working lives, and freedom. This, in 21st Century England has to be unacceptable by an accountable Local Authority.

Reports to Street Doctor, and a look at the maps provided by this service, suggest that most, if not all road surface issues, have been reported repeatedly. There are

roadside furniture lighting at road junctions, that await repairs, also reported some time ago by myself. The bus stop on the green, has never been put back. The pot holes exacerbate issues with underground pipes, culverts are collapsed, and threaten future flooding, with the resultant disruption and distress caused. Current improvements being made by the Environment Agency within Nether Heyford, could be overshadowed by the seeming short sightedness of the Local Authority not carrying out the levels of servicing and maintenance necessary

The Parish Council, in company with the Nether Heyford Playing Fields Committee, with grant funding, have purchased a plot of land adjacent to the existing Playing Fields. It is intended to create a junior sized football pitch for the upcoming football stars in the village. It is also for the use of Bliss School, in addition to their use of the Village Green.

We are privileged to live in a beautiful village, enhanced by open spaces. Over the years grass cutting, and tree maintenance within Nether Heyford have been an issue. We enjoy an unprecedented volume of grassed areas, and trees, requiring attention, and maintenance on a regular basis. We currently have the services of an excellent grass cutter, and very reliable tree surgeons. The intention of Nether Heyford Parish Council is to ensure the continued beauty, and to keep high standards into the future.

Charles Kiloh
Chair; Nether Heyford Parish Council.

Annual Report of District Councillor: David Harries **Heyford and Bugbrooke Ward: 2017-18**

General

South Northamptonshire continues to be ranked as one of the best places to live in the country. The Halifax survey 2017 rated the SNC area as thirteenth. Unemployment is one of the lowest in the country although SNC runs a job club to help anyone get back into work. All the services are now shared with Cherwell.

Abolition of Northamptonshire County Council/Unitary Council

The Government Inspector called in to assess Northamptonshire County Council has issued a damning report. It itemises a chamber of horrors in which financial control was lacking, questions were discouraged, councillors silenced, information withheld, and a gung-ho leadership and management ignored its tottering finances while pursuing a mass outsourcing that lacked rationale. The report suggests **Northamptonshire's division into two unitary** councils, involving the abolition of the County Council and all seven Borough and District Councils. The Inspector said the County Council's problems are "so deep and ingrained that it is not possible to promote a recovery plan that could bring the council back to stability and safety in a reasonable timescale". In this proposal we would be included in a unitary council comprising Northampton, Daventry and South Northants. Worryingly, there is no mention of the joint arrangements between South Northants and Cherwell and

nothing about the massive multi-million pound debt that a new authority would inherit. Whilst accepting the need for change, lumping rural South Northants and Daventry in with urban Northampton is likely to meet with local resistance.

Chief Executive/Senior Management

Yvonne Rees, who had been Chief Executive at Mole Valley District Council and a Director at Surrey County Council, was appointed Joint SNC and Cherwell Chief Executive in July 2017. A restructuring of the senior management team is creating additional senior level capacity to deliver services across the two councils.

Finance

The SNC part of the Council Tax bill was raised by 3% which is in line with inflation. Funding from central government continues to be reduced, but the books remain balanced. SNC has always been one of the best councils at collecting council tax, with over 99% of all tax collected. There is a significant (and necessary) focus on developing income streams and identifying commercial opportunities.

Community Infrastructure Levy

From 1 April 2016 SNC introduced the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), 15% of which goes to the local Parish Council, rising to 25% if they have a Neighbourhood Plan. This is a possible incentive to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan.

New Homes Bonus

New Homes Bonus continues to be paid by SNC into separate parish ring fenced funds for parish councils and voluntary organisations. SNC is one of the few councils to pass on some of this money to parishes affected by housing growth. Changes in government finances mean that it will probably be reduced by next year. The money accrued to date is safe and is still available for the parish to use. The rate of growth will slow in future years and should be flagged early. In this Ward the funds currently available are:

Bugbrooke-£42,212; Nether Heyford-£9,519; Upper Heyford-£3,017.

Local Plan

The preparation of the Local Plan Part 2 has been continuing. This will replace the existing policy that was adopted in 1997. A ten-week public consultation period was completed in November 2017. 1200 issues were raised from 400 submissions. The subsequent Revision will be placed in the public sector for a six-week consultation period in late Spring 2018. In the meantime each item raised will be placed on the website together with an accompanying explanation. After the consultation period, the final review will be submitted to the Inspectorate. The process of inspection could take in the region of 20 weeks and, if no issues are raised, the Local Plan Part 2 could become statute in the Autumn of 2018.

