



THE PRATTLER

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The Great British Spring Clean is back!

Take part in Nether Heyford's annual Clean-up on the weekend of 30th and 31st March.

Last year, volunteers collected over 31 bags of rubbish, let's see what we can do this year. Let us just hope the weather is better!

If you would like to join us, please let us know so we can plan the event and arrange the locations.

E-mail Heyford_Prattler@yahoo.co.uk or post a message on our facebook page.

Village Signs

The signs into the village seem a bit drab and we would like to decorate them with containers and plants to make them more welcoming. If you have any ideas, suitable containers for the plant boxes, or any other items i.e. compost and plants, we would be pleased to hear from you.

Please contact either Jill Garratt, Sue Boutle or the Prattler



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PARISH COUNCIL NOTES



The January 2019 meeting of Nether Heyford Parish Council was held on 7th January, at the Baptist Church Rooms.

Public Participation

Cllr Phil Bignell reported that South Northants Council grants panel had granted money for a container on the playing fields, and reported that an appeal had been made against refusal of planning permission for land behind 4 The Green. Mark Taylor asked for financial help towards the purchase of a new first responder's equipment which costs £2,500. (A 3500 grant was later agreed).

Jo Dixon informed the Council that the tennis club was looking to re-surface their courts and asked about the possibility of funding. Various suggestions were made.

Cllr Brown NCC reported that there had been no announcement at Westminster that there would be 2 Unitary Councils, as they are preoccupied. He feels that the timetable for Local Government Reform is far from firm. He reported that the Budget Consultation is live until 23rd Jan. It is an austerity budget, but has been eased by Government permission to use £75M from the sale of Angel Square. The Commissionaires now feel that the budget will be close to balancing.

Playing Fields Extension

As reported previously the Parish Council were willing to purchase a field adjacent to Middle St field to be included in the Playing Fields. A Parish Council has to go through various processes in order to borrow money for a scheme like this, and unfortunately the vendor was unwilling to wait for this, and chose to pursue another offer. One of the conditions of the loan was that a consultation was undertaken. This was initiated using social media and approx. 150 replies demonstrated a 95% majority in favour of the purchase.

Sharing PCSO with Bugbrooke Parish Council

The shared scheme with Bugbrooke will go ahead beginning in April. Many parishioners feel there is little police presence at present, and it is hoped that this initiative will help restore confidence. Final arrangements are still to be worked out, but there should soon be a regular PCSO presence. The PCSO patrols will not follow the same pattern every week, and only the Clerk and Chair will know the shift pattern.

Precept -There is, naturally, a cost to the community for this service, which will be

approximately £12,500 p/a. As a consequence of this the annual precept has had to be raised, but not by the full amount. It will go up from £70,000 to £75,000.

Allotments

Rent night would be on Jan 24th. A plot holders meeting would be held on Feb 7th, and an Open Day for the Community Orchard is planned.

Neighbourhood Plan

It was reported that information was still being received in the form of postal votes for preferred future building sites. SNC were looking for 25 – 59 new houses. It was felt the village would be more comfortable with 25 – 29., and felt that that community led housing and self-build should be explored.

Dog Mess

The shorter days and darker early evenings always bring an increase in dog fouling as irresponsible dog owners use the cover of darkness to fail to clear up after their pets. The Council would appeal to Dog owners not to do this and to help keep our village as clear of dog waste as possible.

Election Dates

It has now been established that there will be no District or Parish elections in 2019 with the onset of the unitary council imminent. The Council had expressed a preference for elections in 2020

Roads and Pavements

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 February 4th at the Baptist Church Rooms at 7.30 pm and is, like all Parish Council meetings, open to Parishioners.

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Our Churches

Parish Church of St. Peter and St. Paul

Services for February 2019

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
	06:00 pm	Holy Communion at Heyford
Sunday 10 th	10:00 am	Benefice Communion Service at Church Stowe
	04:00 pm	'Four at Flore' – Church for All in the Millennium Hall
Saturday 16 th	02:30 pm	Messy Church at Flore
Sunday 17 th	09:30 am	Holy Communion at Heyford
	10:00 am	United Partnership Service at Flore URC
	11:00 am	Family Service at Upper Stowe
	04:00 pm	Youth Church at Flore
Monday 18 th	10:30 am	Benefice Prayer Meeting at Flore Church
Sunday 24 th	09:30 am	Holy Communion at Flore
	11:00 am	Informal Worship Service at Heyford
	06:00 pm	Holy Communion at Upper Stowe

Midweek Services are held weekly on Wednesdays, 9.30am at Heyford (not 20th February) and Thursdays, 10am at Flore – all welcome.

