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Sunday 14th July – 10.00am – 12.30pm

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The 'Pocket' Prattler is finally here for use on your mobile - bookmark it on your phone. I hope it helps those that only use phones to access it and of course the ex-pats.

Plus a nice new index for "The Story of Heyford" articles:

<http://heyfordprattler.org/the-story-of-heyford/>

Many thanks to Jez Wilson for setting this up.

Message from the Entry-preneurs

Just thought it would be nice to say a massive thank you to Knights Engineering Services on Furnace Lane for mowing around the entry sign flower plot. They have done this off their own backs because they like looking at the flowers every morning when they arrive to work. How nice are they? Thank you guys. It's really nice to know that people are keeping an eye on them and looking after them when they can.

Jill Cullen and Chris Cullen have been our 'waterers' during the warmer days which gave the flowers a really good start. Not to mention dead heading. So thank you too guys.

Thank you to anyone else who looks after them because without you all, and our lovely volunteers it would be super hard. THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH.

Jill and Sue

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PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

The June 2019 meeting of Nether Heyford Parish Council was held on 3rd at the Youth Club, as a one off event. The July meeting will be in the Baptist Church Rooms as normal.

Public Question Time. A resident noted recent work on cleaning gutters: and hoped residents might take note and take responsibility for the gutters in front of their houses and remove vegetation and debris. Another resident complained that a Lime in the cemetery had not been pollarded. It had been inspected and was not suitable for pollarding, only crown lifting. It was agreed that a further inspection could take place.

Councillor Adam Brown reported that NCC was working towards a shadow authority, and that elections would come in May 2020. He reported that NCC had made a small profit on last year's accounts, but would still need to find £30M worth of savings this year. He expressed concerns about social services for children, feeling it would be better if this were dealt with on a county wide basis, rather than by different councils.

Trees. During work dead wooding Robinias on the Green it became clear that 2 trees were hollow, and needed to be felled. A quote from Stowe Tree Services was accepted to fell the trees.

A Silver Birch on Hillside Close would be checked for safety.

Allotments. Another plot had been allocated. Some of the New Homes Bonus money had been spent on a shed, which when secure, would house equipment.

Footpaths. No major problems. Broken stile near Wakefield Way removed.

Churchyard. Council to assume responsibility for safety checks on the gravestones in the churchyard.

Joint Burial Board. Meeting arranged. It had been arranged for emergency repairs on metalwork on the gate.

Youth Club. It was reported that the club had reached 50 members, and no more could be accepted with the volunteers available. A waiting list had been opened.

Defibrillators. Both checked and in working order. There was concern that the ambulance service had given out the wrong code in an incident recently.

Fortunately, an ambulance arrived promptly, and the situation was resolved positively.

Street naming. Council to recommend the name Hillcrest for the new Affordable Housing off Hillside Crescent. Subsequently SNC informed Council that this name was unsuitable as other streets with the same name have similar post codes.

Neighbourhood Plan. The Neighbourhood Plan team reported on progress towards the next step in the process, Consultation. This process would be started shortly, after another bout of work, to follow 2 years of work done already. A draft/pre submission version of the plan was shown, highlighting the policies within the plan. The policies are the most significant part of the plan; as they will be part of what will become a legal document, that will be referred to by planning departments in the future. The policies are all evidenced by statements from residents, taken from previous questionnaires. Wellbeing is a core or overarching theme throughout the Plan, which is intended to always produce a positive impact. It was also hoped that any future development would be Community led rather than developer led. Attention was drawn to density of development, which should always reflect the character of the area. The village has less than 25 dwellings per hectare – apart from Bliss Close – and it is intended that any future development would not exceed this limit.

A Councillor expressed concern as to the definition of Affordable Housing. This would be addressed within the plan with reference to the village. Cllr Phil Bignell asked whether disabled access to housing was being born in mind. It was replied that it was.

Play Area Inspection. The annual Play Area inspection had taken place and while no major problems were encountered, there are some low risk issues that will need addressing. Chair felt that the Play Area was showing its age and that Council should be looking at replacing and extending it.

Village Fete. Thanks to all involved in the preparations for this wonderful village event. The Green looked in excellent condition thanks to a lot of voluntary efforts in addition to the contractor's work. Unfortunately the weather was less co-operative and threatened the day, but relented sufficiently for most of the event to take place.

Local Government Reorganisation. The situation has clarified somewhat now. "The waiting is over, now the Government has given the go ahead for a new West Northants Council and a new North Northants Council, replacing the current County Council and seven District or Borough Councils. Subject to Parliamentary approval, it's now full-speed ahead to the go-live date in April 2021.

"I'm pleased that the Government has listened to local voices, and included in its announcement the decision to hold elections in May 2020 for members of first the Shadow Authority (from May 2020 til March 2021), then taking over running each new Council when they go live in April 2021.

"In the meantime, I'll be pressing ahead with my fellow councillors already elected to the current eight authorities to make all the preparations necessary ahead of those elections next year, as well as continuing to run the services we currently provide as business as usual.

"Here in South Northants, that will mean not taking our eye off the ball in delivering one of the best and most popular waste collection and recycling services in the whole country.

"The publication of this 'Prospectus for Change'*(see link below) sets out in more detail how we are approaching managing this change, and I am pleased that people can see from it that we really mean business."

