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Nether Heyford Village Hall Fete



Saturday 8th June 2019 : 2 - 5pm

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24 Flower Soc 7:45 (VH)	25	26	27 Open Door 10-12 (BSR)	28	29 Sweet Treats 2-4 (BSR)	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

2018/19 County Councillor Adam Brown's Report for Bugbrooke Division

It is my pleasure to provide the following report which covers my 2nd year as the County Councillor for Bugbrooke Division. Over the past 12 months I have attended events across the division and met dozens of residents during the course of my work. Whilst the County Council clearly has a long way to go, this has been a year when we have confronted the challenges before us and started to turn things around.

Finances

2018/19 at Northamptonshire County Council (NCC) has been defined by the fallout from the tumultuous events of last year. After the "Best Value" report by Government inspector Max Caller and the departure of Cllr Heather Smith as leader of NCC, Cllr Matt Golby was elected as the new leader of the Conservative group and the Council. In May the Secretary of State announced the appointment of two Commissioners to oversee the finances and governance of NCC, and shortly afterwards a new Chief Executive, Theresa Grant, arrived at County Hall.

The initial objective of the new team in charge at NCC was to establish the true extent of financial pressure on the organisation. Consequently a second Section 114 notice was issued by the Chief Finance Officer in July of 2018, warning of a budget shortfall of approximately £80m. A letter sent to members of the county council by the CFO said that the financial situation the council found itself in was because of "poor or ill-advised decisions taken" between 2014 and 2017. The Section 114 notice prohibited any new spending and the legally imposed restrictions on NCC's finances were only lifted in March of 2019.

Following the dire warnings in the summer drastic measures were imposed. Contracts and procurement processes have been reviewed in every department, automatic replacement of vacant roles has ceased and employment practices revised to move away from agency staff. Overall a significant package of savings has been achieved, amounting to around £40m. The vast majority are not cuts, the process has been about getting maximum value for Northamptonshire's pounds and pence. This drive for maximum value means that as we approach the end of the financial year we are increasingly confident of delivering a truly balanced budget. It is an inescapable fact that the budget has only been balanced because the Commissioners have secured an agreement from Government to allow NCC to use capital receipts to eliminate the historical deficit and replenish reserves. Approximately £40m from the sale of One Angel Square (the County Council's HQ) has been used for these purposes.

While the sentiment that “the County Council has no money” abounds, we are in fact planning to spend a gross budget of £618m in the coming year. This includes a Council Tax rise of 4.99%. Even after this rise the county still has the second lowest county tax rate in the country. The additional funds will provide greater financial stability and provide an opportunity to invest in areas people have said are most important to them. The increase amounts to an additional 75p to £1 a week for the 70% of county residents which live in Bands A-C properties. This raises an additional £5.78m for council. This additional income will be used to:

- Provide greater financial resilience
- Provide a more sustainable financial foundation for any future Unitary Councils. - Provide extra £475,000 to permanently reinstate the previous winter gritting and winter maintenance of roads.
- Allow us to stop plans to charge for community use of schools by uniformed and community groups.
- Provide an additional £1.2m for Children’s Services.
- Reverse plans to charge for higher specification community equipment.
- Provide an extra £673,000 towards independent adult social care placements.

As a Conservative I do not take any proposal to increase taxes lightly, especially in the current climate. However given that will remain a low-taxing county and it will enable us to invest or reinvest in areas people have told us are important, I firmly believe this is the right thing to do.

Local Government Reform

Following the Caller report, Government determined that Northamptonshire should put forward proposals to form two new unitary authorities: one comprising of Northampton, Daventry District and South Northants, to be known as “West Northamptonshire; and another covering Wellingborough Borough, Corby Borough and East Northants, to be known as “North Northamptonshire”. At the end of August councils in Northamptonshire voted in favour of a move to unitary authorities. Of the 8 councils (7 districts + NCC) only Corby voted against the joint bid to split the county into North and West.

It is fair to say that I believe unitary authorities are a better way to run local government than the two tier system we have at present. The success or otherwise of any council depends upon the ability of those running the organisation and the prevailing conditions in which it has to work. In the context of the County Council’s continuing financial difficulties it was therefore not a simple decision for me to support the proposals put before us. The deficit faced by NCC at the time of submitting our bid to Government was £64m with the potential for this figure to rise significantly as auditors continued to clarify the final outturn from the previous year’s budget. Clearly any new authority would be working with one hand tied behind its back were it to inherit that deficit, and therefore I believed that it was an inescapable fact that Northamptonshire would need special dispensation from MHCLG to use capital receipts to clear that deficit (a dispensation allowed later in the year as I set out above) if we are to start life as West Northamptonshire with a clean slate. Debt repayments are also a significant burden on the County Council’s annual budget but it is the deficit issue that is most pressing. The bid document that was presented to the Secretary of State therefore laid out a number of challenges, and it

