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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

Cover Photo:

Maypole dancing on the Village Green - Photographer unknown.

Can you identify anyone in the picture?

In Memoriam

"Remembering Ernie Quarterman of Hillside Road, a good friend to many in the village whose birthday fell in June. Rest in peace Ernie."

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PARISH COUNCIL NOTES



The May meeting of Nether Heyford Parish Council was held on May 8th, 2018 at the Baptist Church Rooms,

Northamptonshire County Council

Parishioners will know that there are changes afoot in our County as regards governance. Two unitary authorities have been suggested to cover the whole County, with our district South Northants to join Northampton and Daventry. This would inevitably mean a focus of attention on Northampton itself and so may not be the best of news for us. However the proposal ignores the fact that SNC has a working arrangement with Cherwell, and gives no clue as to how that would fit in. Whatever the case, substantial changes are coming, and soon, probably in 2020.

Playing Field Extension

The new land has now been prepared, ploughed and sown with grass; and a new gate built. Congratulations and thanks to all involved with this new asset for the village.

Annual Parish Meeting

took place on April 3rd. Reports were received from our District Councillors and various village societies.

Dog Fouling

Again there are reports of dog mess not being cleared up and of bags of waste being irresponsibly disposed of. Council would ask that dog owners carry a torch if dog walking during the hours of darkness, and act responsibly at all times.

Allotments

All rent has now been collected. Currently running a weekly clear up every Saturday through May on the vacant plots and pathways. Wickes have kindly donated a number of items for the allotments including a rotavator and outside storage box. Also the allotments have purchased a lawn mower and strimmer. Looking to change the terms and condition to allow the use of sheds at the allotments.

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

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.

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.

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Roads and Pavements

There are many bad potholes all around the village (and indeed the whole country) Council/Highways cutbacks and winter 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, (such as the long standing ones in Hillside Rd) 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 Monday June 4th at the Baptist Church Rooms at 7.30 pm and is, like all Parish Council meetings, open to Parishioners

Annual Report for the Parishes of Bugbrooke Division by County Councillor Adam Brown

I would like to start by saying what a privilege it was to be elected as the County Councillor for Bugbrooke in May last year. Having attended Campion School during my childhood and growing up in nearby Flore and Weedon, I was and still am delighted to have the honour of representing an area that I know so well.

Of course this has been a turbulent year at the County Council, and as a newcomer to the authority I have had to contend with the combined challenges of learning the ropes at County Hall and navigating a period of time that is almost certainly the most difficult in the history of local government in Northamptonshire. I knew before standing for election that NCC was in extreme financial difficulties and there would be tough choices ahead of me, but the uncertainty of the situation makes the role of the local representative even more important and I was determined to do my best for local residents.

Not long after the elections in May the bad news started to seep out. I decided very early on that I was not going to be a mouthpiece for the leader and her team, but that I would give a balanced and truthful analysis of events to residents when I

attended Parish Council meetings. I feel that I have been open and honest at those meetings, and I have answered many questions from Parish Councillors and residents both in person and via email. I have not shied away from being critical of the Council's own role in ending up in the current predicament, nor have I sought to downplay the severity of the crisis or the grave nature of the potential consequences.

There have been positives in my first months as a Councillor; I have been delighted to be able to award grants to Community projects and other good causes in Blisworth, Harpole, Nether Heyford, Pattishall and to the Saints Study Centre who undertake education sessions across the county including many within this division. I have also been able to assist residents with problems relating to school admissions, billing errors by the County Council, road safety and of course potholes though, I accept that my work there is never done and the state of many roads remains totally unacceptable.

Ultimately, however, this year has been inescapably negative. This is a question of finances, and the County Council's financial situation continues to worsen. Throughout the year my Conservative colleagues and I have been given ever-increasing figures of the savings required from the Council's budget in order to arrive at a lawful financial position. Initially we were informed that the in-year overspend would be in the region of £9m. At a meeting on 24th January we were warned that the spending gap in this financial year may be as much as £26m. Shortly after that meeting the Council's Chief Finance Officer issued a Section 114 notice, which is a legal instrument that publicly warns of a risk that the Authority may end the financial year in deficit, a situation forbidden by the Local Government Act. It also imposes immediate spending controls and prohibits the Council from employing new staff or entering into new contracts. This sadly precludes any further awards from my empowerment fund.

