



# **THE PRATTLER**

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## **The Great British Spring Clean is back!**

You are invited to take part in Nether Heyford's annual Clean-up on the weekend of 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> March.

Last year, volunteers collected over 31 bags of rubbish from Nether Heyford.

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

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# PARISH COUNCIL NOTES



The February 2019 meeting of Nether Heyford Parish Council was held on 4th, at the Baptist Church Rooms,

**Public Participation** - Cllr Adam Brown sent the following report.

NCC will meet twice this month: on 14th February to discuss the next phase of plans to establish two new unitary authorities in the county, and on 21st February to discuss the 2019/20 budget. On the 14th February Council will also debate a motion put forward by me which seeks to formalise NCC's opposition to the proposed Strategic Rail Freight Interchanges near Blisworth and Milton Malsor. In that motion I highlight the severe impact on nearby villages and the brilliant work by local activists in opposing the scheme. Having discussed the matter with colleagues within the Conservative group I am optimistic that the motion will be passed and a strong message will be sent to the planning inspectorate and the Secretary of State for Transport.

In terms of budgetary matters, our leadership team is increasingly optimistic that we will end this financial year on budget or with a moderate underspend. As a member of the Scrutiny & Overview Committee I have been part of the team analysing next year's budget and we have highlighted a number of areas of concern, most notably: the desire for continued subsidy of youth groups which allows them to use school premises in Northamptonshire; an instruction to Cabinet for NCC to be more aggressive in its approach to procurement in order to realise over £1m of savings; the importance that additional spending on social care services be sufficient to meet the anticipated demand.

Next year's budget currently does not account for the recent government decision to allow NCC to increase Council tax by 2% in addition to the 2.99% permitted by the Secretary of State. I have argued that should we accept that additional 2% rise then the money must be used to reinstate services that the public have clearly told us they wish to retain such as enhanced winter gritting. Whilst the 2% would raise approximately £6m, much of that money would need to be put into reserves to allow for potential pressures on statutory services. Of course NCC has previously been criticised for failing to raise council tax, and whilst we remain one of the lowest areas for council tax in the whole of England in the midst of ongoing financial pressure it would be irresponsible to pass up the opportunity to strengthen the County Council's revenue raising ability.

**Village Hall** - Alwyne Wilson introduced herself as the new chair of the Village Hall.

**Bliss Close maintenance issues** - Tom Dodd spoke about problems experienced by residents of Bliss Close with the maintenance of the public spaces, or buffer zones. Residents were paying a considerable amount for maintenance which they do not feel is being carried properly or with any reference to the costs they are incurring. Any requests to see the contracts are rebuffed, and it seemed that the agreements were in perpetuity with no right to appeal or withdraw. He was concerned to know what had passed between Council and the developers on this issue. It was felt that safety issues were a concern of the Parish Council, even if other issues were not. Cllr PG reported that there were similar maintenance contracts in place in Bugbrooke, but that they were being properly handled. It was suggested that there might be breach of contract.

It was felt that at this stage the issue did not involve the Parish Council, as the Council referred to in the House deeds was almost certainly South Northants Council. Such maintenance contracts were becoming common and similar conflicts were arising all over the country, and causing concern in Government. SC felt this was not an issue for Council, and AW felt the residents would have to take legal advice. The Clerk was instructed to write express concerns on safety issues, and the Chair expressed sympathy and support on behalf of Council.

**Allotments** - Rent night took place on Jan 24th. All but 8 rents collected. SC suggested a reminder letter at the end of the month. AW suggested setting up online payments with monthly instalments.

**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** - This is a perennial problem and Councillors felt there was more on the Green than was usual and were disappointed. A new Dog Bin has been installed on Church Lane and it is hoped that this might help with the river area. This problem has been further highlighted by contact with David Banner who farms the field on the other side of the pedestrian bridge. This maintained as a traditional style water meadow and as such it represents a valuable amenity and environment. Mr Banner is disappointed that many dog owners let their dogs run free and foul freely. He would ask that dog walkers keep to the paths and that they keep their dogs on their leads at least until they have “done their business” and that this be bagged and removed. While there are often not sheep in the meadow, the grazing of sheep is an integral part of the meadow’s management. Dog faeces can contain a parasite that causes sheep to abort and can also kill them. He would be most grateful if dog walkers could remember this.

