



THE PRATTLE

The Heyford Village Newspaper

September 2019

Issue No. 426

Community Coffee Morning

Thursday 26th September
10 am to 12 noon

Baptist Chapel
Schoolroom

The Green
Nether Heyford



Coffee | Tea | Squash | Biscuits

FREE drinks and biscuits
Bright and friendly atmosphere
Local meeting place
Toys & books to entertain toddlers
Paperback books for sale (3 for £1)
Bring & Buy Table

~ Everyone always welcome ~

Every 4th Thursday of the month
10am to 12 noon

September 2019

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
						1
2 PC Meeting 7:30 (VH)	3	4 Wed Group 2pm (BSR)	5 W.I. 7:30 (VH)	6 Heyford Singers 7:15 (VH)	7 Garden Party 2-4 (Rectory)	8
9 Garden Club 8pm (VH)	10	11	12	13	14 Cricket Day 12:00 (PF)	15
16	17	18	19 Picturedrome 7:15 (VH)	20	21	22 Harvest Lunch 12:15 (CR)
23 Flower Soc 7:45 (VH)	24	25	26 Comm Coffee 10-12 (BSR)	27 Macmillan Cafe on Green 1-5pm	28	29
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'sYoga 9:30-10:45am (VH), Tennis Club 7pm (TC), HFC Training 6:30 (PF)

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

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

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



PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

The **July 1st** meeting was held as normal in the Baptist Church Rooms.

The Chair thanked all involved in the voluntary efforts to make the green look as good as possible for the fete.

He also thanked Nick Essex and Lee Pratt for the renovation and re- painting of the sign on the Green by the phone box, and for all their efforts with painting and repairing on behalf of the village.

A resident noted recent work on cleaning gutters and hoped more work could be done voluntarily. Chair felt it would be better to have it done professionally.

The PCSO reported that there had been a few minor incidents, but generally quiet. He reported concerns about the safety of the junction of Furnace Lane with Weedon Road. There will be an additional PCSO liaising with Bliss School.

Village Fete Felt to have gone very well despite being in doubt due to the poor weather. Despite fewer stalls it had brought in more money than the last fete.

New Homes Bonus – to consider applications. A list was considered and a working party of CK, SC and LD formed to look at proposals for Traffic calming lights, a new Play Area and Lighting. It was stressed that Community Benefit should be foremost in the applications.

Neighbourhood Plan There had been no presence at the Fete but there were 2 pages in the next Prattler to update the village. SC was disappointed that SNC had been unable to give much help with progressing the Plan at this stage.

West Northants local Forum report The Clerk gave a report from the recent forum at which concerns were expressed that “Our” Unitary would be much too Northampton centric, and that the process was not transparent at this stage.

The **August 5th** meeting was held as normal in the Baptist Church Rooms. The August meeting is a shorter than usual in respect of the holiday season.

Public Participation Concerns were raised about the Oak tree next to the Play Area being damaged by children climbing.

Cllr Adam Brown reported that NCC were progressing towards the Unitary deadline, but there were concerns that changes in government might disrupt this if there were to be a General Election. NCC were trying to improve Children’s social services

after Ofsted had given adverse reports. Agency workers were being replaced by Council employees.

Geoff Thorneycroft gave a report on the aspirations of the Playing Fields Association, and the various projects. Problems had been encountered with the Environment Agency objecting regarding new changing rooms, despite a previous time elapsed permission having been granted. He felt that concerns raised about the potential for vandalism and theft at the allotments were unfounded because of the likelihood of pedestrians crossing the allotments to access the proposed new basketball/netball court. He felt that the opportunities afforded to young people and women outweighed any other concerns about problems caused by public access to the allotments. The Chair stressed that Council was in favour of the new facilities but felt that the issues needed raising.

Street name for new houses off Hillside Crescent. All of Council's suggestions thus far had been turned down. The following suggestions were made. 1. Horsa Court in memory of a wartime glider crash. 2. Meadow View, 3. Canal View.

Councillor list with responsibilities and preferred means of contact.	
C. Kiloh, 19, The Green. Nether Heyford. Tel 07779 900860	Chairman, Planning, Finance.
M Brasset, The Foresters Arms, The Green mikethepub@hotmail.co.uk	Canal Matters, Planning.
L. Dilkes, 1A Roberts Field, Nether Heyford, NN7 3BE thedilkesfamily@outlook.com 07967 753216	Village Hall Rep, Youth Club, Vice Chair, Finance
L. Eales, 3 Church Lane, Nether Heyford Tel. 01327 341707 lyndaeales@aol.com	Allotments, Playing Field.
P. Green, 8, South View, Nether Heyford Tel 01327 349072 Mobile. 07763 244065	Joint Burial Board
N. Haynes, 30 Weedon Rd, Nether Heyford Tel 01327 340167	Tree Warden, Planning, Joint Burial Board
A-M Collins 25 Wakefield Way, Nether Heyford, NN7 3LU. 01327 341180 anna-twenty5@sky.com	Arnold Trust, School Governors.
S. Corner 7 Close Road, Nether Heyford NN7 3LW sue.corner@sky.com	Allotments, Planning
D. Musson davemusson073@gmail.com	
A.Williams 26 Church St, Nether Heyford, NN7 3LH anthony.k.williams@talk21.com	Planning and Finance.

Cllr Adam Brown has sent this report.

You will be aware that in recent months there has been a spate of sheep killings across Northamptonshire and neighbouring counties. In response to the livestock crimes the Police have established Operation Stock which did a number of things:

- Brought all crimes under one investigative strategy
- Appointed a gold/silver/bronze structure to the issue.
- Received investment from the Office of the Fire Police and Crime Commissioner to kick-start immediate actions including overnight patrols of otherwise remote, rural, un-patrolled roads and locations, the production and posting of A1 correx roadside and gateway signs
- Streamlined response to new calls and information created by the public demand and interest

The NFU has been incredibly helpful as a critical friend and hosted a farmers' meeting with Police at a barn in Thornby, attended by over 130 local farmers and landowners. It was a tense but productive meeting where Police explained the very basic and elementary strategy, given the lack of witnesses, intelligence or information.

1. Police wanted to raise the awareness and involvement of the farming and rural community so that, with our help and advice, they could target harden their property
2. Police wanted to raise the awareness of the rural community and meat market so that intelligence and information would be more forthcoming.
3. Police intended to mount nightly patrols to be able to respond to farmer's requests for visibility and respond to any calls created by 1 or 2. It is not a secret that resourcing levels, reductions in neighbourhood policing, and a proper emphasis on threat, harm and risk, would mean that otherwise, rural communities would not have overnight policing presence, unless part of a response to an emergency call on a rural area.