is these challenges that form the most important element of the bid. They effectively make the local councils' support for change contingent upon government recognising and rising to these challenges, namely; the aforementioned clean sheet; the provision of additional tools to fund transition costs such as a business rates pilot; recognition of the need for public service reform e.g. in the form of an integrated care system pilot to alleviate the strain placed upon councils by adult social care; additional investment in Northants' infrastructure to compensate for the cut backs on investment in recent years and allow for forthcoming growth. With the bid now with the Secretary of State, the challenges laid out form criteria against which we will be able to judge government's willingness to support Northamptonshire through our difficulties. Without these challenges and the clear demands for reasonable assistance, I would have been unable to support the proposals, but I have on the record assurances from council leaders that they will be fearless in holding government to account and I will assist them wherever possible. The government has given us one option for a solution to the current difficulties and asked us to submit a bid within that very tight criteria in order to provide local input to the process. It is therefore incumbent upon ministers and our members of parliament to ensure that their solution is indeed a solution and not greater failure in a different name.

At times I was highly tempted to vote against the proposals, and I weighed up very carefully what would be best for residents in the long term. Ultimately my mind was made up by my belief that this is our most realistic chance of resolving the delivery issues being suffered by services that the most vulnerable members of the community rely upon. Voting against these proposals ultimately would have been a futile gesture of protest when having all 8 Northamptonshire Councils around the table arguing the case with government allows us to at least exert some influence over what comes next. We now await confirmation from the Secretary of State that he will be placing the order for the new authorities to be formed. In the meantime there is no time to lose and the West Northamptonshire Joint Committee met for the first time at the end of March. This Committee on which I am serving, will start to decide on the structures of the new authority; how the first Chief Executive and senior officers will be appointed; and how the provisional authority can move towards permanence without excessively impinging upon the work of current Councils.

Conclusion

Despite the well-publicised difficulties that the County Council faces I continue to work tirelessly to ensure that the voices of residents in our Division are heard by the Council's leadership team. Through my work on the Overview & Scrutiny committee I have been vocal in my support of the "Early Years" providers who have been severely let down by the systems in place at NCC, and I have passed a motion formally positioning the Council against the two proposed Strategic Rail Freight Interchanges near Blisworth and Milton Malsor. I have also highlighted concerns over winter gritting brought to me by residents in several villages, and successfully lobbied out leadership for a reversal of the proposed cuts to Scouting and Guides groups. During that time I visited the Brownies in Pattishall to observe one of their meetings and I was hugely impressed by the hard work of the Volunteers and how

much enjoyment the girls got from being part of the group.

If these are to be the last 12 months of Northamptonshire County Council then my objective is to continue the steady improvement of the past few months and leave the best legacy possible for "West Northamptonshire". There is no doubt that we will continue to face challenges as an authority but we must face them with honesty and resoluteness in order to drive the changes that the public wants. I will end simply by inviting all residents to contact me if they have any concerns or opinions, I am always happy to discuss in person, by phone or via email and I wish everyone the best for the year ahead.

ANNUAL REPORT OF DISTRICT COUNCILLOR – DAVID HARRIES

Heyfords and Bugbrooke Ward - 2018-19

General

The South Northamptonshire Council (SNC) area continues to be ranked as one of the best 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.

Reorganisation of Local Government in Northamptonshire

The Government Inspector called in last year to assess Northamptonshire County Council issued a damning report. The conclusion was that the County Council's failures were "so deep and ingrained that it is not possible to promote a recovery plan". It was recommended that Northamptonshire should be divided into two unitary councils, West and North. In the meantime, Government Commissioners were brought in to oversee the County Council. In a process similar to North Korean elections, the Government then invited local councils to submit proposals on the future of local government in Northamptonshire, but imposed criteria that could only lead to one outcome: the abolition of all existing councils and the creation of two unitary councils - North and West (Daventry, South Northamptonshire, Northampton Borough and the 'west' part of the County Council). Having gone through this charade, councils in the 'West' are now actively working to create viable unitary councils. The Northamptonshire District and Parish elections have been postponed from 2019 to 2020. Subject to the vagaries of Parliament (who seem to be a little distracted at present) from April/May this year each unitary council will have a Shadow Council comprised of all the members of all the District and Borough councils and those from the County Council who represent the area. This mammoth organisation of over 150 councillors, including those who led the County Council to destruction, will appoint an executive to take vital decisions on setting up a new unitary authority in which they may play no part. Elections will take place in May 2020 and South Northamptonshire Council will disappear from April 2020. In the current chaotic situation of our Parliament, however, nothing is certain. Watch this space!

Separation from Cherwell

Sadly, the reorganisation of local government in Northamptonshire means that one of the most successful examples of councils working in partnership will have to be

disbanded. Work has begun to unpick the joint arrangements with Cherwell District Council that has produced significant efficiencies and saved millions of pounds.