During February we shall be praying for people living in Hillside Rd and Hillside Crescent here in Heyford, Sutton St, Yew Tree Gardens and Sutton Acre in Flore, The Manor in Church Stowe and the Gate House and the Old Dairy in Brockhall.

Dear Friends,

I'm writing this letter in the aftermath of the 'meaningful' vote on Brexit, lost so spectacularly by the government, and the subsequent vote of no confidence, from which that same government emerged unscathed. As I write, the Prime Minister and her ministers are meeting with politicians from other parties and from across the House of Commons to try and find a consensus on how best to move forward. At this stage, however, none of us know what will happen next.

In the Church's calendar, we're about to enter the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, and our Bible readings reflect this. We look at St Paul's first letter to the church in Corinth, where he writes about the gifts of the Holy Spirit. In a church context, these gifts and talents are given to people to encourage and grow the Christian community. But in the wider context, we all have skills and passions that we can put to use for the benefits of other, and the growth of the communities in which we live and work. We're all given these gifts to share with others, not keep to ourselves. If we do the latter, the community can't grow, but if we use our gifts and talents for the common good, if we seek to serve others, our communities will be all the better for it.

St Paul writes about the gift of tongues, but warns of the confusion that can arise when everyone speaks at the same time, which is often how it seems to be when events in the House of Commons are reported. More positively, however, we might reflect on the gifts of wisdom and discernment, and pray that these are seen and used more effectively amongst our politicians. We must hope that's the case, and trust that our leaders and representatives are now working together for the common good, not just of this country, but of the EU and the wider world. And in the meantime, we can play our part by working for the good of our communities, helping them to flourish and grow in these confused and uncertain times.

So, as I pray for Christian unity across the world, I pray too that, whatever our faith, we can all put our gifts to work for the benefit of others, that we can encourage one another, and build up our communities. And I pray particularly for wisdom for our political leaders, and for peace and unity in our nation, and in our relationships with other countries.

With every blessing,

Stephen (tel 344436)



Nether Heyford Baptist Church

Morning Services: 10:30 am

Afternoon Services: 4:00 pm

Sunday Services

February	10:30 a.m.	4:00 p.m.
3 rd	Worship led by Clive Leakey	
10 th	Worship led by Trevor Boys	Songs of Praise 4pm led by Martin Buckby including Tea and cakes
17 th	Worship led by Wendy Manley followed by coffee.	
24 th	9:30am prayer meeting followed at 10-30am with our communion service led by Martin Buckby	

Events

February 6th 2pm Wednesday group meeting where Clive Leakey will talk on Iceland, Ireland and the Isle of Man.

February 11th 2pm Prayer meeting and bible study.

February 26th 10am to 12md Open Door –come for a free drink and chat. (Books and Sales table)

ALL WELCOME



In Nether Heyford

Our New Year started with a return to W.I. crafting roots when Deborah Burrows and Arlene Harrison showed members how to paint without paint brushes. It is surprising how much talent lies hidden in Nether Heyford W.I.

Contrary to popular belief, being a member of the W.I. really is not just about 'Jam and Jerusalem' or listening to talks given by visiting speakers. As anyone who watched the TV. series about the W.I. a few years ago will remember, the original 'Jam and Jerusalem' brigade was responsible for a great deal of amazing war effort. However, as a Nationwide Federation, the W.I. has to move and change with the times. Each year resolutions are put forward by W.I. branches and, from these, six are chosen at a short listing meeting of Federation Representatives. Every W.I. member has the opportunity to vote on the resolution that they would most like to go forward for further discussion at the Annual Meeting. Depending on the number of votes either one or two chosen resolutions then becomes the W.I. Campaign for the following year. This ensures that every campaign is dear to the hearts of our members. In 2017 we highlighted the 'Plastic soup pollution' and in 2018 it was 'Making time for mental health'.

