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November 2019

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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4 PC Meeting 7:30pm BSR	5	6 Wed Group 2pm BSR	7 W.I. 7:30pm VH	8	9 Coffee Morn 10-12 BSR Race Night 7:30 VH	10 Parade 10:15 Memorial 11:15
11 Garden Club 8pm VH	12	13	14	15	16	17 VH Decor 2:30 pm VH
18	19	20	21 Picturedrome 7:15 VH	22	23	24
25 Flower Soc 7:45 VH	26	27	28 Coffee Morn 10-12 BSR	29 Music Concert 2-4 pm VH	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), Patchwork Club 10-12:45, 1:15-4pm (VH)

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)



PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

The October 7th meeting was held as normal in the Baptist Church Rooms.

Like all Council meetings it was open to the public.

Reports from the District and County Councillors

P Bignell SNC gave an update on Local Government Reorganisation, outlining the course of events and the timing. The next Parish Council elections will be in 2020, and will be for 5 years, thereafter it will be for 4 years.

Lighting

Work continues on the plan to renew lighting. LEDs seem to be the preferred option, and show substantial savings. AW reported that the Lighting Working Party was looking to ask for presentations and quotes from 5 companies.

Public Participation

The chair thanked Nick Essex and Dave Musson for their work on the Village Millennium sign, which was being repainted. The work has continued, and the sign now looks stunning.

Roads and pavements

A gutter on Weedon Rd was felt to be badly overgrown. Clerk to ask Mr Gibbins to look at it. There had been complaints about drainage on Watery Lane. Stuart Mann of SNC had been in contact with the clerk and subsequently with Mr Thorneycroft as a local source of knowledge on drainage systems. It was reported that the previous drains in Watery Lane were now disused as they had tended to contribute to problems as water from the river would back up them when the river reached a certain level.

The Green and Play Area

Some steps are missing from one of the Play Area rides, some older children had been seen with them. The Play Area working party were looking at different catalogues and formats and were hoping to recruit some non-councillors. Jez Wilson had been very helpful.

Allotments

There would be 2 volunteer Saturdays on Oct 19th and 26th. New plot holders had come forward. SC asked for the rent letters to go out earlier.

Wildlife area is progressing well.

Footpaths

NH reported a rotten stile remnant was now a trip hazard on the path from the fishery to the church. Clerk to report

Churchyard

Limes to be pollarded when leaves come off.

Youth Club

New lights to be put outside. New helpers had come forward.

Defibrillators

Both checked and working.

External Audit

It was resolved too accept the External Auditors report.

“On the basis of our review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return(AGAR), in our opinion the information in Sections 1 and 2 of the AGAR is in accordance with Proper Practices and no other matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.”

Overgrown hedge in South View

A petition had been put together and given to SNC who were appointing an officer to deal with this long standing issue.

Neighbourhood Plan

SC reported on progress. Midland Homes Association had been contacted regarding a Housing Needs Survey. SNC recommended that this be done again before presenting the NP for consultation. Site allocation would need to be worked on and must be well founded.

Precept Meeting

will take place on November and set the budget for the next financial year. Village organisations wishing to apply for funding must apply by November 25th at the latest.

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.

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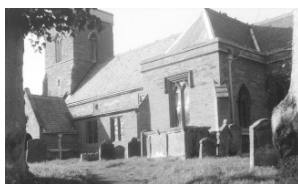
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The Prattler

The Prattler is run by an active voluntary committee comprising of Sue Boutle, Christine Watts, Vicki Hamblin, Jez Wilson, Nick Essex, Richard Musson and Mary Rice. 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 November 2019

Sunday 3 rd	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 10 th	10:30 am	Remembrance Sunday - Parade Service at Heyford Church, followed by Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial around 11:15am (Parade departs from Bliss School at 10:15am)
	10:55 am	Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial in Church Stowe
	02:15 pm	Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial in Flore
	03:00 pm	Remembrance Parade Service at Flore Church
Saturday 16 th	02:30 pm	Messy Church at Flore Church
Sunday 17 th	09:30 am	Holy Communion at Heyford
	10:00 am	United Service at Flore URC
	11:00 am	Family Service at Upper Stowe
	04:00 pm	Youth Church at Flore Church
Monday 18 th	10:30 am	Benefice Prayers at Upper Stowe
Sunday 24 th	09:30 am	Holy Communion at Flore
	11:00 am	Informal Worship Service at Heyford Church
	03:30 pm	Thanksgiving for a Life Service at Flore Church
	06:00 pm	Holy Communion at Upper Stowe
Saturday 30 th	03:00 pm	Messy Church at the Church Rooms in Heyford

