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GIFT AND OPEN DAY



Nether Heyford Baptist Church
Sat 11th May 2019

9.00am -1.00pm

Candles to light, memory tree
and music
in the Chapel

*Lots
of Books*

*Everyone
welcome*

Cards

Refreshments

Cakes

Bacon butties

Plants

Proceeds for the continuing
upkeep of the Chapel
Thank you for your support.

May 2019

| Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | Sun |
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| | | 1 Black + FC 1 st Wed 2pm (BSR) | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 | 7 PC Meeting 7:30pm (BSR) | 8 Blue, Green + FC | 9 | 10 H Singers 7:30pm (VH) | 11 H Singers 7:30pm (VH) Plant Sale 9-1 (BSR) | 12 Quiz Night Olde Sun 8:30pm |
| 13 | 14 | 15 Black + FC | 16 Picturedrome 7:15pm (VH) | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 Blue, Green + FC | 23 Village Hall AGM 7:30pm (VH) Open Door 10-12 (BSR) | 24 | 25 | 26 Bowls Open day (PF) |
| 27 | 28 | 29 Black + FC | 30 | 31 | | |

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)



Chairman's Report 2019

At the time of writing, Nether Heyford is awaiting the first signs of spring, and with luck, a summer. We all look forward to warm evenings and cold drinks. Unfortunately there are tasks to perform, and obligations to be met, in order for our lives to be orderly and comfortable. No less so for Nether Heyford Parish Council, and the conscientious and forward thinking Parish Councillors, with tasks to perform, and a responsibility to the residents of Nether Heyford.

As in previous years, village organisations have responded brilliantly in a clean up effort, with volunteers litter picking, up, through, and round Nether Heyford, and the immediate area. The Neighbourhood Planning Group have got into their stride, having worked hard to create a Neighbourhood Plan that represents the development Villagers have asked for, and accommodation that Nether Heyford actually needs, and which will be suitable for all, rather than the few.

Some amazing things have been occurring in the allotments, and Parish Councillors with responsibility for this aspect of Village life, have taken the existing system of allotment management and shaken it up into a sensible, practicable and user friendly success. A very pleasant leisure area has been created, utilising disused allotments, and the planting of sponsored fruit trees. Mr Bill Corner has voluntarily been keeping grass areas between allotments tidy, strimming, and mowing, and keeping things tidy. The siting of sheds on allotments is also designed to make life easier for allotment holders. This has been accomplished by communication and cooperation from all concerned.

The maintenance of our footpaths, and highways is the responsibility of the Local Authority, and as we know they are in serious financial difficulties. Any and all pot holes, and subsidence noted should continue to be reported to Street Doctor, available on line, or by contacting South Northants Council. Although the road surfaces remain in an appalling condition, generally, I was amazed to note that the give way signs at all junctions, within the centre of the village are repaired, and lit at night. That only took two years.

Grass cutting, and tree maintenance continues as always, and the contractors are aware of their responsibilities, and are responsive to the desire of the Parish Council to ensure Nether Heyford remains well looked after.

The cemetery is also being serviced regularly, and this will continue. This service is intended to enhance the maintenance that family members perform to individual plots.

Over the years, it seems, we see less and less of Police Officers patrolling our Parish, let alone our village. We have seemingly learned to accept, and tolerate this situation. Nether Heyford, as of April 2019, will share a PCSO, with Bugbrooke. This is intended to reassure villagers, and provide a precepted community spirited service for our village. I would encourage residents to get to know him, and welcome him to Nether Heyford.

The siting of two defibrillators within Nether Heyford, one at One Stop, and the other near the Bowls Club in the Playing Field area, continue to provide a public service that will save lives. They are accessed, on need, with a code provided by the Ambulance Service. Both machines are inspected on a monthly basis, and kept to a high standard.

Street lights in Nether Heyford, have over the years had problems. The existing lights are dated, and of mixed types. As a result they are expensive to maintain, and are limited in the light they provide. The Parish Council are considering replacing existing lights, and adding some in new areas. In effect redesigning the lighting system replacing them with a more modern, and efficient system. New LED lighting will be more environmentally friendly, provide more effective lighting, and be cheaper to run. Consultation within Nether Heyford as to type, style, and placement of new lighting will be announced, hopefully via the new website.

Nether Heyford Parish Council have a somewhat neglected website, and it has become normal to communicate and allow communication, in the 21st century, so that everyone knows what is going on. With this in mind, the Parish Council will be working with Mr Jez Wilson, to ensure the creation of a new website, that will be fit for purpose, and accessible to all.