Voting time is here and this year's resolutions range from:-

1. Improving Plant Bio-security – calling for a certification scheme to assure the public that plants, soil and containers they buy have been screened and are infection free, thus ensuring the safety of our native trees and plants.
2. Planting and care of trees – to mitigate climate change, to improve air quality and to reduce erosion and flooding.
3. Call against the Decline in Local Bus Services – particularly in rural and semi-rural areas.
4. Suffering in Silence – why we have to end the taboo around menstrual health.
5. Pelvic Floor Education
6. Don't Fear the Smear – encouraging women to look after their health.

As you can see, a real variety and not a single mention of Jam OR Jerusalem!! There is, however, a real opportunity to make a difference in the world about us.

Our meeting in February will be a look at the amazing career of the most popular crime novelist of all times as Steve Dimmer examines the writer's life. Beginning

with the creation of Hercule Poirot in 1920, through the Golden Age of detective fiction, the emergence of Miss Marple until Agatha Christie became the indisputable 'Queen of Crime'.

Along the way we will be looking at the real-life mystery involving the novelist's actual disappearance and perhaps trying to solve this intriguing puzzle. If, like me, you are a 'who-dunnit' fan this would appear too good to miss.

The meeting will be in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm on Thursday, February 7th. The charge will be £5 for non-members and will include the usual W.I. refreshments. We would love to see you there.

Mary Rice
Heyford Lodge
01327 340101

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Drop in and see us at
The Church Rooms, Church Lane,
Nether Heyford or call on
07984 055 828

info@netherheyfordpreschool.co.uk
www.netherheyfordpreschool.co.uk



February Half-Term 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 February Half-Term Camps!

Monday 18th February 2019 – Gymnastics

Wednesday 20th February 2019 – Athletics

Thursday 21st February 2019 – Football

These camps are for children aged 4-11 years old. The camp will run between 9:30am-4pm. We also offer an early drop off service that 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

Email- risingstarssports@hotmail.com

Phone- 07428411384

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 25th February when we look forward to welcoming Richard Twistleton and his demonstration entitled "Upcycling".

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

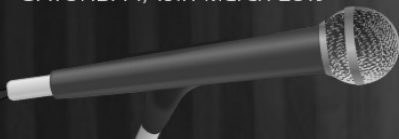
For more information please follow us on Facebook or contact Dianne on 01604 830063 or Simone on 01327 342167.

Heyford Athletic FC Presents

COMEDY

SATURDAY, 16th March 2019

NIGHT



Colin Cole



Bryan & Krysstal



Mark King

7pm Start - Tickets £10 each - Bar Available

Held at The Village Hall, Nether Heyford.

Tickets available from Brian Edgington & The Foresters Pub

Poster by Chris

Village Hall News

First, a huge thank-you to the many volunteers who helped to make our traditional Pantomime 'Jack and the Beanstalk' such a great success. We had a packed house, making all the generous contributions of time, effort and raffle prizes well worthwhile. The atmosphere was amazing. This was my first experience of our village panto and I was overwhelmed by the enthusiasm and goodwill of everyone involved.

Our next Pantomime by the Looking Glass Theatre will be 'Dick Whittington' at the end of the year. More information nearer the time.

And now – the Annual Fete, which this year will be held on Saturday 8th June.

We are so fortunate in Nether Heyford to have such a splendid village green and over many years our Fete has proved to be a very special event for our village. It has also represented our main fundraising effort to make sure that we have enough funds to maintain our village hall in first class condition for everyone who wants to use it. As such we have a great tradition to maintain.

For this we need 'all hands on deck' again to make sure that we have an enthusiastic team of helpers to work together to organise not only the regular events but also perhaps some new attractions. By the time this issue appears we will have held an initial 'ideas session' on 29 January, to be followed by regular team meetings as we work together to create yet another amazing Fete.

In the meantime, I would like to issue a warm invitation to the many villagers and friends who have helped in the past - and also to those who might fancy getting involved for the first time. Come along and join our team. Call Alwyne on 01327 340803.