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 November we shall be praying for people living in Church Street and Manor Walk in Heyford, Kings Lane and The Orchard in Flore, Main Street in Upper Stowe and the Apartments in Brockhall Hall

Dear friends.

Once again, we enter November, and the season of remembrance. It begins with All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day and moves on to Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day. As always, there are Remembrance Sunday services at war memorials and churches across the benefice, with details elsewhere in this magazine.

Towards the end of the month, we have our annual Service of Thanksgiving for a Life on Sunday 24th November at All Saint's Church in Flore, beginning at 3:30 PM. This is an opportunity to celebrate, remember and give thanks for the lives of loved ones who have died recently, or, indeed, not so recently. If there is anyone you would like us to remember especially during this service, then please give me a ring on the telephone number below and let me know their names.

Coincidentally, Saturday 9th November marks the 30th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall. I remember visiting West Berlin in the early-80's and going to see the Wall, an ugly scar on the landscape, and a stark reminder of a deeply divided humanity. And I remember the end of 1989 as a time of hope. With the Berlin Wall coming down, communism collapsing across Eastern Europe, and an end in sight to the tensions of the Cold War, surely this was the time for humanity to come together for the wellbeing of all. Sadly, my naïve hopes were quickly dashed, as new hatreds, ideologies and jealousies arose to ensure humanity remained – and remains - as divided as ever.

But the fall of the Berlin Wall still inspires me as an example of the tremendous power of prayer. In the late-70's, East German Christians - suffering under one of the most repressive regimes in the world - began to gather in churches across the country to pray for peace, and especially for a lessening of the tensions between East and West. The most significant of these prayer meetings was in Leipzig, which grew to such an extent that around 70,000 people gathered there for a prayer meeting in October 1989. A month later, when the Berlin Wall came down, the Communists had policemen on the streets and snipers on the roofs. They thought they were prepared for every eventuality, but they were not prepared for the power of prayer.

As we gather again to remember the fallen, what might we pray to change in our world, our nation, our communities or our homes that would truly honour their sacrifice?

Yours in Christ,

Stephen (Tel: 344436)



Nether Heyford Baptist Church

Morning Services: 10:30 am

Afternoon Services: 4:00 pm

Sunday Services

November	10:30 a.m.	4:00 p.m.
3 rd	Worship led by Clive Leahey	
10 th	Worship led by Les Britten	Songs of Praise 4pm led by Martin Buckby (including Tea and cakes)
17 th	Worship led by John Perkins followed by coffee	
24 th	9:30am prayer meeting followed at 10-30am with our communion service led by Martin Buckby	

Events

November 6th 2 pm Wednesday group meeting where Neil Balderson will speak about Northants Search and Rescue

November 9th 10am to 12md Coffee morning in aid of DACT

November 10th Please note there is no Prayer and bible study this month

November 28th 10am to 12md Community Coffee Morning – come for a free drink and chat. (Books and Sales table)

ALL WELCOME

Hello to all

I enjoy cooking but I am quite boring in my choice of meals and I am most certainly very limited in my options and cooking ability. I also have a go at making marmalade – but some would say that I take the easy way (and I do!) because I make my marmalade from the prepared Seville oranges using a simple to follow recipe on the tin – literally just add water and sugar and when ready just tip into prepared jars. Why complicate it when complication is not needed – the end product is what really counts. And if I follow the recipe, does as it says and it turns out just fine – just lovely on buttered toast.

My wife Sue enjoys the “specially selected” fruit yogurts from a well-known discount store and the empty jars are used for my marmalade – they are ideal in size and I enjoy giving these jars to friends as I visit them – and I have some for myself – Sue does not eat marmalade! (YES!)

This morning I am going to make marmalade and as I do I will reflect on what I have written above and sending for inclusion in The Prattler.