Five Year Land Supply

National Planning Policy demands that every council has a bank of planning permissions granted so that development can take place in that area. The core strategy requires SNC to have 1680 available planning permissions granted on sites

that are likely and able to be developed within five years. Where there is not a five year land supply there must be a presumption in favour of development, irrespective of village confines and any other local planning policies. SNC can demonstrate a bank of almost double the 1680 minimum at 3296, with a land supply of 10.2 years.

Waste Recycling

SNC waste and recycling service has had a very good year - it is the eighth best authority in the UK for recycling thanks to our residents putting 61% of everything they throw away out for recycling. A high level of recycling means that the total cost for waste collection is reduced as the greatest expense is disposing of the contents of the black bins. A contract has been signed with a new company for recycling. At their Materials Recycling Facility, each of the different materials are separated out and forwarded on to be recycled for reuse.

Moat Lane, Towcester

Moat Lane continues to be developed with work starting on the corner site along Northampton Road for retail shops and apartments above. The work is of an exceptionally high standard and is a real enhancement to the town. The Forum has some excellent conferencing and meeting rooms and is available for business and community use to hire and are some of the best available in the district. The Council chamber can be adapted for different conference styles and is also a great location to hold events. I have been a member of the Moat Lane Project Board from the beginning, despite originally voting against this project!

Taxi Licensing

The licensing department has been active in making sure that the taxis and private hire cars in our district work to the highest standards. SNC is one of the first authorities in the area to introduce compulsory Safeguarding Training

Peer Review

In November, SNC and Cherwell had a Peer Review by a team from the Local Government Association. The team interviewed a range of people who have contact with the council and, after a week of evidence gathering, they concluded that SNC and Cherwell were well run and in a relatively strong position.

Personally

As a member of the Community Funding Panel, I continue to pick up some useful information about how to prepare a successful application for grants; and I have been able to support and assist local applications. The Planning Policy and Regeneration Strategy Committee of which I am also a member, is more strategic. It allows me to try to influence the preparation of the Local Plan, which will decide the most appropriate level of development in each village, and to consider Neighbourhood Plans. The Moat Lane Project Board continues to meet regularly and produces some interesting issues regarding the regeneration of this part of Towcester.

During the year I have tried to help local people with various planning and housing issues, with some success. It has been particularly pleasing to help meet some

Once again, I have managed to maintain an almost 100% attendance record for council and relevant committee meetings.

DAVID HARRIES

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Youth Club

The youth club is running well, their finances are good and it's well attended,

Thanks

The Council would like to express their thanks to Vernon and Julia for their work and involvement in the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.

Allotments

There are still some available. If anyone would like one, please get in touch with one of the committee on the list below.

Roads and Pavements

Some of the roads are in a terrible state but they are due to be patched soon, We'll wait and see how well it goes.

*Clerk, Guy Ravine, c/o Old Dairy Farm, Upper Stowe, Weedon.
Northampton. NN7 4SH.*

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QUIZ NIGHT

In aid of the Holiday at Home project

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



Our Churches

Parish Church of St. Peter and St. Paul

Services for May 2018

Sunday 6 th	08:00 am	Prayer Book Holy Communion at Flore Church
	09:30 am	Holy Communion at Church Stowe
	11:00 am	United All Age Service at Flore Church
	06:00 pm	Holy Communion at Heyford
Sunday 13 th	10:00 am	Benefice Service of Holy Communion at Upper Stowe
Sunday 20 th	09:30 am	Holy Communion at Heyford
	10:00 am	United Service at Flore URC – Chapel Anniversary
	11:00 am	Family Service at Upper Stowe
	04:00 pm	Youth Church at Flore Church
Monday 21 st	10:30 am	Benefice Prayer Meeting at Church Stowe
Saturday 26 th	02:30 pm	Messy Church at Flore Church
Sunday 27 th	09:30 am	Holy Communion at Flore Church
	11:00 am	Informal Worship at Heyford Church
	06:00 PM	Holy Communion at Upper Stowe

Midweek Services are held weekly on Wednesdays, 9.30am at Heyford and Thursdays, 10am at Flore – all welcome. **There will be no service at Heyford on 2nd or 30th May.**

A new **home group** starts in Heyford on **Wednesday 23rd May** at 8:00PM at 21, The Green. Meeting on the second and fourth Wednesdays in June and July, the group will be looking at 'Following Jesus'. Please come along and join us, you'll be very welcome.