Chief Executive/Senior Management

The separation from Cherwell and the appointment of Yvonne Rees as Chief Executive of Cherwell and Oxfordshire County Council led to the need for yet another restructuring of the senior management team. We were fortunate to appoint Richard Ellis, who has considerable experience at South Northamptonshire and beyond, as Chief Executive. In my view the next 12 months of uncertainty will not be comfortable.

Finance

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 the total £191.33 per year. The increase is in line with inflation. SNC has always been one of the best councils at collecting council tax, with 99% of all tax collected.

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

Local Plan/Neighbourhood Plans

The Local Plan Part 2 was submitted to the Inspectorate in January. If any issues requiring attention are raised by the Inspector, they will 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, replacing the 1997 South Northamptonshire Local Plan.

Neighbourhood Plans have been adopted for two neighbouring parishes: Harpole and Kislingbury.

Although some expense is incurred when preparing such a Plan, it is an important means of protecting our rural villages that should help to avoid speculative development by promoting development that is locally acceptable.

South Northamptonshire Land Supply

National Planning Policy demands that every council has a bank of planning permissions granted so that development can take place in that area. SNC has built up a good reserve of 11.2 years of land supply. (The Governments guide is 5 years plus 20%.) The anticipated Unitary Council, with SNC at 11.2 years and Daventry DC at 6+ years failing to compensate for Northampton BC's derisory 2.3 years, will not meet the average figure required by the Government's minimum requirement. This will put greater emphasis on the need to protect our rural villages and should encourage the production of more Neighbourhood Plans.

West Northampton Development– No Secondary School

A joint development of 7,700 dwellings in the area from Kislingbury to Harlestone Heath includes a proportion on SNC's land known as Norwood Farm. This

development will include the usual primary schools (2), health centre, shops, green spaces, sports fields and the Sandy lane Relief Road. I continue to have grave concerns about the lack of a new secondary school to serve these houses and have been lobbying all those involved about it for some years. A failure to build a new school will put an intolerable burden on the existing schools in the area, including Campion, which simply do not have the capacity to cope with thousands more pupils.

Waste Recycling

SNC were the 7th best authority in England for recycling out of 345 areas and one place higher than last year. 60.5% of the waste collected 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.

Personally

As an Independent I was pleased to accept the offer to be chairman of the Audit Committee. It was a demonstration of the Administration's confidence that their finances are sufficiently robust to withstand independent scrutiny. And they are! As a member of the Community Funding Panel, I continue to pick up useful information about how to prepare a successful application for grants; and I have been able to support and assist local applications. The Scrutiny Committee of which I am also a member, provides further opportunities to examine the workings of the council in detail. The Moat Lane Project Board continues to meet regularly and produces some interesting issues regarding the regeneration of this part of Towcester.

During the year I have managed to help local people get much-needed housing and provided advice on various planning issues. It is particularly pleasing to help meet some genuine individual housing needs.

Once again, I have managed to maintain an almost 100% attendance record for council and relevant committee meetings.

DAVID HARRIES

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April 2019

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

PCSO agreement. The new PCSO that we share with Bugbrooke made his first report to the Parish Council, and went through a list of crimes and problems encountered in the village. He has made great efforts to get involved in the village, and it is re-assuring to have a regular police presence.

Public Question Time. Cllr DH reported that there was no news on the inception of unitary Councils. He suspects that there will be an election for a shadow council in 2020, rather than for the Unitary. He fears SNC will lose its best officers because of

the uncertainty. Jill Garratt referred to damage to the road sign at the Flore turn, and reported that the Furnace Lane village sign was loose. She was concerned that entrance decoration materials put in place by "Entrypreneurs" might be a problem for Highways. The Chair thanked her for her efforts.

Since Cllr Harries report, the announcement about LGR has at last been made.

Local Government Reorganisation

The long-awaited announcement came on Tuesday 14th. As expected, there will be two unitary councils, West and North. Vesting Day will be 1 April 2021... 684 days to go! The announcement was interesting for what it didn't say. We know that all parish and town councils in Northamptonshire will hold elections in 2020, but we don't know for what term.

VE Day 75

Plans are being put together to celebrate and commemorate the 75th Anniversary of VE Day. 8 May 1945 was the day peace emerged after nearly six years of war, so the 75th anniversary on 8 May 2020 represents an important milestone in the country's history. VE Day 75, will cover the weekend of 8 - 10 May 2020, and will be an international celebration of peace – a time to remember, reflect and pay tribute to the millions who played such a vital part in achieving it.

The planned activities over the weekend are as follows:

- The Playing of Battle's O'er & VE 75 Years
- The Nation's Toast to the Heroes of WW2
- The Cry for Peace, around the World
- Churches & cathedrals Ringing out for Peace
- Street parties and parties in pubs, and on village greens and in halls etc
- Services of commemoration and celebration in churches, including the reading of the Tribute to the Millions and the playing of the Last Post

Lights Working Party had nothing to report as Aylesbury Mains were not responding to queries and requests. Light outside 41 Rolfe Crescent reported out again.

