



# THE PRATTLER

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*Tom Dodd*

## A Big Thank You

On the 25<sup>th</sup> March, as usual we lit a fire; 20 minutes later a gentleman came to our door to tell us that our chimney was on fire.

We would like to send a big thank you to that gentleman; we had to ring the fire station to put it out, without his alert it could have been a lot worse. So thank you very much.

*Adrian and Janet Haynes*

## James Cooper

The Cooper family would like to thank friends, family and customers of Heyford Meats and The Foresters Arms for their very generous donations in relation to James Cooper having his lovely hair shaved off to raise money for the charity Breast Cancer Now. The head shave took place at the Foresters, many thanks to Anna Collins for doing the deed and to Mike and Faye for hosting. James raised a massive £3000.00 which was absolutely astounding! Thanks again to everyone who supported this.

*Glen, Helen and James Cooper*

Our Queen, is having, a  
Platinum. Jubilee,  
What a way for us,  
To join in the spree.  
Join the crowd, on our  
Village Green, wander,  
Down, mix with the scene,  
Enjoy the day the **Heyford**  
Way.  
It will be, a memory  
For many a long day.

*(Robin) Bob Smith*



The May 9th, 2022, Parish Council meeting was held in the Baptist Church Rooms.

### **Public Participation**

The meeting began with a Presentation on the proposed mineral extraction at Upper Heyford.

John Goff who is a representative of Mick George presented the latest plans to the PC, there is currently a 90 acres site which is being considered, they will use 75 acres approximately. The access will be from the new bypass roundabout at J 16. The plan is for 6 years mineral extraction plus 18 months restoration. Plan is to operate from 7am to 7pm Monday to Friday and 7am to 1pm Saturdays, they expect minimum noise due to the operation to extract minerals.

They expect to submit their plan in June 2022. They are yet to hear back from Upper Heyford on their plans. There is a Community Trust Fund available to communities within a 5 mile radius of the site. They will send the link through to the Clerk for him to share.

It was Resolved to re-appoint Charles Kiloh as Chair.

It was Resolved to re-appoint Lesley Dilkes as Vice-Chair.

### **Reports**

**PCSO** – report not yet circulated, Chair advised that he had registered with police for alerts of local incidents.

**Lights** – still not been repaired, Clerk to chase again. AW had registered an interest with EON 2 weeks ago, EON were offering funding for street lights, no response as yet.

**Roads & Pavements** – bad

**The Green & Play Area** – outside inspection is due, signs have now been put back on the play area, CK had done checks and all looked ok. The Green looks in good order, separate arrangements have been made to have a cut and collect on the Wednesday before the Jubilee Celebrations begin.

**Playing Fields** – The committee are re-thinking the pavilion project and looking to down size the original plans.

**Trees** – Youth Club has not been done yet, LE to chase.

**Allotments** – delivery of manure received, thanks to M McLean. Also delivery of woodchip. 1 plot has been given up but will need some work before it is ready to be re-let. 3 people currently on waiting list.

**Footpaths** – OK

**Churchyard** – All good, looking at re-wilding the north wall area.

**JBB** - meeting is due.

**Canal** – no update, issues with the bridge on Furnace Lane, Western Power are also concerned about the stability of it.

**Youth Club** – one of leaders has stood down due to moving out of the area, we are going to contact all parents and ask them to help for one session each, with over 40 children attending, this would mean that all parents would only need to help for one session in a year. Painting of stones is progressing well for the Jubilee.

**Defibrillators** – In working order, CK reports online regularly

**Dogs on the Green** – M McLean is continuing to look into this, there were mixed opinions on the issue of dogs having to be kept on leads at all times while on the green.

**Neighbourhood Plan** – They have deferred the signing off for the time being as there is a small issue that has arisen following a meeting with the West Northants Planning Team last week. NHP now need to check with West Northants Estates Team if they are still supportive of the area identified for the school. West Northants Planning Team were very happy with the draft plan as were the consultants. Next step is now to send the plan out to councillors before the next PC meeting for checking of any errors or omissions.