I would like to thank, Mr Guy Ravine, Parish Clerk, for his excellent services, and patience. Also the enthusiastic, forward thinking and progressive members of Nether Heyford Parish Council.

There are still vacancies on the Parish Council, please give serious thought to volunteering.

Charles Kiloh
Chairman - Nether Heyford Parish Council.

Nether Heyford Annual Meeting 2019 – Phil Bignell SNC

A Great Place to Live

South Northants District continues to be ranked as one of the better places to live in the country. Unemployment is one of the lowest in the country although SNC runs a job club to help anyone get back into work. The waste and recycling record is one of which we remain proud and is the best in the County. We had a successful year as SNC, the **Brackley Pool** was opened, we had visit from HRH Prince Harry to Silverstone, we had a successful commemoration lunch to mark the 100th anniversary of the ending of WW1. We also held dinners to celebrate the sporting achievements of **Mercedes Formula 1** team who won for the 5th successive year, and we celebrated the success of **Brackley Town FC** who won a fairy tale final at Wembley to bring on the FA Trophy. As we move forward with LGR we are holding regular **Parish & Town Clerks Forums**, with alternate Forums including PC Chairmen.

Local Government Reform (LGR)

The past year has been dominated by the events at NCC dealing with the fallout from it. As we began the new municipal year in 2018 NCC had just issued a Section 114 Notice, the local government equivalent of a bankruptcy notice. Max Caller had reported in his opinion Best Value was not being satisfied and that such was the mess at NCC it was not possible to recover this in a sensible time period and concluded that the best thing to do was to have two new unitary councils. The unitary councils would abolish NCC and all the 7 districts and boroughs. He proposed that there should be one in the North encompassing Corby, Kettering, Wellingborough and East Northants and one in the West taking in Daventry, South Northants and Northampton Borough.

SNC Financial Highlights

Funding from Central Government is now limited to the Rural Services Delivery Grant. However, our growth in terms of homes and businesses allows us to continue to balance the books. SNC continue to be one of the best at collecting council tax with 99% of all tax collected. The national average is 98% and SNC remains the 16th best in the whole of England on collection rates. We are considerably higher than the other Authorities in Northamptonshire. The SNC part of the Council Tax bill was raised by 2.99% which is £5.55 a year for a Band D property, making total now £191.33 per year. The increase is in line with inflation. SNC only get to keep 11% of the total bill. Northants County take the biggest share at 71%, PCC 14% and the Fire Service 4%.

New Homes Bonus

Unlike many Councils SNC uses some of the New Homes Bonus it receives from new developments to invest in the local community. Local organisations can bid for grants to help them achieve their objectives. In 2018-19, almost £1.507m of grant funding was awarded to communities within South Northamptonshire across 167 projects to improve their environment and lifestyle. Over the lifetime of the New Homes Bonus Scheme over £3.3m has been re-invested in the Community.

Nether Heyford Bowls Club – relaying of concrete slabs - £4,000
Nether Heyford Parish Council – allotment equipment and shed - £2,586
Nether Heyford Tennis Club – court resurfacing £14,457

Planning

Local Plan part 2

After five lengthy years, South Northants completed the LPP2 and submitted it to the Inspectorate ahead of schedule on the 22nd January 2019. Should issues be raised by the Inspector requiring attention, they will once again be presented for public consultation and should this be the case, it is likely that the Plan will become 'statute' during the winter of 2019.

South Northamptonshire Land Supply

This Council has built up a good reserve of planning land in-hand. We have been fortunate with growth for both dwellings and employment land in Brackley, Silverstone, Deanshanger and Towcester. This has enabled us to build to 11.2 years of land supply. (The Governments guide is 5 years plus 20%).

Communities

Good Neighbour schemes are established by communities and run by local people to provide day to day support for other residents in their village and community, particularly those more isolated or older residents, who may need help on an occasional or regular basis.

South Northants Council Wellbeing Activity Map, developed by SNCs Community Services Team is now live on our website. You can search for activities near where you live by entering your postcode on the website. Lots of the activities are free of charge and none cost more than £5 per session. They include opportunities for sports, arts, learning and socialising.

Environmental Services Report

Waste & Recycling

We were the 7th best authority in England for recycling out of 345 areas and one place higher than before. Of the waste we collect, 60.5% is recycled thanks to our residents taking care to make sure the right things go in the right bins – this is good for the environment and keeps costs down.

Our booking system for collecting bulky waste – such as kitchen appliances and furniture – is now on line. This has seen an increase in the number of collections made and has proved a great success with 97% of those who have used us happy with the service. For £34 we will collect up to six items.