Quotes to clear the gutters in Furnace Lane between Winston Close and the canal bridge, and to clear and spray the jitties were accepted.

Clerk had been contacted regarding a memorial bench that had been agreed to in 2017. It was agreed that the Bench could be installed subject to agreement as to the location.

Playing Fields. Planning permission was being sought for the containers for which New Homes Bonus money had been requested.

Trees. Permission has been given to pollard Limes in the Churchyard and on the Green, but it was felt that as the trees were all in leaf now it would be better to do the work later in the year.

Allotments. It was reported that the shed had been ordered, and would be erected on May 21st. All rents were now in.

Footpaths. It was reported that wire had been put up along the fence to deter dogs accessing the water-meadow; the land owner is apparently within his rights to do this, and has asked dog owners to behave responsibly in the past.

Churchyard. It was reported that cracks in the new North wall had been treated.

Cemetery. Ivy on pines was being treated.

Youth Club. It was reported having to cancel a session for 48 because of lack of adult helpers, the club needs more adult helpers, and on this occasion was a victim of its own success.

Internal Auditor report. The Internal Auditor had sent her written report, and has informed Council that she has no issues to raise.

Roads and Pavements.

Parishioners are reminded that anyone can report a pothole or other highways problem online to the Fixmystreet service, and this can refer to problems outside the village too.

Google Streetdoctor Northamptonshire County Council or use this link.

<https://fixmystreet.northamptonshire.gov.uk/>

Alternatively, phone 0300 126 1000 and ask for Streetdoctor.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday June 3rd at the Baptist Church Rooms at 7.30 pm and is, like all Parish Council meetings, open to Parishioners.

Parish Council notes by the Clerk; Guy Ravine, c/o Old Dairy Farm, Upper Stowe, Weedon. Northampton. NN7 4SH. Tel: 01327 340410.

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The Prattler's Future

Due to an large unforeseen increase in the Prattler's printing costs, we are having to look at all the options for the Prattler to continue. This could be producing editions Bi-monthly instead of monthly, cutting down on the articles and pages, charging or the worst option of all, which would be ceasing altogether.

We will be having a meeting in the next few weeks to decide the best way to continue. However, in the meantime, if anyone has any suggestions as to how we can avoid those scenarios, please get in contact with me via text or e-mail.

Many thanks

Sue

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"NETHER HEYFORD TENNIS CLUB"

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

Do you fancy trying tennis or have you played before and are thinking of playing again? We have a number of social tennis sessions including –

Monday evenings: 7.00 – 9.00pm Men's night
 Wednesday evenings: 7.00 – 9.00pm Social club night (all ages /
 abilities)
 Fridays: 10–12noon Ladies tennis morning
 Sundays: 10-12noon Open "club level" tennis session

Coaching – Mondays for juniors, Saturday mornings for adults

For further information- please find us on facebook or contact
 Jo 349094, jodickson@btinternet.com
 Website - clubspark.lta.org.uk/NetherHeyfordTennisClub



Our Churches

Parish Church of St. Peter and St. Paul

Services for June 2019

Sunday 2 nd	08:00 am	Prayer Book Holy Communion at Flore
	09:30 am	Holy Communion at Church Stowe
	11:00 am	First Sunday - All Age Service at Flore Church
	06:00 pm	Holy Communion at Heyford
Saturday 8 th	02:00 pm	Pop Up Messy Church at Heyford Village Fete
Sunday 9 th	10:00 am	Benefice Service at Brockhall Church
Sunday 16 th	09:30 am	Holy Communion at Heyford
	10:00 am	Partnership Service at Flore Chapel
	11:00 am	Family Service at Upper Stowe
	04:00 pm	Youth Church at Flore Church
Monday 17 th	10:30 am	Benefice Prayer Meeting at Flore
Sunday 23 rd	10:00 am	United Flower Festival Service at Flore Chapel
	11:00 am	Informal Worship at Heyford Church
	06:00 pm	Holy Communion at Upper Stowe
	07:30 pm	Flower Festival Thanksgiving at Flore Church
Sunday 30 th	09:30 am	Holy Communion at Heyford Church
	11:00 am	Holy Communion at Flore Church
	06:00 pm	Evensong at Church Stowe

Midweek Services are held weekly on Wednesdays, 9.30am at Heyford (not Wed 5th) and Thursdays, 10am at Flore – all welcome.