Alwyne Wilson
Management Committee

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



Heyford Garden Club

www.heyfordgardenclub.com

Our January meeting featured Dave Lantsbery who introduced us to the world of bees, a fascinating subject of which he could only scratch the surface in the time available!

Our next meeting will be on the 11th February when we will have our AGM, our annual art show and a speaker; Christine Lewis who will be talking about plants and dyes.

The classes for the art and craft show will be:

A photograph on the theme of "The Turn of the Year"

A piece of visual art in any medium

An item of craft work.

(please note that each exhibitor can only have one entry in each class)

Because of the full programme the meeting will begin at 7:30 pm

Programme for rest of the year

March 11th Liz Taylor from Woodland Trust. Mini Show – Daffodils

April 8th Patsy Raynor - Plants in Literature: Origins & Anecdotes; Mini Show – Tulips

May 13th Branch Out MK –Helping People to Grow Through Gardening; Seed Swap
Mini Show of Spring Flowers

June 8th Village Fete

June 10th Steve Brown, Bonsai Trees or Graham Pavey, Vertical Gardens;
Mini Show – Roses

July Summer Party

August No Meeting

September 9th Autumn Show

October 14th Malcolm Dickson Hooksgreen Herbs

November 11th Caroline Tait – Fellow of Longwood Gardens, Philadelphia
A Year at Longwood

December 9th Christmas Tree Festival; Snowdrops

Things to do in February

1. Plant lily bulbs in pots for the summer
2. Plant bare root trees and shrubs
3. Take cuttings of tender fuchsias.

Mark Newstead


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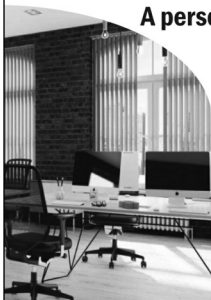
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07482224478

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14th February 2019

Nether Heyford Village Hall

£5 Per person

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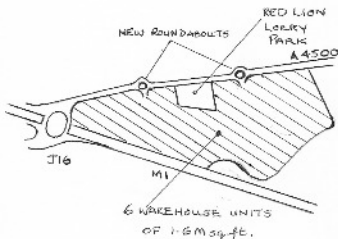


Community Flood Group

What's in a name? Last October I introduced the Midway Development at J16 which has subsequently been named Panattoni Park. An unusual name for Northamptonshire and clearly of Italian origin. The Company was formed in 1986 by the Panattoni Family in Newport Beach, California and is now the largest international real estate developer specialising in industrial estates and warehouses. Panattoni is a part of Panattoni Europe where they have developed over 30M sq. ft. of new build industrial estates. Recently in a merger with First Industrial to form First Panattoni they have expanded into the area of logistics with development for Stanley (Black and Decker) on the Brackmill Estate. Clearly they see the continued expansion of the so-called Golden Triangle of Logistics, an area from the East Midlands up to Nottingham and extending west to Northampton. The claim of Companies within this area is to deliver anywhere in the UK within 4 hours with a 90% success rate. Whilst the Northampton site ground preparation is ongoing, planning has been submitted to SNC for installation of lighting and security cameras. The whole site which includes provision for parking space for 140 lorries at the Red Lion is due for completion at the end of 2019.

At the recent Climate Change Conference concerns were expressed on the 2 degree centigrade cap set as a target for controlling Worldwide Environmental pollution and a new limit of 1.5 was agreed. Nobody can be in any doubt that global changes are increasing with 2018 seeing a succession of catastrophes from earthquakes, landslides, flooding, hurricanes and storms and volcanic activity as well as our general climate. The latest record hurricane, Michael to hit Florida and the new storm, Leslie to hit Portugal and Spain with flash floods and landslides in Majorca and the devastation in the west of the UK by storm Callum are testament to the effect of changes. Locally Northamptonshire has fared significantly better with the River Nene at record low for most of the year. The only flooding event of the year occurred at the end of March when the monthly rainfall was nearly double that of an average March. For the year, the rainfall totalled 70% of average with March, April and December being the only months to exceed average levels. From June through to November rainfall totalled 44% of average for that period.