Supporting Local Business

This year, South Northamptonshire features in a national league table of local authority areas as being in the top 40% places in the country. The ranking is a measure of growth, innovation, social equality, health and happiness. Despite it being a time of uncertainty, the District continues to be a good place to live, work, invest and grow.

Eighty-three per cent of the working age population is employed, and the District's workforce also has an above average level of education, with over ninety per cent qualified to NVQ1 and above. The District has historically experienced high levels of out commuting and low job density, which has impacted on the sustainability of urban and rural settlements. Despite low levels of official unemployment, demand is still high for the Job Club and Job Match Service, which has been running since 2009 and supported 477 people into work.

Conclusion

It has been a year of change and uncertainty and still a lot has to be resolved. I have enjoyed as always representing the village at District level and helping resolve any local issues that I could. Next year may well be the last for SNC but rest assured whatever follows will seek to serve the residents as well or better in the future.

Phil Bignell (Deputy Leader SNC)

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Our Churches

Parish Church of St. Peter and St. Paul

Services for May 2019

| | | |
|---------------------------|----------|---|
| Sunday 5 th | 08:00 am | Prayer Book Holy Communion at Flore Church |
| | 09:30 am | Holy Communion at Church Stowe |
| | 11:00 am | United All Age Service at Flore Church |
| | 06:00 pm | Holy Communion at Heyford |
| | | |
| Saturday 11 th | 02:30 pm | Messy Church at Flore Church |
| | | |
| Sunday 12 th | 10:00 am | Benefice Service of Holy Communion at Upper Stowe |
| | 04:00 pm | 4@Flore in the Millennium Hall, Flore |
| | | |
| Sunday 19 th | 09:30 am | Holy Communion at Heyford |
| | 10:00 am | United Service at Flore URC – Chapel Anniversary |
| | 11:00 am | Family Service at Upper Stowe |
| | 04:00 pm | Youth Church at Flore Church |
| | | |
| Monday 20 th | 10:30 am | Benefice Prayer Meeting at Brockhall |
| | | |
| Sunday 26 th | 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 Services are held weekly on Wednesdays, 9.30am at Heyford and Thursdays, 10am at Flore – all welcome. There will be no service at Heyford on 8th May.

The Streets we shall be praying for during May are Watery Lane and Brookside Place in Heyford, Bricketts Lane and Springfield in Flore, Main St in Upper Stowe and the Brockhall Hall apartments.

Dear Friends.

My Lenten highlight was working with the children of Flore Primary School to create a prayer chain cross, which was later added to by parents, grandparents and members of the various church congregations. The installation is made up of hundreds of paper links, some cut from red paper, and some cut from various newspapers. The newspaper links represent our prayers, thoughts and concerns for the world. The children cut some of these strips from the 'First News' paper they read in school, representing the news stories that particularly caught their eye, and other strips were added from local and national newspapers. Were you to look closely at these links, you would see stories about Brexit, climate change, and the terror attack in New Zealand, alongside more local concerns such as the shortage of teachers.

In the midst of all our cares and concerns for the world are the red links that make up the cross itself. On the inside of each link is a little prayer of thanksgiving that begins "I am thankful to God for..." Each child completed a couple of these strips to get the cross started, and the cross beam completed. Other people then added their thanksgivings to the bottom of the vertical shaft of the cross.

The completed prayer/art installation measures one and a half metres across, and over two metres deep, and hangs behind the glass screen at the back of Flore Church. It's very striking, catching your eye as you enter the church. The red links of the cross remind us that whatever is going on in the world, there is always something to be thankful for; family, friends, teachers, good food to eat, clean water to drink, a beautiful part of the world to live in, and so on. More than that, the red cross reminds us of God's love; the horizontal beam stretching out to embrace the whole world, the vertical shaft going down and down, reminding us that God's love reaches down to lift us up, however far we might have fallen.

God's love for us - demonstrated in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus - is a love that is beyond measure. It's an extreme, self-giving love that is not sensible or contained, but it is, I believe, absolutely, dangerously compelling. Whatever our faith, we need more of this kind of sacrificial love. For we live in a world that is becoming meaner and less generous; more suspicious of difference and less tolerant; more divided and less able to take the bold steps that are required to make peace. We need to know and share this self-giving love in our lives, and we need to demonstrate more of it in our families, our churches, our communities and our world.