Cllr Ian McCord, Leader of South Northamptonshire Council

<https://www.southnorthants.gov.uk/news/article/474/statement-on-publication-of-the-northamptonshire-prospectus-for-change>

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/>

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday July 1st at the Baptist Church Rooms at 7.30 pm and is, like all Parish Council meetings, open to Parishioners.

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IN AID OF THE WORKBRIDGE CENTRE

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10 am to 12 noon

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Entry Free – Tea/Coffee £1 – Drink & Cake £2.50

Tombola



Our Churches

Parish Church of St. Peter and St. Paul

Services for July 2019

Sunday 7 th	08:00 am	Prayer Book Holy Communion at Flore
	09:30 am	Holy Communion at Church Stowe
	11:00 am	First Sunday Service at Flore
	06:00 pm	Holy Communion at Heyford
Sunday 14 th	10:00 am	Benefice Holy Communion Service at Heyford (followed by Cream Teas on The Rectory Lawn)
	04:00 pm	4@Flore in the Millennium Hall
Saturday 20 th	02:30 pm	Messy Church at Flore Church
Sunday 21 st	09:30 am	Holy Communion at Heyford
	10:00 am	United Service at Flore URC
	11:00 am	Family Service at Upper Stowe
	04:00 pm	Youth Church at Flore
Monday 22 nd	10:30 am	Benefice Prayer Meeting at Heyford
Sunday 28 th	10:00 am	Benefice Holy Communion Service at Church Stowe

Services for August 2019

Sunday 4 th	10:00 am	Benefice and Partnership Communion Service at Flore Church
Sunday 11 th	10:00 am	Holy Communion Service for the whole Benefice at Heyford
Sunday 18 th	10:00 am	Holy Communion Service for the whole Benefice at Brockhall
	10:00 am	Partnership Morning Worship at Flore Chapel
Sunday 25 th	10:00 am	Holy Communion Service for the whole Benefice at Upper Stowe

August Services – During the summer we shall be holding just one service each Sunday morning and moving around the benefice. I do hope that everyone who is not on holiday will also move around with us. The services will all be at 10am.

Midweek Communion are held weekly on Wednesdays, 9.30am at Heyford (not 14th or 21st August) and Thursdays, 10am at Flore – all welcome

During **July** we shall be praying for people living in Upper Heyford; Capell Rise, Collins Hill, Sears Close, Muscott Close and John Campbell Close in Flore; Francis Row in Upper Stowe and the Stables and Coach House in Brockhall.

And during **August**, Rolfe Crescent, Western Avenue and South View in Heyford; Chapel Lane and The Green in Flore; The Manor in Church Stowe and The Gate House and The Old Dairy in Brockhall.

Rev Stephen Burrow (Tel. 344436)

On behalf of myself, Matthew and Jade, Kate and Mark and my beautiful granddaughters, I wanted to pass on our gratitude for the support and friendship we have received during Carol's illness, and on her death.

Carol loved her family and friends selflessly. Her focus was always on the happiness of those she cared about. The last weeks have demonstrated how many of you had also been touched by her friendship. She loved Heyford, and especially Heyford Singers where she had so much fun.

Thank you to everyone who managed to join us to say goodbye. I think it was the send off Carol would have wanted.

Many thanks too for those who have made donations to Cynthia Spencer Hospice in memory of Carol. I am particularly indebted to the contribution from Heyford Cricket Club members who have raised more than a staggering £1000.

Graham Baker

Dear friends.

On what is another wet and overcast day, it's hard to believe that, as I write this, Midsummer's Day is less than a week away, especially after all the rain we've had in recent days! I'm pleased to say, that despite the rain, plenty of cricket matches have been played in the Cricket World Cup, providing many hours of Test Match Special cricket commentary. For me, the soothing tones of the TMS commentators are a sure sign that summer is here, and a reminder of long summer holidays past, watching and listening to the cricket. Listening to snippets of cricket commentary has recently provided moments of rest and relaxation in what has been a busy few weeks. And there is more cricketing excitement to come as the culmination of World Cup is followed by the Ashes. With summer holidays looming, there is the chance of longer periods of rest and refreshment, and more TMS commentary!

Hopefully, the quieter days of the summer holidays also offer opportunities to experience more of God; in the brightness of blue skies and sunshine, in the warmth of the sun, and even in the refreshing summer rain. In praising our Creator God, the psalmist writes: *'God is my King from the very start; he works salvation in the womb of the earth... With your finger you opened up springs and creeks, and dried up the wild floodwaters. You own the day, you own the night; you put stars and sun in place. You laid out the four corners of earth, shaped the seasons of summer and winter'* (Psalm 74:12, 15-17 – The Message). We know God through his works, through the things he has made, and here are a few suggestions of ways we might know God through the summer.

The summer is, for many of us, a time of holidays and exploration; visiting new places, taking the scenic route, finding time to turn aside and satisfy our curiosities. And as Moses discovered at the burning bush, God is often encountered as we turn aside, as we explore the hidden nooks and crannies, and enjoy the open spaces of hills, forests and beaches. Summer is also a time to set aside our busy schedules, a time when the momentum of life slows, and we can find God in relaxation. We can set aside the pressure and busy-ness of work and school and find time to reflect and think. And as the Book of Genesis reminds us, God is the God of the Sabbath. Just as God rested on the seventh day, so he encourages us to rest. The summer holidays are great opportunities to stop and recharge our batteries.