**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.

**Roads and Pavements** - The installation of a 20mph speed limit was raised. This was felt to be an aspiration for next year, although it could be applied for under NHB. 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.

**Spring Clean** - The annual "Spring Clean" would be taking place on March 30/31st.

**Signs** - The Clerk had contacted Matthew Clarke at Keir/Highways who was still searching for a quote for a finger post for the church. He had also advised that renovation of the direction sign on the green would probably cost £1500.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday March 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 March 2019

Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	08:00 am	Prayer Book Holy Communion at Flore Church
	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
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	Benefice Communion Service at Brockhall Church
	04:00 pm	4@Flore at the Millennium Hall in Flore
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup>	02:30 pm	Messy Church at Flore
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	09:30 am	Sunday Service and APCM at Heyford
	10:00 am	United Partnership Service at Flore Chapel
	11:00 am	Family Service at Upper Stowe
	04:00 pm	Youth Church at Flore
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 am	Benefice Prayer Meeting at Upper Stowe
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	09:30 am	Holy Communion and APCM at Flore
	11:00 am	Informal Worship Service at Heyford
	06:00 pm	Holy Communion at Upper Stowe
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup>	03:00pm	Messy Church at Heyford Church Rooms
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup>	09:30 am	Holy Communion at Heyford
	10:00 am	United Mothering Sunday Coffee Church at Flore Chapel
	11:00 am	Mothering Sunday Service at Church Stowe
	6:00 pm	Evensong at Upper Stowe

Midweek Services are held weekly on Wednesdays, 9.30am at Heyford and Thursdays, 10am at Flore – all welcome.

Dear Friends,

As a child, I remember I had a large, furry teddy bear, imaginatively called Ted! Ted had been pre-loved, handed down to me from another family member, and he was a little worn. If I was lucky, when I turned Ted upside down, he would emit a low growl, but that didn't always happen, as his growler was a bit hit and miss. Nevertheless, Ted was much loved, and a constant companion through my childhood years.

Maybe you or your children (or your grandchildren) have a similar soft toy. Loved when it first arrives, perhaps as a gift from a favourite relative, the soft toy becomes a firm favourite; a regular honoured guest at the pretend tea party, a travelling companion on every family outing and holiday, and always there at bedtime. Over time, of course, such a much-loved, well-used soft toy begins to show signs of wear. Its once vibrant colours become a little grubby, its fur becomes threadbare, its seams split, and stuffing leaks out. Quick running repairs with a needle and thread, plus occasional visits to the washing machine perhaps keep the toy together and clean. Even so, ragged, grubby and patched up as it might be, that soft toy is greatly loved. Other toys and dolls might come and go, but like my Ted, the special soft toy remains the favourite, the real focus of affection.

As human beings, we're rather like that ragged, grubby soft toy. We are all of us flawed, wounded, broken and hurt, whether by the things that happen to us in life, or our own missteps and wrongdoings. The Christian season of Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> March, is a chance to pause and reflect on our own raggedness, and take some time for self-examination and self-denial. And it's an opportunity to clean up our act, and make some running repairs, maybe giving up some unhelpful habits, and taking up others that will renew us as we go on with our lives.

But it's worth remembering that God knows us in all our raggedness, and he loves us anyway. The Bible tells us that we are made in God's image, the crowning glory of his creation. Raggedness is not our identity, nor is our destiny. God loves us just the way we are – ragged and careworn as we may be – but he loves us too much to leave us that way.

Yours in Christ,

*Stephen (tel 344436)*

**The Streets** we shall be praying for during March are: Close Rd, The Pound and The Peak in Heyford, The Avenue and The Glebe in Flore, The Old Dairy Farm in Upper Stowe and the outlying farms around Stowe and the Mews Houses in Brockhall.