Yours in Christ,

Stephen (Tel: 344436)



Nether Heyford Baptist Church

Morning Services: 10:30 am

Afternoon Services: 4:00 pm

Sunday Services

| May | 10:30 a.m. | 4:00 p.m. |
|------------------|---|--|
| 5 th | Worship led by Trevor Boys | |
| 12 th | Worship led by Eleanor McMahon | Songs of Praise 4pm led by Martin Buckby including Tea and cakes |
| 17 th | Worship led by Wendy Manley | |
| 24 th | 9:30am prayer meeting followed at 10-30am with our communion service led by Martin Buckby | |

Events

- May 1st** 2pm Wednesday group meeting where Chris Scanlon will give an update on the Gangama Orphanage.
- May 11th** 9am to 1pm Plant Sale and Chapel open. (Bacon butties/ toasted teacakes available)
- May 13th** 2pm Prayer meeting and bible study
- May 20th** 2pm Church meeting
- May 23rd** 10am to 12md Open Door –come for a free drink and chat. (Books and Sales table)

ALL WELCOME

Village Hall News – aren't we lucky?

We are so fortunate in Nether Heyford to have such a splendid village hall which is comfortable, warm, safe, in good condition and adaptable at the heart of our community. However, we've realised recently that, whilst the village hall is used both regularly and occasionally by a wide range of groups, few people actually know of its background or how it is managed and maintained.

It's now almost 60 years since our village hall was built, mainly by volunteers – since when it has been managed and maintained by volunteers. This is done by a management committee composed of representatives of the groups who regularly use the hall. As the hall is a registered charity, members are trustees - as is normal. Some people feel a little hesitant about becoming a trustee but, as both our financial and legal affairs are stringently managed and monitored, there is no reason for anxiety. In addition, our vice-chair is also vice-chair of the Parish Council and presents regular reports.

In addition to the user group representatives, our committee also includes a chairman, vice-chair, treasurer and secretary – plus three 'parishioners' who, whilst not directly benefiting from any regular activities, share our keenness to keep the hall in good order for our community to enjoy. We are a lively and proactive group who enjoy working together for what we see as a worthwhile cause. We meet one evening a month, excluding August, and do our best to keep our meetings fairly short, aiming to finish by 8.30pm or 8.45pm. It's not obligatory to attend every meeting – we do have other lives too. Some members also help to organise our fundraising efforts to ensure that we have enough money to cover essential repairs and renewals. We did the pantomime at Christmas which was greatly enjoyed, and now we're planning this year's Village Hall Fete on 8th June. Together, we gain both satisfaction and enjoyment from our teamwork.

We are supported by another group – the Friends of the Village Hall. These are people from the village who don't want to be involved in a regular commitment but are happy to help out occasionally with jobs such as putting up and taking down our Christmas decorations and helping to clear the surrounding grounds of weeds. We hope that they will also be helping to set up and clear up on Fete day. These are enjoyable occasions where refreshments - and chocolate biscuits - are freely available. Anyone can be a 'Friend' so if you want to join, call me.

Finally, we are able to look forward to our next **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** on **THURSDAY 23rd MAY, 7.30 PM**, at the **VILLAGE HALL**.

It would be a great encouragement to us all if our fellow-villagers could show their appreciation and support by joining us – and maybe giving us some new ideas to help make our hall even better. We hope that we may see you there.

Alwyne 01327 340803



I am your new PCSO and I am responsible for the Bugbrooke and Heyford Ward. I have been a PCSO for Northamptonshire Police for 10 years working both town and rural. More recently I worked on the Early Intervention pilot, a team of PCs and PCSOs who were working with young people and their families to offer support and break the cycle of crime. I am a former student of Campion School and originate from Duston so know the area reasonably well. I live on the other side of Northampton now with my wife and our daughter.

Meanwhile if you see me about in either village please say hi.

If you need to contact me please email me c7115@northants.pnn.police.uk bear in mind I work shifts so may not immediately respond.

If you wish to report an incident to the Police please call us on 101 or via the online form at www.northants.police.uk, recommended for less urgent matters.

All emergencies should be phoned in on 999.