1. Many of us are limited in what we can do but often we can do something - we can have a go.
2. Like the recipe for my marmalade we have a reliable and trusted recipe for life and the teachings of Jesus are good to us and good for us. His teaching and the journey of faith bring enrichment to life
3. We don't need to over complicate things.
4. Our empty lives can be filled with the good that faith in God can and will bring – we don't have to be big, powerful and significant for God to use. Someone rightly said, “God uses our availability as well as our ability”
5. What is on the tin is what I get from the tin and is the end product of my cooking and that is so important – our lives can reflect what is most important in our living, loving and giving.
6. It is good to give something of what we have away - to touch and enrich the lives of others – there is great blessing in giving away as well as getting

The chapel welcomes all – please come along when you can and details of services are provided elsewhere in The Prattler – you will feel welcomed

Thank you

*Martin Buckley
on behalf of the fellowship at The Baptist Chapel on the Green*

Play Area

Your help is needed

After years of hard service our Village Play area is getting a bit “tired” and is now in need of some major renovation work.

In view of this your Parish Council have taken the decision to use this as an opportunity to completely revise the whole thing.

We are planning a completely new Play Park that in addition to meeting the needs of younger children -as is the present case, will also cater for children into their teens. It is also hoped to put some “Outdoor Gym” type of equipment in place that can be used by all of us.

Right now we need to form a group who will work to plan and bring the project to fruition.

We already have three Parish Councillors prepared to work on this. Ideally we need two to three members of our community who are in touch with the needs of the proposed Play area users and who have vision, skill and ideas needed to complete a workgroup of six who will bring this plan to fruition.

We believe that we could have identified a source of funding. We have timescale to get the whole project finished by the beginning the next School Summer Holiday. We need to get going as soon as possible if this is to come together.

If you feel you have the vision, time and skills to be a part of this please contact either

Dave Musson - Joint Project Leader – davemusson073@gmail.com

Lesley Dilkes – thedilkesfamily@outlook.com

The Café on the Green

Our Macmillan ‘Coffee Morning’ on 27th September raised a fantastic **£510**

A huge thank you to all those who supported this in any way.

Village Hall News

Pantomime

Tickets are selling well for 'Dick Whittington' to be presented in the Village Hall on Sunday 29th December at 2pm. Prices are £9 for adults and £3 for accompanied children up to age 11. They can be purchased from Richard: 01327 341 044 or 07801 862 140, or Alwyne: 01327 340 803.

Last year they sold out, leaving some people disappointed. Make sure you don't miss out this year. If you would like to donate a raffle prize, either for an adult or child, ring Alwyne.

New Welcome Sign

Thanks to the efforts of Tom Dodd and Arthur Hanley, a splendid new decorated and illuminated sign has been mounted in the entrance foyer.

Christmas Decorations

The village hall will be decorated on Sunday 17 November at 2.30pm in readiness for this year's seasonal festivities. If anyone fancies giving a hand, tea, coffee and chocolate biscuits will be on tap.

Alwyne Wilson

Thank you

Jane and family would like to Thank you all for your messages of sympathy, support, kind gestures and flowers.

We deeply appreciate it at this sad time.

Howard would be very touched to see all the special messages that you have sent,
Sent on behalf of

Jane Harvey
8 Hillside Rd
Nether Heyford

Thank you

Lynda Eales (sister in law)


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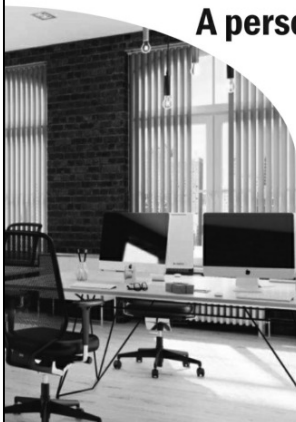
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- Forest School activities
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After School Club open until 6pm

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**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**

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View from the Wildlife Patch

