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Tom Dodd

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As you may be aware after a number of years Ray Haddon has stepped down from his role of Chairman at the Village Hall. We are therefore looking to appoint a new Chairperson as soon as possible.

Without a Chairperson in place the Village Hall would struggle to continue in its current format. The Fete and other village hall events would undoubtedly suffer and maybe even end up cancelled. Obviously this would be a huge loss to the village and the people who live here.

Although the Village Hall is in a healthy financial position, without the additional income from the fundraising events, in time it would be left with little alternative but to increase hire charges to all who use it to cover its costs.

Can we please therefore ask that you all have a think about whether you could spare 3-4 hours on a monthly basis to take up this position, or maybe even if 2 of you wanted to share the position.

The position of Chairperson would be for a fixed 3 year term. The Committee meet once a month throughout the year for maybe 1.5 hours and then there is the odd additional meeting, checking of the hall, meeting with contractors etc that also happens.

Please contact either a member of the Village Hall Committee or The Chairman of the Parish Council should you wish to help fill this position.

Thank you

The Parish Council

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PARISH COUNCIL NOTES



The June meeting of Nether Heyford Parish Council was held on June 4th, 2018 at the Baptist Church Rooms.

Local Government Reorganisation

Parishioners will know that changes are coming, and that the County Council will not exist for much longer. A consultation will begin on July 24th, and the Parish Council will be putting its views forward in the course of that. Our District Council, South Northants, are disappointed that they will have to dissolve their partnership with Cherwell, which they see as having been successful. Two unitary Councils with SNC and Daventry joining up with Northampton seems to be the most likely outcome.

A question that has occurred to many is – “Can the Government force us into a unitary council without primary legislation?” The answer is Yes. It can be done through secondary legislation, and this has been done recently in other areas. So while we will all be consulted, the final decision is not guaranteed to be democratic.

Fete

Congratulations to everyone involved in the Village fete which went off very well and was blessed with good weather. Our beautiful Green is at its best when it is being used by the community, and it was a real pleasure attending the event. The situation with the grass was not promising – yet another freakish growing period had led to the grass being quite long; our contractors had done their best within the terms of their agreement (which does not include cuttings collection – as this is prohibitively expensive). The Parish Council, and I am sure the village as a whole, is very grateful to Julian Moriarty and Dan Musson for taking on the task of cutting and collecting the grass so that the Green was in superb condition for the fete, and then again for Sports day at the school. This was a major undertaking and took many hours.

Allotments

A great deal of work has been done on the Allotments, and a strimmer purchased. Much of the work has been done on a voluntary basis, and thanks are due to all those involved.

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.

netherheyfordparishcouncil@gmail.com

Roads and Pavements

The village has benefited from a lot of resurfacing work on the roads recently, for which the Parish Council are duly grateful, but it is puzzling that long standing and deep potholes get left for such long periods.

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 July 2nd at the Baptist Church Rooms at 7.30 pm and is, like all Parish Council meetings, open to Parishioners.

Parish Council notes by the Clerk; Guy Ravine, c/o Old Dairy Farm, Upper Stowe, Weedon. Northampton. NN7 4SH.

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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 Churches

Parish Church of

St. Peter and St. Paul

Services for July 2018

Sunday 1 st	08:00 am	Prayer Book Holy Communion at Flore
	09:30 am	Holy Communion at Church Stowe
	11:00 am	First Sunday Service at Flore
	06:00 pm	Holy Communion at Heyford
Sunday 8 th	11:00 am	Benefice Holy Communion Service at Heyford (followed by Benefice Picnic on The Rectory Lawn)
Sunday 15 th	09:30 am	Holy Communion at Heyford
	10:00 am	Family Service at Upper Stowe
	10:00 am	United Service at Flore URC
	04:00 pm	Youth Church at Flore
Monday 16 th	10:30 am	Benefice Prayer Meeting at Flore
Saturday 21 st	02:30 pm	Messy Church at Flore Church
Sunday 22 nd	09:30 am	Holy Communion at Flore
	11:00 am	Informal worship at Heyford
	06:00 pm	Holy Communion at Upper Stowe
Sunday 29 th	10:00 am	Benefice Holy Communion Service at Church Stowe

Services for August 2018

Sunday 5 th	10:00 am	Benefice and Partnership Communion Service at Flore Church
Sunday 12 th	10:00 am	Holy Communion Service for the whole Benefice at Heyford
Sunday 19 th	10:00 am	Holy Communion Service for the whole Benefice at Brockhall
	10:00 am	Partnership Morning Worship at Flore Chapel
Sunday 26 th	10:00 am	Holy Communion Service for the whole Benefice at Upper Stowe

August Services – During the summer we shall be holding just one service each Sunday morning and moving around the benefice. I do hope that everyone who is not on holiday will also move around with us. The services will all be at 10am.