J. Arnold



Arnold Trust Charity

The Arnold Trust was founded by the Will of Edmund Arnold, in or about 1689.

The Charity was set up to help five Parishes in the County of which Nether and Upper Heyford are one.

The grants which can be applied for are varied and are

Educational and Social: Persons under 18, Persons 18-24.

The Trustees of the Charity can provide small cash grants in approved cases to or on behalf of persons who have not attained the age of 25.

Applicants must be resident in the Parishes of Nether and Upper Heyford or have been educated for over one year and in need of financial assistance for educational purposes, subject to the terms of the scheme.

Social Grants

To help those who may be struggling. A grant can help with bills i.e. heating, clothing medical etc.

Small grants are awarded to organisations and clubs which help in the community for their parishioners.

The applications are considered by the Trustees at their meetings. The Trustees meet twice a year, April and November.

If you would like an application form please contact, Mrs Anna-Marie Collins, anna-Twenty5@sky.com or phone 07724873403. Or Mrs M Eaton at Wilson Browne Solicitors, meaton@wilsonbrowne.co.uk

Toxocara Canis

For the 3rd time in 10 days I have picked up 3 large piles of dog excrement from the village green. What is wrong with people, a child could have run through that. As someone who is diligent about picking her own dog excrement up, I am enraged by this. Today's pile was particularly unpleasant, it was a two bag job and was semi solid!

At the age of 11 I contracted toxocara canis, a worm carried in dog excrement which travelled in my blood stream and ended up on my right retina which it feasted on until my immune system caught up with it and eradicated it, we didn't own a dog and neither did my friends. Consequently I have no central vision in my right eye which would mean if anything happens to my left eye I would be registered blind. If you think this is an exaggeration google toxocara canis. Clean up after your dog. Dog excrement is dangerous to children and pregnant women!!!!

Jackie Shirley

"NETHER HEYFORD TENNIS CLUB"

We are a friendly club that welcomes players of all ages and abilities.

We offer four social sessions: Monday - men's night, Wednesday - social play from 7.00pm, Friday mornings - ladies morning and Sunday morning open club session for league level play.

At other times the courts are available for use by members.

We offer coaching sessions - juniors and adults.

This is also open to non-members.

We have between 5 and 7 teams playing in the Northants Leagues.

Club News We are now seeking funds to refurbish two of our three courts. The surface of these courts is starting to break up from the weather and many years of use.

Can we offer anything else? We are always looking for ways to ensure our club is used by as many local people as possible and welcome any suggestions or ideas of what else we could do.

For further information: please find us on facebook or contact Jo 349094,
Jodickson@btinternet.com

Website - clubspark.lta.org.uk/NetherHeyfordTennisClub

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Heyford Picturedrome

Our next film to be shown on Thursday 21st February is '**Lion**', a 2016 biographical drama starring Dev Patel and Nicole Kidman about a 5 year old Indian boy, Saroo, who gets lost on a train which takes him thousands of miles across India and away from his home and family. Saroo must learn to survive alone in Calcutta before ultimately being adopted by an Australian couple. 25 years later and armed with only a handful of memories, his unwavering determination and a new technology known as Google Earth, he sets out to find his lost family and finally returns to his first home.

Doors open at the usual time of 7.00pm for free tea or coffee with the film due to be screened at 7.45pm. There will be a licensed bar for the purchase of wine and soft drinks.

There is no joining fee and admission is £4 per person.

Our **March** film on 21st March will be the 2017 British 'black' comedy drama starring Michael Palin and Simon Russel Beale about the bumbling carryings-on in the aftermath of Stalin's death in Soviet Russia. Highly recommended!

Tony Clewett
(Phone no. 341533)



Meal Club

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

Please call Debbie on 01327 349163 for further details.