Matt Taylor (Police, Police Community Support Officer (C7115) Daventry & South Northants)

THE Heyford SINGERS

CONDUCTOR: MARY EVES

ACCOMPANIST: JENNIFER JENNINGS

PRESENT



FRIDAY MAY 10 AND SATURDAY MAY 11

NETHER HEYFORD VILLAGE HALL

AT 7.30PM

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In Nether Heyford

How quickly the months seem to fly by! It seems no time at all since I was writing the last Prattler article and telling you that Renee Watt was coming to show us how to do Country Dancing. The ladies of Nether Heyford W.I. who were able to attend our April meeting are still laughing as we remember 'trying' to do our heel-toes, chains and hand clapping whilst counting at the same time. As a Mother I had always thought I was pretty good at multi-tasking but I obviously got that wrong! Anyone passing the Village Hall would be forgiven for thinking that the W.I. had been drinking something more potent than our normal 'cuppa' but how good we all felt when we eventually sat down for the refreshments. Many of you will know how passionate I am about music and there is no doubt that laughter is the best tonic for friends to share. Combine the two with dancing and the end product is magic. I do hope that our two visitors felt the same.

May is the month for our members to go on an outing and this year we are visiting Rugby for a tour of the famous school. Just to remind you all that the bus will be leaving the village at 6 pm from the shop side of the green. Let's hope the weather stays fine.

We are back in the Village Hall for our June meeting when Analiza Jones will be telling us about the making of hand woven bags from the Philippines.

Congratulations to all those who organised and carried out the Village Litter Pick. The W.I. ladies' contribution was about 16 bags plus assorted car-parts!! It is great to see the roads into the village looking so clean and shows visitors that we do care about the lovely area we are lucky to live in. Who knows, perhaps it will make them think first before they drop their fast food wrappers on the way through?!!

Mary Rice
Heyford Lodge
01327 340101

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

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.

We shall not have a meeting in May due to the Bank Holiday so our next meeting will be on 24th June when Roma Berridge will give a demonstration entitled "How Does Your Garden Grow".

We are holding a Fashion Show by Rock Those Frocks from Towcester on 7th June in the Village Hall – full details elsewhere in the Prattler – everyone is most welcome.

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

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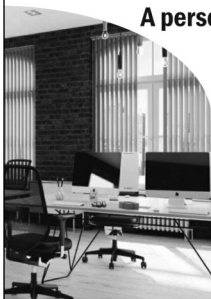
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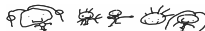
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**info@netherheyfordpreschool.co.uk
www.netherheyfordpreschool.co.uk**

SUMMER **DISCO** FUNDRAISER



**Community
Landscape
Archaeology
Survey
Project**

Saturday 22nd June, 7.30 to 11.30

Nether Heyford Village Hall

Come and have a bop to great dance tracks from five decades.

Bring your own booze and glasses.

Adults only

Tickets £10 (to include a ploughman's platter and soft drink)

**Contact Helen 01327 340494, check our village posters or get yours
from the CLASP stall at the village Fete**

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

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.

Spring Clean 2019

Many thanks to everyone who took part in this years Spring Clean. Due to their efforts, an amazing total of 59 black sacks of litter were collected plus 2 sacks of cans for recycling.

Added to this were tyres, number plates, car parts, oil cans and even a carpet which had been dumped into the ditches along the road to Upper Heyford.

The village is looking a lot cleaner and hopefully it will stay that way for the foreseeable future.

Village Signs

This project has got off to a good start with volunteers and ideas coming forward. We have made a facebook page where we are discussing ideas and the plants we think would be good to use.

The next stage will be putting these ideas into action.

If you are interested in joining us, please either speak to Jill Garratt or check in at our facebook page

Heyford Entry-preneurs

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2235094833407651>

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

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Heyford Garden Club

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At our April meeting we expected to welcome the return of Patsy Rayner, but unfortunately due to a family illness she was unable to attend so Mike Langrish and Tom Dodd put together a presentation on the Community Orchard and the improvements that have been made (and are still being made) to Heyford's allotments.

The evening also featured our annual tulip bench show. For once the weather has been good for us and there were plenty of entries with some impressive blooms on show.

The large flowered section was won by Pauline Guglielmi, John Dunkley came second and John Wilson came third.

The Small flowered section was won jointly by John Dunkley and Val Jackson, and Jill Langrish got third place.

Our next meeting will be on 13th May when someone from Branch Out MK will talk to us about "Helping People to Grow Through Gardening".

April is the cruellest month...

At time of writing we've just experienced an odd week of weather. After the unseasonable warmth in February the last few days have featured nightly frosts and sunny periods with cold air. These sort of conditions can be very challenging for gardeners damaging fruit blossom and early flowers; it has even pinched shoots of ivy and box. If you like me are growing plants in an unheated greenhouse it is important to keep one eye on the weather all the time as failing to close the house up at night can risk losing tender plants to cold while not opening them during sunny spells can cause the temperature inside to soar to damaging levels despite the chilliness outside. Apparently next week will be much warmer; perhaps I will be able to start sowing the tender crops for the summer after all.