Midweek Communions are held weekly on Wednesdays, 9.30am at Heyford (not 1st or 8th August) and Thursdays, 10am at Flore – all welcome

During **July** we shall be praying for people living in Upper Heyford; Capell Rise, Collins Hill, Sears Close and Muscott Close in Flore; Francis Row in Upper Stowe and the Stables and Coach House in Brockhall. And during **August**, Rolf Crescent, Western Avenue and South View in Heyford; Chapel Lane and The Green in Flore; The Manor in Church Stowe and The Gate House and The Old Dairy in Brockhall.

Rev Stephen Burrow (Tel. 344436)

Dear Friends,

In 1516, Sir Thomas More wrote *Utopia*, in which he painted a picture of a future society, marked by justice, peace and harmony. It was a vision of how life could be. Indeed, it was a vision of how life ought to be. By contrast, in 1949, George Orwell created a very different vision in his novel *Nineteen Eighty-four*. In it, Orwell described a nightmarish totalitarian state in which every thought and action is regulated, all summed up in the stark warning 'Big Brother is watching you!' This was a picture of the way life could, but really mustn't be. So, almost seventy years after the publication of Orwell's novel, and over thirty years after the year it described, I wonder what vision of the future we have. Do we look forward with hope, excitement and expectation, or with fear and dread? I guess we'd all like to hope and think that the world can be a better place. But over time, our confidence can take a battering. The harsh realities of life, with its ups and downs, seem to undermine the idealistic hopes and dreams of our younger years. Maybe there are times when our faith fades a little in the face of all that life throws at us.

Jesus' teaching provides us with a different perspective on things. Jesus relates several parables in which he reminds us that the signs of the Kingdom of God are all around us, if we have the eyes to see them. In St Mark's Gospel, for example, Jesus tells two consecutive parables about seeds (Mark 4:26-34). In the first, the farmer sows the seed, and as he waits, 'the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how'. In the subsequent parable of the mustard seed, Jesus tells us how the tiny mustard seed grows to be the 'greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade'. Taken together, these two short stories remind us that God's Kingdom comes slowly, but inevitably - we can't control it, or influence it - and that it comes for us. It is a place, a community, of hospitality, nurture, protection, creativity and freedom, in which everyone is invited to flourish, individually and together.

The fact is, God's Kingdom has already dawned, its presence evidenced in transformed lives, in countless acts of love and service, and in the work and worship of the Church. I pray that the long, hot (hopefully!) days of the summer holidays will give us all time to pause and look for the signs of God's Kingdom in our lives, and in the lives of our communities.

Yours in Christ,

Stephen (Tel 344436)



Nether Heyford Baptist Church

Morning Services: 10:30 am

Afternoon Services: 4:00 pm

Sunday Services

July	10:30 a.m.	4:00 p.m.
1 st	Worship led by Stuart Jenkins	
8 th	Worship led by Ted Hales	Informal Songs of Praise led by Les Britten. Tea and cakes as usual.
15 th	Worship led by Wally Mular	
22 nd	Worship led by Rev'd Colin Pye from the Central Baptist Association.	
29 th	9-30am prayer meeting followed at 10-30am by a communion service led by Martin Buckby	

Events

July 4th 2pm Wednesday group meeting includes a talk on Headway – a charity for those with head injuries

July 9th 2pm Prayer meeting and bible study.

July 26th 10am to 12md Open Door. Do come along for free coffee and chat. (Sales table / Books)

ALL WELCOME

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Afternoon Services: 4:00 pm

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5 th	Worship led by Trevor Boys	
12 th	Worship led by Clive Leakey	Informal Songs of Praise led by Les Britten. Tea and cakes as usual.
19 th	Worship led by Wendy Manley	
26 th	9-30am prayer meeting followed at 10-30am by a communion service led by Martin Buckby	

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Sky Diving for the Community



At the end of May, visually impaired Emma Richardson undertook a tandem sky dive from the dizzy height of 8000 feet raising over £1500 to be shared between the Nether Heyford Baptist Church and Danetre Hospital in Daventry.

The much needed money given to the church will help with the ongoing upgrade of the Meeting room. This much loved and valued facility is used by our local community and is in the process of being modernised.

