



# THE PRATTLER

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## BUGBROOKE & DISTRICT FLOWER SOCIETY

Invite you to a

**Floral Demonstration by Lorena  
Dyer "Lipstick, Powder and Paint"**

Nether Heyford Village Hall  
NN7 3NW

Monday 29th April 2019

7.45PM

**Ticket Price £10**

Tickets available from Marie Tel: 01327 341793, Email: [thetwinklens@yahco.co.uk](mailto:thetwinklens@yahco.co.uk)

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1 <b>Annual Parish Council Meet</b> 7:00 pm (BSR)	2	3 <b>Black &amp; FC Wed Group Meeting</b> 2pm (BSR)	4 <b>W.I.</b> 7:30pm (VH)	5	6 <b>Orchard Opening</b> 12:00 <b>Fish &amp; Chip Night</b> (VH)	7
8 <b>Garden Club</b> 8pm (VH)	9	10 <b>Blue, Green &amp; FC</b>	11	12	13	14 <b>Ambles</b> 10:30 <b>White Horse, Welton</b>
15	16	17 <b>Black &amp; FC</b>	18	19 <b>Walk of Witness</b> 2pm	20 <b>Bowls Comp</b> 2pm (PF) <b>Bowls Club Spring Quiz</b> 7:30 (VH)	21
22	23	24 <b>Blue, Green &amp; FC</b>	25 <b>Open Door</b> 10-12 (BSR)	26	27	28 <b>Tennis a Thon and Open day</b> 9am-9pm
29 <b>Flower Soc</b> 7.45 (VH)	30					

## Regular Events

**Monday:** Crafty Club 12:30 - 2:30 (VH), Men's Tennis 7pm (TC), Youth Club 5:30-7pm (YC), Scouts 7:30-9:15 (CR)

**Tuesday:** Beavers 6:15-7:15 (CR), Cubs 7:30-8:45 (CR), Amblers 10:30 (Green)

**Wednesday:** Indoor Bowls 1:50 & 7pm (VH), Viv's Yoga 9:30-10:45am (VH), Tennis Club 7pm (TC), HFC Training 6:30 (PF), Boxercise 7pm (YC), Mother & Baby 9:30-11am (YC)

**Thursday:** Mario's Pizza 5:30pm (Foresters)

**Friday:** Ladies Tennis 10am (TC), Café on the Green 1-5pm (BSR), Mario's Pizza 5:30 (Foresters)

**Saturday:** Chip Van 12:30-1:30pm (Close Road)



# PARISH COUNCIL NOTES



The March 2019 meeting of Nether Heyford Parish Council was held on 4<sup>th</sup> March, at the Baptist Church Rooms,

**PCSO agreement.** All being well the village should have a part time PCSO in place shortly. Police methods are very different now, and police personnel generally less visible so it will be good to have a regular police presence in the village again. The officer is already at work in Bugbrooke and will share duties between the two villages.

**The Annual Parish Meeting** will take place before the normal Parish Council meeting on April 1st. This is an opportunity for village organisations to give annual reports and for general discussion. Please send any reports to the Clerk by e-mail.

**Public Participation.** A Parishioner complained of the dumping of trade waste and burning of apparently toxic waste in the field behind Denbrook, as had other Parishioners. The Clerk had reported this to environmental health at SNC who had acknowledged, and had already been made aware by Parishioners. Fire men were apparently putting in a report and there were Police incident numbers. Neighbours were concerned that hazardous materials and trade waste were involved.

There were comments about the parking situation around the school. It was acknowledged that parking around schools was an issue in most villages. It was reported that SNC were waiting to hear from parliament about confirmation of 2 unitaries. There was a proposal that there be 18 councillors chosen as members of an unelected shadow council.

**Lights.** The Chair and Clerk had attended a seminar on lighting. The cost of the streetlights has increased by 100% over the past 3 years, but it seems that by switching to LED lighting that anything up to 75% could be saved on electricity costs. It was felt that a working party could look at all existing lights and work on proposals for the village as a whole. The project would be a costly one, but there is a Government supported agency able to give interest free loans.

**Allotments.** All but 1 of the rents have now been collected, and some new allotment holders have come forward. Volunteer Saturdays were being held in March, and an Open day for the Orchard on April 6th. Small strips of land would be offered for rent.