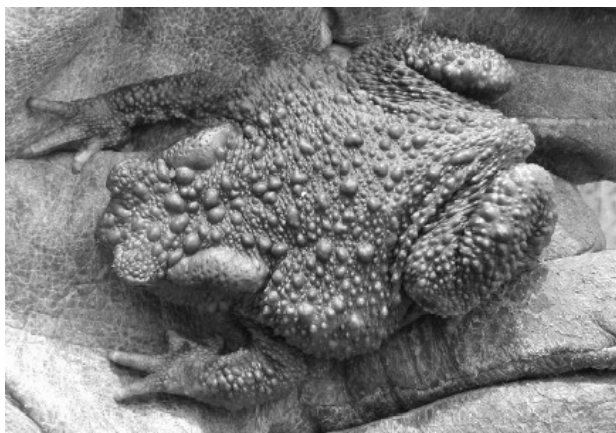
We have been busy preparing the patch in preparation for sowing the wildflower seed on the designated meadow area. We have removed the weed smothering covers and raked over the soil ready to receive the seed; all we need now is for the rain to stop and the seed can go in.

We were extremely pleased to find during the uncovering operation that our resident toad is still in situ (see below). We shall have to ensure that we keep an area covered over for it to lurk in. Toads, unlike frogs, are very conservative creatures and will only lay their eggs in the place where they themselves were tadpoles, so it is unlikely that we will have toad spawn in our new pond. However we shall almost certainly find frogs and newts in there fairly soon.

As the days shorten and cool, the amount of insect life in the patch is reducing, but the flowering ivy is still producing things of interest. Recently there has been a group of large black flies with showy orange wing bases hanging out there; these were noon flies, something I don't remember seeing before. A large orange flying insect also appeared, looking at first like a hornet, but it turned out to be a species of hoverfly. This creature not only looks like a hornet, but flies and moves like one too. Its larvae actually live in hornet and wasp nests where they eat the rubbish in the bottom of the nest, and so are tolerated by their hosts.

On a recent trip to Suffolk (prior to the wet weather) I was astonished to see on lawns and patches of grass numerous little bees flying just above the ground. These were mining bees which had just hatched from their burrows in the soil. This is something that would normally happen in the spring (I have seen that at Harlestone Heath in the past) but September would seem too late for the bees to get enough pollen and nectar to make the nests to raise the next generation. If we keep an area of close mown grass we can hope for a similar colony of bees on our own patch in due course.

Mark Newstead





SATURDAY 7th DECEMBER 2019

10:AM TO 2:00PM

HEYFORD VILLAGE HALL



CRAFT STALLS – including Christmas Cards & decorations

TOMBOLA



Ticket ending 0 or 5
Wins a prize!

CAKE STALL



(Tombola & Cake Stall provided by Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul)

HANDMADE GIFTS – Jewellery, Bags,
Christmas Gifts & much more



And why not enjoy a delicious
BACON ROLL, with a **TEA or COFFEE**
Provided by Heyford W.I.



There are a few stalls still available (first come first served) – please get in touch, details below.*

****CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL – Crafty Club are re-introducing a Christmas Tree Festival in the Baptist Hall (next to Village Hall). The trees will be artifical NOT real – anyone interested in decorating a tree please get in touch. (Payment of £5 required – any decorations will need to be taken away after 2 o'clock). There will be a vote for the best decorated tree and a small prize for the winning tree.***



Come along a vote for the best decorated tree! Also there will be a "Mystery Box" – Pick a number for £1 to match a prize – will your number be the winner?



***To book a table or tree please e-mail:**

burrow.deborah@yahoo.co.uk or seeandem@aol.com

Alternatively telephone: Deborah on 01327 344436 or Chris on 01327 341796



Heyford Garden Club

www.heyfordgardenclub.com

At our October meeting we had a talk from Malcolm Dickson of Hookgreen Herbs who gave us an insight into the exigencies of running a herb nursery, no doubt disillusioning anyone with dreams of having their own little nursery. There was also a wide range of herb plants and seeds for sale.

The evening also featured a competition for the best Autumn Arrangement. The winner was Rosemary Dunkley with a colourful display which was even displayed in a pumpkin shell! Mary Newstead came second with Anne Haynes and Gil Guglielmi in joint third place.

Our next meeting will be on the 11th November when we will have a return visit from Caroline Tait who will tell us about her work at Longwood in Philadelphia.