Please note that due to Flore School are holding their May Day celebrations on Saturday 19th May, Messy Church in Flore will be a week later than usual on Saturday 26th May.

The Streets we shall be praying for during May are Watery Lane and Brookside Place in Heyford, Bricketts Lane and Springfield in Flore, Main St in Upper Stowe and the Brockhall Hall apartments.

Revd Stephen Burrow, tel 344436

Dear Friends,

In the Old Testament, amongst the writings of the twelve minor prophets, is the Book of the prophet Habakkuk. Writing around 620 BC, Habakkuk tried to tackle some of the puzzles of the world around him. His writings begin with these questions:

'O Lord, how long must I beg for your help before you listen? How long before you save us from all this violence? Why do you make me watch such terrible injustice? Why do you allow violence, lawlessness, crime, and cruelty to spread everywhere? Laws cannot be enforced; justice is always the loser; criminals crowd out honest people and twist the laws around.' (Habakkuk 1:2-4 CEV)

Habakkuk's approach to the things he saw around him is refreshingly honest. There is no pious acceptance that every event must somehow be God's will; no tortuous attempt to find a spiritual explanation for whatever is happening. Recent world events might make us echo Habakkuk's cry. Our newspapers are full of confusing, concerning events; the poisonings in Salisbury, and the diplomatic fall out thereafter, the horrendous attack on the people of Douma in Syria, and the consequent missile strike on that nation by the USA, UK and France, the different and contradictory responses to the killing of the burglar Henry Vincent by the homeowner Richard Osborn-Brooks, and so on.

I find it interesting that Habakkuk's name translates as 'embrace' or 'wrestle', for I do find myself wrestling with some of these complex, incomprehensible issues; upset by man's inhumanity to man, uncertain as to where some of these events might lead, and how they might be resolved, wondering, like Habakkuk, where God is in all that's going on. I guess the easy way out is to bury one's head in the sand. But avoiding the issues does not make the challenge go away. Simplistic answers are equally unhelpful and risk doing more harm than good.

Like Habakkuk, we can put our faith and hope in the creator God who made and loves the world, the God who prefers an honest cry of confusion and doubt to a faith that deals with life's complexities by brushing them under the carpet. But even in our uncertainty, we can still do all we can – in our prayers, our words and our actions – to make our tiny corner of the world a better place. We can change the world, starting right here!

God bless,

Stephen (Tel 344436)



Nether Heyford Baptist Church

Morning Services: 10:30 am

Afternoon Services: 4:00 pm

Sunday Services

May	10:30 a.m.	4:00 p.m.
6 th	Worship led by Tony Brown	
13 th	Worship led by Allan Pope	Informal Songs of Praise led by Martin Buckby (tea and cakes)
20 th	Worship led by Wendy Manley	
27 th	9-30am prayer meeting followed at 10-30am by a communion service led by Les Britten.	

Events

May 2nd

2pm Wednesday group meeting includes a talk by Barry Watson on the Agony and the Ecstasy of a hotel narrow-boater.

May 12th

Plant Sale 9am to 1pm. Church open and bacon butties / toasted teacakes on sale.

May 14th

2pm Prayer Meeting with Stephen Copson.

May 24th

10am to 12md Open Door. Do come along for free coffee and chat. (Sales table / Books)

ALL WELCOME



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CHAIRPERSON

We are looking for a Chairperson for the Village Hall Management Committee to take over after our A.G.M on the 14th June 2018. If you are interested in this enjoyable position, please contact me to discuss any queries you may have.

I took over as Chair of the Village Hall Management Committee in June 2014, due to the retirement of the previous Chairperson. I now find myself in a position where I have to retire from the Committee, due to other commitments within the Village and for family reasons.

I have enjoyed my time leading the members of the Committee and seeing the improvements we have made to the Hall. We have had fun but got the job done!
Proven by the increase in bookings and comments from users.

I would like to thank everyone who has contributed on my watch, without you, we could not have achieved the results we have. I will miss the involvement with you.

