

October 2019

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The Jubilee Hall

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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		Wed Group	W.I.		WI Quiz	
		BSR 2pm	VH 7:30		VH 7:30pm	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
PC Meeting						
BSR 7:30pm						
14	15	16	17	:18	19	20
Garden Club			Picturedrome		Bowls	
VH 8 pm			VH 7:15pm		VH 1pm	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
			Comm Coffee			
			BSR 10-12			
28	29	30	31			
Flower Soc	Bowls AGM					
VH 7:45pm						

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) Heyford Singers 7:15 (VH) or Fridays

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)



The September 2nd meeting was held as normal in the Baptist Church Rooms.

Like all Council meetings it was open to the public.

PCSO It was resolved that the employment of the PCSO would be continued for the time being, provided that Bugbrooke PC continued with their share of the arrangement, which has proved to be the case since our meeting. The PCSO is felt to have fitted well into the village and is making contacts with residents and businesses.

Car Parking on the Green This has again become an issue with both Councillors and other residents complaining of vehicles being parked on the Green. This is felt to be unnecessary and unsightly and spoils the enjoyment of our magnificent Green for many residents. Council would be most grateful if those responsible would stop.

Lighting It was reported that a start had been made on the plan to renew lighting. A brief needed to be written to send to lighting companies willing to quote.

Roads and pavements Condition of Street Name Signs for The Peak and Manor Walk to be reported to SNC as the black paint needed to be restored.

The Green and Play Area It was felt that the Play Area was in reasonable condition at the present, but that it would need refurbishment after winter. Clerk had attended a course run by the Open Spaces Society, and had been told that if the property behind Denbrook on Weedon Rd were to put in a planning application, then an Easement in order to allow access across the section of the Village Green would be necessary. Council should ask that this be a condition of the planning permission, and ensure that the applicant paid for it.

Fair It was resolved to allow Mr Freeman's fair to visit on the Middle Green from Sept 12 - 15.

Playing Fields. Mr Thorneycroft reported that the container for the Scouts and School was now in place. He had been told that the proposed Basketball/Netball court could not go ahead until an archaeological investigation was undertaken, Mr Thorneycroft had arranged this but would have to pay for the hire and fuel for a digger. Council agreed to pay for the digger costs.

Trees. A Robinia on Hillside Crescent had been damaged, and STS asked to deal with it. A Robinia on the Green would need to be removed because of rotting. The Limes would be pollarded after the leaves had fallen.

Allotments It was reported that further expenditure had taken place on the shed, and more to come regarding a pond. H&S issues would be considered with regard to the pond and other water holding tanks; a risk assessment would be needed.

Footpaths There had been clearance and strimming work carried out by the Rights of Way team.

Churchyard The first internment of Ashes had taken place. It was likely that there would be a request for funds to help with re-roofing the Church after the theft of lead.

Canal The railing had been re-painted on the bridge on Furnace Lane. Chair thanked Lee Pratt and Nick Essex for their continued work on behalf of the community.

Youth Club To start back on 9th September, with a waiting list in operation. Anglian Water had repaired damaged drains.

Defibrillators Both inspected and in working order.

Neighbourhood Plan (NP) It was reported that discussions had been held with SNC, who felt the criteria used for the chosen housing areas were not robust enough, and a further Housing Needs Survey needed to be carried out, as the Examiner might well take that part of the policy out if it were felt unsatisfactory. The NP was not as close to the consultation as had been thought. It was now felt that the NP would not be complete until 2021, but that it would be much safer with the additional work done.

Reporting Highway and Footpath Issues The Clerk will report issues that Council is made aware of, but Council would encourage residents to use the Fixmystreet service to report issues themselves as there will then be no time lag and first-hand reports are almost always better than 2nd or 3rd hand reports. The service can be found here https://www.fixmystreet.com/

It is easy to use; you can have your own account and can check up on any issues you have reported.

Council meetings take place on the first Monday of each month (unless there is a Bank Holiday) – the next one being on Monday October 7th.

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The Prattler

The Prattler is run by an active voluntary committee comprising of Richard Musson, Mary Rice, and the rest of the team as detailed on the back page. If you would like to submit articles or have any suggestions for future issues, please get in touch.

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Our Churches Parish Church of St. Peter and St. Paul

Services for October 2019

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	
03:00 pm	Messy Church at Heyford Church Rooms	
10:00 am	Benefice Communion Service at Church Stowe	
04:00 pm	4@Flore at the Millennium Hall, Flore	
02:30 pm	Messy Church at Flore Church	
09:30 am	Holy Communion at Heyford	
10:00 am	United Service at Flore URC	
11:00 am	Family Service at Upper Stowe	
11:15 am	Harvest Service at Brockhall	
04:00 pm	Youth Church at Flore Church	
10:30 am	Benefice Prayer Meeting at Flore	
09:30 am	Holy Communion at Flore	
	Informal Worship at Heyford	
06:00 pm	Holy Communion at Upper Stowe	
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Midweek Communions are held weekly on Wednesdays, 9.30am at Heyford and Thursdays, 10am at Flore – all welcome. (No service at Heyford on 23rd October).