I pray that this summer, you will indeed meet God; in curiosity and exploration, and in reflection, relaxation and rest.

Yours in Christ,

Stephen (Tel: 344436)



Nether Heyford Baptist Church

Morning Services: 10:30 am

Afternoon Services: 4:00 pm

Sunday Services

July	10:30 a.m.	4:00 p.m.
7 th	Worship led by Les Britten	
14 th	Worship led by Stuart Jenkins	Songs of Praise 4pm led by Martin Buckby (including Tea and cakes)
21 st	Worship led by Wally Mular	
28 th	9:30am prayer meeting followed at 10-30am with our communion service led by Martin Buckby	

Events

July 3rd 2pm Wednesday group meeting where Mike Alcock will be speaking about the work of the RNLI.

July 8th 2pm Prayer meeting and bible study

July 25th 10am to 12md Open Door –come for a free drink and chat. (Books and Sales table)

ALL WELCOME

August	10:30 a.m.	4:00 p.m.
4 th	Worship led by Wendy Manley	
11 th	Worship led by Clive Leahey	Songs of Praise 4pm led by Martin Buckby (including Tea and cakes)
18 th	Worship led by Les Britten	
25 th	9:30am prayer meeting followed at 10-30am with our communion service led by Martin Buckby	

Events

August 7th 2pm No Wednesday group meeting this month

August 12th 2pm Prayer meeting and bible study

August 22nd 10am to 12md Open Door –come for a free drink and chat. (Books and Sales table)

ALL WELCOME

Defibrillators

I have now changed the defibrillator cabinet codes. THEY ARE NOW BOTH THE SAME. The reason for doing this is so that even if you go to the wrong one with the code the ambulance service have issued you with, you will still be able to unlock it and gain access to the defibrillator.

If you have been sent to fetch a defibrillator, the call handler will issue you with a code to access the cabinet that is showing as nearest to you and they will always advise the address of that defibrillator. In Nether Heyford there are two locations.

- 1 - on the side wall of the One Stop shop
- 2 - at the playing fields, in the bowls club car park.

I would strongly advise everyone to familiarise yourself with these locations.

I understand that it is sometimes easier to go to the shop instead of the playing fields, especially if the gates are locked but it is important that you let either myself or someone on the Parish Council know ASAP that you have done this, especially if you were advised to go to the other location.

When you are given a code to access the cabinet, that defibrillator is taken off the system. If you were asked to go to the playing fields but decided the shop would be quicker and easier, whilst that is OK now, you will potentially have the wrong one removed from the system and the next person to call 999 might be sent to an empty cabinet.

If you are unfortunate enough to need to use the defibrillators, please inform either me or the Parish Council ASAP so we can get the defibrillator back in service straight away. The pads will need changing and the battery checked before it can go live again.

Mark Taylor

Found at the Fete

The following were found at the Fete:

- Pair of spectacles
- A doll – apparently a tombola prize, with the number 60.

To claim, ring Alwyne Wilson, 01327 340803

The 2019 Village Hall Fete – an act of faith which paid off

Due to the dire weather forecasts for Saturday 8 June, many local events were cancelled. However, as one later forecast indicated that the weather would gradually improve on Saturday, we in Nether Heyford decided not to cancel – especially as, even in the rain, our village green looked splendid, having been ‘litter-picked’ by the pupils of Bliss School, and given a last-minute mowing by Daniel, an ‘old boy’ of the school. We were so grateful for the encouragement they gave us to go ahead.

However, early Saturday morning as we were setting up in high winds and with heavy rain soaking us, we wondered if we were mad. But we all persevered, and by lunchtime, the rain slowly stopped, although the wind still made life interesting for the stalls with gazebos. Adaptability became our motto as we coped with some necessary adjustments: because of the wind, the bouncy castle and the gymnastics display had to cancel; the wind band moved into the village hall to perform, and one or two stalls weren’t able to come. A few of those who did come, moved into the Baptist school room and the village hall foyer.

After a slightly later start, we were ready. Our Rose Queen (Lily Davies) and King (Adam Gilkes) and their Attendants (Beth Manning and Chloe-Lea Holmes) arrived in state on our Land Train accompanied by their classmates, and opened the Fete in style.

Then, at last, the Fete came to life as people came along to support us. We started with maypole dancing and country dancing in the arena by the young people of Bliss School. Queues built up for the barbecue, beer tent, face-painting and the land train, which trundled around the village green for the whole afternoon, fully laden each time. The raffle tickets sold out. There were even queues for the ice cream van. The refreshments in the village hall did a roaring trade – and the performances by the Bliss School choir and the NMPAT wind band were greatly appreciated. The stalls were busy and the classic cars, tractors, mopeds and motorcycles all received their share of attention. Our final arena attraction – the tug of war – proved highly popular with contestants of all ages taking part, and this was followed by the raffle draw with £100 as first prize and many other prizes. Although this brought our Fete to its conclusion, the entertainment continued with Morris Dancing outside the Foresters Arms.

At this stage we are still receiving proceeds from the various activities so cannot forecast our final outcome. However, we were fortunate in receiving several generous donations: Heyford Picturedrome, Macflex, MN&TL Adams Heyford Marine, Alderman Roofing, Unusual Rigging Ltd and Heygates. The passengers on our Road Train, while technically free to ride, made many voluntary donations. We are also grateful to those who donated raffle prizes, including our village shops, and cakes. The Foresters Arms also gave us invaluable support. In addition, most of our expenses were covered by individual sponsors, and services such as the sound system, power cables and rubbish skip were provided free of charge.