Ray Haddon
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Visit our facebook Page

www.facebook.com/HeyfordPrattler



Heyford Picturedrome

The next film to be screened will be **La La Land**. This is an American romantic musical comedy-drama film which won 6 Oscars. It stars Ryan Gosling as a jazz pianist and Emma Stone as an aspiring actress who meet and fall in love in Los Angeles while pursuing their dreams. The film's title refers simultaneously to the city of Los Angeles and the idiom for being out of touch with reality.

The film is to be shown in the Village Hall on **Thursday 17th May** and is the last of the current season.

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. Refreshments of wine and soft drinks will be available both before the film and during the interval.

Tony Clewett
(Phone no. 341533)

New Neighbourhood Watch Page

Following Vernon's announcement that he was stepping down from the Neighbourhood alert scheme, a new informal group has been set up on facebook. This is to notify people of incidents which are happening in our area. The page can be accessed by searching for Nether Heyford Neighbourhood Watch on facebook. The group now has 208 members and it is hoped that it will continue to grow and inform.

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Accompanist: Graham Kinnersly

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Featuring songs by

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And Many More!*

May 11th and 12th

Nether Heyford Village Hall at 7.30pm

Tickets: Adults £7.50 Children (Under 12) £4

Tickets Now On Sale!

Box Office: 01327 340741 07971 786912

kyra44@gmail.com

Limited Tickets Available - Book early to avoid disappointment

www.heyfordsingers.org

Community Flood Group

EE-by-gum, an expression used by my grandfather aptly describes the events since the April 2018 issue of the Prattler. The lead up to Easter saw four days of steady and increasing rainfall culminating in two floodings on Saturday 31st of March and Monday 2nd of April in N. Adams field, Broad Meadow, Rose Farm and the Paddocks. A major tree bridging the River Nene about 100m upstream of the road bridge resulted in debris obstructing the centre arch and restricting flow. At the same time a tree was down across the west culvert and although it did not restrict flow it partially blocked the Nene Way footpath from the footbridge to Church Lane. However the NCC Footpath Officer decided to take no action. The River Nene peaked at 71.67m and 71.73m exceeding the threshold for the onset of flooding. From historical records, using 5cum/sec as a reference, 1998-2017 saw 69 events of which 43 resulted in water in the paddocks (on the natural floodplain) and of these 18 resulted in 85% coverage compared to 95% for Easter 1998 (now on its 20th anniversary).

Rainfall records for the first four months of 2018 show significant increases over the same period of 2017. Comparison of the official rain gauge sites at Pitford, Dodford, Daventry and Towcester showed significant disparity with rainfall highest to the west in Daventry and Dodford up between 50 and 90% respectively.

Work on the outfalls into Horestone Brook is complete and the site evacuated by contractors by 16th April. The photograph shows the newly reconfigured dual outflow into the re-profiled Brook .

I was confronted by a villager who informed me in no uncertain manner that Horestone Brook was not the correct name as it was known by villagers as The Larum! Although this name was familiar I agreed to research further especially as it may have some historical connection like the name Luddle did for Heyford Brook or even be linked to the Roman Villa found in 1669 in the fields between Nether Heyford and Bugbrooke. The tithe maps of 1838 only identified the River Nene. However various publications circa 1831 "The History of Northampton and its Vicinity" clearly identifies Horestone Brook and the associated Roman Villa with its tessellated flooring. It also sited annual flooding from the River Nene causing mould and debris on the paved areas. The name Horestone (modern spelling) derives from Hoar Stone which is used to describe a memorial stone or landmark describing the boundary of a property. The Anglo Saxon word Har stan defines a Greystone or old stone.

The origins of the name Larum only revealed a Middle English origin meaning "alarm" i.e. alarum and the book "Secrets of Northampton" did not reveal the use of the word Larum as peculiar to Northamptonshire. In discussions with Dave Hayward and Fishbourne Roman Museum a word of similar roots was Lares which refers to

an early Roman priesthood who were guardians of fields or boundaries. The term mater Larum arose as mother of Lares.

The link to Horestone Brook remains unclear and although the word may have been used locally the official name remains Horestone Brook. Discussions with other villagers indicated that they had used the word as children but accepted that the official name remained Horestone Brook. As further evidence the sketches by Frank Pearson, page 15 of Vol 2 of The Story of Heyford names the Laruum whose correct name is Horestone Brook, QED.