**Dog Mess.** As ever an ongoing problem, with complaints that irresponsible dog owners continue to let their dogs foul the Green and elsewhere and do not clean up, Some who do, proceed to throw the bags into hedges or trees. There are surely enough dog bins available to avoid this.

**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 April 1st at the Baptist Church Rooms at 8 pm and is, like all Parish Council meetings, open to Parishioners. It is preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting.

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## Our Churches

### Parish Church of St. Peter and St. Paul

#### Services for April 2019

Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>	08:00 am	Prayer Book Holy Communion Service at Flore Church
	09:30 am	Holy Communion at Church Stowe
	11:00 am	United First Sunday All Age Service at Flore Church
	06:00 pm	Holy Communion at Heyford
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup>	02:30 pm	Messy Church at Flore
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday	10:00 am	United Service for Palm Sunday at Flore Church (incl Holy Communion)
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 am	Benefice Prayer at Church Stowe
	07:30 pm	Holy Communion with Meditation at Upper Stowe
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	07:30 am	Benefice/Partnership Maundy Thursday Supper at Flore Church
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	02:00pm	Good Friday Walk of Witness in Heyford (see over)
	07:00 pm	United Good Friday Service at Flore Chapel
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>	06:00 am	Sunrise Service at Upper Stowe
Easter Sunday	09:30 am	Holy Communion for Easter Sunday at Church Stowe
	09:30 am	Holy Communion for Easter Sunday at Flore Church
	11:00 am	Holy Communion for Easter Sunday at Heyford
	11:15 am	Holy Communion for Easter Sunday at Brockhall
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup>	09:30 am	Holy Communion at Flore Church
	11:00 am	Informal Worship at Heyford Church
	06:00 pm	Holy Communion at Upper Stowe

**Midweek Communions** are held weekly on Wednesdays, 9.30am at Heyford and Thursdays, 10am at Flore – all welcome. (No service on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April)

**The Streets** we shall be praying for during April are: Bugbrooke Rd and Wakefield Way in Heyford, Bliss Lane and the Nursery, Meadow Farm Close and Brington Rd in Flore, Main St in Church Stowe and Manor Farm, The Old Coach House and Manor Cottage in Brockhall.

On **Good Friday**, 19<sup>th</sup> April, we will be having a **Walk of Witness** around Nether Heyford, starting at St Peter & St Paul Church at 2:00PM, arriving at the Baptist Hall for hot cross buns and refreshments at about 3:00PM, and then having a Good Friday service at 4:00PM, in the Baptist Chapel on the village green. As we make our way around the village, we will pause at various points to hear about and reflect on some of the events of that first Good Friday afternoon, as Jesus made his way through Jerusalem to his crucifixion.

Revd Stephen Burrow, tel 344436

Dear Friends.

For many years, I worked for Somerfield Supermarkets, as part of the finance team overseeing distribution operations. I was involved in the operation of a number of warehouses, alongside hundreds of delivery vehicles, and over a thousand semi-trailers. I remember that as soon as Christmas and New Year were behind us, the warehouses would fill with Easter Eggs, which would then be sent out to the stores by the palletful – however late Easter might be that year. Nothing has changed since I left the distribution industry to go to theological college; our shops and supermarkets are still full of chocolate Easter Eggs, which seem to get ever more elaborate – and expensive – as the years go by.

Easter Eggs remain an enduring symbol of the season. Alongside chicks, Easter bunnies and daffodils, they are images of new life, as spring takes hold. There are signs of this new life all around us, as trees and flowers bud and burst into life, and spring lambs gambol in the fields. The arrival of sunshine, warmth and blue skies lifts our spirits, as we look forward to the summer months. February's unusual heat wave reminded us of that, and the return to wild and windy weather in March has been most unwelcome.

For Christians, all these symbols of new life remind us of the resurrection of Jesus. After the sombre reflection of Lent, and the emotional roller-coaster of Holy Week, we rise on Easter morning and celebrate; the stone has been rolled away, the tomb is empty, Jesus is risen! Alleluia!