If would like to give a donation then please send your contribution care of the Treasurer, Nether Heyford Baptist Church, The Green, NN7 3LE

Thank you Emma for your support to us.

Nether Heyford Village Hall Fete



I would like to thank **everyone** who helped to make this years 'Fete' very enjoyable and a big success: -

Thank You!

'The Village Hall Committee', 'Friends' of the Village Hall and everyone who gave their time and knowledge in the organisation, set-up and dismantle of this major event.

Tom Dodd - Photography

The Parish Council for allowing us to use our beautiful Green again.

The Rose Queen and her attendants.

Local Clubs and Organisations for taking part.

Geoff Allen, who again entertained us in his inimitable fashion as the 'Master of Ceremonies'. We would certainly miss him if he could not join us!

Donators of raffle prizes including gifts of money.

Donators of cakes, sandwiches and other goodies to eat.

Stall holders from the Village and beyond.

The Baptist Chapel for the loan of chairs, and the offer of the schoolroom if the weather turned inclement.

Paul Taylor & Unusual Rigging for the supply of cabling - The Foresters Arms for The Bar, Tug of War – Sophie Soapy – Crazy Horses for the Children's activities – Julian's Ice Cream – D&M Skips – Gymnastricks - NMPAT Duston School of Music

My sincere apologies if I have left anyone or group out!

Ray Haddon



Nether Heyford Neighbourhood Plan

Fabulous Fête Day!

It was really encouraging to see so many people attending this year's village fête, and great to have so many visitors to the Neighbourhood Plan Group's marquee. We had lots of new information to display, centred around the availability and appropriateness of potential sites for development that would fulfil the needs of Nether Heyford villagers.

So why did we undertake site assessments?

As a group we were advised by South Northants Council (SNC) that we should include a 'preferred site' or 'sites' in our plan, to give us sufficient control over what is built, when and where. Also, our professional support was of the view that we should include a preferred site for development in our Plan.

Why those sites?

Any potential development can only take place either within the village confines or abutting the confines. In a very positive step, SNC will not allow development away from the village confines. A number of sites came forward as a result of calls for sites in 2014 (West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy) and 2016 (as part of SNC work on the Local Plan) which all surround the village. These sites were displayed on a map for everyone to see the scope and scale of their potential.

How did we come up with our evaluation tests and scoring mechanism?

Starting with the SNC standard tests, we also looked at other Neighbourhood Plans and came up with an extended list of tests and a scoring mechanism which we felt would best identify preferred site(s).

Does this mean that development will only happen on one site?

Not necessarily, we are still working on numbers and types of housing which will meet the housing requirements for people within Nether Heyford. It may be that two, three, or even four sites might be identified as a result of the assessment process where development could be supported over time. The majority of people who responded to the questionnaire would like to see development of between 11 and 25 homes between now and 2029. The majority would also like to see more than 10 homes being built at one time to attract revenue for the village. Overall, the need appears to be manageable over the next dozen years or so and remains moderately low in terms of numbers.

On fête day, there was an overall positive response to how the group have undertaken the process, and to the preliminary scoring of the sites. Once these are finalised, the group can include the findings in our Neighbourhood Plan, which can then move forward to a pre-submission version. Thanks to everyone who took the time to speak to us, and for their valuable insights and comments.

Tom Dodd (Vice Chair NHNPG)

The Café on the Green

Heyford's Community Café

in the Baptist Schoolroom

Fridays-1 to 5pm

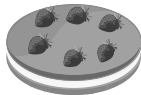
Everybody welcome

WORLD CHALLENGE

The Café staff would like to offer some support to the young people from Heyford who are undertaking the World Challenge expedition this summer. If you are one of these and would like a contribution towards your expenses come and see us in the café any Friday afternoon in July. You will need to bring some written proof that you are taking part.

AUGUST CLOSING

The Baptist Schoolroom is being decorated and having other work done during August this year. This, plus staff holidays, means The Cafe will be closed for much of August. Look out for notices nearer the time



Fond memories of Joan Cooke

Last month Joan Cooke (known in years past as Joan Deeley) died, aged 89, and Nether Heyford lost a very familiar figure.

Joan had lived in the village, in her house opposite the green, for many years, teaching at Bliss Charity School where she remained until her retirement. Her second marriage, to Mr Cooke, took place in April 1983.

Joan enjoyed music and regularly played the piano to the children in her class; they would gather round the piano to join in, or sing along as they worked. By her own admission, Joan was a teacher "of a previous age", not for her were the stresses and strains of present day education targets and theories, of computers and whiteboards. There are many people from this village who will fondly remember their days in her class.