During October we shall be praying for people living in The Green in Nether Heyford, for the Bliss Charity Primary School, for the shops, and for all the activities in the Village Hall and the Baptist Church Rooms. In Flore, we pray for people living on Hillside Road and Flore Hill. We pray for the Main Street and School Rooms in Church Stowe, and for Manor Farm, the Old Coach House and Manor Cottage in Brockhall.

Dear friends.

As I write this, we're moving into Autumn, and the leaves on the lime trees in the churchyard here in Heyford are just beginning to change colour. At the same time, countless lime seeds are drifting into the Rectory like tiny little helicopters, the shape of the leaf and stalk cleverly designed to carry the seeds some distance away from the tree. Thousands of these seeds litter the Rectory drive, which is a bit of a nuisance in one way, and yet in another way, it's a seasonal reminder of God's reckless generosity.

This is the time of year when we celebrate the harvest across the churches and primary schools in the benefice, giving thanks to God for his abundance. There's a danger that we lose sight of the importance of the harvest in this day and age, when food can be sourced from all over the world and found on our supermarket shelves. In ancient times however, the abundance of the harvest – or the lack of abundance – could mean the difference between life and death, between having enough to eat and starvation. Little wonder that people worshipped God, and gave thanks for good, plentiful harvests.

We see ancient Israel's attitude to the fruitfulness and abundance of the earth throughout the Old Testament, and especially in the Psalms, many of which praise God for his goodness. Harvest metaphors are common in the Bible, and often feature in Jesus' parables and stories. There are a couple of ideas that emerge from the Bible's teaching on harvest. First, we're to recognise that all the good things around us – our food and drink, flowers, trees and the amazing abundance of creation – are gifts we can value and enjoy. Secondly, all this created goodness is not ours to hoard or use selfishly. So in the churches, our collected harvest donations go to help local food banks and homeless shelters, to help overcome the surprising and depressing need to satisfy poverty and hunger here in the UK. As we celebrate God's generosity, I pray that we might all take the opportunity to be generous in turn, sharing what we have, and helping those in need.

Yours in Christ,

Stephen (Tel: 344436)



Nether Heyford Baptist Church

Morning Services: 10:30 am

Afternoon Services: 4:00 pm

Sunday Services

October	10:30 a.m.	4:00 p.m.	
6 th	Harvest service led by Les Britten. Coin collection for Nepal		
13 th	Manley	Songs of Praise 4pm led by Martin Buckby (including Tea and cakes)	
20 th	Worship led by Trevor Boys Followed by coffee (Rosemary D)		
27 th	9:30am prayer meeting followed at 10-30am with our communion service led by Martin Buckby		

Events

October 2 nd	will speak on Heygates Flour Mill.
October 5 th	6.30pm Harvest Supper (proceeds to Operation Agri for their work in Nepal)
October 14 th	2pm Prayer meeting and bible study
October 24th	10am to 12md Community Coffee Morning – come for

a free drink and chat. (Books and Sales table)

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Village Hall News

Pantomime

Following the 'packed house' success of last year's pantomime, we are looking forward to this year's production: 'Dick Whittington' to be presented by The Looking Glass Theatre Company in the Village Hall on Sunday 29th December at 2pm. We're already receiving requests for tickets so we advise you to book early before they sell out again. Tickets - £9 for adults, £3 for children up to age 11. They can be purchased from:

Richard 01327 341044 or 07801 862 140, Alwyne – 01327 340803.

Fete Photographs

Tom Dodd, our voluntary photographer has produced a large, colourful montage of this year's fete, which is now displayed in the village hall. He's happy to provide individual photographs – no charge but a donation to the fete funds would be welcomed. Contact him on: 07887 743 157.

Village Hall Secretary

Following our recent invitation for a new Secretary, we are delighted to welcome two: Judith Cattermole as management committee secretary, and Pat Paterson as our new special events secretary. As next year sees the 60th anniversary of the building of the village hall, we expect to be even busier than usual, so our two new secretaries will make a valuable contribution to our team.

Alwyne Wilson



In Nether Heyford

Debby Horsman, the speaker at our September Meeting, gave us a new insight into Shackleton's intended, but ill prepared, Atlantic Expedition in 1914. She concentrated on the support operation which was to provide supplies to the second leg of the Expedition. It was an interesting evening and we were joined by several "WI Husbands"!

The Meeting on October 3rd is our AGM at which we hope to see as many members as possible. The Meeting will be followed by a games evening, which usually produces a great deal of laughter.