Strangely, according to Mark's Gospel, the women who discover the empty tomb don't respond with the joy and gladness that marks our Easter celebrations. Instead, they flee from the tomb, terrified and upset, and tell no-one what they've seen (Mark 16:1-8). What is there to be afraid of? Perhaps it's because in the risen Jesus, God is on the loose, and can no longer be contained by the 'box' his opponents – and we? – try to put him in. God is on the loose, and those who try to control him with religion should tremble. For just as the burgeoning new life of spring is beyond our

control, so too is God, crucified, risen, alive and at work in our world. So, as we celebrate the resurrection, I pray that we might imagine the unimaginable: the creator God, bursting out of the tomb, out of all the constraints we try to put on him, and striding boldly into our lives, inviting, challenging and calling us to share his abundant new life with the world around us. And I pray that you will have a joyful and a peaceful Easter.

Yours in Christ,

*Stephen (tel 344436)*

# **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April**

## **Good Friday**

### **Walk of Witness**



**2pm** Meet at Heyford Parish Church to walk round the village, pausing at various points to reflect on the events of that first Good Friday

**2-4pm** Free Refreshments and Display in the Baptist Schoolroom

**4pm** Good Friday Service in the Baptist Church, led by Revd Stephen Burrow

**Everybody welcome to join in at any point**

## Meet Christian Aid!

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April 6.30pm.



Nether Heyford Village Hall

The Parish Church invite you to come and hear more about the work of Christian Aid from visiting speaker Wendy Wheeler.

Wendy will talk about some of her experiences working with Christian Aid, visiting places such as India, Mali, Ethiopia and Malawi, and describe how the money raised from Christian Aid Week can really make a difference to people's lives.

Cheese, wine and nibbles will be provided, and there will be a chance to win some tasty fair-trade chocolate.

The evening is free of charge – please save your donations for the May collection !

With thanks again to all who support Christian Aid.

*Shirley Waterhouse*

## The Café on the Green

Please note that the café will be closed on

Good Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April, except for

Walk of Witness refreshments 2-4pm

Everybody welcome



## Nether Heyford Baptist Church

**Morning Services: 10:30 am**

**Afternoon Services: 4:00 pm**

### Sunday Services

April	10:30 a.m.	4:00 p.m.
7 <sup>th</sup>	Worship led by John Perkins	
14 <sup>th</sup>	Worship led by Les Britten	Songs of Praise 4pm led by Martin Buckby including Tea and cakes
19 <sup>th</sup>		Good Friday service led by Rev'd Steven Burrows.
21 <sup>st</sup>	Worship on Easter day led by Allan Pope followed by coffee.	
28 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am prayer meeting followed at 10-30am with our communion service led by Martin Buckby	

### Events

- April 3<sup>rd</sup>** 2pm Wednesday group meeting where Colin Neal will talk on Crusader Community Boating.
- April 15<sup>th</sup>** 2pm Prayer meeting and bible study.
- April 19<sup>th</sup>** 2pm Walk of Witness, meeting at the Parish Church, followed by tea and hot cross buns at the Café on the green before the 4pm service.
- April 25<sup>th</sup>** 10am to 12md Open Door –come for a free drink and chat. (Books and Sales table)

**ALL WELCOME**

As we enter the time of Lent and Easter we are reminded that this time of the year in the Christian calendar is synonymous with “giving up, going without and giving back – about sacrifice”. The shops of course have their Easter eggs and we are reminded by the TV advertisement that we can go on “an Easter egg hunt - to search, to find and to enjoy” - but we have to do something, go somewhere, give something up in order to potentially and possibly discover something.

Lent and Easter means different things to different people and last evening, as I watched Songs of Praise I was again reminded by an old hymn that lent and Easter is about giving and getting, about failure and forgiveness. That hymn “When I survey the wondrous cross” is special to me as it reminds me of time spent with a very dear friend who I journeyed with for a good number of years and who died in 2010. I was privileged to visit him often (a privilege I still value today) and up until his journey drew to a close. I recall the last time I was with him and he was so poorly. Just before leaving him I prayed with him and for him and in that prayer I quoted the first verse of that hymn.

When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
And pour contempt on all my pride.

To my absolute amazement, knowing that he was so poorly, after I had finished speaking he then spoke the words from last two verses:-

See, from His head, His hands, His feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a present far too small.  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

A few hours later I received the call to say that he had left us. Whenever I hear and sing that hymn I am reminded of my friend and also of Lent and Easter - giving up and giving back, of failure and forgiveness and of restoration and resting on the great and precious promises of God.