A very intellectual person, Joan's other great passion was for all things scientific. At her first marriage, to Mr Deeley, the best man was the celebrated scientist Heinz Wolff, (German-born British scientist, television and radio presenter, best known for the TV series *The Great Egg Race*).

Joan had a great knowledge about the natural world, from lichen on garden walls, all the creatures who inhabited garden ponds, small mammals, to the many dogs that she so loved and cared for. She regularly walked with fellow dog owners, sharing their common love of canine companions. It was the sad loss of her last dog, Meg, at the beginning of the year that heralded her decline in health.

Joan was also a member of the Crafty Club for many years and would come along to the meeting with various "projects", usually knitting, but the variety of patterns was fascinating. Joan was once asked what she was knitting and, without blinking an eye, she replied, "I'm knitting a cactus!" (she obviously thought it was a natural thing to be knitting!). Many a meeting found her making blankets, which she said were for stray dogs. She also loved to knit small bonnets for premature babies.

A devout Quaker, Joan led a very quiet, unassuming life in the village, her social life met by her friends at Crafty Club and her dog-walking companions. However this very private person gently touched the lives of many people in this little community. She was loved, respected and will be sadly missed.

**Chris Phillips, Jill Langrish and all those who have
contributed memories of Joan Cooke/Deeley**



Heyford Scout Group Update

As usual we have been busy in this term, working towards badges, getting outside where we can and generally having fun. You may have seen us at the Fete, perhaps you came to our tent and made a badge or paracord bracelet.

We are planning a camp for later this month, and as usual we will be holding our AGM to which all parents are welcome.

We have lost of enthusiastic young people in our sections, if you would like any more information about joining them please contact one of the leaders either through the contact details in the Prattler or its website, or at www.facebook.com/heyfordscouts.

This month we will give you a bit of an update on what the Beavers (6-8 yrs) have been doing...

Beavers took part (and led all the groups in the district) in the St George's Day parade in Daventry as a giant dragon. They have been working hard on their badges recently completing their Experiment and Gardener badges which involved growing some vegetables up on the allotments. We have been also doing a few outdoor sessions playing games and thinking about tactics.

The Scout Section has been temporarily out of action, but we are pleased to be welcoming a new leader, Ian Chapman, to join our team of volunteer leaders and helpers. Ian has plenty of previous experience in scouting and will be helping to get scouts up and running again.

Finally an appeal from the Explorers - if anyone is thinking of getting a new barbeque this summer or just getting rid of an old one, we would love to have the old grill for our backwoods cooking (not the entire barbeque, just the grill!)

More updates next issue!

Nether Heyford Pre-school

Please please please can we ask dog owners to pick up their mess especially on the footpath opposite pre-school that leads to the river. We use this footpath daily to access our meadow and we are constantly avoiding piles of poo...

Thank You!





In Nether Heyford

We had an interesting evening on June 7th when Douglas Goddard gave a talk on the different butterflies to be seen in Northamptonshire. We learnt about the important conservation work that is being carried out in our county and the ten sites where butterflies can be more easily seen.

At our next meeting, which will be on July 5th in the Village Hall, we will be hearing about 'Crusaders Community Boating' from Colin Neal, one of the charity's Boatmasters and Chair of Trustees. He has kindly sent us the following as a 'taster' for the evening:-

"Crusader Community Boating is a Blisworth-based charity providing boat trips along the Grand Union Canal in Northamptonshire for groups of people of all ages who are disadvantaged by virtue of physical or mental disability or infirmity, including wheelchair users and elderly people from care homes. For the majority of our passengers, the ability to come on a specially equipped boat, along with their carers, provides them with social and leisure opportunities they might well otherwise be denied. The charity hopes this contributes, in some small way, to their social welfare, countering a feeling of isolation many often experience.

The charity, which is run entirely by volunteers, doesn't charge for these trips, relying instead on voluntary donations. To help with the funding, a limited number of private charter trips are offered for anyone wishing to enjoy the peace and tranquillity experienced on our local waterways. Such trips could be to celebrate a special occasion or simply to provide an opportunity for family and friends to spend a few hours together in an interesting and sociable environment."

Doesn't that sound a lovely way to help people? Our waterways take us deep into our beautiful Northamptonshire countryside and, for those who are unable to walk far, show them things they may never otherwise see. Any ladies who would like to join us for the evening and hear more about the charity will be very welcome. The cost for the evening is £5 and includes the usual WI refreshments.