*Love is something if you give it away,
Give it away, give it away.
Love is something if you give it away,
You end up having more.*

*It's just like a magic penny,
Hold it tight and you won't have any.
Lend it, spend it, and you'll have so many
They'll roll all over the floor.*

From Malvina Reynolds' classic children's song, **Magic Penny**

It's that rather gloomy 'hibernating' time of year, when our indoor companions are memories of Christmas festivities, family gatherings and the long hot summer days of 2018. As I write this, members of Heyford Singers are still enjoying their winter break, but preparing to return to rehearsals for the spring concert (May 10th and 11th). I thought I would therefore take this opportunity to write about another side of Heyford Singers – the incredible amount that has been raised and donated to various charities over the years. Following the recent Christmas concert we sent two cheques of over £225.00 to **The Brain Tumour Charity** and **New Life the Charity for Disabled Children**, a not inconsiderable sum!

This is how it works, and has done since the choir was formed seventeen years ago in 2002; during rehearsals choir members put their pennies and pounds into a sealed box which is opened a couple of weeks before the concert, and counted. This money is used to purchase all the raffle prizes for both concert evenings, with the occasional top up from funds if necessary! Meanwhile choir members offer suggestion for charities that are special to them, or that relate to local or national issues. We each vote for our two preferences. The money taken during the concerts from the sale of raffle tickets is divided between the two chosen recipients. The recent Christmas concert charities I have already mentioned above, in 2017 we donated to **Medical Detection Dogs** and **The Carers Trust**, in 2016 to **Live at Home** and **Reach For Health**, in 2015 to **Tommy's Fund** and **Dementia UK**, and in 2014 to the **British Legion** and **Alzheimer's Society**. Donations in earlier years have gone to such organisations as **Special Baby Care unit, Northampton General Hospital**, **SHAME, East of England Air Ambulance**, **Meningitis UK**, **Singing For The Brain**, and there are many, many more worthy recipients that I could list! We are understandably very proud of having been able to support so many wonderful charitable causes over the years!

The spring concert is slightly different in that Heyford Singers made a decision, when first formed, to annually support both the local Parish and Baptist church. This was also by way of a thank you for allowing us to perform our concerts in St Peter and St Paul Church (before the choir became too large in numbers), and for the good neighbourliness and use of equipment by the Baptist Church. This has continued to this day and each May we are proud to help and support the churches in our local community.

There are also other instances when Heyford Singers feel privileged to support charities and organisations. Whenever one of our fellow singers dies, or a close family member, we always donate to the family's chosen charity. David Smith had been so well cared for in his last few months that a donation, in his memory, to the **Emergency Assessment Bay of Talbot Butler Ward**, was most fitting. Bob Wilson's tireless commitment (with Alwyne) towards **Northampton Live at Home** scheme, enabling older people to stay living independently in their own homes for as long as possible, with the best possible quality of life, was a very special recipient from the choir. I could continue

As a choir, of mixed ages, lifestyles, experiences, even where we live and work, we delight not only in coming together to sing and enjoy music, but in so doing, raising some pennies to ultimately help those less fortunate than ourselves. To date we have raised and donated over £14.000. 00!

As the song says

*Love is something if you give it away,
Give it away, give it away.
Love is something if you give it away,
You end up having more.*

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.

Jill Langrish

Lost Jewellery

On the weekend of 24/25 November a lady's ring was found in the kitchen area of the Village Hall and so far has been unclaimed. If you have lost a ring or know someone who has please contact me for further details as I would like to see it returned to its owner.

Julie Clewett
tel: 01327 341533

QUIZ NIGHT

In aid of the Holiday at Home project 2019

Saturday 9th March 2019 7.30pm in the Village Hall

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

£6 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

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

Towcester: 2nd Friday



Holiday at Home

Thursday 20th June -& Friday 21st
June 2019
Nether Heyford Village Hall

Not everyone has the
opportunity for holidays away
so we are holding our own 2 day
holiday here in Nether Heyford

**For more information or to book a
place contact:**

Alison Willgress 07732406539

Chris Ager 01327 349565

**call in to the Community Cafe
Friday 1pm - 5pm**

**PLACES MUST BE BOOKED IN ADVANCED. FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO BOOK
SEE CONTACT DETAILS ABOVE
WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU**

Revitalising the Allotments

Renting an Allotment

I am sure that readers of the Prattler won't have missed our many messages about the good reasons to rent an allotment. Now is the perfect time to adopt a plot. The weather should, by the time you read this article, have started to warm up and the days will certainly be getting longer. Why not give allotmenteeing a go and grow your own, tasty fruit veg.