We may not find the hidden Easter eggs even if we look for them but we will find the Easter message if we take the time to look and discover – it is there for our taking. Details of services in the Chapel are printed elsewhere in The Prattler and may I please say again - you will be made so welcome.  
Bye for now and thank you.

*Martin Buckley*  
*For and on behalf of The Chapel on the Green*

# THE Heyford SINGERS

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**PRESENT**



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## In Nether Heyford

At our March meeting we were treated to an evening of reminiscences of a working life in education - through life as a young teacher, progressing to School Inspector and ending working on white papers for the Ministry of Education. Despite playing golf retirement weighed heavy – and so an author was born! Graham Jones told us of the problems of getting books published, the sometimes unexpected reactions of people when they were and of his surprise when they were a hit in China! All this was done with great humour and the evening flew by.

There is a slight change to our April meeting. Renee Watt will still be there but will be showing us how Country Dancing is made easy! It is some years since I took part in country dancing and my joints were more supple – perhaps one or two of you younger ladies could come along and remind me how it's done?! However, I do remember the laughter that always accompanied the effort that went into it and, as the world seems a bit short of laughter at the moment, let's hope it still has the same effect. We will be in the Village Hall at 7.30 on Thursday April 4<sup>th</sup> and the cost for the evening plus refreshments is £5 for non-members.

In May we will be going on a W.I. Members' visit to Rugby School so there will be no meeting in the Village Hall but it will be back to business as usual in June.

*Mary Rice  
Heyford Lodge  
01327 340101*



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[www.facebook.com/HeyfordPrattler](http://www.facebook.com/HeyfordPrattler)





## Nether Heyford Youth Club

At the end of my first year as Chair, we have had a fabulous year; the youth club continues to go from strength to strength with a steady increase in numbers week on week.

To date we now have 47 children registered of which between 33-35 attend on a regular basis. What is pleasing is that we are having children join from outside the village where there is already a strong Youth Club set up, so we must be doing something right.

We will need to push again for more volunteers to help us on a regular basis as with the present numbers we can only go to 40 before we are pushing our ratios. We set these ratios at what we feel is a safe level to ensure all the children have the time they may need with us. There would be no benefit to any of the children if we were always too busy to spend time with them. Our current ratios level is set at 8:1 which for the ages we run is about average. We currently have 5 leaders with one new lady soon to join, which would give us the ability to take up to 48 children.

We have continued to offer a variety of activities for the sessions, from the reptile lady who brings a selection of animals and other scary creatures, to the art and craft sessions run by both NAYC Richard and Michelle, the children love these sessions and there is always a full table. We have also taken the children roller skating and wall climbing, again another well attended session which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

We previously mentioned we continue to receive regular support from NAYC whether it be to deliver arts and crafts or a fun indoor all inclusive activity with Iain. Throughout the year we have been pleased to offer placements for older children who are completing their Duke of Edinburgh awards, we have been really lucky to have had some great seniors who have been fully interacting with the children and I would like to hope that they have gone away having had a very full and inspiring time with us.

We are also ever grateful to the Parish Council who continue to support the Youth Club and are always available to offer support or advice when needed. Throughout the year we have continued to maintain and where possible improve the Youth Club for the future, this year we have had a radiator fitted into the disabled toilet, we have replaced the fire exit door and also had the soffits, guttering and cladding replaced.

It has not all been plain sailing, we still continue to have trouble from the delightful youths in the village, who feel they have the right to abuse our building, I am ever hopeful that once our community police man is in office, he will play a big part in deterring these delightful youths.

We will also be continuing with our gardening contract, which I am confident will continue to see the grounds maintained to a much better standard than previously. We continue to take booking for parties etc, although we are ever conscious of the type of party and the hours they are, as well as the return of the Boxercise classes which are held once a week.

We are also really pleased to see that Autism East Midlands have continued to use the youth club during the half terms for their base and it is nice to see them out and about in our community. From February they will also be running a youth club for children with Autism on a Sunday Morning once a month.

We have also recently welcomed "Hey Babies" a new babies, toddlers and mums group which runs on a Wednesday morning at the Youth Club, we wish them every success.