## Nether Heyford Baptist Church

**Morning Services: 10:30 am**

**Afternoon Services: 4:00 pm**

### Sunday Services

March	10:30 a.m.	4:00 p.m.
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Worship led by Les Britten	
10 <sup>th</sup>	Worship led by Ted Hales	Songs of Praise 4pm led by Martin Buckby including Tea and cakes
17 <sup>th</sup>	Worship led by Les Britten followed by coffee.	
24 <sup>th</sup>	Worship led by Clive Leahey	
31 <sup>st</sup>	9:30am prayer meeting followed at 10-30am with our communion service led by Martin Buckby	

### Events

- March 6<sup>th</sup>** 2pm Wednesday group meeting where Sandra Benrose will talk on St. Crispin's Hospital
- March 11<sup>th</sup>** 2pm Prayer meeting and bible study.
- March 16<sup>th</sup>** 10am to 12md Coffee morning with proceeds for ongoing church refurbishment
- March 18<sup>th</sup>** 2pm Church Annual general meeting.
- March 28<sup>th</sup>** 10am to 12md Open Door –come for a free drink and chat. (Books and Sales table)
- March 30<sup>th</sup>** 12md to 2pm Lent Lunch.

**ALL WELCOME**



## **In Nether Heyford**

Miss Marple and Hercule Poirot, in their various guises, came to life in an interesting evening with Steve Dimmer at our February meeting. We saw clips of Margaret Rutherford catching sight of a murder through a train carriage window and later in the film Joan Hickson, a future Miss Marple, pushing a bicycle round a village. Then we were shown the many actors who had portrayed the wonderful Hercule Poirot – it was amazing how many famous faces want to act in an Agatha Christie film. At the same time we learnt some lesser known facts about Agatha Christie, her family and her temporary disappearance. A great evening with Steve Dimmer who is fast becoming a favourite speaker with Nether Heyford WI!

In March, Graham Jones will be making his first visit to our WI to tell us how he became an author. Having spent his working life in Education he was wondering how to fill his retirement years. At his wife's suggestion he started writing and during the evening he will tell us of some of the hurdles and unexpected reactions encountered in his new career. The meeting will be in the Village Hall at 7.30 on Thursday March 7<sup>th</sup> and the charge, which includes refreshments, will be £5 for non-members.

In April we hope some of the younger and fitter ladies in the village may like to join us for an evening of Line Dancing with Renee Watt. I missed the last one but was reliably informed that it was great fun so I'll look out my dancing shoes!!

*Mary Rice  
Heyford Lodge  
01327 340101*

## **Christian Aid**

In April we are planning to welcome a speaker from Christian Aid to the village, so you can find out a bit more their work and about how the yearly collection is used.

Further details will be in next months Prattler.


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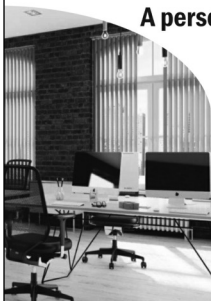
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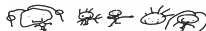
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provided if required

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Nether Heyford or call on  
07984 055 828**

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



Heyford Parish Church and Heyford Baptist Church

Invite you to join them for a

## **LENT LUNCH**



Of Home-Made Soup and Crusty Bread

In The Baptist Schoolroom

**12noon to 2pm**

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March**

No set charge

But donations invited for The Hope Centre, Northampton

### **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 25<sup>th</sup> March when we look forward to welcoming Lynne Sharp and her demonstration entitled "Car Boot Collection". There will also be a competition for an arrangement depicting "Spring has Sprung".

**A DATE NOT TO BE MISSED – 29<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**, when we will welcome Lorena Dyer with her demonstration "Lipstick, Powder and Paint". A National demonstrator, hugely talented and entertaining this is guaranteed to be a wonderful evening.

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

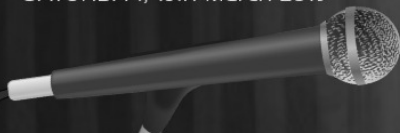
For more information please follow us on Facebook or contact Dianne on 01604 830063 or Simone on 01327 342167.