So, despite our 'typical English summer weather' – we held our Fete, thanks to all the hard work done by so many volunteers – too many to name here – but we and they know who they are.

Finally, for all the help described above, plus our stall-holders and everyone who came and supported us, we offer our heartfelt thanks. We hope that you enjoyed this year's Village Hall Fete as much as we did.

The Fete Committee



In Nether Heyford

Our evening talk by Analiza Jones on the making of hand woven bags from the Philippines was fascinating and the amount of work which went into producing the materials for one handbag was staggering. Although the islands looked wonderful, it is a hard place to live and with very low wages. The finished articles were beautiful and you will probably see one or two of them in the village over the summer (if we ever get one!)

The subject for our next meeting is 'Antiques and Collectables' when the speaker for the evening will be Denise Cowling who has much experience as an Auctioneer and Gemologist and will be bringing articles to illustrate her talk. We are very much looking forward to seeing her as she was ill and had to cancel her visit to us last November. The meeting will be in the Village Hall on Thursday July 4th at 7.30. The cost will be £5 for non-members and will include refreshments.

We always have a break in August and this year members are taking to the water as we potter down the canal from Blisworth to Bugbrooke and back. Will it be too much to ask for a little sun, do you think?

Our next meeting in the Village Hall will be on Thursday September 5th when Debbie Horsman will be telling us about 'Shackleton's Forgotten Men'.

Thanks to everyone who supported our stall on Fete day. It was a shame about the weather, but turned out well in the end. Congratulations to everyone involved.

Mary Rice
Heyford Lodge 01327 340101


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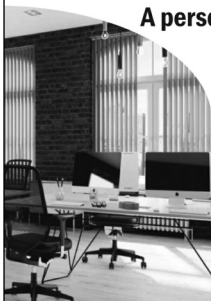
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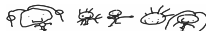
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**info@netherheyfordpreschool.co.uk
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Heyford Garden Club

www.heyfordgardenclub.com

Our June meeting featured a fascinating talk by Steve Brown on bonsai; a form of gardening which verges on an art form. I always think of it as extreme topiary.

Rose Show

Despite the tempestuous weather there was a good showing for the rose show with 57 entries.

Pauline Guglielmi won the single flowered class, Brian Jackson came second with John Dunkley and Tony Clewett in joint third place.

In the cluster flowered class Jill Langrish came first, Pauline Guglielmi was second and Val Jackson, Rosemary Dunkley and Anne Haynes all tied for third place.

The perils of perlite

Following advice in the RHS magazine I have over the last few years added vermiculite to multi purpose compost for sowing seeds and taking cuttings. This proved extremely successful producing plants with vigorous root systems which established very quickly. Last year however instead of vermiculite I used perlite which, I assumed, would do the same thing. However I experienced a lot of difficulty; seedlings germinated quickly enough but then failed to develop properly and cuttings just didn't root.

I can't be sure that this was entirely due to the perlite, but having gone back to using vermiculite again, the results have improved significantly. This illustrates the principle that in gardening apparently small variations in conditions can make the difference between success and failure.

Weird Weather-again!

Following a baking Easter, a freezing May, and no rain for months suddenly the heavens have opened and given us the whole summers rain in a few days. It's a wonder that we can grow anything!

Some Things to do in July

- 1 Dead head roses, bedding plants and perennials to get more flowers.
- 2 Pick courgette's before they turn into marrows (unless you like marrows)
- 3 Water and feed plants in containers

Mark Newstead

Neighbourhood Plan Progress

It's been a little while since the group gave an update about how progress is going with our Neighbourhood Plan, so we have an extended catch-up in this month's Prattler. We had hoped to be at our village fete as normal, but the weather prevented us from getting our marquee in place, and without it, we couldn't share our progress visually and just by talking with you.



Over the spring period, we have been working away to get a draft of our plan ready to share with you. This is called the 'Pre-Submission' stage, before it gets formally submitted to South Northamptonshire Council for examination and referendum. However, there are a few steps we have to take before we get there!

As we operate on behalf of the Parish Council, the steering group presented the policies and actions to the council at their last meeting. We are pleased that they were well received and prompted useful discussion.

A graphic titled 'Step 6 CONSULTATION AND SUBMISSION'. It includes the Nether Heyford Neighbourhood Plan logo at the top. Below the title, it states: 'Now that we are happy with the Draft Plan it will be'. This is followed by a bulleted list: 'Passed to the Parish Council for them to consult with those who live and work in the community (6 weeks)', 'All comments that are received will be reviewed and the Plan amended if necessary (3 weeks)', 'Once the Plan has been amended it is submitted to South Northants Council who undertake their own consultation (6 weeks)', 'Once again, all comments received are reviewed and the Plan amended if necessary (3 weeks)', and 'Step 7'. At the bottom, there is a horizontal timeline with eight numbered circles. Circles 1 through 5 are grey, circle 6 is white with a black border, and circles 7 and 8 are grey.

Those who have followed our progress will be aware of the 8-step process to making a Neighbourhood Plan. We now move into step 6 which is all about consultation with you and all of our stakeholders.