The draft budget put forward by the County Council was characterised by unpalatable and worrying cuts to services, with discretionary services under threat of almost complete removal in order to allow the Council to continue providing adequate social care for adults and children - those being the two principal statutory services and the sources of the greatest budgetary pressures. Colleagues in rural divisions and I repeatedly pushed for a revision of the removal of funding for bus routes in areas that are not served by commercially viable routes. We were initially successful in achieving the reinstatement of funding for the on-demand services "County Connect" and "Call Connect" but we were not able to win the argument on subsidies to private companies. There were also partial concessions on the proposed cuts to libraries and trading standards.

Shortly before the annual budget meeting, NCC was informed by its auditors KPMG that the proposed use of capital receipts to fund services may be unlawful, and may even have been unlawful for a period of two to three years. As a consequence the budget had to be revised and further savings found. At a tense meeting of the Conservative Group, backbench colleagues and I told the Cabinet in no uncertain

terms that bus subsidies and other key discretionary services that had been given a partial reprieve during the scrutiny process should not be axed. We implored the leader and her top team to instead look for efficiencies at managerial and executive level but our demands went unheard and we ended up with a budget that removed all bus subsidies and severely reduced the library and trading standards services.

It is no surprise to me that many people question how or why backbenchers who so resisted the nature of the cuts imposed by the 2018/19 budget then voted in favour of that budget. I did vote for that budget, and I did so because as Councillors we have a legal obligation to set a balanced and realistic budget. In the opinions of our Chief Finance Officer, Monitoring Officer and other expert professional advisers the revised budget met those criterion. Furthermore, had we failed to pass the budget and precept we would have set off a chain of events which would have ceased the cash flow for social services and the District and Borough Councils, who cannot send out Council Tax demands until the County Council has set its portion of the precept. In my opinion voting through the budget was by a very fine margin the lesser of two evils but I make a sincere and full apology to all those who will feel the negative effects of that budget.

I also wish to inform you, that as many of you may be aware, a statement was issued by 20 backbench Conservative Councillors at the beginning of February. That statement expressed extreme dissatisfaction with the way that Cabinet members have conducted themselves, and supported the call by all 7 Members of Parliament in the county for a rapid resolution to the current inspection and a move to restructure local government. That statement was co-authored by me and had the support of half the Conservative group. I felt the need to take the highly unusual step of speaking out in such a public manner because I feel that the County Council is failing the residents of Northamptonshire, and our financial position has been greatly worsened by mistakes made at County Hall. The inadequate funding that Northamptonshire receives is a significant factor, but decisions have been made by our Cabinet which have prevented us from dealing with that problem as well as we may have done and there had been no recognition of mistakes made either publicly or privately.

Following that statement and the continued intransigence of the leader of the Council, colleagues and I felt that the only available option to us was to make a further radical push for a change of direction at Northamptonshire County Council. I signed a motion of no confidence in Cllr Heather Smith's leadership, that motion was duly carried by the Conservative group and Cllr Smith was dismissed as our leader. A vote at full council is required to remove her as Council leader and that opportunity has yet to arise, however our group felt that we needed to send a strong message to the public that those at the top of the Council should take their due share of responsibility. In private industry any company in a comparable crisis would sack the relevant directors or department managers, so we as backbench Councillors sacked our leader. It was a difficult decision, but one which I stand by.

On 15th March the report by the government's inspector, Max Caller, determined

that there have been serious failings in governance at Northamptonshire County Council and that the authority has failed in its duty to provide “best value” for taxpayers. As a result Lord’s Commissioners will intervene at the County Council until such a time as the failings have been corrected. Due to the actions taken by my colleagues and I, this will be a limited intervention as opposed to all the Council’s functions being run from Whitehall, which the Secretary of State could have ordered. It is still a highly significant development, with “an overarching intervention package with a particular focus on governance and strategic financial planning to address the circumstances of the Authority until a longer term solution can be put in place”.