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

***The Fete is on its way: Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2019 2 – 5pm.***

Following our 'Ideas Session' at the end of January, our enthusiastic and active Fete Group members are now working hard, exploring a range of attractions and events which, in due course, will be announced in The Prattler.

Letters are also going out to local groups, organisations and crafters inviting them to take part again and, if necessary, book their pitches. As tables are in short supply it will be 'first come first served' as usual. We're also inviting raffle prizes for our grand draw, so if you'd like to make a donation, please get in touch with me.

Following Ray and Rosemary Haddon, who organised the Fetes over the past 6 years and therefore were absolute experts, is a personal challenge. I should greatly appreciate your support in any way that you feel appropriate. For instance, as this is my first experience of co-ordinating the planning of the Fete, I may make a few mistakes. If so, I should be grateful if you could point them out to me (nicely, if possible, please) so that I can correct them.

Meanwhile, there's always room for one or two more Fete Group members so if you'd like to join our team, please contact me.

*Alwyne Wilson*  
01327 340803  
*alwyne76@gmail.com*

## 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](http://www.heyfordgardenclub.com)

At our February meeting Christine Lewis explained the intricacies of using plant material to dye fabrics. This provided some surprises; who would have thought that avocado skins would produce a delicate pink, or that green was so difficult to obtain?

The evening also featured our annual art and craft show which again revealed the wealth of talent amongst our members. The photographic section was won by Jill Langrish with a study of snowdrops, Kim Woodbridge-Dodd and yours truly shared second place and Mike Langrish came third.

The visual art section was won by an embroidered seascape by Mary Newstead, Chris West came second and Linda Hall, Ann Haynes and myself tied for third place.

The craft section was won by Lynn Ashby with an amazingly intricate quilt, Mary Newstead was second and Chris West came third.

Next month we welcome the return of Patsy Rayner who will tell us about plants and literature.

The evening will also feature the annual daffodil competition.

The classes are:

1. Single coloured daffodil
  2. Bi-colour daffodil
  3. Small flowered daffodil or narcissus
- each exhibit will require only one bloom.

### Spring

At the time of writing, in mid February, the snowdrops have been blooming for weeks and there are daffodils, crocuses primroses and violets all basking in the sunshine and yesterday the mahonia was full of bees. It would be easy to be seduced by these mild spells in early spring and to start sowing seeds but the nights are still long and cold and the soil hasn't yet warmed up so it's better to wait a bit longer. No doubt by the time you read this normal service will have been resumed.

### Some Things to do in March

1. plant early potatoes, onion sets, garlic, shallots and summer bulbs
2. top dress containers and pots with fresh compost
3. last chance to plant bare rooted shrubs and trees

*Mark Newstead*

## 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](mailto:anna-Twenty5@sky.com) or phone 07724873403. Or Mrs M Eaton at Wilson Browne Solicitors, [meaton@wilsonbrowne.co.uk](mailto:meaton@wilsonbrowne.co.uk)



## Fly-Tipping

It has been noted on the Prattler Facebook page, that some fly-tipping has been going on in the village. If anyone sees the impact of this, it can be reported to South Northants website. You don't have to have the details of the culprits.

The council will come out to the incident and try and find proof of the person responsible who will then be prosecuted.

Web page is: <http://your.cherwell.gov.uk/LocalView/Sites/ReportFlytipping/>

(The site is for South Northamptonshire as well as Cherwell).



## Meal Club

The next meal club will be held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March in the Village Hall.

Please call Debbie on 01327 349163 for further details.

## Nether Heyford Village Hall



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**07849 356 618**



## Heyford Picturedrome

Our next film to be shown on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March is **'The Death of Stalin'**, a 2017 British 'black' comedy drama written by Armando Iannucci and starring Michael Palin and Simon Russell Beale about the bumbling carryings-on in the aftermath of Stalin's death in Soviet Russia. This is a highly rated film – one not to be missed. Don't be put off by the title!

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.