In the 1970's the Brook was realigned to avoid flooding onto the Bugbrooke Road. I mentioned the name Larum to my son who grew up in the village in the late 70's-early 80's but the name had no significance. He did point out an area known by children as "12 foot", an area of the river by the current Nene Way footbridge, once the site of the old stone bridge between the Manor and the Mill which was removed in 1960. The term referred to the depth of water resulting from the demolition which caused the formation of a deep pool that children enjoyed to dive into from the river bank or new bridge parapet. This just indicated how children create names that disappear in the annals of time.

Friday 13th April 2018 turned out to be a black Friday for all the wrong reasons. Space does not allow me to go into detail in this issue but all will be revealed in the June Prattler.

J Arnold





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that has happened or a concern or suspicion

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CrimeStoppers.



Vilia lost her mum and her home when Port-au-Prince in Haiti was struck by an earthquake in 2010. Bereaved and homeless, she went back to her home town with her husband and children. But life was a struggle, and they had nowhere safe to live. Christian Aid partner KORAL built her a new home that was strong enough to stand up to natural disasters.

On the terrifying night in September 2016 when Hurricane Matthew hit, Vilia's neighbours fled to shelter with her. As the storm raged, she shared her home with more than 50 of her neighbours for several days. Despite the ferocity of the hurricane, which swept away surrounding homes, her house was barely damaged.

Vilia allowed her home to become an emergency shelter when Hurricane Matthew struck Haiti. She is incredibly grateful for the help she's received but worries about those without a secure home. Of the 700 houses built by KORAL after the 2010 earthquake with funds from Christian Aid, just one needed to be repaired after Hurricane Matthew.

You will receive a donation envelope through the door – please take time to look at the pictures and read a bit about Vilia and some of the other people still struggling after the Hurricane. Or look at the Christian Aid website, <http://www.christianaid.org.uk>. The website will also give you information about how Christian Aid operates with partner organisations (not governments), and their policies to make the best use of donations. Or if you have any specific questions please contact me and I'll try to answer them for you.

Last year we raised over £900, the same again could help many, many families. Also, if anyone would be able to help with delivering and/or collecting envelopes that would be really appreciated – please let me know:

Shirley Waterhouse tel: 07919447117 shirley.waterhouse@tiscali.co.uk



In Nether Heyford

The evening of Line Dancing held in April was a great success – both for those taking part and those watching. I was on holiday with my family so I missed the fun but, having seen the demonstrations from some of the members who were there, I had obviously missed a good night! Our thanks to Renee Watt for all the fun.

Our May 3rd meeting is an outing for the members to Delapre Abbey in Northampton. Last year we had a talk given by Margaret Hawkins on the history and progress of the renovation of this lovely building and we are now going to have the opportunity to see the finished article for ourselves.

On June 7th we will be hearing Douglas Goddard's talk entitled "Butterflies of Northamptonshire".

A reminder to the WI ladies that we will be having our usual produce stall at the Village Fete on June 9th. Let's hope the sun is still shining!

Mary Rice
Heyford Lodge, Church Lane
01327 340101



Meal Club

The next meal club will be held on Thursday May 3rd in the Village Hall.

All welcome.

Call Debbie on 01327 349163 for further details



Heyford Garden Club

www.heyfordgardenclub.com

Our April meeting had to be rearranged at the last minute as our booked speaker contacted us at the 11th hour to say that he was stuck in Rome due to a cancelled flight! Luckily our chairman Mike had a cache of photographs taken on a visit to the Scilly Isles last year and was able to give us a talk about the fascinating flora of these islands which have been colonised by plants from all over the globe, due to the frost free climate

On the 14th May we welcome Clare Price of Seeds2Success who will give advice on how to tackle weeds.

The evening will also feature the annual tulip competition which has been held back from April due to the slow start to the year. If we have some warm weather in the meantime it may be a rather small show! Nature doesn't stick to a calendar.

Companion Plants

I have always been a bit sceptical of the claims that certain plants will help improve the growth of others, but last year we may have stumbled across a genuine case. Our runner beans produced an unexpectedly bumper crop, and for a long time we couldn't make out why, until my wife pointed out that they had been planted close to a patch of lavender bushes. These bushes were alive with bees, hoverflies and other pollinating insects, and it seems as though these had overspilled onto the bean flowers.