Some Things to do in May

- 1 Repot cacti, succulents and house plants.
- 2 Divide and replant spring flowering bulbs
- 3 Keep a watch for lily beetles and viburnum beetles

Mark Newstead



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Village Hall Fete : Saturday 8TH June 2019 : 2-5pm

More treats in store

In addition to our Grand Draw with £100 as first prize, bouncy castle and rides, stalls and attractions, Sophie Soapy clown, refreshments in the village hall, classic cars, sweet shop, ice cream, plants, cakes, bar – and the road train

We are pleased to announce that the pupils and Friends of Bliss School will be making several contributions:

Maypole Dancing
Choir singing in the hall
An Eco Stall
Uniform sales

And a litter pick on the green and around the village in readiness for the Fete.

Aren't we fortunate to have such a great school in our village?



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.

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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 or phone 07724873403. Or Mrs M Eaton at Wilson Browne Solicitors, meaton@wilsonbrowne.co.uk

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Heyford Picturedrome

The next film to be screened will be **Widows**. This is a 2018 American film directed by Steve McQueen starring Liam Neeson and Elizabeth Debicki set in Chicago where an armed robbery goes wrong and leaves the four thieves dead after a police shoot-out. It is the story of the four widows, Veronica, Linda, Alice and Belle who have nothing in common except a debt left behind by their spouses' criminal activities. Hoping to forge a future on their own terms, Veronica joins forces with the other three women to pull off a heist that her husband was planning.

The film is to be shown in the Village Hall on **Thursday 16th May** and is the last of the current season.

Doors open at 7.15 for free coffee or tea with a **film start at 7.45pm**.

The admission price remains at **£4.00 per person** and there is no joining fee. As a thank you to our loyal supporters during the year there will be free wine and soft drinks both before the film and during the interval.

Tony Clewett
(Phone no. 341533)

WANTED for the Friends of Danetre Hospital Fête Stall.

If you have any of the following items –

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and you would like to donate for the stall they can be taken to Jane at 22 South View or Angela at 16 The Green. **THANK YOU.**



*I will love you for eternity, I know that it is so.
It started out so tiny, but over years I've seen it grow.
There's nothing now can break it, no way to set me free.
My love is yours forever, For all eternity.*

From **Our Love Will Last Forever**,
written and composed by Graham Kinnersly in 2018

Heyford Singers' spring concert, Friday 10th May and Saturday 11th May, is entitled **"THIS IS MUSIC"**. Three simple words, a strong title, but nevertheless open to different meanings or interpretations. If you say it by stressing the *"This is.."* it becomes emphatic, celebratory, rather like a joyous claim on a beautiful October day of *"This is autumn!"* If you dwell on the last word, *"music"* it takes on a more personal tone, evoking individual enjoyment, preferences, memories, etc. For music is both a universal, and a personal and private medium. It can include small groups, whole nations or just a single person in their own musical world.

We all have our favourite types of music – anthems, blues, classical, drum and bass, electronic, folk, gospel, hymns, Irish, jazz, etc, etc. We may listen or participate, we may sing or dance, we may compose or improvise, we may share or prefer to be solo – whichever way, music has the power to embrace everything. It bookends our lives, from early songs and nursery rhymes to the hymns and favourite tunes that accompany our departure from this world.

At the recent Heyford Singers AGM Mary Rice (our Musical Director) wrote of her hopes and thoughts as she planned the songs and content of the forthcoming spring concert

"Our coming spring concert is about music in many of its different forms and emotional moods and, to some extent, its history and the things it can help to achieve. It is a powerful force and can influence many aspects of life if we let it. We need to be able to make that force such a tangible thing that the audience can feel it. Hopefully, in that way they will also understand it. Earlier I referred to the choir as a singing family. This isn't something that many choirs can claim to be – it doesn't just happen, it has to be worked at. Harmony is a precious commodity in every aspect, which we must continue to nurture as we go on. The more we make it obvious that we actually know and like one another the better we will sing and the more people will want to join us. I am very proud that I belong to such a family and want to thank you all for making the Heyford Singers what it is. Keep up the smiles, the caring, the friendship and the good work and the world, as they say, is our oyster!"

"People all over the world, join hands, start a love train, love train....."

From **"Put a little Love in your Heart"**

A beautiful sentiment and one to which we can all aspire!