The pre-submission version of the plan will soon be made publicly available for everyone to see, and there will be a process for us to receive comments. We'll let you know when the consultation here in the village starts – sometime in the next three months – through the Prattler's Facebook page, notices at the shop and village hall and any other ways we can think of! You will be able to respond on line (through our website), by email and by post.

We would encourage everyone to get involved in this process (as we always do) to ensure it feels it is owned by villagers, reflects your aims and delivers what the village needs over the time of the plan.

Over the page, you can see the timeline we're working to, in bringing the plan to referendum.

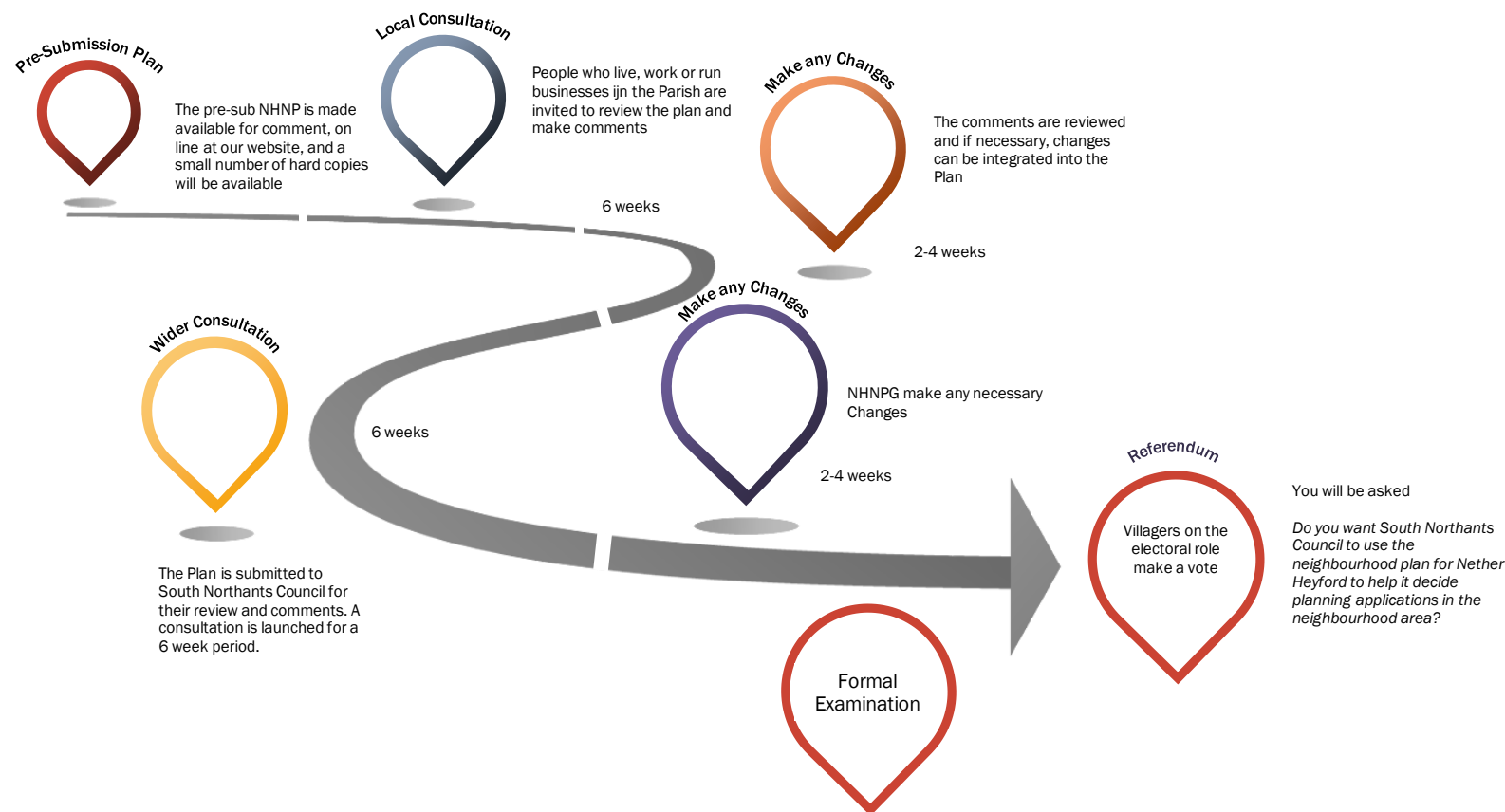


From Pre-Submission Plan to Referendum

There is still some work to be done to get our Plan through the process to referendum. As you can see in the diagram, both the local consultation here in the village and the district wide consultation take six weeks each, and the group will need up to 4 weeks to make any changes where necessary. We estimate that our plan should go to the examiner by April 2020, and a referendum will follow in the village within a few weeks. By summer next year, we'll have a Neighbourhood Plan that will carry weight with any planning applications in our Parish for years to come.

Once the consultation periods are over and we have our final version, it is examined by a planning inspector who will consider whether the plan:

- has regard to national policy
- contributes to the achievement of sustainable development
- is in general conformity with the adopted strategic local policies for the local area
- is compatible with EU obligations
- meets human rights requirements





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Hi everyone!