There will be no WI meeting in August but meetings will recommence in September when the speaker is David Sweeney and his topic is "Every Body tells a story". This will be an open evening and gentlemen will be welcome!

Nether Heyford WI would like to thank everyone who supported our produce stall at the Village Fete and those who organised the event. It takes a lot of hard work but is such a great afternoon and, looking round the Green, I felt very proud of our village. How lucky we are!

Mary Rice
.Heyford Lodge, Church Lane
01327 340101



Christian Aid Week 2018

Many thanks to all of you who contributed in Heyford, once again the generosity of our village has raised a fantastic amount for the work of Christian Aid. We collected £938.60 from this year's house to house collection. Tax that will be reclaimed as a result of Gift Aid will add £56.45 to the total, giving an overall figure of £995.05, surpassing last year's total of £978.10.

Thank also to all who collected, it takes some courage to knock on doors not knowing what response you will get, however as usual the overwhelming majority of people who answered were warm and positive. We also recognise that some of you support other causes but thank you for explaining politely to our volunteers. Thanks also to those who give ongoing support through prayer.

This collection will make a difference to the lives of many people in our world who face real hardship – thank you on their behalf. Later in the year we hope to welcome a speaker from Christian Aid to the village to give more information about how your donations are used – please watch this space!



Meal Club

The next meal clubs will be held on Thursday July 5th and Thursday August 2nd in the Village Hall.

All welcome.

Call Debbie on 01327 349163 for further details

Revitalising the Allotments

A lot can happen in a month and, since the last article about developments on the village allotment site, many changes have taken place and exciting new ideas have been put in place.

Rubbish

Almost all the rubbish has been cleared from the site, including a significant number of old rubber tyres. Once considered a perfectly good way of securing plastic sheeting to exclude light on vacant plots, we now realize that it was simply an environmental hazard and that disposal was always going to be an expensive cost. A huge vote of thanks goes to the allotment holders who were able to spend time and effort making all this clearance possible.

Not everyone is able to find the time to join a working party but simply having an allotment and growing fruit and veg is, in itself, making a huge contribution to keeping the site in good, productive order.

Mowing and Strimming

Mowing and strimming of all the pathways and most of the vacant plots now takes place on a regular basis. The vacant plots will soon be covered by tarpaulins (not secured by old tyres!) Some of these will be halved in size, making them more attractive and manageable to new allotmenters. Most importantly, those folk taking on a plot will not be confronted with a wilderness to tame.

Raised Beds

The support we have had from Wickes the builders merchants has led, amongst other things, to a donation of over fifty pallet collars (hinged wooden frames that make perfect raised beds). Each one measures about 1.5 square and I am pleased to announce that every single one has been used by existing allotment holders, making plot management and cultivation so much easier.

Community Orchard

Plans to create our own community orchard are progressing smoothly. We think this is going to prove a wonderful asset for the village. Tree specialist Andy Howard from "Heritage Trees" led a workshop for a group of allotmenters on 11th June where we learnt about selecting appropriate trees, planting schemes and site management. The area that is being prepared is made up of long disused plots and the ground has been ploughed and harrowed on several occasions over the past few months. This will be seeded with grass and wild flowers in the autumn and tree planting will begin soon after. Andy indicated that given the size of the area (roughly 25m x 45m) it could accommodate between 24 and 30 trees, made up of apples, pears, plums

and possibly one or two other fruits. The principle is to create successional cropping so there will be a mixture of early, middle and late fruiting trees. In addition we hope to create a “jam patch”, made up of soft fruit bushes – many of which we can salvage from currently disused plots. The orchard, as the name suggests, is for the community so in addition to taking advantage of the fruit on offer and the tranquil setting, we hope that more villagers will perhaps offer to help out in simple management tasks through the year.

You are welcome to join us

Everyone who has an allotment (or is even thinking about taking one on) is very welcome to attend the monthly meetings we have set up to discuss the development of the site. Your attendance does not mean you are committing yourself to joining working parties or attending other meetings. We simply want to make you aware of what is going on, provide you with a chance to voice your opinions and perhaps influence the way the allotments can be developed. Our first meeting consisted of about 8 or 9 people, the last one numbered over 20. We'd love even more to join us.

Our next meeting is at 7.00pm on 21st June (too late for readers of this edition of the Prattler) and our July meeting is at 7.30pm on 19th July. The venue is Nether Heyford Youth Club in Ridgeway Furlong. We look forward to seeing you.