Breaking the rules

In gardening many jobs have to be done at the right time, but sometimes I find that we have more freedom than you might expect. This year in June I had some gaps that needed filling and I had some annual seeds left over. The instructions on the packet said sow in April, but I went ahead anyway, and the result was a good display of flower in late summer and autumn.

In the past I had always struggled to grow leeks, finding them difficult to establish from sowings in the early spring as advised. One year having seed left over in May I sowed it in the vegetable patch, and found to my surprise that the seedlings grew lustily despite dry and hot conditions and made decent plants for the winter. I have done this again each year since with the same result. I wouldn't win any prizes with the plants but they are fine for the kitchen. Leeks are obviously tougher than you might expect. Sometimes a bit of experimentation can pay off.

Cyclamen

I have been growing hardy cyclamen for some years now, and have been keeping the special varieties in pots in an unheated greenhouse. Last year owing to shortage of space I released some plants into the garden. These have prospered beyond my expectations, no doubt helped by the hot, dry summer this year which would have been like the conditions they would experience in the Mediterranean area where they originate. Recently I have noticed drifts of seedlings appearing next to the mature plants. They may look delicate and dainty but they are bruisers and can tough it out with the biggest weeds when they are somewhere they like.

Some Things to do in November

1. Clear up leaves from paths and ponds (but don't be too tidy!)
2. Plant tulips in pots or beds
3. Put grease bands on fruit trees to stop winter moth
4. Plant winter bedding.

Mark Newstead

Heyford Patchwork Group

This active group is run by Carole Wood and Jane Rimell who are both very experienced patchwork and quilting tutors.

They run classes Tuesday mornings 10am to 12:45pm and Tuesday afternoons 1:15pm to 4pm although many people stay all day and bring a packed lunch. The cost is £10 per session and you can either work on a project of your choice with help from Carole and Jane or you can request tuition on a particular technique, the choice is yours.

We meet every Tuesday except June, July, August and December when we meet only on one Tuesday each month.

We would be delighted to welcome new members so if you are interested in joining and learning how to do patchwork or wish to learn some new techniques then please feel free to call in one Tuesday and have a look at what goes on or contact Carole on 07940256400 or carole@churchstowemanor.com for more information.

The Royal British Legion Women's Section Remembrance Sunday

Our annual parade is on Sunday 10th November. The parade will start from Bliss Charity School at 10.15am for a 10.30am service at St Peter and Paul's Church Nether Heyford. We will aim to arrive at the war memorial for 11:15am. All welcome.

Polite notice. Please can we kindly ask when visiting the shop on this day that you do not obstruct the war memorial. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.



Neighbourhood Plan Updated Housing Needs Survey

This month we are asking for an update on the housing needs in our village – unbelievably it's been nearly 3 years since you told us all about not only your housing aspirations, but also many ideas about heritage, roads, green spaces, business, etc. We have built many of these ideas into our draft Neighbourhood Plan, and shared with you the sites around the village where there is potential for any small developments.

In order to satisfy our examiner and to reassure both villagers and landowners, we are working with partners at Midlands Rural Housing to update any details about people who are looking to move within the village – be they young families, single people or downsizers – and the types of accommodation they're looking for (for example affordable, rented, plots for self build). Midlands Rural Housing will handle the returns and analysis of surveys, ensuring an objective statement of what our needs are in 2019/2020.

The short surveys will be with everyone (the Neighbourhood Plan Group will post them through everyone's letterbox) before the end of November. Once again, we're pleased to offer a £100 prize draw for entrants. If everyone can complete just the first part, and then the remaining questions if you are looking to move, we'll have up to date numbers that we can use in the plan. The survey will be short (unlike our first Neighbourhood Plan survey!) and if anyone needs support to fill it in, all the members of the Neighbourhood Plan Group will be on hand to help. Please post returns by the date that will be on the letter inside, and don't forget to include your prize draw ticket for a chance of winning £100.

The Neighbourhood Plan is built on the support and ideas of our villagers, so thanks in advance for your help in making the plan both as up to date as possible, and robust in its recommendations.