I shall ensure that next year I plant some bee friendly plants around my beans to see if the effect is repeated.

The Pleasures of Wildlife.

Each year in spring I cut back our winter flowering clematis (*C. cirrhosa* "Freckles" since you ask) but this year I have been gazumped by a pair of robins who have decided that it is an ideal place to make their nest!

Some Things to do in May

1. take softwood cuttings of shrubs and herbaceous perennials
2. check hedges and shrubs for birds nests before clipping
3. lift and divide overcrowded clumps of spring flowering bulbs.

Mark Newstead

Bugbrooke and District Flower Society

There will not be a meeting in May due to the Bank Holiday. However, at our next meeting on 25th June, in the village hall, we welcome a National Demonstrator, Julia Knights, which will be ticket only admission. Tickets are £8 and can be obtained from Maria on 01327 341783.

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

For more information please follow us on Facebook.

Farmers Markets - Monthly 9am until 2pm unless stated

Brackley: 3rd Saturday

Daventry: 1st Saturday

Grandborough: (St Peters Church 10am - 12:30pm) 1st Thursday March to December

Northampton: 3rd Thursday

Oundle: 2nd Saturday

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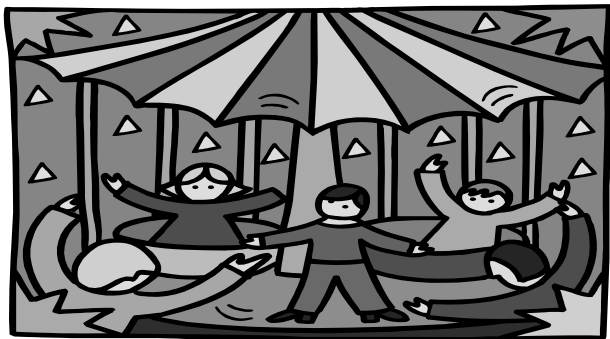


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*Georgia, Georgia, the whole day through.
An' just an old sweet song keeps Georgia on my mind.
Georgia, Georgia, a song of you,
Comes as sweet and clear as moonlight through the pines.
Other arms reach out to me;
Other eyes smile tenderly.
Still in peaceful dreams I see,
The road leads back to you.
Georgia, Georgia, no peace I find.
Just an old sweet song keeps Georgia on my mind.*

Words by S Gorrell, music by Hoagy Carmichael

A little music history for readers this month!

Those of you coming to the Heyford Singers spring concert will hear a selection of songs by two well known American composers, **Hoagy Carmichael** and **Cole Porter**. Both have left a legacy of music and songs that permeate stage, screen, radio, television and all manner of audio recordings, yet their origins, and approach to music were quite different.

Hoagy Carmichael (1899 – 1981) was a composer, pianist, singer, actor and bandleader. Described as “the most talented, inventive, sophisticated and jazz orientated craftsman” of songs of the first half of the twentieth century, Carmichael was one of the first to utilise new communication technologies such as television, electronic microphones and sound recordings.

Born into a relatively poor family he was named after the “Hoaglands”, a touring circus group who stayed with his parents, at the time his mother was pregnant with him. And it was his mother who was responsible for his *only* form of music education, teaching him singing and the piano. The Carmichael family moved around a lot, looking for work, and Hoagy regularly supplemented their income by playing the piano at various events and venues. Although he completed a law degree, and worked in a legal firm for a while, he soon returned to his first love ... music! He had developed an enthusiasm and talent for song writing, saying, *“You don’t write melodies, you find them. If you find the beginning of a good song, and your fingers do not stray, the melody should come out of hiding in a short while.”*

He soon met with success, his fame and social life flourished as he rubbed shoulders with the likes of George Gershwin, Fred Astaire, Duke Ellington and other musical greats in New York’s entertainment world. Hoagy Carmichael subsequently composed hundreds of songs, over fifty of which achieved hit-record status. Many were written expressly for, or included in Hollywood films, others stood alone as songs, and some were purely instrumental, “**Stardust**” was one of his early successes, since recorded by many, many artists and each with their own interpretation of the song. “**In the Cool, Cool, Cool of the Evening**” won him his first Academy Award, and “**Georgia on My Mind**” was a major hit when recorded with Ray Charles in 1960. It is now recognised as the official anthem for the US

State of Georgia. Hoagy Carmichael also featured in the Guinness Book of Records for the longest song title – but I shall leave readers to find that out for themselves!