Mike Langrish

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Heyford Garden Club

www.heyfordgardenclub.com

At our June meeting Brian Laney told us of the rare and easily overlooked plants that can be found on roadside verges, in car parks and other unlikely spots. I was intrigued to hear that wild strawberries are a rarity in Northamptonshire woods, since my garden is full of them. Perhaps I should appreciate them more.

At the meeting we also held our annual rose competition. The competition was fierce with only one point separating the first three places. The class for a single rose was won by Lynn Ashbee and the joint second place being taken by Lotte Wallace and Avril Minch. The class for a spray of roses was won by John Wilson, and the runners up were John and Rosemary Dunkley.

I have complained in a previous article about the cold weather in April causing problems with the vegetable seeds, but it has to be said that May has been unusually free of frost, so that our tender plants have been able to establish rather earlier than usual. Of course it would have been helpful if we can have known that in advance so that we could have taken full advantage of the situation!

Apparently in common with gardeners across the nation we have found that this spring has brought forth slugs in legions to eat what plants had managed to survive the spring. Reluctantly I have had to resort to the little blue pellets, but trying to use these where the dead slugs cannot be reached by birds or hedgehogs. The RHS are about to do trials this year on all the methods of deterring slugs, and I await their results with interest. Gardeners tend to look on all slugs as being much the same but there are in fact several hundred species in this country, many of which are quite inoffensive. We were quite excited to find on our plot recently a leopard slug. These are huge (more than 15cm long) and are grey with black stripes and spots. These are carnivorous and will eat worms and even other slugs. It seems they are quite rare and noteworthy.

Some Things to do in July & August

1. Regularly remove dead flowers from perennials and roses
2. Keep plants watered; particularly newly planted shrubs and trees
3. Collect seed from plants for next year.

Mark Newstead

Bugbrooke and District Flower Society

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

Meetings are held on the fourth Monday of the month at 7.45pm in Nether Heyford village hall. Our next meeting is on Monday 23rd July when we welcome Jo Smith with her demonstration "Bon Voyage". There will also be a competition: 'Summer Border'.

Due to the Bank Holiday there will not be a meeting in August but we will be back on 24th September.

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

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

Nether Heyford Village Hall



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

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www.netherheyfordvillagehall.co.uk
07849 356 618



*It was twenty years ago today
Sgt Pepper taught the band to play
They've been going in and out of style
But they're guaranteed to raise a smile
So may I introduce to you
The act you've known for all these years
Sgt Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band*

**Sgt Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band,
written by Paul McCartney, performed by the Beatles**

*A year ago I wrote this article for the July/August 2017 issue of the Prattler. Somehow it got lost in the ether. So here it is again, a slightly unorthodox tribute for the 51st (and one month) anniversary of The Beatles' **Sgt Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band!***

1967 – 50 years ago. The Vietnam War was at its height, another shorter war broke out in the Middle East, whilst in South Africa Christian Barnard was performing the world's first heart transplant. The luxury liner QE2 was launched whilst in a smaller vessel Sir Francis Chichester sailed single-handed around the world. Interestingly UK and Ireland applied to join the UK! We watched the new James Bond film "You Only Live Twice" at cinemas, "Z Cars" and "The Prisoner" on televisions, and listened to BBC's four new radio stations, 1,2,3 and 4. "The musical "Hair" opened on Broadway, and discotheques began to appear.

On 1st June 1967 the Beatles released the album "Sgt Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band". It was an immediate success, topped the charts for 27 weeks and won numerous music awards for its innovations in music production, songwriting and graphic design.

The original idea by Paul McCartney was for a song involving an Edwardian military band, and this grew to become the Beatles themselves performing a concert as this other band, their *alto ego*. The audience at this imaginary concert, perhaps in a park, would comprise of all the people that the four Liverpool lads most admired. A collage of famous people, grouped around John, Paul, George and Ringo in their military costumes has become one of the most famous and easily recognised record and CD covers ever produced.

The album contains just thirteen songs, one a reprise, and because there was never any intention to perform the songs live the group were able to experiment musically in a way that had rarely been done before. The musical genre of the album is formally described as "Rock, pop, psychedelia art rock, baroque pop and proto-progressive" but to the average listener it is the terms "circus, music hall, vaudeville, Indian, avant-garde and Western" that seem most easily understood and appreciated. Alongside those influences there were musical experiments and innovations because the Beatles insisted that everything on "Sgt Pepper" had to be

different – a full piece orchestra, microphones down the bells of brass instruments, instruments where the sounds were varied, reversed, nonsensical voice chatter and also a period of silence in which only four legged fans could detect any sound!

Last year we replaced our own scratched and much played album for a shiny new, re-mastered version. What a revelation it was to drive and sing the familiar words again, or fill the house with those fifty-year-old tunes, which sounded as fresh as ever!