Plots of all sizes are available for rent, from the tiniest of spaces to full sized allotments. In almost all cases they are now in a good state to begin cultivating. What better way to get some exercise and work off the pounds you put on over the festive period?

If you are interested, come and have a look at what is on offer and then contact either Sue Corner on 01327 342124 or Lynda Eales on 01327 341707.

Community Orchard

All the trees we ordered have now been planted and are, hopefully growing away nicely. Additional fruit trees have also been added to the impressive hedge that separates the orchard from the new junior football pitch. This will not only look good as it grows on but also provide a rich source for pollinating insects and other wildlife. A big thank you to the Playing Fields for organizing this and further enhancing the site.

A full list of the trees we have planted is available for anyone who would like to know more about the fruit on offer. Eventually we hope to label each tree with not only the variety but also some notes about when fruit should be picked and what it is best used for.

The apples, pears and plums that we are familiar with in supermarkets have been avoided. Many of these fruits are often grown to survive being shipped halfway across the world. As a result, taste and variety are sacrificed. By contrast, our orchard is made up of heritage trees, many local to this part of the country and noted for their flavour. And what names they have ... "Beauty of Bath", "Ribston Pippin", "Deddington Golden", "Aynho Scarlet" and "Ashmeads Kernel". We even have a "Flore Plum". There is poetry in just reading them out!

In the recent past our rich history of fruit growing was in jeopardy, as more and more orchards were lost and trees unique to Britain (and individual counties) were overlooked in favour of massed produced imports. Hopefully that trend is being slowed and, perhaps in some small way, we in Nether Heyford, have done our bit to help.

Do go and look at the orchard. It is ours, the community's and I am sure the good folk of the Heyfords will do everything they can to help nurture and protect it for future generations.

Mike Langrish



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

Monday 18th FEBRUARY

DELAPRE ABBEY ITS HISTORY AND RESTORATION by Jane Gardner.

The story of the Abbey from the 12th century through to its recent restoration and opening to the public in 2018.

The special interest groups which meet separately include:

Book exchange	Classics for Pleasure	Genealogy
German (intermediate)	Jigsaw Exchange	Literature
Luncheon Club	My Kind of Music	Photography
Play Reading	Scrabble (2)	

Guests welcome at the monthly meetings and to 'try' the groups.

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Heyford Athletic Football Club

Hi Everyone, I hope you all had a fantastic Christmas and New Year and got to spend some time with loved ones over the festive period. As I write this from my office in London it is finally starting to turn cold and actually feel like winter, hopefully we will not be impacted by too many postponements as there is a bit of momentum in the club currently.

Firstly, on behalf of the club we would just like to send our well wishes to Linda Eales, an important lady in our club and we hope you are back on your feet soon and coming along to cheer the lads on.

Following on from my optimism last month results didn't quite turn out as we had wished and we suffered a number of heavy defeats in the early weeks of December, which caused us as a committee to seek additional support. I am pleased to say that Danny Macintosh joined the club in the middle of December. He has delved into what I have since seen as a lengthy list of contacts and has brought in a number of players to help the club. We badly needed more players and we are now focusing on embedding these players into our club structure with a management team for both sides that I am sure can take the teams forward and reap the benefits.

In Danny's first match in supporting Gary Hammond we were up against local rivals Harpole and we had a bumper crowd down the playing fields in the week between Christmas and New Year. They were treated to well contested 1-1 draw. After the season we have had this was a much welcomed point for the Blue's. It is also the first time since I returned to the club 6 years ago that we have taken any points at all from Harpole. There have only been a smattering of games since then due to a certain somebody going off and getting married, and also the Christmas period. Both teams lost 2-1 in the last weekend (12th Jan). For the first team it was against current Champions Moulton and the reserves lost by the same score line at Finedon. However, the results here don't tell the story – both teams had 15 in their squad – the first time that has happened in a number of years and there were certainly much better performances that gives us hope and optimism for future games. So welcome to the new players and I hope you enjoy your time here at Heyford, we are delighted you are on board.