Most decisions will continue to be taken at a local level, but the Secretary of State has also invited District and Borough Councils to submit proposals for a restructuring of local government in Northamptonshire i.e. move to unitary authorities. This will be a complex process that will require additional funding to overcome the inherent problems within the social care sector, and I await the outcome of the process with interest.

Whatever the outcome of the intervention by Commissioners and the future of local government in our County, I will continue to serve all residents of Bugbrooke Division to the best of my ability.

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Our Churches

Parish Church of St. Peter and St. Paul

Services for June 2018

Sunday 3 rd	08:00 am	Prayer Book Holy Communion at Flore
	09:30 am	Holy Communion at Church Stowe
	11:00 am	First Sunday - All Age Service at Flore Church
	06:00 pm	Holy Communion at Heyford
Saturday 9 th	02:00 pm	Pop Up Messy Church at Heyford Village Fete
Sunday 10 th	10:00 am	Benefice Service at Brockhall Church
Sunday 17 th	09:30 am	Holy Communion at Heyford
	10:00 am	United Flower Festival Service at Flore Chapel
	11:00 am	Family Service at Upper Stowe
	07:30 pm	Flower Festival Thanksgiving at Flore Church
Monday 18 th	10:30 am	Benefice Prayer Meeting at Brockhall
Saturday 23 rd	02:30 pm	Messy Church at Flore Church
	05:00 pm	Youth Church at Flore Church
Sunday 24 th	09:30 am	Holy Communion at Flore Church
	11:00 am	Informal worship at Heyford
	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.

The Streets we shall be praying for during June are: In June we shall be praying for: Heyford: Middle Street, Manor Park, Parsons Close; Church Stowe: The Green; Flore: Brockhall Road, The Crescent; Brockhall: The Old Rectory, Rose Cottage, Western Cottage.

Rev'd Stephen Burrow, tel 344436

Dear Friends,

For fans of English sport, there is an exciting and anxious Summer ahead, with the football world cup less than a month away, and a variety of international cricket matches underway by the time you read this letter. The sports news over the last couple of days has been dominated by the announcement of the England football world cup squad, which has overshadowed the naming of the 12 men chosen to face Pakistan in the first cricket test match of the Summer. In both cases, the squads contain many familiar names. The football team, contains established internationals and stars of the Premier League, alongside one or two less well known names, and players yet to make their international debut. In the cricket squad, tried and tested performers are joined by a batting star of the Indian Premier League, as well as a little-known, uncapped spin bowler. In both cases, the selectors and managers of the teams will have thought long and hard about the players they wanted in their squads, looking at current form, fitness and ability, leaving out some long-standing team members, and giving opportunities to other, younger players. We can only hope and pray that as the Summer progresses the players chosen will rise to the challenge, and bring some exciting and winning performances.

Coincidentally, as these international sporting teams have been selected, I've been reading about the group of men chosen by Jesus at the outset of his ministry (Matt 10:1-4, Luke 6:12-16). We read that after a night of prayer, Jesus chose twelve men, one of whom – Judas Iscariot – was destined to betray him. The men he chose were a mixed bunch. They included a number of fishermen, a tax collector, a freedom fighter, and a man who was to sneak in to the darkness to point Jesus out to those sent to arrest him. Some of these men were models of faith, yet one is remembered as an example of doubt. Yet these were the men chosen to share Jesus' ministry, and with the exception of Judas, those who carried that ministry on after Jesus' ascension. They were ordinary men, who didn't always see eye-to-eye, and yet God was able to use them.

God still chooses ordinary people to work with him today; people with different backgrounds and temperaments, hopes and fears, joys and sorrows, likes and dislikes. Like the disciples, we may not always agree with one another, but we can draw closer together knowing that God loves us as we are - faults and all – and can use us to share his love with the world around us.