**Tony Clewett, Tom Dodd, Sue Corner and the NHNPG
Group**

FESTIVE MENU (TRUNCATED VERSION)		CHRISTMAS DAY MENU	
STARTERS (FULL DETAILS ON WEBSITE) Soup of the day Duck orange pate Baked filled mushroom Prawn cocktail Cured meats		STARTERS (FULL DETAILS ON WEBSITE) Seasonal vegetable soup Chicken liver pate Prawn cocktail Cheddar topped Mushrooms	
MAINS Treacle roasted beef meal Roast turkey breast meal Nut roast meal (v) Lobster thermidor & mussels Pan fried duck		MAINS Breast of turkey Christmas meal Treacle roasted beef meal Roast butternut squash (v) Herb crusted fillet of salmon	
DESSERTS Classic Christmas pudding Chocolate extraordinaire Cheese selection Caramel crème brulee		DESSERTS Christmas pudding parfait Classic Christmas pudding Chocolate dessert Cheese selection AFTERS coffees, mince pies, truffles	
<u>Pre-bookings only</u> During December 1st to 24th (Except Sundays)			<u>Pre-bookings only</u> 25th December 1pm to 3 pm
<u>Options</u> 2 courses £20.00 per head 3 courses £23.50 per head		<u>Options</u> 4 courses at £55.00 per head	
THE FESTIVE SEASON AT THE OLDE SUN			

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A flooding event is defined as any occasion in which river water encroaches onto the adjacent floodplain. In the case of Nether Heyford this occurs when the monitoring gauge reads 71.55m which has not occurred since March/April 2018. However with the recent changes in the weather pattern as a result of the jet stream being centered to the south of the UK, 2019 has seen increased rainfall totals per month since June .This has resulted in saturated ground and increased run off in the catchment area. This culminated in flooding on 15th October when Broad Meadow opposite Crow Lane and the fields downstream of the Bridge were flooded.

Since Easter floods of 1998 such events have occurred on average 2.5 times a year. Tracing events back to 1947 the trend has been increasing until the latest changes in weather pattern over the last 2 years. Clearly climate change is taking place with weather becoming more unpredictable as evident when comparing rainfall in June 2018 of 1mm to June 2019 of 97mm.

J Arnold





In Nether Heyford

After sorting the business agenda of our AGM in October we ended the evening with an hour of playing board games, old and new. As expected, there was much laughter followed by the usual delicious refreshments for which Nether Heyford W.I. is well known.

Laughter was again very much to the fore on the following Wednesday when a few of us went to see the musical version of 'Calendar Girls' at the Derngate Theatre. There were a few gentlemen present but the majority of the audience were ladies (probably WI members). It was a fantastic show and anyone who thinks that the WI is an old and stuffy organisation should have been in that auditorium!!

We would like to thank everyone who supported us by coming to our Quiz Night. It was a very successful evening and we hope you all enjoyed it as much as we did.

At our meeting in November we will be welcoming Helen Frost who is coming to talk to us about the often forgotten, largely overlooked and unknown Woman's Land Army of the First World War. This was the time when women's lives began to change and it has had a lasting effect on us all. The meeting will be in the Village Hall on Thursday November 7th at 7.30pm. Any ladies who would like to join us are very welcome and the cost for the evening, including refreshments, is £5.

There will be no meeting in December as WI members will be ending the year by meeting for our Christmas meal.

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The November film to be shown on 21st November in the Village Hall will be '**Green Book**', a 2018 American biographical comedy-drama inspired by the true story of a tour of the deep South by classical and jazz pianist Don Shirley. Co-authored & directed by Peter Farrelly, it stars Viggo Mortensen and Mahershala Ali.

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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 December film, **Swimming with Men**, will be shown at the Picturedrome Christmas Supper evening on 19th December and which is **ALL-TICKET**. Tickets will be on sale at the November film evening.

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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

Bugbrooke and District Flower Society

You are warmly invited to our Christmas demonstration on Monday 25th November when we shall welcome Mark Entwistle with his demonstration 'Deep and Crisp and Even'. The Christmas demonstrations are always extra special so please come along for what promises to be a most entertaining evening – 7.45 pm in Nether Heyford Village Hall.

This is followed by refreshments and the opportunity to win one of the arrangements in our raffle.