The road signs have been successful, and the operation has had some notable successes, falling short of prosecuting offenders (as yet). Of highlight are the following:

- An unprecedented response to Neighbourhood Alert and media releases. Even a month later, interest and concern is not abating. Last Friday, Northamptonshire Police's Press team had more media requests in one day than that which usually accompanies a whole major incident. The topic has been covered in the national broadsheets, on national radio, local radio and local television. There has been particular recent interest in deployment of the Police/Fire drone at night time
- Deployment of local farmers patrolling vulnerable areas equipped with front and rear dashboard cameras supplied by the NFU
- Commitment of the Commissioner to supporting particular needs of the policing operation and response

- Meeting of the Commissioner with representatives of the NFU to receive feedback and highlight issues of concern
- Meeting of Rural Policing representatives last week at NFU Stoneleigh to discuss tactics, improve communications and cross-flow of information and to plan next steps

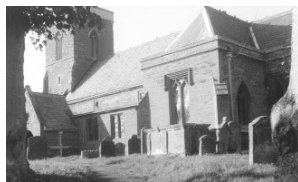
Further meetings are planned for this week.

- Daily briefings between police departments to include cross-border information flow
- Integration of this investigation onto a system known as DAMES – similar to those used in serious or major crimes, to ensure all information and actions are captured and responded to
- Continuation of overnight patrols, press releases and Neighbourhood Alerts. Reports from Neighbourhood Watch and Village Facebook groups that membership is expanding with people asking what they can do, and increased reporting of suspicious incidents (other rural crime has reduced in this time)
- Capture of evidence following forensic investigation of crime scenes. This has yielded some DNA opportunities which have been followed up. A man has been arrested in Portsmouth and interviewed by Northamptonshire officers, with some evidence recovered from his home address. He has been released under investigation.
- Following reports of a suspicious van with the livery 'Plantation Shuttering' at a sheep farm in Warwickshire, this appeared on a number of occasions in our county. A Neighbourhood Alert prompted reports of this van in the villages of Thornby, Sibbertoft, Kilsby, Long Buckby, Naseby and Arthingworth, all in one day. Farmers saw and contained the vehicle and its two occupants in Naseby, and called the police. The van was seized for being suspected used in crime, but there was insufficient evidence to arrest the occupants, whose details were confirmed. It has been returned to its owners and continues to attract our attention, and/or that of colleagues in Warwickshire.
- Work continues with automatic number plate recognition enquiries and the checking of many vehicles using the county's country roads at night-time. This has led to the removal of a number of unconnected vehicles for being uninsured or untaxed (given the ability of the mobile ANPR system to detect such vehicles).

It is vital that local residents in rural areas, remain vigilant particularly those who live on or close to farmland where livestock are grazing.

Clerk to the Parish Council: Guy Ravine, c/o Old Dairy Farm, Upper Stowe, Weedon. Northampton. NN7 4SH.

Tel: 07935 931787. E-mail: netherheyfordparishcouncil@gmail.com



Our Churches

Parish Church of St. Peter and St. Paul

Services for September 2019

Sunday 1 st	08:00 am	Prayer Book Holy Communion at Flore
	09:30 am	Holy Communion at Church Stowe
	11:00 am	United All Age Service at Flore
	06:00 pm	Holy Communion at Heyford
Sunday 8 th	09:30 am	Holy Communion at Heyford
	11:00 am	Family Service at Upper Stowe
	04:00 pm	4@Flore at the Flore Millennium Hall
Sunday 15 th	10:00 am	Benefice & Partnership Service of Holy Communion at Heyford, with the Archdeacon of Northampton
	04:00 pm	Youth Church at Flore
Monday 16 th	10:30 am	Benefice Prayer Meeting at Church Stowe
Saturday 21 st	02:30 pm	Messy Church at Flore Church
Sunday 22 nd	09:30 am	Holy Communion at Flore Church
	11:00 am	Harvest Service at Heyford (followed by Harvest Lunch)
	06:00 pm	Holy Communion at Upper Stowe
Sunday 29 th	09:30 am	Holy Communion at Heyford
	11:00 am	Holy Communion at Flore
	06:00 pm	Harvest Service at Church Stowe

Midweek Communions are held weekly on Wednesdays, 9.30am at Heyford (not 25th Sept) and Thursdays, 10am at Flore – all welcome.

During September we shall be praying for people living in Furnace Lane here in Heyford, the High Street, including the shops, the garage and the Millennium Hall in Flore, The Old Dairy Farm in Upper Stowe and the outlying farms around Stowe and the Mews Houses in Brockhall.

Dear friends.

As I sit down a little earlier than usual to write September's letter, 'treasure' is cropping up quite frequently, in the news, and in the Bible readings set for this time of year. Eighty years ago, an excavation in Suffolk uncovered one of this country's great archaeological wonders, the burial mound of the Anglo-Saxon King Raedwald and particularly the Sutton Hoo burial ship. The National Trust has established new exhibition halls and routes around the site to help visitors understand more about the treasures discovered there. These include an ornate warrior's helmet and a gold belt buckle. More ancient still, in Egypt, Tutankhamen's golden coffin has been removed for the first time since its discovery in the 1920's. Dating back to around 1320BC, the coffin will now be restored by the Egyptian Ministry of Antiquities.

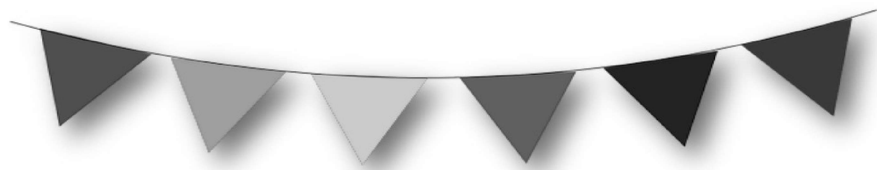
What do you imagine when you picture treasure? Items beautifully crafted from precious metals, sparkling gemstones set in silver and gold, ancient, awe-inspiring objects of great beauty? The ancient kings, Raedwald and Tutankhamen were buried with all sorts of things to ease their afterlife. But the treasures discovered with them are not eternal. Tutankhamen's coffin is showing signs of cracks and damage, whilst the Sutton Hoo helmet has lost its original strength and splendour. Material things will always fail in the end, however well-made and beautiful they might be.

In Luke's Gospel, Jesus tells us not to worry about the loss of earthly things. Instead, we are to strive for the Kingdom of God. God's great love, and abundant life are an 'unfailing treasure', worth more than anything on earth (Luke 12:33). In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus likens the Kingdom to treasure hidden in a field, that we would give everything to purchase and possess (Matt 13:44). This great treasure is what we seek in the Lord's Prayer, when we pray to our Father God, 'your Kingdom come'. Jesus encourages us to stay alert to the signs of that Kingdom breaking into this world, and not be diverted by the sometimes-glittering distractions around us.

In September, we can look forward to further encouragement as we seek the joys and benefits of God's Kingdom. On Sunday 15th September, the Archdeacon of Northampton will be the speaker at our Benefice and Partnership service at 10:00AM at Heyford Church. Please come along and listen to what he has to say to us. And a couple of weeks later, at 10:00AM on Saturday 28th September, Rev Roger Woods visits to lead our Away Day at the Chapter House in Weedon. Again, all are welcome to join us for a challenging and exciting day. For catering purposes, please give me a ring and let me know if you'd like to join us.

Yours in Christ,

Stephen (Tel: 344436)



You are invited to a

Church Garden Party

in the Rectory Garden

Saturday 7th September

2-4pm

In aid of Church Roof Repairs

Free children's games and activities

Stalls

Bric-a-brac, & books

Crafts, jams & preserves

Cakes

Tombola

Refreshments

(in the church rooms if the weather is bad!)