All in all the youth club continues to thrive and I cannot thank our leaders enough, who always seem to go the extra mile for the children. Therefore big thanks to Lynda, Keiran, Michelle and Adam and all those others who from time to time have given up their evenings to help us out.

Here's to the next 12 months.

*Lesley Dilkes*  
*Chairperson*

## **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 on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April is an Open Meeting when we will welcome National demonstrator, Lorena Dyer, with her demonstration "Lipstick, Powder and Paint". A hugely talented and entertaining lady this is guaranteed to be a wonderful evening. Tickets £10 for visitors, available from Maria on 01327 341783.

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.


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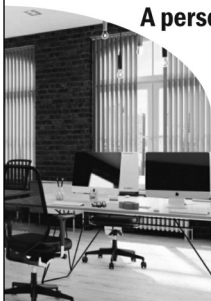
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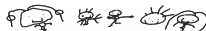
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The Church Rooms, Church Lane,  
Nether Heyford or call on  
07984 055 828**

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



## Pensioners Meal Club

As villagers may or may not know, there has been a pensioners meal club run in the village for many years now. However due to a change of circumstances and work commitments, my wife and I are no longer able to run the meals club. We have run this meal club ourselves for the last 7 years approx and before that it was run by another couple from the village who left the village so were unable to continue to run the club hence we then took the club over. When we started there were around 18 members, we now have in excess of 50 members and more and more enquiries every week.

The club runs on the first Thursday of every month and is a once a month meal club but could be run as often as weekly if anyone wanted to do this, or just keep to how it is at the moment. It was a very emotional last meal club on the 7th March when we had to tell everyone that we could no longer run the club due to our immediate work commitments and also we will be very sad if we cannot find anyone to carry the club on.

So is there any one out there who would be prepared or able to take on this meal club and keep it going? We would give any advice to any interested people and explain how the club runs at the moment. There is a fantastic team of helpers who have helped us over the years to serve and wash up etc and with them the club would not have been as successful as it is, I am sure most of these will still be able to help run the club but they feel they could not fully run the club on the same scale as it is run at present. MY WIFE AND I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE TO ALL OF THE HELPERS DURING OUR YEARS OF RUNNING THE CLUB.

We really hope there is someone out there who is able to cook for around fifty people once a month or more if they want and keep the club running.

*Neil & Debbie Botterill*  
*1 The Pound, Nether Heyford*

## Village Signs

Sue and I have put ourselves forward to help get Heyford looking pretty. We are starting with planting bulbs and flowers on all the Nether Heyford signs on the entrances into our village. The first thing we need to do is find volunteers who would like to help set this up. We could possibly have volunteers to look after the entrance nearest to where they live within the village.

You can contact me on 07912 971799 or by email at [jillgarrett@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jillgarrett@hotmail.co.uk) if you have any interest, We can get together to discuss the way forward and work out costs etc. We really hope to get a reasonable response in helping to make this a reality going forward. People have tried in the past and failed for various reasons, so let's try to make this work for all of us.

Thank you

Jill and Sue

## Website

The Prattler website has been updated with a fantastic new look. It now contains articles and photo's from the Story of Heyford as well as the current info about our village. The adverts have also been removed.

Many thanks to Jez Wilson for this and his continuing work on updating it..

You can visit the site @ [www.heyfordprattler.org](http://www.heyfordprattler.org)

## Beebombs

### Let's bring the bees back

I have an idea about making one of the earth banks on the A4500 between Upper Heyford and the new roundabout a thriving hub for insects and more importantly our Bees. There is a large earthwork bank that makes up part of the new road layout, it can be found on the left as you approach the roundabout from Upper Heyford. My vision is to support our local Bee population with wild flowers and at the same time make the landscape beautiful.

If anyone would like to join me, could they help by purchasing a pack of seeds from the link attached. I can arrange a time and tools for their distribution. I have already started by planting some seeds, bulbs as well as Lupins etc.

<https://www.beebombs.com/>

Steve Corcoran

## The Prattler

The Prattler is produced entirely by volunteers and is supported by donations from the Parish Council, the Parish Church, the Baptist Church, Heyford W.I., Heyford Garden Club, Heyford Singers and Heyford Picturedrome as well as the advertisers.