You may love this album, or dislike it. You may know the words of every song, or just passably enjoy “When I’m Sixty-Four” for its milestone marking. You may listen to the album regularly, or it may sit on the shelf as a tribute to times past. You may be one of those who have never listened to it in full. If that’s the case then give yourself a treat and try it out.

There is no denying that the songs are bold, confident, imaginative, witty and memorable. So whether you have a prized LP version, a CD, or you stream it on the internet, do listen again to these wonderful pieces of music; enjoy “Penny Lane”, “With a Little Help from my Friends”, “Lovely Rita”, “She’s Leaving Home” ... and the other nine songs!

The Heyford Singers are currently enjoying their summer break, but will be back in rehearsal at the beginning of September. We may not be including Beatles’ songs in our Christmas preparations but they do often feature in our repertoire, as with “Goodnight” and “The Long and Winding Road” at recent concerts – a cultural heritage of which we should all be justly proud!

Jill Langrish

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

www.heyfordsingers.org

or alternatively come along to one of our rehearsals in Nether Heyford village hall.

Thanks

Thank you to all who supported “The Friends of Danetre Hospital” Stall at the Fete – a cheque for £175 has been sent to them.

The winning ticket of the Liquid Hamper was ticket number 789 and it was collected at the Fete.

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Thanks Ray & Rosemary

As I'm sure that you've noticed elsewhere in this issue, Ray has retired from the role of the Chairman at the Village Hall. On behalf of the village, I'd like to thank him and Rosemary for all their hard work in organising events and maintaining the upkeep of the hall.

I hope you both enjoy your well-earned rest.

Thank you!

Sue Boutle



Heyford Athletic Football Club

So the Summer months are here and Cricket takes over as the main sport being played on the playing fields – we wish them all the best and hope they have a very successful season. However, football is just around the corner and by the time you are reading this pre-season will already be well underway for our adult teams and our youth sides will be involved in numerous tournaments throughout the summer.

We have received news that both our teams will compete in the same divisions as the previous year and we will be looking to improve our positions in both of these leagues this season. I am confident that we will have the personnel to be able to achieve this.

If you would like to join the club for pre-season then please keep a lookout on our Facebook page for dates and times. Also we have numerous opportunities in the club available for anybody who wants to get involved, ranging from assistant manager to social secretary so there has not been a better time to get involved with your local club. Just give me a call or drop me a message on the number below.

Last month I mentioned the U10's had a cup final at Sixfields coming up and despite a valiant effort they did not win on the day. The lads though I am sure had a fantastic time and it will make them hungry for success in the coming season.

There is a lot going on in the club right now, the new field is starting to take shape nicely and improvements to our existing facilities being planned and undertaken over the summer. We continue to do everything we can to make the facilities the very best they can be for our players and supporters. We want to be the envy of other clubs and we want players to choose Heyford Athletic.

Just a short article this month and with the 1st team fixtures starting in the middle of August I hope to be able to bring you news of our first game or 2 of the season in the next article. Have a great summer, enjoy the holidays and see you down the club soon.

Gary
07801 276488

Heyford Amblers

The August Sunday walk is planned for Sunday 19th August and is being organised by Tony and Julie Clewett. We will meet at 'The Heart of the Shires' on the A5 just north of Weedon at 10.15am for a 10.30am start. Please park in the car park bays furthest from the shops. We will eat at Darlingtons restaurant within the Heart of the Shires centre where there is a wide menu including vegetarian options.

The walk takes us to Brockhall and includes a stretch of towpath along a particularly lovely length of the Grand Union canal and then along quiet lanes and tracks through some picturesque Northamptonshire countryside. The walk is a gentle 4.5 miles.

For those wishing to stay for lunch, please advise us by Monday 13th August.

Tony & Julie Clewett

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Summer Holidays Sports Camps!

Rising Stars Sports are running sports camps at The Bliss Charity School in Nether Heyford during the school holidays with Lead coach Jodie Caller.

Rising Star Sports Summer Holiday Camps!

Wednesday 8th August- Tag Rugby

Friday 10th August- Football

Monday 13th August- Athletics

Thursday 16th August- Tennis

Monday 20th August- Gymnastics

Friday 24th August- Multi-Sports (eg. Games, Dodgeball, Bench ball, Table tennis etc)

Tuesday 28th August- Tag Rugby

Wednesday 29th August- Football

These camps are for children aged 4-11 years old. The camp will run between 9:30am-4pm. There is the opportunity for an early drop off which is 8:30am-9:30am. The cost for the camp is £18 per child per day. The cost for the early drop off and camp is £20 per child per day. Each day has limited spaces so please book your space! We will contact you to confirm your space and give you more information. Please also be aware that these camps are open to children from other schools, so please pass the details on to any friends and family.