Just introducing ourselves and our services to any new Class Reception children who will be going to Bliss School in September! We offer transition sessions for the first few weeks of school when the children are doing either mornings or afternoon sessions - this means we can provide childcare for the remaining half of the day, helping out those parents who work. We also offer wraparound care - Breakfast Club opens at 7.45am and After School Club runs till 6pm. We are rated Good by Ofsted, all of our staff are Playworker trained and we follow the playwork principles for all children using our wraparound care.

Pre-School Sessions - We have places available for pre-school aged children from September too! We accept children from their second birthday until they are ready for school. We are open Monday to Friday, term time only, accept all childcare voucher schemes and offer 2 year old funding, 15 hour funding and 30 hour funding. Our pre-school setting is rated Good by Ofsted and our staff are highly trained practitioners.

Call in and see us, drop us an email or find us on Facebook!

We look forward to meeting you soon!

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

Nether Heyford Community Wildlife Area

Take the time to just stand back and watch the bees in your garden and you will be amazed at their variety. Its the sound they make that is so wonderful, from the high pitched hum of a bee swimming in the stamens of a poppy to the deep drone of a queen bumblebee.

On the wildlife patch on the allotments I have counted ten different types of bee so far. They come in all shapes and sizes ranging from the tiny "hairy footed flower bee" (I think that is the best name ever) that darts about and hovers in front of flowers. The females are black with orange hairs on their back legs for collecting pollen. Red and buff tailed bumble bees on the other hand seem huge in comparison, and the flowers bend under their weight. Honey bees and bumble bees are social insects, where the queen lays eggs and daughter workers do all the work. Solitary bees work on their own and make their own nests in different locations, from a hole in the ground or brick or cob wall. You will often find their holes grouped together but each nest is completely separate.

Amongst the bees that I have spotted so far are two that are called nomad bees that on first sight appear to be tiny wasps for they have bright yellow and black markings, but in fact they parasitise solitary bee's nests. They lay an egg inside host's nest and the nomad grub then destroys the host's egg or grub and proceeds to feed on the food store.

The best thing we can all do for bees is to grow a variety of flowers in our gardens particularly those which flower early and late so providing nectar for the longest possible period. Different species of bees have tongues of different lengths so need flowers of different lengths of tube. This doesn't stop some short tongued bees from cheating. You can see this happening if you stand by a clump of comfrey; not all the bees will be entering the flowers but some will bite a hole at top of the flower to get the nectar. This unfortunately prevents the flower from being pollinated.

For the allotment holders having such a number and variety of bees in the wildlife patch is good news for they will be out and about pollinating the fruit and vegetables. The best crop of runner beans we ever had was when the beans were planted next to our lavender bushes (a good reason to grow some flowers amongst the vegetables, which also looks beautiful).

To make a solitary bee nest site:

1. Cut the top off a plastic drinks bottle.
2. Fill the bottle with lengths of hollow woody plant stems, reed stems or bamboo cane to make lots of tunnels for the bees to crawl into and make their nests.
3. Hang the bottle up in the garden (at a slight angle so the rain doesn't get in) where it will get some sun but not be baked all day..

Mary Newstead

Community Flood Group

Flooding issues have hit the headlines with major incidents in Lincolnshire and Tewksbury in a year when climate change has surfaced as a major issue. The E/A's Emma Howard Boyd and Sir James Bevan have initiated the launch of a review of Flood and Coastal Management Strategy in May 2019 which will form the basis of the Government Statement in October 2019 setting out their long term goals. They claim over 500,000 homes are at risk of regular flooding requiring families to re-locate their homes.

Locally 2019 started the year up to the end of May with only 52% of the average rainfall which compares with 106% for 2018. However June has seen almost continuous rainfall currently at 64% above the June average at 88mm compared with 1mm for 2018. The River has coped well rising only 1.1m at its peak on 12/13th May largely as a result of limited run off due to excessively dry land in the catchment area and the effect of the E/A work on the River and Horestone Brook.

In May the Government extended "permitted development" to allow further increase in the size of extensions to properties as part of their policy to improve /increase housing. Many Councils have expressed concerns describing the PD Policy as a planning disaster often causing conflict between neighbours resulting in unsuitable developments over which the Councils have little control. Even more concerning is the lack of protection for the individual through any suitable complaints procedure. Recent experience shows that any so called "Complaints Processes" are ineffective and biased and can only assess following of procedures not change of decisions.

I have recently held several meetings with the E/A to discuss implementation of refusal for permitted development rights under Article 4 to ensure compliance with the legal responsibility of landowners not to impede the flow of flood water as this is a criminal offence under Common Law. Unless this is implemented then building on the floodplain will continue unabated.

As a result of conflict of interest I proposed to close down CFG. However the E/A wished to continue working together especially as a new submission for flood defence funding for the Village is proposed for August/September 2019. Having spent 21 years campaigning for improvements in Nether Heyford I feel its time to step back and invite anyone interested in flooding issues to contact me so that the future of the Village can be secured.

J.Arnold

Arnold Charity

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

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

The grants which can be applied for are varied and are

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

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

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

Social Grants

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

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

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

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

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The chorus from **"We Are The World"**
First performed by U.S.A. for Africa in 1985

Below is a seemingly random list of ideas, events and comments. Please read on and we shall join up the dots and gauge the connections, if you haven't done so already!