God bless,

Stephen (Tel 344436)



Nether Heyford Baptist Church

Morning Services: 10:30 am

Afternoon Services: 4:00 pm

Sunday Services

June	10:30 a.m.	4:00 p.m.
3 rd	Worship led by Clive Leakey	
10 th	We welcome John Hutcherson to lead our worship	Informal Songs of Praise led by Martin Buckby (tea and cakes as usual)
17 th	Worship led by Trevor Boys	
24 th	9-30am prayer meeting followed at 10-30am by a communion service led by Martin Buckby	

Events

- June 2nd** 10am to 12md Open Door. Do come along for free coffee and chat. (Sales table / Books)
- June 6th** 2pm Wednesday group meeting includes a talk by Melissa Symonds on Medical detection Dogs
- June 11th** 2pm Prayer Meeting and bible study.
- June 28th** 10am to 12md Open Door. Do come along for free coffee and chat. (Sales table / Books)

ALL WELCOME

Nether Heyford Village Hall Fete



Saturday 9th June 2pm – 5pm

Grand Prize Draw

£100.00 First Prize & many other Prizes.

Stalls and attractions - Bar - Afternoon teas.
Bouncy Castles & Rides - Sweet Shop - Ice Cream.
Penny Arcade - Tin Can Alley - Hook a Duck.
Gymnastic Display - Tug of War.
N.M.P.A.T School of Music.
Sophie Soapy Clown - Plants - BBQ.

AND MORE!

If you wish to participate please contact Rosemary on 01327 340016

Community Flood Group

Friday 13th April 2018, Black Friday, not for discount shopping but a date which radically changed the Village. After 8 months of extensive exchanges of information between CFG, SNC LPA and E/A and three separate planning applications, one withdrawn due to overwhelming opposition, the second refused on the grounds of position relative to the main residence and subject of an Enforcement Order, and the third was approved.

The site in question involves the floodplain of the River Nene known as “the paddocks” which form part of the properties in Manor Park. Previous applications for building in this area had been rejected by the Secretary of State on the grounds that this area was an essential part of the rural aspect enjoyed by the residents. In the present case CFG was invited by local consultees named in the application because of concerns over the impact of additional building on a site already occupied by extensive buildings and the risk of increased flooding. My view has been consistent throughout the process but rather than act as judge and jury I will present the facts and let you form your own opinion.

Under revised guidelines Permitted Developments do not require planning permission. The so called Minor developments were seen to have minimal affect in areas prone to flooding. However, the legislation failed to recognise the impact of multiple or accumulative minor development on a single site. A letter to CFG in September 2017 from the Secretary of State confirmed that building on a high risk floodplain, zone 3a or 3b should be avoided and the accumulative effect of ALL building on site must be taken into account in the planning process to ensure that floodwater should be free to flow across the natural floodplain without obstruction or diversion that effects the rights of others. No structure or combinations thereof should be permitted that increase the flood risk to neighbouring properties within the lifetime of the structure.

Flood zone 3 is divided into 3a and 3b. 3a categorises the risk factor as 1 in 100 years whereas 3b the higher category (not shown on flood maps) defines a natural floodplain as the area with an annual risk of 5%. This categorisation has been a source of contention with the E/A as I contended that out of 90 paddock flooding's since 1998 that 18 had resulted in more than 85% of the area up to the properties being flooded, well in excess of the 5% criteria.

In addition, mapping does not include climate change which E/A estimates at 65% up to 2100, the expected lifetime of any structure. On the site in question building extends a distance of 30m from the original building line (edge of the village boundary) which represents a blockage of over 40% to the free flow of water on properties on the western perimeter. The interaction of the River Nene and the floodplain represents a special case since we are not only dealing with static water but the FLOW of floodwater across the paddocks. Clearly any blockage formed by

the longitudinal dimensions “living on the floodplain” and with the additional impact of climate change WILL result in property flooding!

Coincidentally during the building of Manor Park by Cooper Homes flooding in 1977 precluded the building of additional homes on the floodplain. All residents understood that the paddocks should remain free from building due to added flood risk and ensure the retention of a rural aspect.

On the first application the Case Officer visited the site and was aware of other buildings and although these form part of an ongoing Enforcement investigation planning have refused to accept that ALL buildings on site are considered, i.e. accumulatively, a point highlighted in P/C comments. As a result, the E/A and LPA have only considered the impact of the single building. The arguments proposed over displacement of floodwater becomes trivial when compared to the lateral blockage to the free flow of water. Flood risk analysis attached to the application, written by a consultant who clearly had no understanding of the site, again trivialised this in suggesting a ditch equivalent in volume to the building footprint would provide sufficient compensation.