Nether Heyford Baptist Church

Morning Services: 10:30 am

Afternoon Services: 4:00 pm

Sunday Services

September	10:30 a.m.	4:00 p.m.
1 st	Worship led by Ted Hales	
8 th	Worship led by Les Britten	Songs of Praise 4pm led by Martin Buckby (including Tea and cakes)
15 th	Worship led by Allan Pope Followed by coffee (Chris)	
22 nd	Worship led by Tony Brown	
29 th	9:30am prayer meeting followed at 10-30am with our communion service led by Martin Buckby	

Events

September 4th 2 pm Wednesday group meeting where Martin Heath from Radio Northampton will be speaking.

September 9th 2pm Prayer meeting and bible study

September 23rd 2pm Church Meeting

September 26th 10am to 12md Community Coffee Morning – come for a free drink and chat. (Books and Sales table)

ALL WELCOME

Village Hall News

Since our fete in June, we have been asked several times: 'how did you do?' In view of the awful weather, especially in the morning, we were resigned to raising less than previous years. However, we are pleased to report that we actually raised a net £3,148.69 – an amazing result, due mainly to the generosity and hard work of so many people: individuals, groups, organisations and businesses, including a recent donation from Starbucks. We repeat our heartfelt thanks to them all – what a great village we live in.

Now, we're beginning to look forward to next year, which will mark the 60th anniversary of the building of our village hall – entirely by volunteers. We want to celebrate this event in great style and are already considering ways of doing this. But we would welcome your ideas too – any suggestions? If so, please contact Alwyne on 07814 898 336 or email her at: alwyne76@gmail.com.

Finally, on a sadder note, our Secretary, Laura Sullivan, is having to stand down due to the pressures of other commitments, so we are currently seeking a volunteer to join our friendly team to help manage the hall. The Management Committee meets 11 times year, with meetings rarely lasting more than 1 ½ hours. The post mainly involves taking minutes, keeping records, being the contact with outside agencies and, if possible, helping with our fundraising events. A handover and continued support will be available. If you think you may be interested and would like to know more, please ring Alwyne on: 07814 898 336.

Alwyne Wilson

HEYFORD PARISH CHURCH

HARVEST LUNCH

SUNDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER
IN THE CHURCH ROOMS

12.15PM (AFTER THE 11AM SERVICE)

ADULTS £6 CHILDREN £3

TICKETS FROM JANE RANDS 01327 340678

COME SING WITH US

The Heyford Singers

Nether Heyford's own Community Choir



**You'll find that singing four-part harmony is a
little bit challenging, very creative, and a
whole lot of fun!**

**You'll spread joy through performance
enriching your life and the lives of others**

**Come along to our open evening
in Nether Heyford Village Hall
on Friday September 6th at 7.15 pm
and JOIN IN!**

**We particularly need Gentlemen to sing Bass
and Ladies to sing Alto,
but all are welcome**

Call 01327 340741 for More Information

www.heyfordsingers.org



In Nether Heyford

At our July Meeting (which seems a long time ago!) we had an interesting and informative evening with Denise Cowling. She brought a large number of antique items and proceeded to test our knowledge with quiz questions as diverse as which gems were real diamonds to picking the oldest of three plates. I have to say that there were some ladies who would do quite well on a certain TV show.

In August we were very lucky that our outing down the canal with Crusader's Community Boating took place on a sunny day! It was a very peaceful and happy trip with a stop for lunch at The Wharf in Bugbrooke. We all enjoyed ourselves and, which made it even better, we were supporting a charity which means that disabled people and those in care can take the same trips.

In September the speaker for the evening will be Debby Horsman. She is a Friend of the Scott Polar Institute in Cambridge and a distant relative of a member of the ill-fated support team to the Antarctic expedition. In her talk, "Shackleton's Forgotten Men", she gives an intimate account of this little known aspect of an otherwise heroic British story. We thought this might appeal to the Gentlemen as well so are opening the evening to anyone who would like to come. The meeting is in the Village Hall on Thursday September 5th at 7.30, the cost will be £5 to non-members and refreshments are included.

A reminder to all our WI Ladies that our October 3rd meeting is the AGM – usual time, usual place!

On Saturday October 5th we will be holding a Quiz in the Village Hall. The tables will be for 6 people, the cost is £7.50p per person and will include a hot supper - but please bring your own drinks. The WI quizzes are a fun evening so please come along and join us – we look forward to seeing you!

Mary Rice
Heyford Lodge 01327 340101


LFBLINDS

INTERIOR DESIGN FOR WINDOWS SINCE 1978

All types of blinds made to measure to your specification

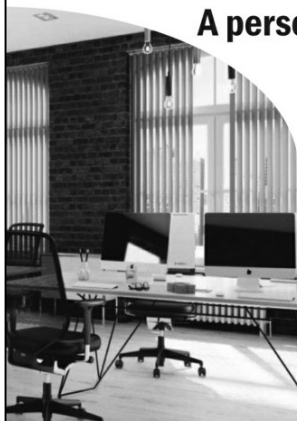
A personal service to your home or office

**Domestic & Commercial
Servicing & Repairs**

 **8d Boundary Road
NN13 7ES**

 **07966 622 053
01280 704 437**

 **info@lfbblinds.co.uk
www.lawrencefurnishings.co.uk**



NETHER HEYFORD

OFSTED No. EY450747

CHARITY No. 1029571

Pre-School

Ages 2-5 years

Open Monday-Friday, 9am-3pm

Funding available for eligible 2,3 and 4 year olds

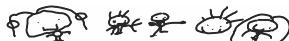
Highly qualified and experienced staff

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

Wrap around are available for children aged up to 11 years old

Breakfast Club incl. breakfast open from 7.45am

After School Club open until 6pm

'Walking Bus' to and from Bliss School provided if required

Transition sessions available for Bliss School reception class.

**Drop in and see us at
The Church Rooms, Church Lane,
Nether Heyford or call on
07984 055 828**

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

Community Flood Group

George Clarke's recent Channel 4 documentary "Council House Scandal" celebrated 100 years since the Addison Act of 1919 kick started Council Estate building. Sadly since the Right to Buy was introduced properties have not been replaced, hence the current shortage of Council properties for rent. GC has launched a National campaign to encourage Government to build more Council homes and has secured land in Manchester to demonstrate how to build good standard homes at reasonable cost. The programme highlighted a problem with commercial properties being converted to rentable homes under "permitted development" which fail to meet minimum acceptable standards for room sizes. Unfortunately this type of development introduced by Government reduced the power of local Planning Offices to enforce standards and bypass the formal planning processes.

The growth in permitted development could potentially lead to problems during conveyancing on house sale/purchase when the status of each building on site is investigated whether these are new build or change of use. Ideally a Lawful Development Certificate should be produced. To avoid risk to the seller/purchaser the seller can purchase an Indemnity Policy in the name of the purchaser. Not until permitted development is scrapped and the planning process returned to conventional planning application/building control will standards return to normal.