- Whilst waiting to be served in a renowned hardware shop in Stony Stratford last week, I glanced over the notices posted on the shop door. There was a delightful poster promoting, and inviting people to join, a new community choir being formed in the town. How wonderful is that! It seems that there are choirs and community singing groups springing up all over the country.
- A headline in a recent newspaper article read " 'It gives me genuine freedom within': the prison choir that reforms lives. The article, and indeed similar radio and television reports, goes on to praise the achievements of the Liberty Choir, which performs at the V & A in London. There are similar ventures happening all around the country.
- The children from Bliss Charity school choir delighted the large audience who crowded into the village hall on fete day, singing amongst others songs, the one quoted above.
- **"We Are The World"** was also sung by the children from Bliss, and thousands of primary age children at the 2019 **Young Voices** Music Festival. This is a very special and unique annual gathering of children from all over the country, who learn the songs in their individual schools and then come together to sing in their thousands, at the O2 Arena, the NEC, etc.
- At the other end of the spectrum, but just as enjoyable, will be the Heyford Singers joining in with Nether Heyford's Holiday at Home venture at the end of June. The theme this year is "Cruising", so what watery songs does Mary have on her list for the choir and audience to sing?
- Although I could go on I ought to finally mention my 30 year old nephew who, along with a large group of friends, is so excited about his impending trip to Glastonbury (I do hope the rain holds off for them all!). Amongst the many

groups and artists he plans to watch is Kylie Minogue – to sing and join in with **“I Should Be So Lucky”**?

Well if you haven't already worked out the link between these items, it is that of singing together, belonging to a group of people who also love to sing, and ultimately to achieve the benefits that brings to your own sense of well being. We are so fortunate to have in this village a community choir led by Mary Rice, whose musical history and abilities are renowned, and accompanied by our resident “master of the black and white keys”, Graham Kinnersly. We practise once a week from September until December for our Christmas concert, and then from January until May for our spring concert. The summer months are free for families, holidays, gardens, sport and leisure!

The choir is very much part of the local community and prides itself on having always been so. Most of us live in the village, although we have recently welcomed several new members from the surrounding area. We have a delightful mix of male and female members, of all ages. And we have fun! That social event of meeting up once a week to learn new songs, sing old and familiar ones, ultimately then to perform before our families and friends, provides a warm sense of belonging, sharing and huge enjoyment.

On our first rehearsal in the autumn, **Friday 6th September will be an Open Evening** and everyone is very welcome. All you need is to enjoy singing, no need to read music, and definitely no auditions or solos! Come and meet us, watch, listen, join in and I guarantee that you will go home feeling energised and happy, having sung, laughed and made new friends.

If you feel that you would like to know more then please do contact Mary Rice, myself or someone you know who is already part of this community choir. There are also some information leaflets in the foyer of the village hall.

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

Tasty

I know it sounds a bit 'holier than thou', but gardeners and allotmenters will all agree there is nothing quite like picking and eating something you have just grown. Some would also add that taking an item of fruit or veg from the freezer in the middle of winter and reflecting on the fact that it was grown on your patch of land during the warmth of summer is even more satisfying. There aren't too many food miles (or nasty chemicals) involved in that and as for taste, nothing compares.

Caring for what we have

Bearing that in mind, we on the allotments are aware that our little patches of borrowed land are not hidden behind high wire fences or locked gates. Indeed we have actively encouraged the community to join us and to eventually share in the fruits of our labour on the community jam patch and in the community orchard.

However, the produce from the individual plots that fellow allotmenters have nurtured remains the fruit of **their** labour and we would ask everyone in the village help us ensure that applies. If you see someone on the allotments who looks as though they should not be there, or is using it for purposes for which it was not designed, either report the incident to someone from the Parish Council or Allotment Working Group or, if you are feeling confident enough simply ask them what they are doing. As with Neighbourhood Watch we can all do our bit to help eliminate vandalism and theft if we work together.

Community Orchard

The trees continue to grow on well and the recent rain has been a blessing, even if it has meant more work cutting the grass. We are keen to add some signage to the allotments, particularly the community areas and, following on from the previous section, we hope that will help steer villagers towards the shared areas that we can all enjoy. Watch this space for more updates.

Thank You

A special vote of thanks goes to those good people who continue to mow the pathways and open spaces on the allotment. Your hard work really is paying off and makes the place not only look good but also a joy to work on.

Tester Plots and Renting and Allotment

If you are interested in trying out allotmenting 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

'I was just sittin' here enjoyin' the company. Plants got a lot to say, if you take the time to listen.' From Winnie the Pooh by A.A. Milne.

Mike Langrish



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Heyford Bowls Club

www.heyfordbowlsclub.co.uk

At last it can be revealed. By the time you read this item Heyford Bowls Club will have returned from their first ever bowls tour. We took a party of 43 to the Isle of Wight, including 33 bowlers; enough for 7 rinks of 4 for our three games and 5 reserves. Obviously at the time of writing these notes we are still to leave so I cannot tell you how we got on. All I do know is that everyone is looking forward to our adventure.