My greatest disappointment in this whole process has been the attitude of the E/A who have been inconsistent in their findings. Their own leaflets state that the Riparian responsibility of the owner is to ensure the free flow of water when failure to do so constitutes a crime in Common Law. A letter from the Chair continues to protect the E/A's position.

Currently I am in Stage 1 dialogue with LPA and will continue through stage 2 before going to Planning Inspectorate/Ombudsman. Unfortunately third parties have no right of appeal, and only planning procedures will be evaluated to protect LPA from possible claims for compensation in case of hardship or flood damages. I am now having to reconsider my position with regard to continuing to work with the E/A and the future of CFG which was set up to fight for Flood Alleviation for the Village. It is clear the E/A has no plans for protecting Manor Park over the next 6 years and the cost / benefit ratios will not attract Grant Aid Funding. That said much remedial work still needs to be undertaken in Church St., repairs to E-W culvert, and identifying funding for upstream storage to overcome the limited capacity of the E-W culvert and protect Watery Lane.

On a brighter note the weather has improved and although the rainfall averages to the end of April were exceeded, May's rainfall to date has only been 15mm, about 30% of a typical May average. The big beneficiaries of course have been the gardeners.

J Arnold

Keep it Clean

"Man seen sitting on Furnace Lane bench on Sunday 6th May reading his newspaper, when his dog wandering on its own decided to poo. The man (who we shall not name) finished his paper, collected his dog then wandered off with no regard to the other Green users".

This was a message received by the Prattler recently. I have removed names for privacy.

Dog mess can cause the disease *Toxocara canis* which is a roundworm found in dogs. Roundworm eggs can be found in dog mess, which can easily be picked up by young children. This causes stomach upsets, sore throats, asthma and in rare cases blindness. The eggs can stay active in the soil for many years, long after the dog mess has weathered away.

So do the decent thing and clean up after your dog.



Revitalising the Allotments

As many readers of the Prattler will know, a significant number of allotments at the end of Watery Lane have, over the past few years, fallen vacant and become overgrown. Despite their best efforts the Parish Council have not been able to encourage enough new tenants to take on new plots.

That is a great pity and a waste of a wonderful resource, so a group of existing allotment holders, led by Sue Corner and Lynda Eales have taken it upon themselves to rectify this situation and make the whole area more user friendly – a place that more villagers would like to get involved in.

The purpose of this article (and what we hope will be a series of articles about our allotments) is to keep you, the good folk of Heyford, informed about what is happening and perhaps enlist your help in any redevelopment.

There is too much happening to cover everything planned in this one article, so I will restrict myself to just two or three topics. You'll have to wait for the next issue of the Prattler to find out what else is in the pipeline and how well we are getting on with the work currently in hand.

Empty Plots

A large number of plots on the far side of the site have been unoccupied for a number of years. Consequently they have begun to resemble an impenetrable wasteland. You took your life in your hands just trying to wander through the jungle of weeds! The decision was therefore taken to clear that entire area, plough the ground and plant a community orchard, complete with a wildflower area.

The ground has been prepared – thanks to the help of Adrian Haynes and his tractor - and in June we will be welcoming Andy Howard from “Heritage Trees” to come and talk to us about planting and caring for a wide range of fruit trees. It is hoped that planting can commence in the autumn/winter. A number of allotment holders have already agreed to help care for and maintain the area. This will hopefully become a community space that can be shared by the whole village.

Playing Fields

Those of you who use the nearby playing field will have noticed that the field separating the allotments from the tennis court area has also been cleared and ploughed. The Playing Field Association has purchased this area and is going to create a junior sized football pitch for the younger folk of the village. As part of their plan they have offered to erect a fence (with access gates) and plant a hedge between this new sports facility and the community orchard. Access to the new

Planning for the Future

If you are interested in finding out more about developments and influencing changes - maybe even getting a little bit more involved in some of the practical tasks we have planned, then come and join us at our next planning meeting. By the time you read this article we will have had our May meeting and set a new date for June. Details of that will be posted on the village notice boards, in the village hall and on the allotment gates and of course, the Prattler facebook page. We look forward to seeing you – this is for everybody, not just a selected group!