On Saturday, October 5th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall the WI are holding a Quiz Evening. The tables will be for 6 people, the cost is £7.50 per person and will

include a hot supper – but please bring your own drinks and glasses. I know it will be a good evening and we hope you can join us. Tables can be booked by ringing me on 01327 340101 or our President, Pat Essery, on 01327 340682.

Looking ahead to November our speaker will be Helen Frost and she will be telling us about the Women's Land Army.

Mary Rice Heyford Lodge 01327 340101



2020 Village Award Scheme

(organised by ACRE – Action for Communities in Rural England)

My husband and I came to Nether Heyford for 18 months in 1987 and have been here ever since, having realised what a great community this was. It still is — with a wide variety of activities going on around the village, many based in the village hall, in the school, on the sports field, in the churches, in the youth club and on the village green. In addition, I have recently been inspired by the fact that next year marks the 60^{th} anniversary of the building of the village hall, built entirely by volunteers — and throughout the ensuing 60 years, volunteers have continued to manage and maintain it.

With these two facts, we could stand a good chance of being recognised as a very special village community.

As a villager myself and appreciative of all that Nether Heyford has to offer, I would be pleased to co-ordinate an application, with the help of others. To this end, I propose to contact and, I hope, meet representatives of the various activities. If I contact you, please be gentle with me.

The application deadline will be next April, with judging from late May to early June. That seems a long time ahead but, with Christmas and New Year in between, we need to make an early start.

Alwyne Wilson

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The Story of Heyford - The Jubilee Hall

(https://heyfordprattler.org/2019/07/14/the-story-of-heyford-the-jubilee-hall)

The Jubilee Hall used to stand just behind the memorial green, on the opposite side of the road to where the Butchers and Patisserie are today. It was a stone barn with a thatched roof and was used as a meeting place for clubs and events much as the village hall is used today.

It was an ancient building, possibly built in the late 1600's at the same time as 'The Springs', the thatched stone house which still stands today just behind the site of the Jubilee Hall. In the late 1800's and early 1900's the house and barn were occupied by a family called Smith who ran a laundry there. Bob Browning who was born in 1892 recalled the laundry but we don't know for sure whether it was run from the house or the barn.

The name Jubilee Hall is believed to have originated from Queen Victoria's Jubilee, probably her Diamond Jubilee of 1897. It may be that this was when the barn began to be used as a meeting place rather than as a laundry.

In 1914 the house and barn which had been owned by the Church were bought by the Ward family The Jubilee Hall continued to be used as a meeting place until around the time of the second world war, and we have several local memories of it from the 1920's and 1930's.

The cover photograph, lent by Janet Randall, was taken in 1920. In the far right is the old Post Office. To the left of this can be seen the scaffolding from the building of the New School House. In the centre of the picture is the thatched house known as 'The Springs', and in front of this is the war memorial. Note the size of the oak tree beside it. The building on the left is the Jubilee Hall.

Memories of the Jubilee Hall

In March 1981 there was an article published in the Prattler, written by Marjorie Hamborg, based on information from Mr and Mrs Amos Lee, which gives a good insight into its use. This article is reprinted here but we have also added some additional information based on the recollections of a number of other local people.

From The Prattler March 1981

"Our readers may have noticed that to the left of the thatched cottage facing the Memorial Green there is an old wall built of Northamptonshire stone. As this is now being reshaped to camouflage the building of a garage, I thought it would be of interest to know a bit about the history of this part of Heyford. So I visited my friends Mr and Mrs Amos Lee in Furnace Lane as they can give us new villagers some of the history of the Jubilee Hall that used to stand on this site.

At one time this was the only place where the young folk could gather, and here they came to play darts, skittles, rings, bagatelle, and a bit of boxing."

It was also used for private parties. Dorothy Kingston had her Wedding reception there and Tommy Rolfe of the Foresters supplied them with a ham for £1.

The Pussyfoot Club

"The hall was mainly used by the men of the village, was teetotal, and was given the name 'Pussyfoot Club'. The ladies of the village were invited when a dance was held there. Mrs Dorothy Kingston remembers them well, the fiddle being played by Lily Porch and Bern Kingston, and the piano by Lily's sister Phillis. I also understand that Mrs Cameron from the school also used to take part. There was a small stove around which wet clothes could be dried in bad weather."

Bob Browning who was born in 1892 recalled that 'it was open six evenings a week between 6 pm and 10 pm. You could buy drinks there and play skittles. Sometimes there was also boxing, done in those days with bare fists.'

Bill Nickolls also remembers the Pussyfoot Club. The youngsters came from 5 pm to 8 pm. They paid a halfpenny per night to play darts, billiards, skittles and cards. Later the older ones came. They took it in turns to run the bar. Bill remembers on one occasion how somebody put a firework in the keyhole. The door jammed and they had to escape through the toilet window by climbing on the bucket.