Thanks are also due to the volunteers who distribute it every month.



## Heyford Scout Group Update

Scouts, cubs and beavers continue to be busy and active, The Scouts have been doing a lot of work towards badges, with two completed and a third in progress. A camp is planned for the summer.

The Beavers were successful in the Daventry District Handicraft Competition, with 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall in the Colony Project and a second place in the individual handicraft competition. You can view their certificates on our open facebook page.

Cubs have been learning about woodwork with the help of a local expert working with the leaders and are planning a joint first aid course with the Youth Club.

Do you have a skill or talent that you might be able to share with some of our young people ? We would be really pleased to hear from anyone who would be interested in working with our leaders for a session or two on this basis.

As always you can contact us through our details in the Prattler or its website, or at [www.facebook.com/heyfordscouts](http://www.facebook.com/heyfordscouts).

### 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



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## Heyford Garden Club

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

At our March meeting we were entertained by Liz Taylor who described the work being done by the Woodland Trust to try and repair the damage being done to our woodlands by development and pests and disease. Apparently they need to plant 2000 trees each just to keep numbers as they are. Working with trees needs a longer time scale; some of their projects have a timetable of 100 years!

The evening also featured our annual daffodil bench show which this year coincided nicely with the flowers in our gardens, as was illustrated by the 54 entries. This made judging difficult as all the blooms were of such excellent quality.

The single colour section was won jointly by Anne Haynes and Margaret Ridgewell Brian Haynes came second and John Dunkley and Janet Forth came joint third.

The Small flowered section was won by Val Jackson, Tom Wallis came second and Avril Minchin got third place.

The bi-colour flower section was won by Jenny Wilshire, Jean Spokes was second and Lynn Ashbee and Rosemary Dunkley shared third place.

Our next meeting will be on 8th April when we definitely will welcome the return of Patsy Rayner who will tell us about plants and literature. (My apologies for mistakenly trailing this talk last month). April's meeting will also have our annual Tulip show, let's hope for as much success as with the daffodils.

This winter has been generally mild and I have noticed signs of aphids on our roses in sheltered spots. This might seem a bit ominous, but on the positive side there are a lot of ladybirds hidden around the garden and all through the winter we have been finding lacewings in the house. With any luck these predators will help to control the greenfly numbers before they get out of hand.

### **Some Things to do in April**

April is a busy month in the garden when we can start sowing and planting in earnest, but be vigilant for late frosts, particularly if you are planting out tender bedding plants. It's also a good time to start feeding shrubs and roses.

*Mark Newstead*

## Heyford Amblers

Heyford Amblers continue to meet once a month for their Sunday walk at a venue to be decided by a group member and every Tuesday for a short walk from the Village Green commencing at 10-30 am. New members are always welcome so if you fancy joining this group of highly tuned and sociable athletes, turn up and give it a try. On the Sunday walks, joining us just for lunch is entirely optional.

The next Sunday walk will take place on 14th April 2019 and will be organised by Tony and Gillian Pont. We will meet for a 10-30am start and park in the car park of The White Horse in Welton, near Daventry. The walk takes in Welton village; a short detour through the woods to the entrance to Braunston Tunnel; the Grand Union Canal; and the quiet Leicester branch of the Grand Union Canal to Norton Junction before we cross open countryside to return to The White Horse. The walk is just over 4.5 miles long and as we are walking next to waterways for much of the walk, almost entirely on the flat.

We have reserved a table for the group at The White Horse for 1-00pm. We will call the pub on Monday, 8th April, to give them some idea of exact numbers who will be lunching. Please let us know by e-mail ([tonyandgillianpont@gmail.com](mailto:tonyandgillianpont@gmail.com)) before then if you are joining the walk and staying for lunch. The pub offers an excellent range of beers, a choice of menu including vegetarian options and have said they will try and accommodate the whole group on one large table. Also, as we are lunching there we have permission to park in the pub car park.

Hope you can join us and fingers crossed for some decent weather.