As I said earlier, the list of topics up for discussion are many. If you want to find out more about ...

... how the allotments might change in the future, the introduction of sheds on the allotments, smaller plots for those thinking about trying an allotment, providing purpose made raised beds, creating an allotment from scratch etc. ...

... you will have to wait for the next issue of the Prattler.

Mike Langrish

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



Our Invite to you, to View NHNPG's Assessment of Sites

The Nether Heyford Neighbourhood Plan Group will be at the village fête again this year, and we invite everyone to come and see how assessments are being undertaken at potential sites in the village.

As part of the process of making a Neighbourhood Plan, it is sensible to look at sites which have already come forward over the last few years, and to assess them in light of the information you gave us in the survey. Would they be suitable? Are they in the right place? In the survey, you gave very clear messages about looking after the housing needs of villagers and their families. There are strong trends that show there is less of a need for executive homes and increasing need for 'affordable' rents and smaller properties. Indeed, there is an increase in owners who want to downsize but stay in the village. Overall, the need appears to be manageable over the next dozen years or so and is moderately low in terms of numbers.

In 2014, The West Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit (WNJPU) representing South Northamptonshire District Council undertook an exercise across the area, called the Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment. This SHELAA identified pockets of land across all villages that could be used '*as a future supply of land which is suitable, available and achievable for non-strategic housing and economic development uses over the remainder of the plan period (up to 2029).*' Seven sites were identified in Nether Heyford. However, it is critical to understand that '*the SHELAA will identify land, it will not allocate land for development*'. This is very important for Nether Heyford; one site has already been assessed as being too large and would be unsuitable for the village's development needs. In 2016, people were invited to identify further pockets of land in a 'Call for Sites'. This Call for Sites was an opportunity for landowners, site promoters and interested parties to submit land for consideration. Another three came forward in the village, one of which was refused planning permission, the other two have not applied for planning permission.

All ten of these sites are now being assessed by the NHNPG as part of the neighbourhood plan process to see if they are *suitable, available and achievable* in light of Nether Heyford's needs. **Inclusion of a site in the assessment does not mean that a site will automatically be allocated for development or be taken to imply that planning permission would be supported.**

These submissions are all in the public domain and can be seen at <https://www.southnorthants.gov.uk/downloads/114/nether-heyford>.

Come and see the provisional results of the assessments on fête day (June 9th), when they will be on display in our marquee. Meanwhile, anyone with any queries or just want to know more can come along to our public meetings (next one at 7.30pm June 28th) held at the Youth Club on Robert's Field.

Tom Dodd (Vice Chair NHNPG)

LADIES TENNIS – FRIDAY MORNINGS

10am – 12 noon

at

“Nether Heyford Tennis Club”

Non -members welcome, visitor fee of £5

For more information please find us on
facebook or phone Jo 349094





In Nether Heyford

Although the evening was a little cold the WI members thoroughly enjoyed the outing to Delapre Abbey. The tour was full of interesting historical detail told in an amusing way and it brought home the fact that our County has a wealth of history that we should be proud of. The restoration was beautifully done and, unlike many Country Houses, the chairs were there to be sat upon and even the piano could be played.

It is a sad fact that there are far fewer butterflies and caterpillars around now than when I was a child and, although the Cabbage Whites are still not the gardener's best friend, when one thinks of lazing in the garden on a hot summer day there are usually butterflies in the picture. Volunteers in the 32 Branches of Butterfly Conservation manage over 30 Nature Reserves which are all havens for butterflies, moths and other animals. Douglas Goddard is Committee Chairman of the Beds and Northamptonshire Branch and is the Speaker at our meeting on Thursday June 7th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. His talk is 'Butterflies of Northamptonshire' so ladies, if like me, you want to know where to go to see the butterflies of your childhood please do join us. The cost is £5 for the evening including the usual friendly WI welcome and refreshments.

Mary Rice
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Meal Club

The next meal club will be held on Thursday June 7th in the Village Hall.

All welcome.

Call Debbie on 01327 349163 for further details



Heyford Garden Club

www.heyfordgardenclub.com

For our May meeting we welcomed Clare Price of Seeds2Success, whose presentation on weeds and how to deal with them sparked some lively discussion. There's not much that stimulates the passions of gardeners more than weeds!