*Tony Clewett*  
(Phone no. 341533)

## Community Flood Group

The middle of February witnessed a UK wide demo by the younger generation taking a day off school to raise the issue of Climate Change which threatens their futures and the well-being of the planet. Although directed at the Government, the UK has lead the World by reducing emissions by over 40% since 1990 whilst the USA, China and South America continue to be the major polluters burning fossil fuels.

In the UK the Met-Office Climate Prediction of 2018 predicted hotter, drier summers (rainfall down 47%) with temperatures up by 5.4 centigrade by 2070 and warmer, wetter winters (rainfall up 35%).

The forecast for 2019 expects it to emerge as the hottest in the last 5 years. Locally 2019 has already been exceptionally dry with January recording only 16.7mm (30% of average) and February 19.7mm (47% of average) rainfall respectively. As I write the weeks temperatures are expected to rise towards the 1998 record of 19.7 centigrade.

*J Arnold*



*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost, but now am found  
T'was blind but now I see.*

*T'was grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace, my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed*

**American Folk song  
words originally composed by John Newton**

Let's begin with a question this month.

When you read the words above, or think of the song **Amazing Grace** what springs to mind?

Memorial services or funerals? Gospel choirs? Joan Baez?  
Barack Obama reciting then singing these words?  
American civil rights meetings? Aretha Franklin?

*Rewind nearly two hundred and fifty years* to the early 1770s and a man called John Newton. He grew up with no particular religious convictions but his life was to take a series of twists and turns that impacted on his beliefs and attitudes to life. He was conscripted into service for several years into the Royal Navy and after leaving this he became involved in the Atlantic slave trade.

A violent storm in 1748, during which he came close to death, caused him to undergo a spiritual conversion. His slave trading employment continued until 1754 when he left seafaring to study Christian theology, was ordained into the Church of England and became curate of Olney in Buckinghamshire. In co-operation with the poet William Cowper he began to write hymns. **Amazing Grace** was written to illustrate a sermon on New Years Day 1773, and was then published in 1779. For many years it was sung either unaccompanied or to a wide variety of melodies.

**Amazing Grace** isn't a song of theology – it was John Newton's own heartfelt expression of gratitude to God, who he believed had helped him turn from his former wicked life to fight against the ills he had practiced. Later in life, Newton became a supporter and inspiration to William Wilberforce who led the fight to pass the British Slave Trade Act in 1807.

For many years the song settled into relative obscurity in England, but in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century a large religious movement swept the US (known as the Second Great Awakening) marked by the growing popularity of churches and large gatherings of people. In 1835 it was finally linked to the tune "New Britain" to which it is usually sung today.



In the 20<sup>th</sup> century the song became a regular for gospel and folk artists, but with the popularity of recorded music and radio, "**Amazing Grace**" crossed over from being essentially a gospel song to secular audiences, thus allowing artists to perform it in thousands of different forms.

Folk singer Judy Collins recorded it in the late 1960s, and the song took on a political tone, often included in marches and protests against the Vietnam War. Joan Baez claimed that it was the most requested of all her songs, acknowledging that she hadn't realised that it had started as a hymn, for **Amazing Grace** had "developed a life of its own".

**Amazing Grace** has understandably been sung at some very noteworthy and prestigious venues over the years, as well as numerous protest marches and political gatherings. It has become a song that inspires hope in the wake of tragedy, a "spiritual national anthem".

It was performed at the famous Woodstock Festival in 1969. In 2015 President Barack Obama famously recited, then sang the hymn at the memorial service for Clementa Pinckney, one of the victims of the Charleston shooting. Opera singer Jessye Norman, performed it at the end of a huge outdoor concert to celebrate Nelson Mandela's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday. She stated, "I don't know whether it's the text – I don't know whether we're talking about the lyrics when we say that it touches so many people – or whether it's that tune that everybody knows."

The choir of Heyford Singers will, in their small way add to the history of this unique song, by including it in their forthcoming spring concert, **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May**.

We do hope that you can join us then.