Bill Kingston remembers the dances on Saturday nights. His father Bernard, and Lily Porch (later Mrs Green) played the violin. They danced waltzes, the military two-step and the lancers (a formation dance).

"However partly due to agitation by mothers whose sons became too fond of the card games carried on there, and partly to difficulty of getting committee members to organise events, the hall fell into disuse."

The Laundry

"Before Mr and Mrs Ward came to live in the cottage Mrs Lee's stepmother had a laundry there and Mrs Ada Smith can remember as a child seeing Mr Lee trundling his basket of clean laundry up Furnace Lane.".

Cobblers Shop

Another person remembered with the Jubilee Hall during the 1930's was Sid Eales. There was a small wooden hut next to the Jubilee Hall in which he ran a cobblers shop. He had been injured during the first world war and walked with a limp. He not only mended shoes, but would also take bets on your behalf if you wanted him to.

Fire wood and the black market

Jack Haddon had a timber yard a little way up Weedon Road where the Randalls now live.

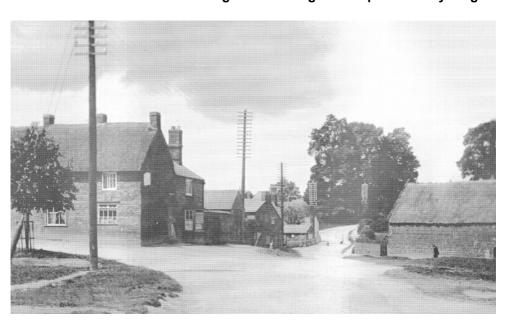
"Mr Lee tells me that during the second world war years the hall was used for chopping firewood and he remembers what a grand employer Jack Haddon was, working alongside Mr Lee, Mr Andrews, three or four women from the village and others, and there was a good trade with the bundling machine working at full blast. The wood came from as far as Brockhall Park and was stored in the paddock at the side."

Jack Haddon apparently also did some black market dealing there during the War. There's a story which says that while a deal was being struck inside the hall there was some panic because the local bobby was seen approaching. "Don't worry," said Jack reassuringly, "he's only coming to pick up his joint!"

The Final days

When at last the hall was no longer used it fell into disrepair. Around 1954 the building had become unsafe, and when David Ward removed one of the beams it finally collapsed. Mr Ward had the wall built along the boundary line and many of the remaining slabs of stone disappeared in various directions.





This photograph shows the view along the Weedon Road. The Jubilee Hall is on the right hand side and Sid Eales Cobblers shop can be seen at the end of the building. On the left of the picture is the butchers shop and slaughterhouse. Note also the telegraph poles and the lack of proper kerbs and pavements.



Heyford Garden Club

www.heyfordgardenclub.com

We started our new programme for the year with our annual flower and vegetable show. These shows are always affected by the vagaries of the weather that has experienced over the year, and our efforts to balance the classes are frequently frustrated by events. For example, based on previous poor displays the class for beetroot was withdrawn last year, only to prompt complaints from members because their beetroot crops had been particularly good. So for this year the beetroot class was reinstated only to find that there was only one entry! And there were no courgette's at all, whereas there were ten entries in the tomatoes. However the expansion of the floral classes was clearly a clever move as the displays of arrangements on show were truly impressive, indicating a wealth of artistic talent among our members.

The vegetable section was won by Irene Reeves with Jill Langrish in second place and Tony Clewett third.

The flower section was closely fought, Mike Langrish came first with Anne Haynes in second place while Jill Langrish, Maureen Wright, Irene Reeves and Lynn Ashbee all took the third spot.

We reduced the plot to plate section down to just a jam or jelly class, which was won by Jill Langrish, with Margaret Ridgewell in second place and Sandy Alderson third.

The overall winner this year, taking into account prizes in our series of bench shows over the year, was Jill Langrish, with Irene Reeves as runner up and Margaret Ridgewell third. So our congratulations to them, the rest of us will just have to try harder next year!

Our next meeting will be on the 14th October when we will have a talk from Malcolm Dickson from Hooksgreen Herbs.

Some Things to do in October

- 1 Divide and replant herbaceous perennials
- 2 Give lawns a last cut and trim
- 3 Prune climbing roses

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Archaeologist Dr Den Does It Again

The installation of the Basketball/Netball Courts at Heyford Playing Fields was brought a stage nearer over the weekend of 7/8 September by the efforts of local Archaeologist Dr Dennis Taylor.

As part of Nether Heyford Playing Fields Association's (NHPFA) aspirations, the construction of the new courts was planned on the recently purchased land adjacent to the existing playing fields. The project was estimated to cost £30,000 by Sports Courts UK. Funding has been obtained by a grant of £20,000 from the London Marathon Charitable Trust and a £10,000 Capital grant from South Northants Council. Planning permission has been requested, however the County Assistant Archaeologist applied for a condition to be placed on the application. This meant that an archaeology investigation needed to be undertaken to identify the age and character of crop marks which showed on aerial photographs held in the County Archives.