I won't put any focus on the youth sides in this article – we currently have 4 teams and I am proud of each and every one of them. The time the coaches dedicate to making these young people better players is humbling. I am asked a lot by people about whether we will have new teams. So I wanted to say in our local news letter that yes. As a club I am happy to support the set-up of any new youth teams – it is, simply put the future of the club... we want boy and girls of all ages to become a part of our club and join our teams or help set up new ones. You will have my full support and that of a fantastic committee and secretary to do everything they can to

help you. However, I can only do this if I have volunteers to run these sides. Without them these things cannot happen. I can have all the children ready to play, but without a coach it just isn't feasible. So if your child is wanting to play and you think you can spare the time to run a team (ultimately this would involve training once a week and a game on the weekend) then please get in touch. Or if you are reading this thinking you would love to run a team but don't know how then again, get in touch and we can have a chat.

Finally, I wanted to mention a fundraising event coming up in March. We will be holding our first Comedy Night at the Village Hall on 16th March. We have 3 great acts for you on the evening and tickets are costing just £10. The bar will be provided by the Foresters and a great evening should be had by all. Tickets will be available from The Foresters and Brian Edgington.

Hopefully next month I can give you news of positive results, but please come and see for yourselves, a friendly welcome and a cup of tea is always provided down the club – and there is a bar if you would like a pint ☺

Gary McMahon
Chairman
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Heyford Bowls Club

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It is nice to report 2018 turned out to be a very good year for the indoor bowls section and good turnouts were maintained throughout the year. The afternoon bowls have recruited several new members so well done to the loyal supporters of afternoon bowls for creating and maintaining a very enjoyable afternoon bowling section.

The fun night on Wednesday 9th December turned out to be another hilarious occasion. A good turnout saw three very different types of games played. A good turnout produced by the new format turned out to be a very enjoyable evening.

2019 will see the start of another year's bowling competitions. Last year these produced some excellent bowling. Competition was keen, making it hard to win a trophy. Our first competition (THE DAVE JULAND PRESIDENT'S CUP) will be played on Saturday 9th February, 1.30pm start.

Our two (WARDINGTON LEAGUE) matches resulted in a mixed bag. A loss at home and a win away at Middleton Cheney.

Thank you to all our members for making 2018 a successful and happy year for the indoor bowls section. Good luck to all our bowlers in the coming year.

Den Taylor



September 300-Club Winners

1st (£65) Richard Denny (231)
2nd (£30) Tennis Club (144)

October 300-Club Winners

1st (£65) Ella Adams (62)
2nd (£30) Peter MacIntosh (136)

November 300-Club Winners

1st (£65) Mark Smith (30)
2nd (£30) Football Club (51)

December 300-Club Winners

1st (£65) D. Dawley (202)
2nd (£30) Tennis Club (151)

FLORE ARTS EVENTS

After another successful and varied year in 2018 the Flore Arts Events 2019 programme kicks off in May with a return visit from...

NORTHAMPTON MALE VOICE CHOIR

The choir thrilled us with the variety, excitement and professionalism of their singing in 2017, so it's a real pleasure to welcome back these excellent local musicians.

Under the baton of their inspirational Director, Stephen Bell, the choir are regular competition winners and recent judgements have included "this was a most moving and exceptional performance. A choir full of wonderful teamwork, great singers and real discipline".

Saturday 18th May; 7.30pm All Saints Church, Flore. Doors open 7pm. Licensed bar. Tickets £10 (£5 under 18s). Call Rosemary Read (between 9am and 8pm) on 01327 341026.

MORE 2019 DIARY DATES

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

June 29th, 7.30pm: Northants County Youth Big Band – foot-tapping delights from some of the county's fabulous award-winning young musicians. All Saints Church, Flore.

July 21st, 2pm: Jazz in the Garden (Rock Springs, Flore). A return for the lively Jazz Sans Frontières.

September 21st, 7.30pm: Barn Dance featuring Jenny Newman (fiddle) and Andy Glass (guitar). Flore Millennium Hall.

November 16th (tbc), 7.30pm: Ensemble Renard; chamber music quintet from Royal Academy of Music students including Flore's very own Ellie Blamires (flute). 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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www.heyfordcricket.co.uk

www.facebook.com/HeyfordCC/

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