**Land off Winston Close** – A Williams & C Kiloh will prepare a response to Mr D Williams.

**Speed camera** – has arrived and I Parris & C Thomas will now look to install.

Parish Council meetings in 2022 will be on the first Monday of each month, (unless a Bank Holiday) and would start at 19.30. The next one is on Monday June 6th.

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## Parish Church of St. Peter and St. Paul

### Services for June 2022

Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	8:00pm	Jubilee Service at Upper Stowe
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup>	2:00pm	Pop Up Messy Church at Heyford Village Fete
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	Jubilee Service and breakfast at Flore Millennium Hall
	11:00am	Holy Communion Service at Upper Stowe
	4:00pm	Jubilee Songs of Praise on Heyford Village Green
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	Benefice Holy Communion Service at Brockhall Church
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	United Flower Festival Service at Flore Chapel
	10:00am	Holy Communion at Heyford Church
	6:00pm	Holy Communion at Upper Stowe
	7:30pm	Flower Festival Thanksgiving at Flore Church
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	Holy Communion at Flore Church
	10:00am	Informal Worship at Upper Stowe
	4:00pm	Café Church at Heyford

### Midweek Services

Wednesday	9:30am	Morning Prayer via 'Why Pay' conference call. Please contact the Rector for the numbers to use. (Not Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> or 15 <sup>th</sup> )
Thursday	10:00am	Holy Communion at Flore Church (Not Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> or 16 <sup>th</sup> )
	2:30pm – 3:30pm	Flore Church open for private prayer
Friday	9:00am	Morning Prayer via Zoom. Please contact the Rector for an invitation

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

Dear Friends

At the beginning of June, the UK marks Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a series of events and gatherings in communities across the country. I know that locally, these events have been carefully planned and timetabled to make the most of the long Bank Holiday of celebrations. Similarly, in February 1952, when Princess Elizabeth Windsor became Queen, there were arrangements and preparations to be made, both for her reign and for her coronation. New coins had to be minted, new stamps printed, new coronation robes made, ceremonies planned and street parties organised.

The new Queen too, had to prepare herself spiritually and emotionally, and she was assisted in this by the then Archbishop of Canterbury, Geoffrey Fisher. He wrote 'A Little Book of Devotions' for the Queen, a small book of meditations, Bible Readings and prayers which the Queen was to use from May 1<sup>st</sup> 1953 until her coronation on 2<sup>nd</sup> June. As that ceremony ended, the National Anthem rang out; 'God save our gracious Queen; long live our noble Queen...' I suspect this is a prayer most of us have sung at some point in our lives. And God has heard and answered that prayer and all the Queen's prayers in the month or so leading up to her coronation. Queen Elizabeth II is one of the world's longest serving monarchs. Her prayers, and the prayers of people in this nation and in the Commonwealth have been answered, and God has equipped her for her extraordinary role.

The last prayer in the 'Devotions' is a prayer for each one of us, for all of our lives, because the God who has equipped the Queen for her role is there for us too, answering our prayers, equipping us for our roles in life:

*God be in my head, and in my understanding;  
God be in my eyes, and in my looking;  
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;  
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;  
God be at my end, and at my departing. Amen.*

If you would like to learn more about the 'Devotions', copies of the beautiful colour booklet 'Our Faithful Queen' will be available free in the churches of the Benefice and at various events over the jubilee weekend (while stocks last!),

With every blessing,

*Rev Stephen (Tel: 01327 344436)*



## Nether Heyford Baptist Church

### Services for June 2022

June 5 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 am	Worship led by Wendy Manley
June 12 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 am	Worship led by Wally Mular
	4:00 pm	Songs of Praise service led by Martin Buckby with tea and cakes
June 19 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 am	Worship led by Trevor Boys
June 26 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 am	Communion service led by Les Britten