The cost of this investigation had to be borne by the Planning Applicant. NHPFA had no funding for this, consequently the whole project was in jeopardy of being cancelled. The only solution was for the investigation to be undertaken, at no cost, by volunteers. When approached, Dr Den Taylor of South View Nether Heyford, despite being retired, agreed to supervise the investigation. Mr Daryl Welsh of Flore offered to loan and operate his digger for a weekend and Mr Dan Musson of Bugbrooke also offered plant assistance. A further crew of 6 able bodied volunteers was formed and the investigation was organised and carried out 7/8 September.

The County Assistant Archaeologist Liz Mordue and Cllr David Harries visited the site on the Sunday morning and Dr Taylor showed them the excavations. After discussions, Liz Mordue agreed that the particular area was of no further archaeology interest and that the County Environment Records could be updated accordingly.

This was the second time that Dr Den Taylor had come to the assistance of NHPFA, as he carried out a similar investigation in 2012 to enable the Bowls Club to build their changing rooms.

Dr Den is an interesting village character. After leaving university with a degree in archaeology, he joined the RAF as a navigator. He flew in De Havilland Mosquito and Super Sabre planes with the 58th Squadron and is now one of two surviving members of his time in the Squadron; he says 'it makes reunions easier!'. With 14 years service, he left the RAF as a Squadron Leader and worked at several jobs, including being a bricklayer.

On retirement, Dr Taylor returned to Archaeology and after several projects earned his doctorate. He has 4 children who paid for him to pass his Pilots Licence as a 86th Birthday present. Dr Taylor is now a very spritely 92 and serves on the Village Hall Committee.

Thanks again Dr Den, the Basketball/Netball Courts project is now back on track.

Submitted by Geoff Thorneycroft on behalf of NHPFA.



Revitalising the Allotments

About two years ago we began to despair that the main allotment site in Nether Heyford was going to rack and ruin. Those conscientious souls who kept their plots in good order were often fighting a losing a battle, as weeds from abandoned plots encroached onto their veggie beds. Trying to find a way through the site involved hacking your way through a jungle of tall grass and vicious brambles and at the same time trying to negotiate your way round abandoned car tyres, scrap metal and various wooden obstacles. The allotments, taken as a whole, looked a mess.

Fast forward to the present and what a change has occurred. Thanks to the support of the Parish Council, a group of volunteers have been able to make the allotments not only look good but once more become productive – in so many ways.

A section on the site that had long been abandoned was cleared and, with generous support from local businesses, organisations and individual residents, over thirty heritage fruit trees were purchased and planted. As we approach the first anniversary of that planting, I am pleased to report that they are thriving and have put on a considerable amount of new growth. In the next few years we look forward to harvesting our first crop and inviting you to share in this bounty.

Maintaining good pathways around the allotment site had always been a problem. Several allotment holders went above and beyond their remit of keeping their own area in order and often mowed whole sections near to their allotment. But that became the exception, not the rule. Over the past two years that has changed and thanks to volunteers and more individual allotment holders, the pathways are in good order. No longer do you hazard life and limb when you enter the allotments.

Following on from the success of the community orchard, a "community jam patch" has been created, again using several abandoned plots and utilising fruit bushes that have been rescued in the clearance work. We try to ensure that nothing goes to waste. Plans are afoot to extend this by including a "community cutting garden", made up of annual and perennial flowers.

Another, long abandoned area of the allotments, has been turned over to a "wild area". This is not an excuse to simply abandon land but is a carefully managed space that includes a wild flower area, nesting boxes for birds and smaller mammals as well as areas for tall grasses to flourish and a host of butterflies, beetles and other mini-beasts to thrive. Pathways have been mown through the area for safe access and a clearly defined perimeter rope has been fixed to posts to show where the area starts and finishes. As this is an area of sensitive growth and development the wildlife volunteers would ask that anyone seeking to visit first contacts one of them to arrange a convenient time. The next development for this area will be the creation of a wildlife pond.

Having a place to sit and eat lunch after a hard session on the allotment or for just taking the opportunity to sit and admire the orchard and the surrounding allotments,

requires a community seating area. Again, thanks to the generosity of villagers and fellow allotmenteers we have been able to create a green space with tables and chairs. It was a joy to be able to gather here several weeks ago and share a drink as well as BBQ some food. As the sun went down it was good to reflect on what a lovely village we live in.

For those intrepid, long standing allotmenteers who have cultivated their plots over the years, despite the sea of weeds and the piles of junk, a big thank you. If you hadn't battled on regardless then the allotments could have been in real jeopardy.