June/July/ August weather has continued to be untypical for this time of the year with short periods of high temperature near 37 centigrade and prolonged periods of heavy rainfall. Surprisingly total annual rainfall to the end of August is only 82% of average resulting from the extremely low rainfall earlier in the year.

Anyone interested in participating in discussions with the E/A over future flood defence requirements and contributing with their own local knowledge of flooding are again invited to contact me directly.

J.Arnold

Christian Aid

Thank you to everyone in the village who contributed to this year's Christian Aid Collection. We collected a total of £930.90. Of that £302.65 was gift aided, adding another £45.40 in reclaimed tax, so the final total to Christian Aid was £976.30. An excellent amount once again.

The Café on the Green

(Heyford's Community Café)

In the Baptist Schoolroom

Every Friday 1-5pm

On Friday 27th September

we are, again,
supporting the
Macmillan
'Coffee
Morning'



Appeal. We will be offering a variety of Home-Made Soups and, of course, lots of Home-Made Cakes. All café takings will go to the appeal. There will also be a Tombola stall and other fund raising activities. (Any donations of prizes for the tombola gratefully received, please bring to the café before the date.)



Heyford Garden Club

www.heyfordgardenclub.com

After the summer break our annual programme will commence on the 9th September with our autumn flower and produce show.

What a year-so far!

I commented on the weather earlier in the year, but since then we have had the hottest July ever recorded, followed by monsoon like rain and now gale force winds. So how have our gardens fared in this year of extremes? Amazingly our own patch has hardly been affected at all. I have had to do no more watering than usual and there have been no losses to speak of. Our soft fruit crops have been good in quantity and quality, and we have a bumper crop of damsons on our trees. I have noticed that plum and pear trees around the village seem to have little fruit on though. The roses have been good and so were our lilies. Our beetroot were poor but the lettuces were prolific. Some greens plants withered away, but the kale grew better than usual. How difficult it is to predict what will happen from one year to the next.

Serendipity

When weeding our gardens it pays to keep an eye out for the unusual, as all sorts of plants can appear amongst the weeds. Garden compost is a fertile source of tomato plants, chard and even parsley. Poppies and nigella are notorious for self seeding, as are evening primroses. Birds can drop seeds such as cherry stones and elder pips, so maybe that's where the sunflower came from on our vegetable plot. Rather more mysterious was the beautiful pink nicotiana and the orange coreopsis, neither of which are plants that I have ever grown and the angelica by our pond. A couple of years ago a salsify plant arrived from somewhere, and has spread around with it's dandelion-like fluffy seeds; a beautiful and edible weed. These interlopers often seem to grow better than the plants that I have carefully planted and nurtured, presumably they have grown so well because the seeds have landed where the conditions are just right for them.

Some Things to do in September

- 1 Sow some salad plants in pots for the autumn and winter
- 2 Buy and plant narcissi and daffodils
- 3 Reduce watering of cacti, succulents and other houseplants

Mark Newstead

Holiday at Home!

Although my family had organised a lovely holiday in the Norfolk area, unfortunately due to unforeseen circumstances we were unable to go, although the rest of the family “carried on regardless” (with our blessings). Whilst disappointed, health comes first, and as the Holiday at Home had been planned for the week we were originally going to be away, I had not requested a place. However, imagine my surprise and delight when I was asked if I would like to be included, as another person had been unable to attend.

To say that the two days were brilliant is an understatement. Participants were greeted at the door with the question “tea or coffee” and find yourself a seat. The theme of the Holiday was a “cruise” starting in England, “sailing” to France on Thursday and on to Italy on Friday.

Thursday - France

Once all passengers had assembled, we were greeted by “the captain” (Stephen Burrow); who gave a quick run-down of the days activities, including a short prayer. Next came the Captain’s Challenge. Having been given a sheet with a list of “tools” we were allowed to “buy” with our allowance of 30p, instructions were to make a contraption that you could put a fresh egg in to be dropped from approximately 5 feet without it breaking! The table I was involved with quickly got to work with different ideas and a summary of the tools we might need. Our idea (and as it turned out the other teams idea too) was to make a hot air balloon structure. Needless to say, all eggs broke! – but because our team had spent the least amount, we won the round and the prize of a box of chocolates.

Next on the agenda was a craft activity. Deborah Burrow had organised coasters with glue and mosaic tiles, that all had to decorate. Once finished these were put to one side to dry, to be grouted the following day. We also had intricate pictures to colour at our leisure – this was to allow time for the “catering staff” to put the finishing touches to our dinner. Wow! What a lovely dinner too – Coq au vin, followed by Apple pie & custard.

After dinner activities included Quoits, Jenga, table top curling, along with various table top games, dominoes etc.

Time seemed to pass so quickly, and in a wink of a eye it was time for afternoon tea - cakes, scones, tea & coffee.

First day’s sailing came to a close around 3.30. – Can’t wait for tomorrow!

Friday - Italy

Once again passengers were greeted with tea or coffee and biscuits, on the tables were Crossword puzzles and word search to keep you busy whilst waiting for the ships passengers to arrive.

Again Stephen greeted us with a run down of the days activities, followed by a short prayer.

Captain's Challenge – each team had information cards with various facts. The idea was to work out the earliest time and day you could get from England to Transylvanian to “kill” Count Dracula. Again the team I was involved with seemed very organised, and started by spreading out all the cards, and then gradually working through the different times and days we had been given for various parts of the journey. It became apparent that we had found the right day and time and again, we were the first team to call. Again, our team won a box of chocolates!

Next came the craft session. More colouring in the shape of a Postcard, designed by participants, with a sea as the theme, with the view to sending to someone who we thought would like to join the Holiday from Home next year. Whilst busy with this, each of us took turns to finish our mosaic coasters with the grouting, and then they were left to dry.

Lunch today was Lasagne, Garlic bread, Salad and Tiramisu.

Today's entertainment was courtesy of the Heyford Singers, who entertained us with a medley of songs taking us from London to Italy. Many of us joining in, and I'm sure thinking of times gone by. Whilst listening to the wonderful sounds, and joining in where I could, the “crew” were busy getting afternoon tea ready. This consisted of cream and jam scones, with a choice of cheese scones, tea & coffee – again the time between lunch and afternoon tea just seemed to fly by.

Then, in a blink of an eye, we were back in England – time to go home. What an absolutely fabulous, enjoyable two days – one I would highly recommend to anyone who isn't able to go on holiday.

I just would like to say a huge big THANK YOU to everyone involved in the two days of wonderful company and activities, as well as fantastic food – not forgetting the person who unfortunately couldn't make it and gave me my place on the Heyford Cruise.

Wonder what next year will hold, and will I be able to join in again – I hope so.