The Streets we shall be praying for during May are Heyford: Middle Street, Manor Park, Parsons Close; Church Stowe: The Green; Flore: Brockhall Road, The Crescent; Brockhall: The Old Rectory, Rose Cottage, Western Cottage

Dear Friends,

Evidence of the divisions in our world seem to have come to the fore in recent days. There has been the controversy around the death of a participant on The Jeremy Kyle Show – ‘entertainment’ that seemed to depend on exploiting divisions within families - resulting in the termination of this programme by ITV. Elsewhere, the Institute of Fiscal Studies has launched a major enquiry into equality in the UK, suggesting that there are widening divisions between the ‘haves’ and the ‘have-nots’ which threaten our democracy. Politically, the issue of Brexit is again highlighting divisions not just in the country, but also within the two major political parties themselves. And internationally, rising tensions between the USA and Iran again reminds us of the divisions that exist between nations. Human history would suggest that we are very good at division. It seems as though we need to choose sides, to identify ourselves as ‘us’, and have a ‘them’ to oppose. Our social inequalities and power structures somehow suggest that division is an intrinsic part of our humanity. Sadly, religions are not free from this tendency towards division. Differences in dogma, interpretation or emphasis create divisions within religious groups. In Christianity, for example, different denominations and opposing viewpoints on some of the major talking points of our day demonstrate that the Church is not immune to division. This is nothing new, for in the earliest church, deep divisions existed between believers from Jewish and Gentile backgrounds.

And yet, in Chapter 11 of The Acts of the Apostles, St Peter is told and shown that there is no place for division in the Kingdom of God, when God’s Spirit descends on a Gentile family, and they begin to worship God. Indeed, the Holy Spirit ignores all human divisions - social, cultural, religious and so on – and falls on all who believe. God’s Kingdom is all about removing divisions and creating one new community.

At the beginning of June, churches across the world will come together in praying ‘Thy Kingdom Come’ in a global prayer initiative started a few years ago by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York. I will be taking time to add my prayers to those of people around the world, praying that we might see more of the unity characterised by God’s Kingdom; in our families, our society, our churches, our politics and the world. In the Kingdom, there is no place for division, and we are all offered the same identity, as the children of God.

Yours in Christ,

Stephen (Tel: 344436)



Nether Heyford Baptist Church

Morning Services: 10:30 am

Afternoon Services: 4:00 pm

Sunday Services

June	10:30 a.m.	4:00 p.m.
2 nd	Worship led by Tony Brown	
9 th	Fellowship Sunday with worship led by Dr David George	Songs of Praise 4pm led by Martin Buckby including Tea and cakes
16 th	Worship led by Les Britten	
23 rd	Worship led by Clive Leahey	
30 th	9:30am prayer meeting followed at 10-30am with our communion service led by Martin Buckby	

Events

June 5th 2pm Wednesday group meeting with Billetta Marsham from the Badger Group

June 10th 2pm Prayer meeting and bible study

June 20th & 21st Holiday at Home (VH)

June 27th 10am to 12md Open Door –come for a free drink and chat. (Books and Sales table)

June 29th 2pm to 4pm “**Sweet Treats**” come and sample Home-made desserts.

ALL WELCOME

Nether Heyford Village Hall Fete



Saturday 8th June 2019 : 2 – 5pm

Opening by the Rose Queen

Grand Prize Draw : £100 First Prize – and many other Prizes

Maypole Dancing – Gymnastics Display – Tug of War – Band Music

Tombolas – Skittles Alley – School Choir – Cakes and Produce

Stalls and Attractions – Bar – Afternoon Teas – BBQ - Bouncy Castle

Mini Roundabout – Ice Cream – Hook a Duck - Tin Pan Alley

Classic Cars – Face Painting – Sophie Soapy Clown – Plants

Coconut Shy – Target Tennis – Guide Dogs – Fire Engine

Assorted Crafts – Messy Church - And the Road Train

**Come along and enjoy a wonderful Village Fete on the largest Village Green in
England.**

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In Nether Heyford

On May 2nd Nether Heyford W.I. ladies went to visit Rugby School. Sadly, due to a swollen ankle I couldn't go but I am reliably informed that it was a very interesting and enjoyable evening with the Chapel earning a special mention. Unfortunately the weather was not at its best but I'm guessing that the laughter still flowed!

At our meeting on Thursday June 6th Analiza Jones is coming to talk to us about the making of hand woven bags from the Philippines. The fibre of stalks from locally grown plants, like Abaka and Buntal, end up as vibrantly coloured bags which are not only light and strong but also water resistant. It should be interesting to find out about the hard work that goes into the harvesting, drying and weaving these lovely bags so, if you would like to join us for the evening, we will be in the Village Hall at 7.30. The cost for non-members is £5 and refreshments will be included.

Our July meeting will be a talk on 'Antiques and Collectables' by Denise Cowling. This was scheduled for last year but Denise was ill and unable to come so we are very much looking forward to seeing her in 2019.

A reminder (just in case you have missed all the others!) that our Village Fete is on Saturday June 8th. The W.I. will be having a produce stall as usual and we hope you will come and meet us and support our Village Hall. How lucky we are to have such a beautiful centre to our village and a hall that allows us to take part in so many different activities. All we need now is the sun!