Cole Porter (1891 – 1964)

Also born in Indiana, Cole Porter was from a very wealthy family. Like Hoagy Carmichael, Cole Porter's mother had a great influence on his musical development; he was playing the violin at 6, the piano at 8, and had composed his first operetta (with a little maternal help) at 10!

Although the family's wish was for him to follow a legal career, he took up music as a profession and received classical training in this art form. Drawn especially to musical theatre Cole Porter soon achieved recognition and success on Broadway. However unlike many of his contemporaries, Cole Porter wrote both the lyrics and the music for all songs.

When the USA entered World War I Cole Porter moved to Paris, ostensibly to work with a relief organisation, but his luxury apartment afforded the opportunity for a lavish lifestyle with frequent scandalous and extravagant parties.

At the age of 46, and back in the States, Cole Porter suffered a serious horse riding accident, leaving him disabled and in constant pain, yet he continued to work and produce even greater successes on stage, screen and with many celebrated singers.

"Kiss Me Kate", "High Society", "Can-Can", and "Gay Divorce" are just four of the many musicals written by Cole Porter. **"Gay Divorce"** featured Fred Astaire in his final stage show, and also included the much-loved song, **"Night and Day"**.

It is probably for his many songs, with their clever lyrics and beautiful melodies, that Cole Porter is best remembered **"You're the Top", "E'vry time we say Goodbye", "It's De-lovely" and "Just one of those things"** are just a few, but some of my particular favourites.

Both Hoagy Carmichael and Cole Porter have left us with a treasure trove of wonderful songs and tunes, and it is fitting that as part of Heyford Singers' celebration of the Great American Songbook, we honour these two giants of the musical world. We hope you enjoy listening to their songs as much as we enjoy singing them!

I do hope that you can join us for our concert, **"America! – a celebration of songs from The Great American Songbook"** on Friday 11th and Saturday 12th May in Nether Heyford village hall. 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

Adult Cricket:

At a time when the heavy roller should have been inching it's way across the square in readiness for the new season, heavy rain at the beginning of April resulted in the square being flooded and pitch preparations put on hold. It's not just Heyford CC who have been affected though, to the extent that the League administrators have taken the unprecedented step of moving the fixtures that are scheduled for the 21st April to the end of the season to give clubs more time to prepare their pitches.

Junior Cricket:

Coaching for children between the ages of 9 and 13 will run every Friday from 6-7pm at the Playing Fields. We're very fortunate to have a professional coach taking the sessions for the U11s and U13s this year, so please come down or get in touch if you would like to know more.

U15s will 'net' alongside the adults from 6:30pm, which makes sense since many of them play for the adult teams already!

It's not too late to sign up for 'All Stars Cricket' (for 5 to 8 year old boys and girls), which starts on 11th May at 6pm. 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: 24/3/18 Geoff Allen, 31/3/18 Annie John, 7/4/18 Marjorie Jenkinson and 14/4/18 no winner.

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:

28 th April	2 nd XI v Wollaston (1pm)
5 th May	no home game
12 th May	1 st XI v Rushden (12:30pm)
19 th May	2 nd XI v Brixworth (1pm)
26 th May	1 st XI v Wellingborough OGs (12:30pm)

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.

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



Meetings are in Bugbrooke Community Centre at 2.00 pm (except where noted otherwise).

Monday 21st MAY

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING followed by '**Tea and Trivia**'. Afternoon tea and a bit of fun: guests welcome.

The special interest groups which meet separately include:

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Heyford Athletic Football Club

Well the season is almost over (although at the time of writing the reserves still have 7 games left!!!) and our thoughts start to focus on celebrating the season we have had and looking at our targets for next season. In a period of time where a lot of local clubs are folding I am pleased to say we are still looking to field 2 teams next season and it is important that we continue to do so.

Our first team's recent results have meant the team has faded away from looking at the top 3 positions in the league – for a long time we were right in the hunt but have had a couple of defeats and it now looks for this season that it is out of reach. We therefore turn to next season and with some new players and new coaching team in place we will be again looking to challenge for the top honours in the league.