Christine Phillipps

"WHAT'S ON" DIARY OF ACTIVITIES

HEYFORD AND AREA - September 2019

<u>Name</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Day/Time</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Baptist Church		See programme within	C Atier 07939 960 278
First Wednesday Group	Baptist School Rm	1 st Wed in month 2pm	Vi Wilson 340090
Community Coffee Mng	" " "	4 th Thurs 10 - 12	Chris Atier 07939
Songs of Praise	" " "	2 nd Sun 4-5	960 278
Beaver Scouts 6-8 yrs	Church Rooms	Tues 6.15-7.15 pm	Clare Webb
			07484 88 77 32
Bell Ringers	Church of St Peter & St Paul	Fri 7.30pm	Jane Rands 340678
Bliss School Friends	Bliss School	Various	See announcements
Book Group	Various venues	2 nd Thurs 7.30pm	Vicki Hamblin 341059
Bowls Club	Playing Fields	April - Sept	Mike Davison 349427
Bugbrooke & District	Nether Heyford	4 th Mon in month	Dianne Gardner
Flower Society	Village Hall	(except Bank Hols) 7.45pm	01604 830063 or Simone Squire 342167
Church St Peter & St Paul	See programme within Church		Church Wardens N Dunkley 340689
			Jane Rands 340678
Crafty Club	Village Hall	Mon 12.30-2.30pm	Chris Phillips 341796
Cricket Club	Playing Fields		
- Adult cricket nets	" "	Tues evenings July & Aug	Matt Baker 07779 795 458
Young Heyford Cricket	Playing Fields		
Cub Scouts	Church Rooms	Tues 7.30-8.45	S Bird 07971 133 250
Garden Club	Village Hall	2 nd Mon in month 8pm	Mike Langrish 341390
Heyford Athletic	Playing Fields	Training Wed 7.30pm	Bob Hancox 01604 752421
Football Club			F Dennett 340002
Heyford Fishery	Weedon Road	Open all year. 7am – dusk 7 days a week	
Heyford Picturedrome	Village Hall	3 rd Thurs 7.30pm Sept – May	Tony Clewett 341533
Heyford Singers	Village Hall	Thurs or Fri 7.30pm as programme	Jill Langrish 341390
Pre-School Group	Church Rooms	Mon-Fri 9am-3pm. Brkfst Clb from 7.45am. After Sch Club til 6pm	07984 055 828
Royal British Legion	Baptist School Rm	1st Thurs 7.30	Kath Pancoust 340034
Scouts	Church Rooms	Mon 7.30-9.15	Ian Chapman 07939 018 041
Short Mat Bowls Club	Village Hall	Wed afternoon & evening	Ray Haddon 340016
Tennis Club	Playing Fields		Linda Miller 01604 753680
W.I.	Village Hall	1st Thurs in month 7.30	Pat Essery 340682
U3A	Bugbrooke Com Cnt	3 rd Mon 2.30pm	M MacIntosh 340954

STOWE IX CHURCHES

Garden Club	Various events during yr		Mrs A Mason 341146
W.I.	St Michael's Rooms	2nd Tue in month 7.30	Jill Thomas 341394

OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

DEFIBRILLATORS

Two Defibrillators are now in position and active in the village. One is on the wall at the One Stop Shop and the other at the Playing Field.

Bugbrooke Surgery

Mon – Fri 7.45am – 6.30pm
Second Wednesday of the month closed from 12.30 pm

Levitts Road
01604 830348

For out of hours,
week-ends & bank
hols ring 111

Tues 10 am Mini-bus service from Middle St

Weedon Surgery

Appointments can be made Mon-Fri 8am - 6.30pm. Surgery open until 8pm on Wednesdays. Dates displayed on surgery notice board or on www.gnwnp.co.uk

New Croft
01327 340212

Cafe on the Green (Community Cafe)

Baptist School Room

Friday 1pm – 5pm

Jane Rands 340678

Fish & Chip Van

Close Road

Saturday 12-1.30

Tours south side of village Monday 7-8.30pm

Pizza Box

Outside Forrester's Arms

Thu & Fri 5.30-8.30pm

Parish Council

Baptist Chapel Rooms

1st Mon in month 7.30

Clerk – G Ravine
340410

Police

Community Support Officer – Daventry &
South Northants

Matt Taylor – C7115

Email – c7115@northants.pnn.police.uk

- Report an incident on 101 or via online form at www.northants.police.uk

Post Office

Every day 8am – 7pm.

SNDC Rep

P Bignell (Con) 01604 830871

D Harries (Ind) 01604 830117

V Hall Committee

Meeting Room
For Hall bookings

Monthly

Chairman 340803
07849 356 618

SHOPS

Tops Hairdressers

Ladies & Gents
340747

Mon-Closed

Thurs 9.00-7.00

Tues 9.00-5.00

Fri 9.00-6.00

Wed 9.00-2.00

Sat 9.00-1.00

Butchers

Mon - Closed

Tues – Fri 8.30-5.30

Sat 8.00-12.30

One-Stop

6 am – 10 pm every day except Christmas day

Refuse Collection

Wednesday

FARMERS MARKETS - monthly 9 am till 2 pm approx.

BRACKLEY – 3rd Sat
DAVENTRY – 1st Sat

GRANDBOROUGH 10-12.30 – 1st Thurs Mar-Dec
NORTHAMPTON – 3rd Thurs

OUNDL – 2nd Sat
TOWCESTER – 2nd Fri

The Village Fete

What a narrow escape we had! Everyone I spoke to was convinced that the heavens would open, and it would be another wash-out. The bouncy castle had already pulled out by mid-morning, though that may have been down to the wind. I met Alwyne, the fete organiser. She told me it was her first as chief, and the paper on her clipboard being so rain sodden it couldn't be written on. She was breezily cheerful despite impending doom. Well done her for keeping her nerve.

For those who made it, it was the usual mix of fun. The bar was run with quiet efficiency as always by Faye from the Foresters Arms, and the burger bar next door took the concept of slow food very much to heart. Great burgers – worth the wait.

Off to the side nearest the swings, a less than menacing collection of mopeds lined up (owners ditto). We ended up with no less 4 Honda Expresses, in blue, yellow and orange (the only colour missing was the startling acid green variety). These little bikes date from 1978-1979 and were designed to look as much like bicycles and as little like motorbikes as possible, in order to attract the then largely-untapped women's market. Also present and correct was a very similar Yamaha QT, and the granddaddy of them all – a 1974 Honda C90, apparently found hidden and abandoned in a pile of nettles, and coaxed lovingly back to life. And so Heyford Moped Club was born. We should by now have had our first ride out, to mix it with the big boys at Jack's Hill Café. What will they make of us?

James Reed

The Old Chapel, 2a Church St



Nether Heyford Village Hall 60th Anniversary

"It is the 60th anniversary of our village hall in 2020 and we would like to commemorate it by publishing memories of its existence in our village, particularly if you have resided here for 60 years plus."

The Prattler is helping the Village Hall compile personal accounts, list volunteers who have worked on the hall, gather some photographs, memories and stories; ahead of celebrating their 60th anniversary next year.

- Do you have a story to tell about its history ?
- Were you a volunteer who helped out with any of the work ? Perhaps you had a relative who did ?
- What are your memories of events at the village hall ?
- Do you have any old photographs of the village hall or events there ?

The Prattler would love to hear from you via email heyford_prattler@yahoo.co.uk

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 23rd September when Jo Davis will give a demonstration entitled "Women Who Changed The World".

Our October meeting will be for members only as we are celebrating our 45th Anniversary.