Mary Rice
Heyford Lodge 01327 340101

Julie Clewett

Tony, Ian, Chris and Becky and families wish to thank all Julie's friends from the village for the wonderful show of love and respect at Julie's funeral on 17th May and for all the cards and messages of condolence and support. It has been a wonderful display of love and affection for Julie and we are all so grateful.

Thank you


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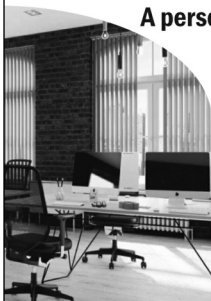
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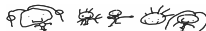
Highly qualified and experienced staff

Excellent links with Bliss School

Fantastic village location

Use of numerous outdoor facilities
including:

- Bliss Schools' Outdoor Classroom
- Forest School activities
- 'Rising 5' sessions for those starting school in September
- Childcare vouchers accepted



Before & After School Club

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children aged up to 11 years old

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Activities include working towards badges, cooking, crafts, trips and camping, plus much more! Recently we have enjoyed Mothering Sunday crafts, cooking outside, working on badges and we are busy preparing for our summer camp.

If you'd like more information or to join us, please email

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Welcome Packs

Welcome packs are available for newcomers to our Village.

The information in them helps people feel at home quickly.

If you notice that someone has moved in recently, get a pack for them by calling:

Sue Morris
21 The Green
Nether Heyford

01327 349387

Village Signs

The planting is now finished and the signs are complete in Nether Heyford. We just need to now make sure that they are watered regularly. If you are passing, please give them a drink.

The Upper Heyford one will be done once the sign is replaced by the Council.

Thanks to Steve Corcoran, Anita Taylor, Rona & Ron Wade, The Foresters and the Parish Council and also everyone that has donated bulbs and other items.

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Heyford Garden Club

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At our May meeting we had the pleasure of a talk by Teresa Wedderburn of Branch Out MK, a not for profit company which provides gardening therapy for people with learning difficulties and autism. They are based at York House in Stony Stratford and anyone passing that area is welcome to call in and see their work for themselves. They also have a range of goods for sale including cut flowers, herbal teas and pot pourri's.

Spring Flower Show

Due to an administrative mix up a number of members arrived with entries for a spring flower competition which should have been cancelled, so we went ahead anyway with an impromptu show which was won by Anne Haynes' lush display, closely followed by Maureen Wright's elegant pink flowered lily of the valley.

Our June 10th meeting will feature a talk on bonsai by Steve Brown and we definitely will have our annual rose show, which has two classes; single flowered varieties and cluster flowered varieties, in the first case a single bloom is required; in the second a single spray.

New Arrivals

Recently we spotted in our garden an unusual looking bumble bee. This turned out to be a tree bumble bee, a recently arrived species from the continent which has been spreading rapidly through the country mainly because it doesn't have the natural enemies of our native bees (which are mainly a race of parasitic bumble bees called cuckoo bees). These tree bumble bees, as the name suggests, like to nest in holes high in trees and sometimes use empty bird boxes. Rather less welcome, we found on our allotment some brightly coloured beetles with a black and white cross pattern on their backs and red heads and legs. These are asparagus beetles, so if you grow asparagus look out for this pest as they can cause a lot of damage.

Weather

The warmest Easter on record has been followed by the coldest May bank holiday. Britain has four seasons; spring, summer, autumn and winter, but not necessarily in that order! However this year despite the weather all the carrots I have sowed have germinated and grown well, unlike the previous year when I managed to produce the magnificent total of two carrots.

Some Things to do in June

- 1 Start to take soft wood cuttings of shrubs and perennials
- 2 It's now safe to put out tender bedding plants and vegetables
- 3 Prune spring flowering shrubs.

Mark Newstead

Nether Heyford Community Wildlife Area

Some readers will be aware that a group of vacant allotments have been taken out of commission to be used as a "Wildlife Area". In the same way that the Community Orchard is a project undertaken on behalf of the community as a whole, this Wildlife Area is also a Community Wildlife Area. The following is brief explanation of the "Hows and Whys" of the project to bring readers up to date with progress and to outline plans for the future development of this area.

Who is doing this? Under the umbrella of the NHPC Allotment Committee Mark and Mary Newstead and Pauline Musson with me overseeing are using our knowledge and expertise to plan, manage and develop this project from concept to fruition. We expect to involve others when necessary as appropriate as the project develops.

What are we doing? We are providing a safe area where local wildlife will be able to live, flourish and be enjoyed by our Community.