## 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.

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### **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)

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## Heyford Picturedrome

Our next film to be shown on Thursday 18th April is 'Stan and Ollie', a 2019 British film starring Steve Coogan and John C Reilly. Laurel & Hardy, one of the world's great comedy teams, set out on a variety hall tour of Britain in 1953. Diminished by age and with their golden era as the kings of Hollywood comedy now behind them, they face an uncertain future. As the charm and beauty of their performances shines through, they re-connect with their adoring fans. The tour becomes a hit, but Stan & Ollie can't quite shake the spector of Laurel and Hardy's past; the long-buried ghosts, coupled with Oliver's failing health, start to threaten their precious partnership. A portrait of the most tender and poignant of creative marriages, they are aware that they may be approaching their swan song, trying to rediscover just how much they mean to each other.

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)**

My family and I would like to take this opportunity in thanking everyone for all their cards and support following the sudden death of Roy.

Roy Pancoust died at home on the 6th February and will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Special thanks are extended to our wonderful neighbours Stuart Wade and Alex Toseland who were our rocks, we will never forget the help and support you gave us on that day.

Other people to thank are Martin Buckby for a beautiful service and Debbie and Neil Botterill for the catering at the wake.

Finally for everyone who came to the funeral thank you so much it was such a fitting send off for a beautiful man.

*Kath Pancoust and family*



*Look at the world: Everything all around us  
Look at the world: and marvel everyday  
Look at the world: So many joys and wonders  
So many miracles along our way*

*Look at the earth: Bringing forth fruit and flower  
Look at the sky: The sunshine and the rain  
Look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains  
Valley and flowing river, field and plain.*

*Praise to thee O Lord for all creation  
give us thankful hearts that we may see  
all the gifts we share and every blessing  
all things come of thee*

From **Look at the World**  
Music and lyrics by John Rutter

Occasionally we have to make choices, and unfortunately they turn out to be the wrong ones .....with ensuing consequences! On a beautifully warm late February morning I opted to do some clearing on the allotment site, instead of doing the weekend shop. A long and determined bramble, a tumble and I was in A&E with a broken arm! Like any illness or injury the world can change in a split second; routines, plans, simple everyday activities taken for granted, are suddenly part of a difficult course to be navigated each day. And I humbly acknowledge that there are many folk who face far more demanding challenges in their roads to recovery; I admire you all for your determination, resilience, bravery and cheerfulness.

In my small recuperative world, restricted from more energetic activities, I have read a great deal, enjoyed some fascinating programmes on the radio, listened to music and watched spring unfold, albeit through tempestuous March days. Which brings me to the song heading this article, **"Look at the World"**.

It is probably my favourite song from the modern classical music repertoire, and I, like many other members of Heyford Singers, was delighted when Mary chose to include it in the programme for the spring concert in May. It was written by the English composer and conductor, John Rutter (1945 - ), who has had a long association with Clare College, Cambridge – first as a student, then Director of Music, later as parent, and recording producer for their famous choir. He has composed a vast number of songs, anthems and choral works, including commissions for the Queen's Jubilee and recent royal weddings. This particular song was written in celebration of the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Council for the Protection of Rural England.

**"Look at the World"** is sung to the most beautiful tune (listen if you can), but it is the words and sentiments that capture the beauty of the world and the changing seasons.

*"Look at the world, everything all around us. Look at the world and marvel every day.  
Look at the world, so many joys and wonders. So many miracles along our way."*

Blossom and buds opening on awakening trees, a riot of colour as the bare soil gives way to a profusion of spring flowers, the birds busy prospecting for suitable nesting sites, and the morning chorus gathering force – so much that is wonderful at this time of year, and all captured in the verses of the song.

I know that I have mentioned it many times before but we are so fortunate living in this beautiful English village, with its close and caring community, surrounded by a rural landscape which embraces fields, hills, farms, woods, a river and a canal, plus various historical and cultural features. If you need to see a world beyond your own immediate needs and troubles what better place is there than this?

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Heyford Singers are busy with their rehearsals for the spring concert, entitled **“THIS IS MUSIC”**, on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May. Tickets, at £7.50 for adults and £4.00 for under 12s, will very soon be available from Keith Rands-Allen (01327 340741 or 07971 786912) and if recent concerts are anything to go by, they will sell out very quickly! We do hope that you can join us, to hear amongst other lovely songs, the beautiful **“Look at the World”** by John Rutter. More details about the concert programme in the next Prattler issue.