Next month we welcome the return of Brian Laney who will be talking to us about the wild flora of the county.

We had intended to have a tulip show at this month's meeting (already postponed from April due to the cold weather holding the flowers back) but it became obvious that well before the date of the meeting most tulips had long gone over, and so the competition was widened to include any spring flower. There was therefore some irony in the fact that the winning bloom was an elegant tulip shown by Chris West!

The second prize went to John Dunkley's spectacular spray of clematis, and the the third prize to Tom Wallis who showed a voluptuous red rhododendron.

Further to the subject of weeds, we have some odd plants of garlic mustard (aka jack-in-the-hedge) in the garden and one afternoon I noticed that a orange tip butterfly was laying its eggs on one of these. So those are some weeds which will have to stay.

The cold weather early in the spring delayed a lot of flowers but the show, in our garden anyway, was better than usual. However many other people I have spoken to have found, as I have, that vegetable seeds sown during April this year have done poorly as the soil was still so cold. Every year seems to bring a new challenge!

Some Things to do in June

1. It should be safe to plant out tender bedding plants and vegetables by the beginning of June, but they must be hardened off by being outside in a sheltered spot for a week or so first.
2. Early flowering shrubs can be pruned.
3. Stake tall or floppy plants before they get too tall.

Mark Newstead

Bugbrooke and District Flower Society

Our next meeting on 25th June is an open meeting when we welcome a National Demonstrator, Julia Knights, with her demonstration "An Evening with Julia". This will be ticket only admission and tickets, £8, can be obtained from Maria on 01327 341783. The meeting starts at 7.45pm in Nether Heyford village hall. This promises to be a most enjoyable evening and the demonstration is followed by refreshments and the opportunity to win one of the arrangements in the raffle.

Our meetings are held on the fourth Monday of the month in Nether Heyford village hall and a warm welcome awaits both new members and visitors to our meetings.

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

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*Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares can destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.*

*Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.*

Verse 1 & 4 of the hymn “Lord of all Hopefulness”.

The May Bank holiday weekend was a glorious time. The sun shone and it was an opportunity for family and friends to gather and celebrate, not only being together, but also the long awaited arrival of summer and being outside.

For us it was no exception; we gathered on the Friday, at the start of the weekend, for the funeral of my uncle. It was a time of sadness but also one of joy and happy memories, for at eighty-eight my uncle had led a long, happy, family focused, very positive and adventurous life. In true fashion he had left details for a meticulously planned funeral, which included some wonderful pieces of music – jazz from the incomparable Django Reinhardt, a children’s song much loved by his grandchildren, **“Stardust”** sung by Nat King Cole, and **“Singing in the Rain”**. How strange it was, to be sitting listening to those last two songs, a hundred miles from Nether Heyford, yet knowing that a few days later we would be singing them in the Heyford Singers spring concert!

Fast forward two days and we gathered again in a beautiful Oxfordshire village for the christening of our one year old grandson. It was a lovely day and in mid afternoon the church bells rang out a wonderful quarter peal, bidding us walk across to the church and the service. The coolness inside was very welcoming and we enjoyed Scott Joplin melodies played by the organist as we took our places. The service was lovely, all the children were involved, gathering around the font to watch and to wonder. The four chosen hymns were sung by an enthusiastic congregation and included some of my personal favourites, especially the one quoted at the top. I love its tune (from the Irish folk melody “Slane”) and its gentle charm and simplicity. It was, and probably still is, part of many school assemblies, as children appreciate the passing of the day.

As the weekend drew to close, appropriately with a stunning sunset, we received the news that a dear and very close friend had died. She was a wonderfully happy and positive person, loved by all those who knew her, and with a smile that lit up everybody’s day. Our friendship was born on the day I started my teaching career and has lasted for many years, with shared holidays, days out, theatre and concert visits, and endless letters and postcards to each other. And that friendship would have shared many school assemblies, singing with our classes, that lovely hymn, **“Lord of all Hopefulness”**.

The events of this memorable weekend in May, made me reflect on how music connects and binds us, to each other, to the past and the present, to people and events. Music is like a ball of golden thread that weaves it's way through our life, through the tears and the laughter, through our memories and our hopes, through the gathering of families and friends.