Why are we doing this? A recent study by 30 scientists has concluded that *Right now our Natural World is at more risk than at any time since Human Beings first walked this Earth*. Whilst we cannot change the world, we can change a bit of Nether Heyford to form an area where our local wildlife (plants and animals) will be safe and able to increase rather than decrease. Not only will this benefit our wonderful wildlife but it has been proven that being able to spend time in such an area (however small) benefits our own health and well being

Where are we doing it? A patch of about 5 vacant allotments forms a rough triangle toward the Sports Field end of the Allotment field along the Watery Lane Hedge Border. This patch has been taken out of allotment use to form the Wildlife area.

How are we doing this? It is a known fact that if one provides the habitat, the wildlife will move in to make use of it. For example, nesting boxes were in use within hours of being put on our site. With this in mind we have chosen to provide a range of connected habitats that seek to restore the area to a state in which it may have been many years before it was ploughed or became allotments.

We know that a brook ran down that side of the field. We cannot provide a brook so we have planned a Wildlife Pond in the Area. There will be three other main habitats. Sown along the length of the hedge, to a depth of up to 3m will be plants associated with hedgerows. This will be mown once a year. Other areas will be Wildflower Meadow which will also be mown once a year. We intend to establish "Tussock Areas" which will not be mown at all. These latter provide invaluable habitat for small mammals with many insects and other invertebrates benefiting from the undisturbed life. There will also be a wildflower lawn square with seating, surrounded by small trees to provide a peaceful area.

This will all be achieved by using purpose designed seeds mixtures which are readily available on the open market and good management.

When will we do all this and how long will it take? We have already started the work and are busy recording the current Flora and Fauna for future reference. The area has been fenced off and pathways cut into the grass and the seating area has been mown. We have no wish to destroy any wildlife that already occupies the area and all development will be gradual, enabling life to move to suitable areas as patches become bare before replanting. If you were to visit this summer there will be an allotment size patch of old fashioned Arable Field Wildflowers in bloom. This patch will be re-sown with a Meadow Mixture in autumn to grow on in 2020.

The Pond should also be in place and some planting and landscaping around it. There will be areas covered in plastic sheeting. This is to kill the present flora in order for us to sow these areas with appropriate mixtures in autumn 2019. We don't expect the whole area to be sown till the autumn of 2020 or even 2021.

Unfortunately we have not yet established safe and sensible, unescorted public access to the Wildlife Area. This will come in the future. In the meantime we would be very pleased to welcome interested visitors. If you would like to visit the area please feel free to contact me on 01327 344461 or e-mail davemusson073@gmail.com

I would be glad to arrange an escorted visit with myself or another team member.

Dave Musson

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*There is a voice that has no name:
It comes with evening or behind the rain:
"I have no time now to stop and explain
I just keep movin' 'cause it helps to ease the pain"*

*The night has music that calls to me,
Across the canyons of an empty sea.
I seek the shadows of yesterday;
Today can't hold me, and I must be on my way.*

From "Movin' On" by Raymond R Hannisian

The Heyford Singers spring concerts are over for another year, music scores have been returned to folders, storage cupboards or libraries, but the words and the music live on in our hearts and minds. The concerts were lovely and the choir really enjoyed singing the selection of songs chosen by Mary for this programme. Comments from our capacity audiences were warm and appreciative, not least for our new style and colour of concert dress. Thank you.

But it was also a sad occasion, for during the days leading up to the concerts we learnt that Isabel Brown and Carol Baker had died. Both were loyal and committed members of the choir, and true friends to us all. To this sadness was also the loss of family members, and friends in the village. However the coming together to sing gave everyone the chance to share our grief and sadness at the loss of these very special people in our lives. Like a gathering after a funeral, "a wake", there is something very cathartic in being with others to link our own sadness, our tears, our loss and our wonderful memories, with those of our friends. Whether it be through singing, listening to music or just talking, the long process of healing begins.

I have on several occasions written about the value of music in our lives, and likewise of being part of a choir or similar organisation. The contribution it makes to our emotional, social, mental and physical health is inestimable. And to this I would add that of experiencing grief and loss in our lives. The tears may fall but being together "*helps to ease the pain*".

Thank you to Graham and Kate, and Kath for coming to the concert. It was very brave of you. It allowed us to pay our special tribute in song to those we have lost.

Jill Langrish

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.

Revitalising the Allotments

A lot to do

There is so much to do on the allotment (and in the garden) at this time of the year that writing is a luxury I can't afford at the moment. So I'll be brief.

Community Orchard

The trees continue to grow on well. There has been a good deal of blossom and all the trees are now in leaf. Fingers crossed things stay that way. Several new trees have also been added to our collection, now bringing our total to 31 (plus a further 7 trees in the hedgerow between the orchard and new playing field).

Those of you who have been down to the community orchard may have noted that the ground around the trees is now sprouting a collection of grasses and wild plants - some might even call them weeds. Once this undergrowth has established itself a little more we shall begin mowing it. Like the community area we created alongside the orchard, this will become a meadow that we will further enhance by creating pockets of wild flowers.