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Nether Heyford Arts Exhibition – an event for 2020

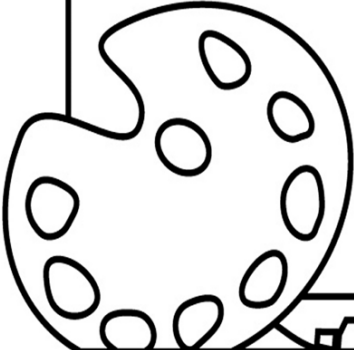
2020 sees our village hall celebrating 60 years of being at the centre of our community, and one way we would like to mark this special year is by holding an arts exhibition/festival for our village.

There are a number of artists (and aspiring artists!) in the village and we would like to invite them to be part of the event - sharing some exciting and creative ways that we would like to get villagers involved in artistic activities – particularly our younger and elder villagers. Opportunities like being involved in practical 'give it a try' sessions, demonstrations and to visit an exhibition of local and invited artists based in the village hall. Fantastic for everyone's wellbeing! The weather might be kind enough to allow us a 'en plein air' afternoon around the Green, where visitors can see artists developing a piece of work based on what they see of the village and how they interpret it in different ways.

There's been a very active 'painted pebbles' scheme that's seen lots of pebbles with pictures and messages hidden around the village for others to find, which it would be great to re-visit and ask some of our elder people what messages they might leave for other people in our community.

It would be fitting if we could find a way to leave a lasting piece of art for the village hall in their special year, so we're open to suggestions and ideas. We would like to make a modest start in 2020 to stage an arts event which we can perhaps build on in future years. September is a good time of year for the village hall to provide a platform for such an occasion, between the annual fete and Christmas celebrations, and with a little luck, warmer afternoons and an autumnal Green as our backdrop. We've pencilled in the 26th September 2020 as a potential date.



The South Northamptonshire Arts Trail is a great example of a way to link with other villages and bring people into our village to explore what our artists have to offer – it may be possible for us to become part of the 'trail' in our own right in the future.



Both the Village Hall Committee and the Parish Council are very supportive of the idea. If you would like to exhibit, or want to recommend someone's work, share some ideas or help out with organising, please contact either

Tom at tom.dodd@heifordearts.com
or

Mark on marknewst@gmail.com





"Enigma Variations" by Edward Elgar

Composed in 1899

*There are no words but this work is a selection
of musical sketches of the composer's friends*

This article is devoted to one man, someone I like to think of as the "Father of the Choir, which is more familiarly known as Heyford Singers" – **Hugh Adams**.

I use the term "devoted" in the widest possible sense for Hugh is a much loved and highly respected member of our local community. I have known Hugh Adams as a friend for many years, and was privileged to teach at Bliss Charity School whilst he was Chairman of the governing body. He not only shared his desire to see every child reach their full potential, to extend their learning and embrace as many opportunities as possible, but also to experience the great outdoors. And it was over numerous plans and discussions about the use of the conservation area behind the school playground that the seeds of the Outdoor Classroom were sown!

But what of the man and music, what was his journey through life to become such a mainstay of the basses in our choir?

Hugh came from a musical family; his brothers sang in choirs and his sisters were keen pianists. As a young child Hugh left for boarding school, Bishop Stortford College, and it was during those formative years that he found his voice and his love of singing, first as a treble, then an alto, and finally a tenor when his voice broke. As is so often the case it was one particular teacher who recognised Hugh's musical talent at this early age. A revered music teacher, Mr Tidmarsh who himself had a deep bass singing voice, claimed that young Hugh had the perfect size hand to play the cello. He subsequently offered to give Hugh free cello lessons for a term, such was his belief in the music potential of his young pupil! Sadly Hugh declined, believing that the cello wasn't necessarily a very good solo instrument. However he did learn to play the piano, although when grades and exams beckoned, to mark achievement and progress, he gave up piano lessons, a move that he regrets to this very day!

After leaving school Hugh returned to the farming traditions of his family, but also became a member of the Home Guard. In 1942 he joined the army, serving on active service in the Royal Dragoons. He was amongst those soldiers who, two days before D Day, drove into Copenhagen and a liberated Denmark, to be greeted by millions of grateful people on the streets. Fifty years later, to mark the anniversary of the liberation, Hugh and many of his army colleagues, were honoured to be invited by the Danish government to take part in the commemorations.