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



Tracy's Care

Tracy's Care

Care, compasion and dignity

Fully insured with up to date dbs

tracy.wager@hotmail.com

07545926997

Personal care and general help

Please call for more information



NETHER HEYFORD VILLAGE HALL; Weds 9:30 - 10:45am

Perfect to Relax and De-stress

Gently stretch and tone with Hatha Yoga

Improve and maintain your flexibility, strength, balance and focus

Suitable for all, nothing too bendy! Steady pace. Qualified teacher.

You will need a non - slip mat (I have a couple available to borrow)

For more details please visit my website; vivsyoga.co.uk

Tel: 07941 547160

email : email@vivienduggan.com

cost : £7 per session

View from The Wildlife Patch

As Summer draws to a close we are beginning to evaluate our first two season's activities, What has gone well? What have we learned? Do we need to modify plans? etc. Whilst there are no disappointments so far, lessons are being learned all of the time.

A real success has been the sowing of a mixture of "Cornfield Annuals" on the only bare patch available to plant. Some are still in flower as I write this in late August. They have been nothing short of magnificent. Looking absolutely wonderful, attracting a whole host of pollinating insects day and night, as well as suppressing all other plants which some may term as "weeds". We will certainly plant this mixture this Autumn on the patches that have been cleared of vegetation during Summer. We will still plant original patch with a "Flowering Meadow Mixture" as planned.

Cornfield Annuals are ultra easy to establish and being natural wild plants need minimal after care. They are inexpensive to buy as seed, ultra easy to establish, only last for one season, look gorgeous, attract insects and suppress weeds. Why would you not want some? They include Corn Chamomile, Wild Cornflower, Corncockle and Corn Marigold.

I will be ordering soon and will buy ready mixed, loose seed in quantity. I can order extra for anyone who needs them. Plant at 4/5 gm per square metre, just scrape the soil and sprinkle them in - so simple -. Contact me on 01327 344461. or davemusson073@gmail.com. if you would like to give some Cornfields Annual a try.

The other success was the decision to leave a large proportion of the site unmown for the whole season. I admit that before I was involved in this, I was only vaguely aware of the value of this habitat.. A number of our butterflies and moths live on grass and spend 8-10 months as caterpillars and another month or so as a chrysalis so depend on uncut grass, as do most of our Small Mammals, and a host of creatures too numerous to list. In the light of this, our original plan to have the area very largely as " Flowering Meadow" type habitat is now under review. We will be mowing and removing long grass soon and have yet to discuss which we will treat thus. We may end up with more permanent long grass habitat than was originally planned, however this is likely to be modified with the introduction plants such as Hogweed, Knapweed, Teasels etc. to further increase the species that this will support.

Dave Musson



Heyford Picturedrome

The Autumn film season begins with **Bohemian Rhapsody** to be shown in the Village Hall on **Thursday 19th September**. This is the 2018 British film about the rock-band, Queen, from their formation in 1970 through to their legendary performance at Wembley Stadium in 1985 for Live Aid starring Rami Malek as Freddie Mercury, Gwilym Lee as Brian May, Joseph Mazzello as John Deacon and Ben Hardy as Roger Taylor. This is a foot-stomping celebration of the band, their music and their extraordinary singer, Freddie Mercury.

Doors open at 7.15 for free coffee or tea with a **film start at 7.45pm**. The admission price remains at **£4.00 per person** and there is no joining fee. A licensed bar will be serving wine and soft drinks before the film and during the interval.

The October film will be **'Fishermen's Friends'**, a 2019 British biographical comedy-drama directed by Chris Foggin about a group of ten singing Cornish fishermen from Port Isaac who have a top ten hit with their debut album of sea shanties after being signed to Universal Records by a cynical London music executive.

Tony Clewett
(Phone no. 341533)

"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 four different social tennis sessions each week - something to suit everyone.

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

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

Nether Heyford Village Hall



**Available for Club Meetings,
Parties, Weddings, Business
Meetings etc. Modern facilities.
Disabled access friendly**

Bookings: nhvhbookings@gmail.com

Website: www.netherheyfordvillagehall.org

Phone: 07849 356 618



Open Day
25th September 2019

Choose Quinton

Visit our Open Day on 25th September 2019

Choose Quinton House to spark a lifelong love of learning in your child. With above national average GCSE results, a global mindset and an extensive range of extracurricular activities, Quinton is a great first choice for your family's education.

Book a place on our open day, call Joanna Sainsbury on 01604 684828.

www.quintonhouseschool.co.uk  



QUINTON
HOUSE
SCHOOL

*We're neither pure nor wise nor good;
We'll do the best we know.
We'll build our house, and chop our wood,
And make our garden grow.*

*The final chorus from "Make Our Garden Grow"
from "Candide" by Leonard Bernstein 1955*

Normally Jill Langrish writes a piece for the Prattler on behalf of the Heyford Singers and Mike, her other half, waxes lyrical about the joys of allotments, orchards and all things green. For this September article we thought we'd combine what little talent we have and write about the effect that both music and growing things can have on making us feel good. So this article is a sort of a dialogue; a chance for us to share that sense of contentment, happiness, belonging, achievement, and well being that we believe comes from both activities. Easy? Just read on.....

Jill. Music is a very social activity. Whether you play in a band or orchestra, sing in a group or a choir, sit or stand in the audience for a concert, you are sharing that unique experience with lots of other people. You are helping to contribute towards the collective outcome, a shared achievement. As well as the social benefits of music, it also contributes hugely to our physical and mental health. There has been considerable research recently about the value of doctors giving a "social prescription". In July, Naomi Paxton hosted a BBC Proms panel discussion on music and wellbeing with epidemiologist Dr Daisy Fancourt and GP Dr Simon Opher. Both are enthusiastic advocates of social prescribing and of using music to support health.

"Social prescription is a fairly new idea," says Dr Opher. "A doctor might give a normal prescription for a medicine, but they can also give a prescription for an activity. That could be singing, music, art, poetry, exercise or anything – but not a medicine. Music can help everyone, but it can specifically help certain conditions – and we know this from research. One of the areas of the brain that really lights up when you listen to music is the pre cortical area. That's one of the last areas that is damaged with dementia – so people with dementia, for example, retain their ability to enjoy music. I've seen more effect with music for patients with dementia than any kind of medication."

Mike. Gardening, whether it be wandering round the tiny patch of ground outside your back door or maintaining an allotment or huge vegetable patch, vastly improves both our physical and mental health. And the sort of evidence that applies to music is to be found in abundance when it comes to digging and weeding. Kathryn Rossiter, CEO of Thrive, one of the UK's leading charities in disability and gardening says that

"as well as the strong therapeutic value of gardening it can help people connect with others, reducing feelings of isolation. It makes us more active, gaining both physical and mental health benefits."

Jill. Then there is the intellectual side of music. Listening to a new song or unfamiliar piece of music demands attention, it keeps the brain's cells active. And whether it be trying to make sense of all those dots and squiggles in music notation, learning new songs, understanding the different voice parts, learning and playing an instrument, all these are essential in keeping the "little grey cells" active.

Mike. Now this is a generalisation, but doctors believe that gardeners have lower levels of the stress hormone, cortisol, leading to improved sleep patterns, relaxation and mental wellbeing. Although sometimes I think it is just exhaustion that makes me sleep!