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

[www.heyfordsingers.org](http://www.heyfordsingers.org)

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

*Jill Langrish*

# QUIZ NIGHT

In aid of the Holiday at Home project 2019

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> 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:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday

**Daventry:** 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday

**Grandborough:** (St Peters Church 10am - 12:30pm) 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday March to December

**Northampton:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday

**Oundle:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday

**Towcester:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday

# Revitalising the Allotments

## Community Orchard

We are planning an official opening of Heyford Community Orchard on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April, at 11.30.am - for a 12 noon start. We will of course be inviting our wonderful band of sponsors and supporters but we would also like you, the good folk of Nether and Upper Heyford, to feel free to come and join us. Everyone is welcome. All that we would ask is that if you'd like to join in our picnic, you bring a nibble to eat and something to drink. Unfortunately we can't provide refreshments for all as we have no idea how many people are likely to attend. How embarrassing to have a hundred guests and only a packet or two of sandwiches. Conversely, a handful of people and hundreds of items of food and drink left over! If you are planning to stay for a while you may also want to consider bringing a chair.

We have ordered good weather and we are hoping Mother Nature will have been kind to the trees. They should be in leaf and some may even have blossom on them. I think we'll have to wait a year or two for boughs laden with fruit.

If you haven't seen what has been achieved so far this a great opportunity to have a first look at the orchard. It will also be an opportunity for you to ask those involved how it is going to be managed and how you can take advantage of the fruit we will eventually have on offer. Remember, this is a community orchard.

We look forward to seeing you – whether it is for just a fleeting visit or for an afternoon of bucolic relaxation.

## Jam Patch

The next stage in our plan to revitalise the allotment site is to create a Jam Patch. This, like the orchard, will be a community area so available to all. As we have cleared old allotments we have rescued any fruit bushes that are in good condition. These will be planted up on a plot next to the orchard and be available for residents to pick from and hopefully make jam – or any other tasty treats.

Like the orchard, this area will be clearly signposted so that villagers are quite clear about what is a community space and which plots are exclusively reserved for individual allotmenters.

Watch this space for an update on developments.

## Tester Plots

Just like 'tester (paint) pots' when you are planning to decorate, we thought it would be a good idea to create some tester plots. These would be small strips of ground (measuring about 3m x 7m) that local residents could rent for a very minimal fee, to see if they'd like to take on an allotment - or maybe just continue to cultivate because that is quite enough for them.

Clearing and preparing these areas will be the subject of our 'working parties' who plan to meet at 10.00.am every Saturday in March for a couple of hours work. Looking at what has been achieved so far, it is amazing just how much can be done in a short period when willing hands are put to work. If you are able to assist (even at another time) then do contact either Lynda or Sue on the numbers listed below.

### **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 allotmenting a go and grow your own, tasty fruit and 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.

### **Seats**

From time to time people have old garden benches or picnic tables that they no longer require. We'd love to have some seating in the community areas we have created alongside the orchard. If you have just such an item (preferably made of wood/metal) and it needs a new home, do get in touch on either 01327 341390 or [langrish\\_heyford@hotmail.com](mailto:langrish_heyford@hotmail.com) All donations would be most warmly welcome.

### **Free Compost Days**

Last year South Northants Council organized some free compost days at their Towcester depot. In a bid to encourage people to recycle more green waste they invited local residents to drive along to Towcester with empty sacks and fill them with the compost that is produced from the waste in your green bins. Normally this has to be paid for; you may have noticed the 'for sale' notices at the recycling centre. On this occasion it was all free!

The initiative was not well publicized and on the day that Jill and I helped out, I don't think we saw one Heyford resident. No advance notice of the event has yet been published, but I have enquired about whether the event is being repeated. As soon as I hear, we will publish details on the Prattler website and if possible, get it mentioned in the Prattler itself.

*Mike Langrish*



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## Heyford Cricket Club

The 2019 season is fast approaching. Winter nets at the County Ground are underway (every Thursday, 9-10pm all newcomers welcome!) and Darren Bastin and his team have already started pre-season work on the square.