Website- www.risingstarssports.co.uk

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Heyford Bowls Club

www.heyfordbowlsclub.co.uk

Indoor

With no indoor bowling competitions until the autumn, Men's Pairs in September, it is a good time to enjoy some fun with summer afternoon and evening bowling. In spite of holidays and other commitments attendances at bowling sessions have been well maintained, with the light summer evenings proving to be very popular.

Once more the indoor bowls team is competing in the outdoor Friday night triples league with the bowlers enjoying this total change of conditions.

If you would like to have a go at trying short mat bowling, you will be made most welcome by a very friendly group of people. We have two sessions every Wednesday, so just turn up at the village hall at either 1.45pm or 7.15pm.

Den Taylor
341405

Outdoor

It's been an average sort of start to the outdoor bowls season. Of our nine friendly games, we've won five and lost four. In the Monday Night triples league, we've drawn one and lost two by the maximum score of 6-0. Early days they say; let's hope so, because we are bottom of the league.

Our home fixture during July and August are: -

Wednesday	4 th July	St Crispin Ladies	6.30
Sunday	8 th July	Whyte Melville	2.30
Monday	9 th July	Brackley	6.30
Thursday	12 th July	Woodford Halse	6.30
Tuesday	17 th July	Roads Ladies	6.30
Thursday	19 th July	Cold Ashby	6.30
Monday	23 rd July	Desborough Town	6.30
Saturday	28 th July	Bugbrooke	2.30
Monday	30 th August	Wootton	6.30
Thursday	9 th August	Woodford Halse Ladies	6.30
Sunday	12 th August	Carlsberg	2.30
Sunday	19 th August	Golden Horse	2.30
Monday	20 th August	Abington	6.30
Saturday	25 th August	Brington	2.30
Tuesday	28 th August	St Crispin	6.30

Plenty of choice there for the always welcome spectators

Geoff Allen 349909

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

Monday 16th JULY

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE A COUNTY OF SQUIRES AND SPIRES by Derek Blunt.

A look at the towns and villages of the county including some that have been partially or totally lost over the years. Also, information about the rise and demise of our county squires and their grand houses.

NO MEETING IN AUGUST.

The special interest groups which meet separately include:

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Plane Crash in Heyford

Does anyone remember the aircraft that crashed near the school in 1940?

I remember many people (I was a 4 year old) waiting outside the school for the London evacuees to arrive when 3 aircraft towing gliders flew over the school from Upper Heyford direction, the tail of one of the Gliders fell off, the tow rope was released and the aircraft crashed into Smiths Field about 300 yards in front of the school.

I think 3 aircrew were killed.

Regards

John Butcher

Flore Arts Events

Tickets are 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...

Jazz in the Garden

Back for a third year... we're delighted to welcome back Jazz Sans Frontières for another afternoon of Jazz in the Garden. The band will once again be entertaining us with a programme of jazz and ragtime favourites, and once again our venue will be Rock Springs in Sutton St, Flore.

Regular attendees at this event will know that we're offering Flore's answer to "Proms in the Park": great tunes in a lovely garden setting. You'll also have the opportunity to try our licensed bar or sample the teas and fabulous cakes that we'll be selling. Just bring something to sit on, and perhaps your dancing shoes... and maybe an umbrella... although let's face it, we're due some good weather!

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...

Vocalium in partnership with Flore Boards

This "Remembrance, Peace and Light" concert will offer a memorable evening of words and music. It will feature works by composers who lived, worked or fought in World War 1, including Vaughan Williams, Elgar, Butterworth, Ravel and many more. In between the musical offerings you will hear poignant readings from members of Flore Boards: poems, letters from the trenches and a reflection on the end of the war.

Our music will be provided by Vocalium, a choir which draws together singers from across the country. The group currently has 20-plus members, all of whom sing with other choirs of significant local and national reputation, including the BBC Symphony Chorus and Leeds Philharmonic choir.

Saturday September 8th, All Saints Church, Flore. 7.30 pm. Tickets £10 (£5 Under 18s).

More 2018 Diary Dates

Watch out for more news on:

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. Flore Millennium Hall.

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!

Farmers Markets - Monthly 9am until 2pm unless stated

Brackley: 3rd Saturday

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