Jill. And what about the *fun* side, the enjoyment of it all. During August there was delightful series on the radio entitled "A Singer's Guide to Britain" which explored different aspects of British culture through the songs we sing. In the first episode the presenter said that, "a song is like an imaginary magic carpet. You climb aboard and it flies off, it takes you on an adventure". Now this can be interpreted in so many ways. Special places, special people or special memories are all evoked by the song. It is powerful stuff.

Mike. That first snowdrop can make you feel really good. The flowering of the rose you pruned, a lettuce you grew from seed, the blackbird singing just for you. These are small things but all positive and have healing powers that medicine sometimes tries to mimic. It is no surprise that, like music, doctors are seriously considering prescribing gardening as a cure for some conditions. Monty Don, the man that appears on our TV screens on a Friday evening accompanied by two dogs and who isn't bad at gardening either, says in a telling way that *"When you plant something, you invest in a beautiful future amidst a stressful, chaotic and, at times, downright appalling world"*

Apologies if we have just taken this opportunity to indulge in our two great passions. It doesn't matter if you think you can't sing a note in tune (something we dispute) or you kill everything you plant (also disputable), there is so much to be gained from both activities. A good way to start would be to join Heyford Singers and/or get an allotment.

Jill. The next rehearsal of Heyford Singers is on Friday 6th September at 7.15 pm in the village hall. It will be an Open Evening and everyone is very welcome. 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.

Mike. If you are interested in trying out an allotment 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.

There you are, two articles in one.

Jill and Mike Langrish

Norman Trevor Davis

I would like to say thank you for all the support I have received after the death of my husband, Norman.

Thank you for all the cards and flowers and especially to Norman's family, my family, friends and neighbours, (including former neighbours) for their love and support. Also thank you to the Bowls Club members for their help and support at this difficult time.

I would also like to thank Peter Wylie for the lovely service, and all the relatives and friends who attended the funeral.

Norman supported the RNLI and to date donations have totalled £140:00 which I was able to pass on to them.

Last of all, I would like to thank Den Taylor for the help he gave Norman and myself before and after Norman's death, including walking the two dogs, which meant I was able to be with Norman in the hospital.

Sandy Davis

Eileen Drake

Sadly after battling a long illness Eileen passed away in her sleep on 7th July 2019.

Having lived in the village since 1976 she made many friends, many of whom gave help and support throughout her long illness.

She will be sadly missed by myself, son Ian, daughter Joanne, daughters in law Sarah and Rachel and her lovely grand-daughters Violet and Emerald.

Many thanks to those who made donations to Friends of Dantre Hospital and the Lewis Foundation.

Graham



Percy's Plumbing & Heating

William Percy
Plumber & Heating Engineer
percysplumbing@gmail.com
Mobile: 07526539176

LTD

5 Winston Close
Nether Heyford
Northampton
NN7 3JX

Call Today! **01327340654**



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

Monday 16th SEPTEMBER

'MILTON KEYNES TO MISSISSIPPI' by Saffron Summerfield.

Saffron gives a brief history of the guitar and plays classical, Spanish and Mississippi blues music. She also tells anecdotes from a career in music.

The special interest groups which meet separately include:

Book exchange	Classics for Pleasure	Genealogy
German (intermediate)	Jigsaw Exchange	Literature
Luncheon Club	My Kind of Music	Photography
Play Reading	Scrabble (2)	

Guests welcome at the monthly meetings and to 'try' the groups.

To learn more, call 01327 340954 or visit our website
www.u3asites.org.uk/upper-nene



Heyford Bowls Club

www.heyfordbowlsclub.co.uk

Indoor

In spite of summer holidays and other commitments, members support for Wednesday short mat bowling sessions has been very good. The friendly Friday evening outdoor triples league has now finished and was enjoyed by all who took part. The indoor short mat league will commence during the winter months. More information on this when it becomes available.

The Men's Pairs will be played on Saturday 14th September. This produces some very keen competition, therefore it would be nice to have as many names down as possible. There will be two more competitions this year and they will be announced later.

Anyone wishing to play indoor bowling will be made most welcome at our Wednesday bowling sessions. Times for these are – afternoon 1.40pm and evening 7.10pm.

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

Den Taylor

Outdoor

At the time of writing these notes, Heyford Bowls Club are in grave danger of being relegated from Division 2 of the Northamptonshire Area Monday Night League. With two games to play, two good wins are needed, but our consistent inconsistency has been our downfall.

On the friendly games front the results have been much better; 16 wins out of 26 games with one tied. The season is rapidly drawing to an end, with only the finals of the club competitions on Saturday 31 August and Sunday 1st September, and the Gala Day on Sunday 15th September scheduled to be played on our green.

Oh! And of course our final league game on Monday 9th September against Abington.

Geoff Allen
349909

I just wanted to write in and thank the lady who takes the time and trouble to put down plants in the jitty between Church St and Parsons Close. I don't know her name she is an attractive blonde lady in her late forties. I have often seen her planting things, watering, and generally keeping this little bit of public footpath as attractive as possible.

I think this is really public spirited. It is not her land but she is making it nice for everyone. Or at least everyone who uses that jitty! We need more of that kind of attitude and less of the other sort so often displayed by people whether it is careless dog owners, car racers, bad parkers and litter bugs.

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

You may remember that a couple of months ago, I published a help request about the Prattlers finances. Since then, there have been a few changes and the Prattler now has a committee, comprising of Richard Musson, Jez Wilson (who already runs the website) and Mary Rice along with the original Prattler team.

The committee have already been in action helping to raise finances and this will secure the Prattler's future.

Many thanks to all those that have contributed or offered their help.

Thanks are due to Annie and Beth who litter-picked the Green after the fete. After doing this, they made a collection in the Foresters and raised a total of £18.

They donated this money to Nether Heyford Tidy Villagers where it will be used to supply future litter pick-ups with bags and sticks.

The Prattler

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

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



Heyford Cricket Club

The season is going well for the adult cricketers at Heyford CC. The 1st XI are still at the top of Division 3 but have had their lead slashed following 3 consecutive defeats against beatable opposition. The 2nd XI remain in second place in Division 8 having beaten the league leaders twice, but recently slipped up against rivals Wellingborough OGs 2nd XI in the battle for the three promotion spaces. It looks like being an exciting climax to the season!

Junior Cricket ended strongly, with our 40 All Stars enjoying a water balloon cricket activity at their last session, and the U11s winning their first game! It was fantastic to see the improvement of the children during the coaching sessions, well done to all the children and coaches at the Club for an enjoyable summer. We will be in touch shortly about plans for winter nets and cricket in 2020.

Thank you to everyone who came to our Fun Day at the Playing Fields in June, and the Golf Day at Whittlebury Hall in July. These events raised a huge amount of money for the Club and will go a long way towards paying for a new roller for the square, providing some more seating for spectators and practice equipment for both adults and juniors.

Patrons and Sponsors Day – 14th September:

We will be hosting a Patrons and Sponsors Day on 14th September, to thank all our patrons and sponsors for their generous support and financial contributions to the Club. The 1st XI will be playing at home against Wollaston (midday start), and we will be putting on some extra tea and a glass of bubbles for everyone who can make it along! Tea is usually served at about 3pm, and the bar will be open all afternoon. We hope you can join us for some or all of the afternoon.