This season the 1<sup>st</sup> XI will be competing in NCL Division 3. Captain Jimmy Edwards will have high hopes of mounting a promotion challenge after a strong finish to the 2018 season, and Rob Pardon will be cautiously optimistic about the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI's chances in Division 8 after a memorable first season as captain.

We will also be entering the T20 Cup competition again, and re-entering the National Village Knock Out competition after a 9-year absence.

### **Junior Cricket:**

This summer Heyford Cricket Club will be running junior cricket for children aged 5-11.

- Every Friday from 6pm
- Official ECB 'All Stars Cricket' for 5-8 year olds (starting 17<sup>th</sup> May)
- Fully qualified coaches for 9-11 year olds (starting 10<sup>th</sup> May)
- Boys and girls of all abilities welcome
- All equipment provided

Please get in touch if you would like some more information or to register your interest!

Youth Cricket Coordinators:

- Andrew Taylor 07889 317149 [ajheyford@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ajheyford@hotmail.co.uk)
- Ed Rogers 07713 416221 [edr@emrogers.co.uk](mailto:edr@emrogers.co.uk)

### **Bonus Ball:**

A full list of Bonus Ball winners can be found on the 'News' pages of our website. The January winners were as follows:

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> January (6) – Matt Baker

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January (26) – Rob Pardon

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January (45) – No winner

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January (45) – No winner

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

### **Forthcoming Events and Home Fixtures:**

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April – pre-season quiz, keep an eye on the website for more details!

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April – 2<sup>nd</sup> XI v Horton House

More details about Heyford Cricket Club can be found on our website [www.heyfordcricket.co.uk](http://www.heyfordcricket.co.uk) or via social media where we can be found on both Facebook and Twitter.

If you would like to get in touch you can also email us at [heyfordcricket@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:heyfordcricket@hotmail.co.uk).



Meetings are in Bugbrooke Community Centre at 2.00 pm  
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### **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> MARCH**

#### **CHARLES DICKENS, CONJUROR – A PLAYBILL OF HIS MOST SUCCESSFUL SHOW** by Ian Keable

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## Heyford Bowls Club

[www.heyfordbowlsclub.co.uk](http://www.heyfordbowlsclub.co.uk)

The DAVE JULAND PRESIDENT'S CUP competition took place on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February with six teams of players participating. The early rounds consisted of two matches each; the two highest scoring teams then proceeding into the final. After a very entertaining afternoon the seven end final proved to be a hard fought encounter. The eventual winners were Rosemary Dunkley, Bernard Alder and Morris Freeman over Chris Phillips, Rosemary Haddon and Den Taylor by the close score of 6-5.

Our last match in the Wardington League was played on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February. Heyford's two teams of bowlers were in excellent form and recorded a very high scoring win on both mats. This was one of our best wins, producing maximum points. With five wins out of six we are now sitting very handy in the league.

Indoor bowls competitions are again in the pipeline with the LADIES PAIRS on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Entrants names as usual on the notice board. This is a well supported event so ladies please let us have as many bowlers as possible.

Members support is very strong maintaining very good attendances for both our Wednesday bowling sessions. New members are settling in very well and enjoying their bowling.

For more bowls club information please visit our website address at [www.heyfordbowlsclub.co.uk](http://www.heyfordbowlsclub.co.uk)

*Den Taylor*



### January 300-Club Winners

1st (£65) J. Dunkley (104)

2nd (£30) G. Linnell (216)

## **FLORE ARTS EVENTS**

Plans are well under way and tickets are on sale for our first 2019 event (once the small matter of the Flore Boards production is fully done and dusted, of course... )

### **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".

So come along and expect to be entertained by a brilliantly contrasting selection of songs from a repertoire spanning a wide range of choral music.

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> 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:

**April 28<sup>th</sup>, 7pm** (venue tbc): Poetry Please. An opportunity to join a completely informal evening where you can read your chosen poem (or two) or just sit and listen to others.

**June 29<sup>th</sup>, 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 21<sup>st</sup>, 2pm:** Jazz in the Garden (Rock Springs, Flore). A return for the lively Jazz Sans Frontières.

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

**November 16<sup>th</sup> (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](http://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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