I would like to dedicate this article to

- a much loved uncle who lived life to the full
- to a wonderful friend who brightened everyone's world
- and to a very special little boy who has the whole world before him!

Jill Langrish

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Indoor

Saturday 14th April saw the indoor bowls section play their mixed singles competition. A good turnout saw sixteen bowlers attempting to become club singles champion. An excellent series of matches developed in all games as players tried to progress through a knock-out system to reach the final pair. This produced a keenly contested final which ended in the score of 5-5. An extra leg was played resulting in Graham Drake beating Rosemary Dunkley by the final score of 6 to 5.

The Norman and Viv Browne trophy for the highest score in one match was won by Gil Gugliana with a magnificent score of 18. This is our last competition until the 8th of September, so time to enjoy the friendly summer games.

If you would like to play short mat bowls you will be made most welcome by a friendly group of people. We have two sessions every Wednesday in the village hall at 1:45pm or 7:15pm. Just come along and enjoy a friendly session of indoor bowling.

For more bowls club information please visit our website address at www.heyfordbowlsclub.co.uk

Den Taylor
341405

Outdoor

We always welcome spectators to our home games, where you can have a relaxing drink and watch the match. In June we shall be at home on: -

Monday 4 th	Desborough Town	6.00pm
Thursday 7 th	West Haddon	6.30pm
Sunday 10 th	Cogenhoe	2.30pm
Monday 18 th	Kislingbury B	6.00pm
Saturday 23 rd	Harpole	2.30pm
Monday 25 th	Bugbrooke	6.00pm
Saturday 30 th	Ladies Day	2.00pm

The observant among you will have noticed that we play all our local rivals in the space of eight days. Local bragging rights are up for grabs, and the rivalries are no less than they would be in football, cricket or tiddlywinks.

The major social event this month is Ascot Ladies Day on Thursday 21st. Dress up in your finery as if you were going to the races without leaving the village. Have a

flutter on the horses, dine on magnificent fare; eat, drink and be merry. Places are limited so get in quick.

For those who wish to improve their bowling technique, the club's coach, Tony Yates will be running courses on every Wednesday in the month at 6.30pm. No booking required. Just turn up.

Geoff Allen
349909

Flore Arts Events

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

Music for a Summer Evening

A return for the line-up that entertained us richly in 2016. 'Cellist James Jarvis, tenor Peter Philips and pianist Helen Rouse will be presenting a programme of music from the British Isles. We are promised a number of much loved pieces from well-known composers including Elgar and Vaughan Williams. We will again be most kindly hosted in the perfect drawing room setting of Russell House.

James Jarvis is an accomplished and versatile 'cellist. His broad range of orchestral, chamber and solo experience has taken him touring across Scotland and it has given him solo performances with Bedford and Milton Keynes orchestras. His partnership with pianist Helen Rouse has been particularly successful. Peter Philips has a huge range of choral experience gained from singing with a number of leading choirs including the CBSO Chorus: this has provided him with a platform for his more intimate solo performances.

If you saw this trio of performers in 2016 you'll know you're in for a treat; if you didn't, do come along and find out what you missed!

Saturday 23rd June, 7.30pm. Russell House, Spring Lane, Flore. Tickets £15 – includes a glass of Pimm's.

Jazz in the Garden

Back for a third year... once again we're delighted to welcome Jazz Sans Frontières for another afternoon of Jazz in the Garden. And once again our venue for their programme of jazz and ragtime favourites will be Rock Springs. We'll be selling teas, cakes and wine and beer – just bring something to sit on (and perhaps your dancing shoes... and maybe an umbrella...).

Sunday 22nd July. Rock Springs, Sutton St, Flore. Doors open 1.30pm. Tickets £10 (£5 Under 18s); we've taken lots of reservations already so don't delay... We're due for some good weather this year!

More 2018 Diary Dates

Watch out for more news on:

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 Church, Flore.

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!

On July 12th Don't Go Into The Cellar theatre company presents:

A Pandemonium of Poe at The Booksmith, 1st Floor, The Old Depot, Bridge Street, Weedon Bec.

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