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*

## **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

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# Revitalising the Allotments

## Community Orchard

The official opening of Heyford Community Orchard will be held on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April, at 11.30.am - for a 12 noon start. We have invited our wonderful band of sponsors and supporters and 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. 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.

Despite the recent gales Mother Nature has been kind to the trees, although we can't predict at what stage of growth they are likely to be on 6<sup>th</sup> April. We'll certainly have to wait a year or two for boughs laden with fruit.

If you haven't seen what has been achieved so far this is 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.

## Jam Patch

Work on creating a Jam Patch is moving on swiftly. We have planted three long rows of raspberry canes and rescued at least a dozen currant and gooseberry bushes. Rhubarb crowns have been unearthed and replanted and a more manageable blackberry trellis created. If, in our trawl of discarded plots, we find strawberries they will also be planted up. This, like the orchard, will be a community area so available to all.

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.

## Tester Plots and Renting and Allotment

The tester plots are slowly taking shape and we are pleased to report that already one has been occupied. Since my last article we have decided that these small strips of ground (measuring about 2m x 10m) will be offered rent-free for a year, enabling potential tenants to see if allotmenting is for them. After that they will have the opportunity to rent a proper allotment. We have plot sizes to suit all tastes so potential tenants should not panic about having too much to cope with. If you'd

like to try out one of the tester plots but feel uncertain about what (or how) to grow vegetables, we can provide you with advice and help setting yourself up.

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**

A big, big thank you to all the people from the village who offered us unwanted garden benches and picnic tables for our community area. As with the sponsorship of fruit trees we are so heartened by the generosity of the villagers.

The furniture is currently being given some TLC and will make a wonderful addition to the community area. We now have enough items, although as the orchard grows, we'd love to think that we could secrete a few more benches in among the trees – but that is for the future.

## **Food for Thought**

"The best time to plant a tree is twenty years ago. The second best time is now."

*Mike Langrish*

# **Holiday at Home**

Thursday 20th June -& Friday 21st  
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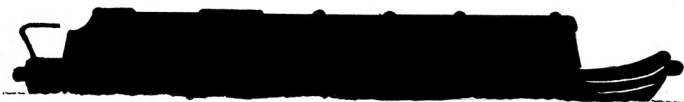




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<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/nhtc-tennis-courts>

**During this time the other two courts will be open for anyone to come and play tennis for free and see what our club has to offer. We hope to have some coaching available on the day and will have refreshments on offer and tennis kit to borrow.**

For further information- please find us on facebook or contact Jo 349094, [jodickson@btinternet.com](mailto:jodickson@btinternet.com)

Website - [clubspark.lta.org.uk/NetherHeyfordTennisClub](http://clubspark.lta.org.uk/NetherHeyfordTennisClub)



Meetings are in Bugbrooke Community Centre at 2.00 pm  
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### **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> APRIL UNDER THE INFLUENCE with Andy Smith**

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## Heyford Bowls Club

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

### Indoor

Our last match in the Wardington League was played on the 6<sup>th</sup> February at Boddington. It proved to be a hard fought game. Heyford lost the match with a loss on one mat and a draw on the other.

Our next club competition, the MIXED SINGLES, will be played on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April, start time 1.30pm. This will be very highly contested, so names down please in the usual way.

Our annual fixture, the outdoor v the indoor, which seems to come round very quickly, will be played on the outdoor green on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April, start at 2pm. This game of course will depend on green condition and weather.

Thanks to all our members, good support is being maintained at our Wednesday bowling sessions.

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

*Den Taylor*

### Outdoor

April sees the start of the outdoor bowls season. At the time of writing we don't know when the green will be open. That will be decided at the next committee meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> April. What we do know is that the first home game will be against the club's short mat section on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April, the same day as the Quiz Night in the Village Hall at 7.00pm. A week later our first game against another club is at Cogenhoe.

Also, on the social front our Fish and Chip supper night is on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April in the Village Hall.

More next month on our Open Day on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May. In the meantime, if you want to find out more about Heyford Bowls Club, give me a call. I won't bite.

*Geoff Allen*

# FLORE ARTS EVENTS

Plans are well under way and tickets are on sale for our first 2019 event.

## 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: 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. See [FloreArtsEvents.com](http://FloreArtsEvents.com) for more information.

**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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