Bonus Ball:

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

27/07/19 – 3 – Ceri John	29/06/19 – 27 – Jamie Pardon
20/07/19 – 32 – Adam Linnell	22/06/19 – 11 – Chris Peck
13/07/19 – 12 – Ray & Carol Cory	15/06/19 – 29 – Dave Livermore
06/07/19 – 9 – Colin Gillespie	08/06/19 – 43 – Adam Linnell
01/06/19 – 42 – Chris Andrews	

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:

7th September – 2nd XI v Long Buckby (13:00)

14th September – 1st XI v Wollaston (12:00)

21st September – 2nd XI v Irchester (13:00)

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 (see more at www.FloreArtsEvents.com and our Facebook page.)

Just two more offerings from us this year. Call Rosemary Read (between 9am and 8pm) on 01327 341026 to reserve tickets for...

BARN DANCE at Flore Millennium Hall, Flore. September 21st, 7.30pm: Doors open 7pm. Tickets £10 (£5 Under 18s). Licensed bar.

A return for nationally known, ace musicians Jenny Newman (fiddle) and Andy Glass (guitar)... along with all-important caller Mary Panton who will lead our evening's entertainment. Mary is known as a great communicator with a huge knowledge of dance steps. Her fans say...

"Our guests loved you, and the dancing was great fun... thank you very much for your wonderful expert, encouraging and enticing calling..."

Expect a lively fun-filled evening for all the family and "Traditional Fiddling at its best with some awesome contemporary backing". It should be a ball!

ENSEMBLE RENARD at All Saints Church, Flore. November 16th, 7.30pm, All Saints. Doors open 7pm. Tickets £10 (£5 Under 18s).

Our last event of the year features five wonderfully talented musicians from the Royal Academy of Music. Flore resident Ellie Blamires (flute) will be joined by Patrick Bolton (bassoon), Francesca Cox (oboe), Holly Isherwood (clarinet) and Zoe Tweed (french horn). The ensemble will be performing a programme including music by Debussy, Ibert and Northampton's Malcolm Arnold.

HEYFORD MOLES & PEST CONTROL



FOR A FAST & FRIENDLY SERVICE
GUARANTEED RESULTS
CONTACT IAN ON:

07885 629016

heyfordmoles@hotmail.com
www.heyfordmoles.moonfruit.com

MOLES, RABBITS, SQUIRRELS,
RATS, MICE & WASP NESTS
CATERED FOR

travel counsellors



Lisa Hillyard F Inst TT

Professional Travel Agent offers
Confidential travel booking service

Package holidays • Cruises
Bespoke tailor made travel
Worldwide flights



Tel 01327 342067

Fax: 01327 349637

E.mail: lisa.hillyard@travelcounsellors.com
www.travelcounsellors.com/lisa.hillyard



bonum BUILDERS

GARAGE CONVERSION SPECIALISTS

SMALL BUILDING WORK • MAINTENANCE • RENOVATIONS

T: 01327 220717 M: 07949 790404 E: info@bonumbuild.com

www.bonumbuild.com

IAN SUMMERLING, ELECTRICIAN

All electrical installations,
burglar alarms, extra sockets, etc

Tel 01604 862710

Mobile 07971 426775

39 Wallwin Close, Roade, NN7 2NA

RANDALL ELECTRICAL

ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR

For all types of
Domestic Electrical
Installations

Free no obligation quotes

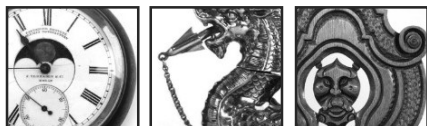
Tel: 01327 349144

Mobile: 07703 258169



LOCKE & ENGLAND
AUCTIONEERS & VALUERS

Auction Sales & Valuations



Valuation, collection & auction service
of individual items through to complete
property clearances.

Call for a free no obligation collection
quote or email info@leauction.co.uk

SALE ENTRIES INVITED

12 Guy Street, Leamington Spa, CV32 4RT
01926 889 100 www.leauction.co.uk

Radmore Cattery

- Luxury & modern boarding chalets operating to Feline Advisory Bureau (FAB) standards
- Located on a family run farm overlooking a picturesque fruit orchard
- All chalets with an indoor heated sleeping area & outside covered exercise run

Enquiries to Kathryn (01327) 830825
Mobile 07732274252

**Radmore Farm, Northampton Rd,
Litchborough, Towcester,
Northants. NN12 8HR**

William Henry INTERIORS

Experienced Painting & Decorating service
Free no obligation quotes
Domestic and Commercial work undertaken

07549 222100 mobile 01327 563974 after 6pm

MRS PAM CLEMENTS

Bed and Breakfast

Private car park

27 Church Street, Nether Heyford

Tel: 01327 340872



Tom Dodd

ART, PHOTOGRAPHY & DESIGN

PORTRAITS, EVENTS,

COMMISSIONS

tomdoddLtd@gmail.com

(0044) 07887743157

© t.c.d.63

MANOR ACCOUNTING SERVICES

BOOK KEEPING FINAL ACCOUNTS
SELF ASSESSMENT TAX RETURNS
AUDIT SERVICES VAT RETURNS

TELEPHONE 01327 341559

MOBILE 07540659030

CHIROPODY TREATMENT KEN BRIGHT MBChA MSSCh

Have your feet cared for
in the comfort of your own home

Tel: 01604 406741

£25.00 per visit

Lynno's Lawns & General
Garden Maintenance

All gardening work considered

Contact: Lynn Ormerod

Phone: 07979 303585

eMail: lynnoslawns@hotmail.co.uk



DOUCE MOWER SERVICE

Free collection and delivery

All work guaranteed

Will your lawnmower work again next Spring?

For peace of mind, a winter service is the answer.

Ring Northampton 638055 daytime, or call
George Rands after 6pm on Weedon 340678

Fill this space for

£5 per month

Call 01327 341059

Please mention that you saw it in

THE PRATTLER

when responding to advertisers !

THE PRATTLER

NEXT EDITION

Submission date: 15th Sept 2019 for written items
20th Sept 2019 for email items
Publication date: 1st October 2019
e-mail: heyford_prattler@yahoo.co.uk
Or drop off at Heyford Meats or the One Stop Shop

Editorial: Sue Boutle 01327 342519
Proofreading: Tony Boutle
Typing & Distribution: Christine Watts 01327 340041
Adverts & Payments: Vicki Hamblin 01327 341059
Design: Nick Essex
Website: Jez Wilson



We welcome Prattler contributions, please send these to the Editor. Please include your name and full contact details. We prefer items by e-mail & all images should be JPEG files.

The Editors reserves the right to edit or refuse any submissions at their discretion. The views expressed in this magazine are not necessarily those of any member of the editorial team. Advertising material does not imply any endorsement by the editorial team.



The Prattler is printed by



Design to Print Limited
46 Daventry Road
Norton Daventry
NN11 2ND
01327 872950
www.designtoprint.org.uk