The love of music remained and whilst living and farming in Nether Heyford; Hugh and his wife joined Bugbrooke Choral Society, which was at that time conducted and directed by Michael Latham, The piano accompanist was one of the French teachers, Derek, a great character who regularly entertained the choir members with

his amusing anecdotes. The Choral Society sang at numerous venues around the county.

And so onto the Heyford Singers. When it was formed in 2002 Hugh was a founder member of the male bass section, where he has loyally remained ever since. With his rich deep bass voice Hugh has been a much valued contributor to this male voice part. I'm sure he will agree if I say that there are some songs that he finds more straightforward, others more complex in their rhythms or words. When the men sing their numerous repeats of "H'rum pum, h'rum pum, h'rum pum" (The Little Drummer Boy) or "By the rivers of Babylon" from song of the same name, Hugh's wry comments can have the choir in stitches!

The musical legacy of the Adams family has reached far down the generations. Hugh's daughter and son-in-law sing in two choirs, and his son Nick sings baritone in three choirs. A tenor grandson is a member of the Phoenix choir, whilst a great grandson has recently achieved a distinction for singing at his school. How proud Hugh must be of such a musical tradition in his family!

Hugh continues to enjoy music, especially classical music and light opera, and listening to the radio is a great joy. Edward Elgar's "Enigma Variations" (quoted above) is one of Hugh favourites. Each variation is a musical sketch of one of the composer's close acquaintances, a distinct idea based on a particular personality or an incident known only to two people. It is a beautiful piece of music, and perhaps reflects Hugh's own varied life, his experiences and his wide circle of friends and family.

Thank you Hugh, for letting us tiptoe through your past and your love of music.

Jill Langrish





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Wednesday bowling sessions are going very well with good turnouts. The 'BENCO SHIELD' was played on the 19th October and will be reported on later.

Our next eagerly awaited competition is the 'LADIES v MEN' on Saturday 9th November with a 1 pm start. No doubt this will be very keenly fought. This will be the end of our competitions till the spring, so let's have some really good turnouts.

We are entering the WARDINGTON league again through the winter months that was very much enjoyed by our bowlers. It gave us the opportunity to meet and make friends with bowlers from the south of the county. It was a charity league and over £800 was raised and presented to four worthy charities. It was our first year in the league and we finished a very respectful runner up. It looks like being a very busy and enjoyable winter season for 'HEYFORD INDOOR BOWLERS'.

Our first match is at home to MORETON PINKNEY on Monday 4th November with a 7.30pm starting time. Our second game is away against WOODFORD HALSE and BODDINGTON on Wednesday 13th November with a 2.30pm start. These will be two hard games to start the season.

For more bowls club information, please visit our website.

Den Taylor

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This is the second donation and we do appreciate the donation. We thank you again for your kindness and our thoughts are with you at this sad time and we hope you draw strength from your family and friends.

June R Fuller, Hon Treasurer”

It is good news to report that Sandy has already received further donations. The RNLI is a wonderful organisation where people are prepared to risk their lives to save others.

Anyone who would like to donate please contact Sandy on 07759 007 279.

Sandy Davis

Rain, Rain, Go Away

What a last three month's weather we've had! In the first FIVE months of the year we had a total of 180mm of rain (7 inches) – that's about 100mm (4 inches) less than average and for the next five months we've already had 440mm (17.2 inches). That's nearly 2 and a half times as much! No wonder the roads were flooded and the Nene burst its banks for the first time this year. It was the intensity of the rainfall that was so remarkable: we had a huge downpour in the afternoon of 11th August when 32.6mm (1.25 inches) fell in a little over 2 hours and then again on 1st October when 26.5mm (just over an inch) fell during a thunderstorm in 2 hours again flooding the M1.

People are warning of a hard winter because of all the berries in the hedgerows – well, we've certainly got off to a wet Autumn but with no frosts.....yet!

Tony Clewett

Flore Arts Events

Last call of the year... Mozart, tangos, shanties... and dirty beasts

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

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.

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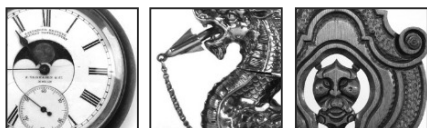
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