Finally, and probably most importantly of all, it is wonderful to report that more and more allotments are being cultivated. Ever since I began reporting on the refurbishment of the allotments I have always included an invitation to everyone out there to take on an allotment. I think it is beginning to pay off. Once abandoned land is now being put to good use by villagers and from folk in the surrounding area. It is so heartening to see this change in fortune, and whilst we'd never want to deny anyone an allotment, wouldn't it be an achievement to say that we had a waiting list!

So here we go again...If you are interested in trying out an allotment (you can have a small "taster plot" free for one year – or you can plunge straight in and select a more permanent plot that suits you) then contact either Sue Corner on 01327 342124 or Lynda Eales on 01327 341707.

Come and join us.

Mike Langrish

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A thank you from Sandy Davis

My husband Norman was a great supporter of the RNLI and at the time of the September Prattler £140 had already been raised. It is a pleasure to announce another £100 of donations has now been given bringing the total to £240. This has been donated in person by Sandy to the 'GREAT YARMOUTH LIFE BOAT'.

Letter received from RNLI – "Dear Mrs Davis, on behalf of the YARMOUTH and GORLESTONE branch of the RNLI I thank you for your very generous donation of £140 in memory of your dear husband. We do appreciate all donations; we have three boats to maintain which service the 'NORTH SEA', the 'NIVEL' and 'BREYDON WATER', also the southern broads and also we have life guards on our beach to safeguard families. We offer our deepest sympathy at this very sad time and hope you drew strength from family and friends. Kind regards, June Fuller, Hon Treasurer."

The further £100 has also been donated in person by Sandy at RNLI headquarters in Great Yarmouth. A thank you letter is expected and will be published in the November Prattler.

Sandy is still hoping to raise more funds for the RNLI and any future donations, at any time, will be gratefully appreciated. If anyone would like to contribute to this worthy cause, please contact Sandy on 07759 007 279.

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

At our November meeting on the 25th November we welcome Mark Entwistle with his Christmas demonstration. The Christmas demonstrations are always extra special so put the date in your diary and come along for what promises to be a most enjoyable evening.

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

View from The Wildlife Patch

The heads of Ivy in the bordering Roadside Hedge are now in full bloom and providing a bounty of nectar for a variety of insects. Right now there are several species of Wasp, Hover Fly, Bee, Butterfly and many more insects, including massive European Hornets which are really just huge Wasps. On warmer nights, nocturnal insects, especially moths will be found on the same flowers.

Elsewhere, we have cut down as much of the long grass as we are going to. This has been collected and put in heaps. One of these has a cavity underneath which will hopefully be taken up by a Hedgehog.

Grass has been cut and removed from the area where the pond will be. Most of the area exposed thus will be cut quite short and covered with spoil from pond digging. This will be planted with a wildflower /grass mixture though some will be kept as bare earth. This being essential for some solitary Bee and Wasp species.

Early in October we will sow the Cornfield Annual patch with the same mixture as the new ground and those patches now covered with plastic sheeting will be stripped bare and sown with Cornfield Annuals. The seating/picnic area will be sown with a Wildflower Lawn seed.

When the pond is in we will need to provide a barrier to keep small, unattended children from the pond. One of my Grandchildren, when younger, tried using my garden pond net as a trampoline which was not good idea. I think we will need to put a fence round the pond with a gate for access. This should be much safer.

Molehills are usually very much in evidence at this time of year. They live singly and feed mainly on a diet of Earthworms. Each mole digs series of subterranean tunnels which it "cruises" along, picking up any worms which drop into the tunnels. Earthworms migrate up and down vertically in the soil according to outside conditions. For example they go deeper in times of drought, then Moles dig their burrows at a lower level to trap them. When they dig these new tunnels they push the spoil to the surface to create Molehills.

I know that some gardeners believe moles eat vegetable roots from underground. This belief is erroneous. Moles cannot digest any form of vegetable matter, they are not rodents and just do not have the dentition to gnaw roots. Moles need to eat every few hours and dine EXCLUSIVELY on earthworms and insects. Having said that I did find a beetroot on my allotment that had been well and truly gnawed below ground underneath was what appeared to be the top end of a Mole Tunnel. A closer look at the damage showed very clearly the double tooth marks of a Rodent. This was no doubt the work of a Brown Rat which had modified a moles tunnel to burrow up to my Beet.

Dave Musson

Heyford Picturedrome

The October film to be shown on 17th October in the Village Hall 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.

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 November film will be Green Book, a highly acclaimed, Oscar nominated 2018 American comedy drama directed by Peter Farrelly set in 1962 in the deep south.

Tony Clewett (Phone no. 341533)



Nether Heyford Tennis Club - Race night

Saturday 9th November 2019
7.30pm, Nether Heyford Village Hall
Fish and Chips included in ticket price - £12.50
Tickets from: Jo Dickson tel. 349094
Or Sue (Restore Shop)
Raising money for our court refurbishment project

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



Unauthorised Encampment

Yesterday (18th September) we were notified by a member of the public about an unauthorised encampment near to Upper Heyford.