So what music might you be entertained by at the concert, **THIS IS MUSIC?** I have already written about **"Amazing Grace"** (February issue) and **"Look at the World"**

(March issue) but there are others to tempt you with! Gospel songs and spirituals feature in the form of **"Were You There?"** and **"Rivers of Babylon"**, the exciting and much loved **"A Million Dreams"** from The Greatest Showmen, and protest songs of **"We Shall Overcome"** and **"Lean on Me"**. Words from traditional Irish blessings set to music by Jay Althouse becomes a beautiful lyrical song, **"A Blessing"** ending with, "May love and laughter light your days and warm your heart and home".

The song featured at the top of this article has been written and composed by Heyford Singers' very own talented piano accompanist, Graham Kinnersly, and it will have it's special premiere at our concert. **"Our Love Will Last Forever"** is a love song, with words and sentiments that are beautiful and simple. Whether you listen to, or sing this song, it can bring a lump to your throat, a tear to your eye, and make your heart skip a beat.

Such is the power of music!

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

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by

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Revitalising the Allotments

Community Orchard

What a lovely day we had on 6th April. The official opening of Heyford Community Orchard took place and we were joined by almost one hundred people, many of whom had sponsored the trees or contributed to the creation of this village amenity. It was lovely to say 'Thank you'. As promised, the sun shone and the conversation flowed – much of it orchard and allotment related. For those good folk who were visiting the orchard for the first time there was a genuine sense of surprise at just how extensive the planting has been and the scale of the allotment 'make-over'. I guess that is something that those who have been involved from the start, have come to take for granted.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all those allotmenters who continue to tend their plots and make the site such a productive and well managed space. Not everyone can spare the time to join a working party or attend a meeting, but their vital contribution, caring for the plots, is just as important. Visitors who have not been to the allotments for a year or two are quick to comment on the improvements made.

If you haven't seen what has been achieved so far then do come and take a first look at the orchard and the allotments. You might even feel inspired to take on a plot yourself.

Jam Patch

Like the orchard, this rapidly developing area will be clearly signposted so that villagers who wish to take advantage of what is growing, are quite clear about what is a community space and what are individual allotmenters' plots.

Part of the development grant that we have been able to access, to further develop the allotments, has been spent on purchasing a large storage shed. This will be sited on the jam patch and a good slab base has already been laid, ready for construction later in the month.

Tester Plots and Renting an Allotment

It is very encouraging to note that more and more plots are being rented or 'tested out' by villagers to cultivate. If you are interested contact either Sue Corner on 01327 342124 or Lynda Eales on 01327 341707. We can offer a range of allotment sizes, to suit every need. Help is also on hand to offer advice and encouragement.

Food for Thought

What do you get if you divide the circumference of a pumpkin by its diameter?

Pumpkin pi.

Mike Langrish

Julie Clewett

15.03.49 - 20.04.19



Julie Clewett died on Saturday 20th April. The ultimate cause was Sepsis, resulting from an infected surgical wound following an operation on her spine. The underlying issue was discovered to be secondary bone cancer – so in a way, the Sepsis saved Julie from a very painful and distressing last few months of a shortened life.

Julie was born in Meriden and grew up in Coventry. After leaving school she worked in the Architects Department at Coventry City Council where she met Tony. They married in June 1970 and moved to Nether Heyford in July 1977. Julie was very well-known in the village and was an active member of the community here, having been 'Little Owl' at Brownies for over 20 years, a member of the Village Hall Management and Fete committees, the Picturedrome Committee and a keen member of the Crafty Club, Pilates Club, Heyford Amblers and Heyford Garden Club. Anyone who met Julie will know how she was always cheerful and friendly and had a wonderful sense of humour. What is difficult to believe is just how quickly someone who was outwardly healthy, fit and active was brought down within just two months of being seen for a 'bad back'.

She will be very much missed as 'Mum' to Ian, Chris and Becky, 'Grandma' to Olivia, Felix, Ellie, Erin, Owen and little baby Harriet and wife and best friend to Tony. As her close friend said, "they won't make another one like Julie". RIP

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:

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Chris Ager 01327 349565

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Heyford Amblers

The next Sunday walk is planned for 19th May and will be organised by Mick and Christine Watts. We will meet in the car park of the Chequers, Ravensthorpe, NN6 8ER in time to pre-order our lunch prior to a planned 10.30am start.

The walk is approximately 4 miles over undulating farmland with some uphill stretches and good views across open countryside.

For those of you who wish to have lunch at the Chequers, it would be appreciated if you could call Mick or Christine on 01327 340041 by Friday 10th May to ensure a seat in this popular hostelry.



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

Monday 20th MAY

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING followed by 'Tea and Trivia'.

Afternoon tea and a bit of fun: guests welcome.