On the friendly front we have now won 6, lost 4 and drawn 1 of our 10 games. Our home games in July are: -

Monday 1 st	Daventry Town	6.30
Wednesday 3 rd	St Crispin Ladies	6.30
Thursday 11 th	Woodford Halse	6.30
Monday 15 th	Earls Barton	6.30
Tuesday 16 th	Roadie Ladies	6.30
Thursday 18 th	Cold Ashby	6.30
Sunday 21 st	Abington	2.30
Wednesday 24 th	Kislingbury Ladies	6.30
Saturday 27 th	Bugbrooke	2.30
Monday 29 th	Wootton	6.30
Tuesday 30 th	Byfield Ladies	6.30

And August

Monday 5 th	Bugbrooke	6.30
Tuesday 6 th	St Crispin	6.30
Thursday 8 th	Woodford Halse Ladies	6.30
Saturday 10 th	Brington	2.30
Thursday 15 th	Kislingbury	6.30
Sunday 18 th	Golden Horse	2.30
Sunday 25 th	Whyte Melville	2.30

So that's brought you up to date. Now where's that suitcase?

Geoff Allen
349909

I would like to comment on Climate Change and how people think they are being environmentally friendly.

Groups around the Country with lots of 'County Ladies' and 'Gerry and Margo Ledbetter's' types who love to boost their Societies have bought trees and planted them to be environmentally friendly, in reality all they have done is make the plant nursery owner a bit more better off and polluted the environment in the process by moving a tree that is already growing and moving it to another location; don't plants trees... grow them!

Everyone who is concerned about the environment should each go outside in the Autumn, pick up seeds and grow them in pots before planting them out when they are big enough. The advantage is more trees are grown and at the cost of a pot and compost (or digging up a bit of soil). My count so far is 4 Oak trees (one already planted out), 2 Sweet Chestnuts and a Walnut tree. This would be a good exercise for the children at the School to do

In reality, if the human race wants to make a difference to the environment an area the size of North America needs to be planted.

Name Withheld

Bugbrooke and District Flower Society

We invite you to join us at our monthly meetings to relax and watch demonstrations by a fully qualified NAFAS Area or National Demonstrator. This is followed by refreshments and the opportunity to win one of the arrangements in our raffle. Learn how to arrange and enjoy flowers.

Meetings are held on the fourth Monday of the month at 7.45pm in Nether Heyford village hall.

Our next meeting is on 22nd July when Beverley Artis will give a demonstration entitled "A Perfect Day".

We will not be holding our usual meeting in August due to the Bank Holiday, however, we will be holding a Coffee Morning in aid of the Workbridge Centre on Friday 16th August, in Nether Heyford Village Hall from 10 -12, when everyone is most welcome.

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



Heyford Cricket Club

The season has started superbly at Heyford with the 1st XI currently sitting top of Division 3, and the 2nd XI firmly in the promotion places of Division 8. There is still a long way to go, but 2019 is shaping up to be another exciting and successful season for the Club.

This year we have 40 children between the ages of 5-8 involved in the ECB's All Stars Cricket initiative, and a group of U11s who are excited to be playing their first competitive fixtures.

We are planning a **Fun Day on Sunday 30th June**, the highlight of which will be a 'friendly' game of cricket against a Bugbrooke Rugby FC XI. The bar will be open, England v India will be on the TV and there will be various stalls and activities to enjoy. Everyone is welcome, so please come and support!

If you would like to take part in our **Golf Day at Whittlebury Hall on Friday 19th July** then please get in touch. Last year's event was a great success and this year's looks even better.

Bonus Ball:

A full list of Bonus Ball winners can be found on the 'News' pages of our website. The April and May 2019 winners were as follows:

06/04/19	21	G ALLEN	04/05.19	41	C SIMMS
13/04/19	30	T WHITTAKER	11/05/19	24	A J KIRKBRIDE
20/04/19	4	D CAMBRAY	18/05/19	3	C JOHN
27/04/2019	10	R CAMBRAY	25/05/19	24	A J KIRKBRIDE

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

Forthcoming Home Fixtures:

30th June: U11s v Brixworth (10am)
 6th July: 1st XI v Rushden (12:30pm)
 13th July: 1st XI v Oundle (12:30pm)

20th July: 2nd XI v Raunds (1pm)
 21st July: U11s v St Crispins (10am)
 27th July: 1st XI v Poddington (12:30pm)

More details about Heyford Cricket Club can be found on our website www.heyfordcricket.co.uk or via social media where we can be found on both Facebook and Twitter. If you would like to get in touch you can also email us at heyfordcricket@hotmail.co.uk.

FLORE ARTS EVENTS

An old favourite and something a bit different from Flore Arts...

JAZZ IN THE GARDEN

The gig that's become a jazz standard in itself. Tickets are selling fast so please book soon.

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 foot-tapping jazz and 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.

BARN DANCE

Already our thoughts are turning to September when we will be welcoming caller Mary Panton who will lead our evening's entertainment. Mary's outgoing and friendly personality can be guaranteed to put everyone immediately at their ease. She is an extremely personable performer with a huge knowledge of dance steps, and she can communicate simply yet effectively with all participants. Her fans say...

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Our musicians will be Jenny Newman (Fiddle) and Andy Glass (Guitar) - nationally known, consummate and experienced professionals who are no strangers to Flore. Expect "Traditional Fiddling at its best with some awesome contemporary backing".

September 21st, 7.30pm: Millennium Hall, Flore. Doors open 7pm. Tickets £10 (£5 Under 18s). Call Rosemary Read (between 9am and 8pm) on 01327 341026.

ONE LAST 2019 DIARY DATE

November 16th, 7.30pm, All Saints: Ensemble Renard; prize-winning chamber music quintet from Royal Academy of Music students including Flore resident Ellie Blamires (flute). This promises to be an exciting evening with a few surprises. More details to follow!

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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