The site was visited by colleagues from our Road Crime Team and Matt Taylor and occupants of the site were spoken to. Details were taken and forwarded to the County Traveller Unit.

The location of the encampment was revisited by PCSO Matt Taylor from the Neighbourhood Policing today and it soon became apparent the occupants moved on of their own accord.

Resident Profile: Jodie Caller



Jodie Caller is 22 years old and is a Great Britain Judo athlete from **Nether Heyford**. Her judo career started when she was 8 years old. She has been part of the Great Britain squad and competing internationally since she was 14 years old. In 2016, she unfortunately tore her ACL at the

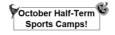
European University Games in Croatia. Jodie had an operation and 2 years of recovery to get back to competitive judo. Jodie is now back to competing at the level she was before the injury and is continuing her judo career. Jodie has also been competing alongside studying and is now pleased to have graduated with a first class degree in Sports Coaching Practice from the University of Wolverhampton. She will now be dedicating the next 12 months to her judo career.

Her previous judo results include: 7 x British Champion | European University Games Champion | Cadet European Championships – Bronze medal | Several times European Cup Medallist

Jodie has funded her way through these competitions over the last year to get herself into **the top 3 in the country**, but the next goal is to **medal at The Commonwealth Games in 2022**. Each trip cost approximately £300 for her to attend. In order to qualify for the big tournaments, Jodie has to compete at various events around the world in order to gain enough points to be eligible for selection. Jodie receives no funding support from UK sport or the British judo association. Jodie is looking for any donations to help her to selffund to these events to continue her extensive judo career. Any donations will be greatly appreciated. For more information visit:

https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-gb-judo-player-jodie-callerachieve-her-dream





Rising Stars Sports are running sports camps at The Bliss Charity School in Nether Heyford during the school holidays with lead coach Jodie Caller October Half-Term Camps.

Monday 28th October: Gymnastics day | Thursday 31st October: Football day

Ages: 4-11 years old | Start: 9:30 am | Finish: 4:00 pm

Price: £18 per day (Early drop off is available at 8:30 am for an additional £2 per day) Book early to avoid disappointment: risingstarssports@hotmail.com | 07428 411384 | www.risingstarssports.co.uk | www.facebook.com/risingstars57 | twitter.com/risingstars57



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I love this time of year, as summer slides into autumn. The gardens are gently fading with late summer flowers glowing like jewels, leaves are beginning to turn as trees claim their time of seasonal glory. Fields have yielded up their harvest, whilst the hedgerows and orchards have ripe pickings for jams and jellies, chutneys and cider. It is a nostalgic time as well. The last over of the summer cricket matches have been bowled and the eight week Proms season has ended. We look back and hold fast to fond memories of the summer days, but so we also look forward to the new beginnings that the autumn brings.

The youngest generation has, or is about to, take the next steps on their learning journeys. Pre-school, nursery, primary or secondary school, university or the working world. We have several family members embarking on these "next steps" — we wish them, and everyone else, much happiness and success in their new adventures. The cricket season may be over but the Rugby World Cup is upon us, and the anthem at the top will be heard time and time again as we switch on to watch, cheer, applaud, and hopefully not commiserate. Add to this the various national anthems that will be proudly played and sung too, and then we have a small feast of musical experiences!

Which brings me very nicely to Heyford Singers and music. Our autumn rehearsal season began on 6th September with an Open Evening. We had *expected* one or two new members, we had *hoped* for maybe a few more, but we were *absolutely thrilled* to welcome thirteen new singers! Mary had prepared a lovely mixture of songs for the first evening, two warm up tunes, a medley of songs from Oliver, "Feeling Groovy" by Simon and Garfunkel, and then two songs to be included in the forthcoming Christmas concert. It was lovely evening, warm and welcoming, relaxed and fun, made especially so by sharing it with new friends. And what is more they all claimed to have thoroughly enjoyed their initial session and have continued to come!

So we look forward with excitement and anticipation. I have tried to avoid much mention of winter's great festival as that will follow in good time, but for your diaries the Heyford Singers' Christmas concert is Friday 13th and Saturday 14th December and plans are being made for a village "Carols on the Green" for Friday 20th December. Further details of both events will follow in due course.

But for now, the sun is shining, the sky is cloudless and the garden beckons!

Jill Langrish





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

Classics for Pleasure

Monday 21st OCTOBER 'BARROW TO BAGHDAD AND BACK' by Philip Caine.

The author of the Jack Castle novels describes his varied life starting in the hotel industry in Barrow followed by 30 years managing projects across three continents.