The special interest groups which meet separately include:

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| 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.

To learn more, call 01327 340954 or visit our website
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Heyford Bowls Club

www.heyfordbowlsclub.co.uk

Indoor

The 'LADIES PAIRS' Competition was played on 23rd March and saw six teams contesting for the trophy. After a number of elimination games of six ends, the two highest scorers would then proceed to the final. This produced an excellent standard of bowling, which was maintained throughout the competition. The final was won by JEAN CULLIN and PAULINE THACKRAY over ROSEMARY DUNKLEY and PAULINE GROOM, by the score of 11 to 3.

Our last competition until September, 'THE MIXED PAIRS' will have been played on the 27th April, which will be reported on in the next issue. A very entertaining fixture, the OUTDOOR v INDOOR has unfortunately had to be postponed until a later date.

The 'WARDINGTON LEAGUE' matches are now finished and were enjoyed by all who took part.

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

Den Taylor

Outdoor

We have to admit that our green is not looking as pristine as we would like it. A combination of winter weather conditions and an unexplained reason why our seed did not germinate as usual has led to some bare patches. However, we are hoping the warmer weather will improve the situation.

Our home matches in May are

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| Saturday 4 th | Northampton BBOB | 2.30 |
| Sunday 12 th | Kingsthorpe | 2.30 |
| Monday 20 th | Roade | 6.30 |
| Thursday 23 rd | Daventry Town | 6.30 |
| Saturday 25 th | Internal Drawn Triples | 2.00 |

On Sunday 26th we will be holding an Open Day from 10.00am until 4.00pm, when anyone, any age, can come along and try bowls. All you need are a pair of flat soled shoes (although we can supply these as well). Everything else we provide. Give it a go; we'll be pleased to see you.

Geoff Allen
349909

FLORE ARTS EVENTS

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 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.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY YOUTH BIG BAND

Another return from performers who wowed us in 2017: these talented young musicians will leave you amazed at the dexterity and range of their talents. Expect this award-winning band to deliver a barnstorming performance of jazz classics old and new. What's more, you get two for the price of one, as they'll be ably supported by their improvisation group, Jazz Matters.

Saturday 29th June, 7.30pm, All Saints Church, Flore. Doors open 7pm. Licensed bar. Tickets £6 (£4 under 18s). Call Rosemary Read (between 9am and 8pm) on 01327 341026.

MORE 2019 DIARY DATES

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, 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!

Canons Ashby

This year we've been focusing on improving the bio diversity of our green spaces. In April we ran seed bombing in the paddock, where the public helped us fill the space with wildflower seeds by throwing seed bombs at our targets. Hopefully over May and June you will see these wildflowers thriving in the paddock, and plenty of happy bees and other insects buzzing around them. Over the next few years we hope to continue to focus on improving the health of our habitat and making our space a welcoming environment for plants and wildlife.

On 25 May we are launching a new children's trail about moths and butterflies, so the kids can learn something new about nature too. Little ones can explore the parkland and earn a sticker for having a go!

Check visitor opening hours, events and find out more about the work that's going on to care for Canons Ashby on our website.

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/canons-ashby

What's on?

We have plenty of events and activities listed on our website. Here are just a couple of highlights.

25 May - 23 August 10-4pm **Moths and Butterflies family trail** Flitter and flutter across the parkland looking for our British butterflies and moths, then pick up your sticker from the Coach House shop. Normal admission prices.

27 - 31 May 11-3pm **Plant it, grow it, eat it** Get green fingered and plant something to grow and nurture at home, and earn a sticker for your 50 things to do. £1 and normal admission prices.

8 - 23 Jun 10-4 **Father's Day Trail** Explore the grounds and discover fascinating parts of Canons Ashby you might not normally notice. Also suitable for Grandads, Mums, Aunties and anyone else who wants to have a go. Normal admission prices.

Sat 6 Jul 6-8ish **Sense and Sensibility performed by Pantaloon**s Elinor Dashwood has a lot of good Sense. Her sister Marianne Dashwood has an excess of Sensibility. Together they make a snappy title for Jane Austen's classic novel of scandals, scoundrels and severely sprained ankles. This funny, fast-paced and faithful new adaptation from the critically-acclaimed The Pantaloon Theatre Company features live music, audience interaction, romance and heartbreak. Adult £15, Child £10, Family of 4 £40 (2 adults 2 children) Pre-booking essential

Information about visiting, our history, work and projects, and upcoming events can all be found on our website **www.nationaltrust.org.uk/canons-ashby**
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