From a reserve perspective it has been a tough season, and relegation to Division 4 is looking very likely, although we do not know what the league structure looks like for next season as yet. It has therefore given us the opportunity to review what we want the reserves to look like in the coming season so that if they do go down, they have a real shot of coming straight back up or if they do remain in their current league, that they are able to challenge higher up the table. We have yet to finalise who will support the current manager next season but I am confident that the actions we are taking now will mean the reserves will be in a stronger position next season.

As it is the end of the season we are saying farewell to a few stalwarts at the club. In particular Chris Peck and Lee Arnold who have both served the club for a long time and as I have said in previous editions they will both be sorely missed, however I also fully appreciate that they want to spend their Saturday's in other ways going forward and I am looking forward to them sharing a few old stories over a pint at our end of season do. Taking place in The Foresters on 5th May so come and reminisce with the guys and the squad.

Some good news coming through from the Youth section is that for the 2nd year in a row our U10's have reached the cup final. Having won at U9 level last year they are looking to repeat that success at Sixfields on 19th May – Time to be confirmed so it would be great if you are at a loose end on that day to come and support the team.

The U16's are also now at an age whereby they will soon be able to play senior football and as they move up to the next age group we are also looking at how we can integrate these young lads into the senior set up – again all part of the plan for the reserve team during the next season.

Finally in September we will be holding our race night – which was held over from February this year. The date for your diary is 22nd September. We will be looking to start a little earlier so that all the family can get involved. More on this on another time but if you would like to help and sponsor a race for this event please get in touch with myself.

So that is it – for the new season I will be changing how we write our article and am looking to give you more information on the club and its players but for now, thank you for reading and please pop down the club for these last few games were the bar is open and I can try and persuade you to get involved in your local club over a pint ☺

Gary McMahon
07801 276488



Heyford Bowls Club

www.heyfordbowlsclub.co.uk

Indoor

On Thursday 22nd March a very enjoyable and highly entertaining afternoon was enjoyed by everyone who took part. It was the annual INDOOR v OUTDOOR bowls match played in the village hall. Although this is a very friendly fixture, of course every side wants to win. All three mats were in use with the indoor bowls section coming out on top on this occasion. The return fixture will be played on the green at the end of April. This will again prove to be a very enjoyable competition for all bowlers taking part.

The Mixed Singles and Norman and Vivian Browne Trophy will be played on the 14th April and will be reported on in the next edition of the Prattler.

The Indoor bowls section plays throughout the year every Wednesday at 1.45 and 7.15pm in the village hall. If you would like to try short mat bowling (EQUIPMENT PROVIDED) just turn up at either session of bowls where you will be made most welcome.

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

Den Taylor

Outdoor

May sees the start of the outdoor season proper, friendly and competitive fixtures against other clubs, and friendly and competition matches amongst ourselves, not forgetting our open day and our social events.

Our home games in May are:

Wednesday 2 nd	Whyte Melville Ladies	2.30pm
Saturday 5 th	Northampton BBOB	2.30pm
Sunday 13 th	Kingsthorpe	2.30pm
Monday 14 th	Kingsthorpe B	6.00pm
Thursday 24 th	Daventry Town	6.30pm
Saturday 26 th	Internal Triples	2.00pm
Thursday 31 st	Kislingbury	6.30pm

The other major event is the club's Open Day on Sunday 27th May from 10.00am until 4.00pm. This is when anyone can come along and try the game. All you need are a pair of flat soled shoes, but at a pinch we can supply these. Members will show you how to play the game and tell you all about the club. There will be four weeks of coaching to follow the Open Day, if required. And it's FREE!!

For those who do not fancy the idea of competitive matches against other clubs, but rather a social occasion with a game of bowls thrown in, then the Friday Night League is the answer to your prayers. A game among club members at 6:00 pm, followed by a drink from the bar and the world-famous meat raffle. Some people are regulars on a Friday night and miss out the game of bowls!!

Come on down; you've been promising yourself you will try bowls some time; now is that time. I look forward to seeing you

Geoff Allen
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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:

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Russell House, Spring Lane, Flore. Saturday 23rd June, 7.30pm.

MORE 2018 DIARY DATES

Watch out for more news on:

July 22nd – Jazz in the Garden (Rock Springs, Sutton St, 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: secular and sacred music from Vocalium including works by composers who lived, worked or fought in World War 1. Plus poems, letters from the trenches and a reflection on the end of the war read by Flore Boards members. 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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