Looking Good

A villager who lives near to the allotment spoke to me the other day and commented on how attractive and cared for the allotments had become in the past year or so. Paths are mown, edges trimmed, sheds erected and, most importantly, plots are being cultivated and fruit and veg grown. This welcome news was completely unprompted and a real indicator of just how much progress has been made in refurbishing the village allotments. Again, we would 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.

Notice Boards

Do keep an eye on our allotment notice boards (situated by the gate on Watery Lane and by the last gate on the access road to the playing fields). We try to keep allotmenters and villagers informed about what is happening. If you would like to impart a horticultural message that fellow growers might find of use then do feel free to use the board. Free produce? Seeds or plants going spare? Equipment you no longer require? Already we have had one allotmenteer who mislaid a well loved garden tool reunited with it as a result of a message on the board board.

Wild Life Area

Thanks to the hard work of Dave Musson and Mary and Mark Newstead, our wildlife area is developing well. Dave has written an informative piece about this for the current edition of the Prattler so I will not steal his thunder by waxing lyrical about it here. Needless to say, the area is another positive feature of the work being carried out on the site.

Tester Plots and Renting and Allotment

If you are interested in trying out allotmenteeing 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

A society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they know they shall never sit in.— **Greek proverb**

Mike Langrish

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 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 – 7pm for 7.30pm. Tickets £5 including refreshments from Maria 01327 341783 – 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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Heyford Picturedrome

Heyford Picturedrome will have its summer break from June to August.

The Autumn programme will start on Thursday 19th September with the award-winning film, **Bohemian Rhapsody**.

Tony Clewett
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Indoor

On the 28th April saw a good turnout for the Mixed Bowls Singles Championship, to be decided by a knock-out system of games each consisting of seven ends. An excellent series of games developed with the women coming out on top. The final turned out to be an outstanding game with some great bowling and a score of 4-4 going into the last end. It was finally won by Rosemary Haddon over Jean Culling by the score of 6-4. The Norman and Viv Browne Trophy for the highest score in one match was won by Sandy Davies with a magnificent score of 18. This is our last competition until September so time to enjoy the friendly summer games.

The 'WARDINGTON LEAGUE' has now ended with Nether Heyford indoor bowls team finishing a very respectable second. We were presented with a cup for runners up at the end of the season closing competition at Moreton Pinkney. £800 was raised for charity over the season's games and distributed between four worthy charities.

Den Taylor

Outdoor

At the time of writing it's won three, lost three, in our friendly matches. The weather has been pretty average as well. In June we shall be at home :-

Saturday 1 st	Byfield	2.30
Monday 3 rd	West End	6.30
Thursday 6 th	West Haddon	6.30
Sunday 9 th	Cogenhoe	2.30
Saturday 22 nd	Harpole	2.30
Saturday 29 th	Ladies Day	2.00

There's also a first-time event taking place later this month that I don't want to say too much about at this time. All will be revealed next month. Intrigued? Watch this space.

Geoff Allen
349909

FLORE ARTS EVENTS

As we head into the summer the broad theme is jazz – albeit from two very different traditions...

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY YOUTH BIG BAND

This is a return visit from performers who wowed us in 2017: these talented young musicians will leave you amazed at the dexterity and range of their talents. Fresh from a triumphant platinum award-winning appearance at the National Concert Band Finals in April, the band can be expected to deliver a barnstorming performance of big band 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.

We're really lucky to live in a county which has been so well represented by its young musicians, and it's a real coup for Flore to get a concert from one of our Music Trust's most prestigious and sought after senior groups. The band has a history of acclaimed performances at the Royal Albert Hall's schools proms, as well as gigs at locations as varied as the House of Commons and the Czech Republic, and in the recent past they've performed with singer Becky Martin and trumpet players Steve Waterman and Willie Murrillo. Future engagements include a concert in 2020 with Mike Lovatt, Principal Trumpet of the John Wilson Orchestra. Don't miss out!

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.

JAZZ IN THE GARDEN

The gig that's become a jazz standard in itself...

Once again we're welcoming back the lively Jazz Sans Frontières, and once again our hosts will be the generous and long suffering owners of Rock Springs in Sutton St. The band's programme of ragtime favourites will again be complemented by the opportunity to buy teas, cakes, wine and beer. Just bring something to sit on (and perhaps your dancing shoes).

July 21st, 2.30pm: Rock Springs, Sutton St, Flore. Doors open 1.30pm. Tickets £10 (£5 Under 18s). Call Rosemary Read (between 9am and 8pm) on 01327 341026.

MORE 2019 DIARY DATES

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

November 16th, 7.30pm: Ensemble Renard; prize-winning chamber music quintet from Royal Academy of Music students including Flore resident Ellie Blamires (flute). All Saints.

Don't forget to keep an eye out for updates on our website at www.FloreArtsEvents.com and our Facebook page. We'll also be providing more information in future editions of the Prattler. We hope to see you soon!

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