The special interest groups which meet separately include:

Book exchange German (intermediate) Luncheon Club

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Heyford Bowls Club

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Indoor

During the summer months when attendances are known to drop with holidays etc, dark nights and winter months now approaching, it will be time to relax and enjoy our Wednesday bowling sessions. These sessions can be very enjoyable and we welcome anybody who would like to come and give it a try. Bowling is in the village hall and times are afternoons 1.50pm and evenings 7.15pm every Wednesday.

It looks like we will be entering the WARDINGTON winter league again this year. Last year's matches were very enjoyable and in our first season we finished runners up.

Four teams contested The Men's Pairs on Saturday 14th September. Bowling Club competitions as always produce some very fine bowling. These are hard fought matches as teams strive to reach the final. The winners were Morris Freeman and Graham Drake over Geoff Groom and Barry Clements.

Don't forget the BENCO SHIELD on Saturday 19th October at 1 pm.

For more bowls club information, please visit our website.

Den Taylor

Outdoor

Well I'm afraid we were relegated from Division Two of the Northamptonshire Area Triples League. Requiring a 6-0 win in our final match, we won 5-1 and were relegated by the cruel margin of half of a point. Obviously, our aim is to bounce back next season.

All the club competitions have been completed. The winners and runners up were:

	Winners	Runners Up
Ladies Singles	Jill Welch	Liz Davison
Men's Singles	Brian Jones	Michael Moulton
Two Wood Singles	Bob Humphris	Pat Grant
Ladies Pairs	Shirley Collins Jill Welch	Lorraine Streeter Liz Davison

Men's Pairs Brian Jones Bob Humphris

Brian North Geoff Allen

Australian Pairs Trevor Goodchild Matt Streeter

Michael Moulton Geoff Thorneycroft

Triples Mike Dawson

Mike Dawson Matt Streeter
Brian North Peter McLean
Richard Holland Ian Chapman

Captains Shield Mick Collins

Shirley Collins Lorraine Streeter David Barlow

And that's the end of the outdoor season. We put the green to bed on Sunday 6th October. Our AGM is on Tuesday 29th October and our Presentation Night is on Saturday 23rd November.

Geoff Allen 349909

Happy Days

The semi-detached dormer houses in Church Lane were built by Adkins and Shaw in the late 1960's. After our wedding in 1967, Tony and I moved into No. 4 which was bought for the princely sum of £3,295. At that time most of the occupants of these houses were like us, newlyweds or not long married with young children. The land on which the houses were built had been owned by a Mr Potter whose widow lived at No. 3. The builders had not been able to develop the rest of the field because it was too low to support a sewer which is why the houses have long gardens.

At that time, the late Dennis Clarke who lived at the old bakery in Furnace Lane had a van from which he used to come round the village selling vegetables, fruit and fresh fish. He would park up in Church Lane and firstly visit Mrs Potter who was elderly and not able to walk too well. She in turn would have a cup of tea ready for him and so they would sit and chat and chat. In the meantime, all the potential customers were either waiting patiently or not so patiently for Dennis to appear. We became used to this routine and did not wait at the van unless we too wanted a chat but would keep checking to see if Dennis had appeared. But despite the wait, it was worth it just alone for the hand sized pieces of Plaice he sold, which were delicious steamed and loved by our children. Happy days indeed.

Maureen Wright

Flore Arts Events

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

Mozart, tangos, shanties... and dirty beasts - from ENSEMBLE RENARD

We are delighted to be welcoming wind quintet *Ensemble Renard* to Flore for an evening of chamber music. These musicians are all in the advanced stages of study at London's prestigious Royal Academy of Music where they recently carried off the conservatoire's top woodwind ensemble prize: high quality music-making is assured.

Our line-up features Flore resident Ellie Blamires (flute) with Patrick Bolton (bassoon), Eleanor Sullivan (oboe), Holly Isherwood (clarinet) and Zoe Tweed (french horn).

The quintet's selection of worldwide music through the ages really should have something for everyone. Expect a foot-tapping tango from Argentina's Piazzolla, beautiful French music from Debussy and Ibert, a haunting visit to Danish woodlands, a foxhunt from Mozart, and some sea shanties from Northants' very own Malcolm Arnold.

And that's not all... for something a little more "beastly", the quintet will be joined by pianist Harry Baker and narrator John Tothill for Martin Butler's musical arrangement of Roald Dahl's "Dirty Beasts". This version of three Dahl favourites – "Crocodile", "Tummy Beast" and "Pig" - has been described by one reviewer as "deliciously gruesome but immediately accessible".

Intrigued? *Ensemble Renard* will be performing at All Saints Church, Flore. November 16th, 7.30pm. Doors open 7pm. Licensed bar. Tickets £10 (£5 Under 18s); call Rosemary Read (between 9am and 8pm) on 01327 341026.

Welcome Packs

Welcome packs are available for newcomers to our Village. The information in them helps people feel at home quickly.

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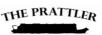


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