### Events

June 4 <sup>th</sup>	2:00 - 5.00pm	Jubilee flowers in Church. Open for visitors.
June 5 <sup>th</sup>	4:00pm	Songs of Praise on the Green
June 10 <sup>th</sup>	2:30 to 4:30pm	Afternoon Tea and Cakes (books available). Donations for church funds

**All welcome**



## Village Hall News

We held our AGM on 25<sup>th</sup> April which although our last one was last September our constitution stipulates that it should be held in April and we are very keen to put covid behind us and get back to normal. In my report I noted some important decisions we have made in the last six months including the appointment of Nick Essex as our handyman, Carol Collins as our new cleaner and the new signs kindly supplied by David Cosby Estate Agent to advertise events in the village.

We are still in the process of changing banks and because of the problem with our existing bank we will be making a complaint to the ombudsman. And of course as mentioned in my last report we have changed energy suppliers.

At our next meeting unfortunately we will have to consider increasing our charges for the use of the hall. We are doing this reluctantly but costs are increasing for the village hall as they are for all of us domestic users of energy.

We need a new vice chairman and a member of the public as a trustee for our committee. Please contact me if you are interested. I promise to keep the meetings as short as possible. Our village hall is an important part of our thriving village so we need your help to continue to keep this wonderful asset to the village running well.

Our preparations for the fete on June 4<sup>th</sup> are going well and we would appreciate any help to set up in the morning. We are meeting on the Green at 8.30am. We would also welcome gifts of cakes and scones for teas in the Village Hall in the afternoon. The hall will be open from 12.00 to receive any donations. Raffle tickets are now on sale in the Foresters and The Old Sun and will be available on the day. We have many good prizes including £100 cash as first prize and a Marks and Spencer hamper worth £100 and a case of wine.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

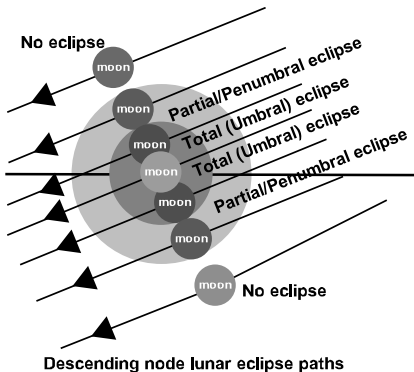
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# Astronomy on the Green

Very recently (the night of the 14<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> of May) there was a Lunar eclipse, naturally being in the UK, no one could observe it thanks to the clouds. Below are a few questions I seek to answer in the article.

1. Why are they less common than you would imagine, after all the Moon orbits the earth around every 28 days or so?
2. What is the reason for total or partial eclipses?
3. When is the next Solar eclipse viewable in the UK?

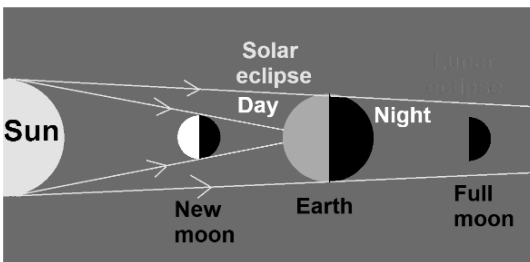
Eclipses are reliant on precise 3D alignment between the related objects and upon the viewers location on the Earth.



In either type of eclipse to get a total eclipse the shadow of the Earth (Lunar) or Moon (Solar) must pass through the dark Umbral shadow. The nearer the centre of this shadow the longer is the totality.

In the Penumbral shadow the eclipse is always partial. Beyond the edge of the penumbra there will be no eclipse observed. \*By Tomruen - Own work, CC BY-SA 4.0, <https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=36147996>

The orbit of the moon is angular to the earths orbit so the precise alignment of sun, earth and moon is a relatively rare event.



It is a coincidence that the size of the moon marries up to the size of the Solar face so perfectly. Lunar eclipses happen at night, but in some locations, it will be an late evening or early morning event.\* As above.

Whilst a total solar eclipse blocks out the sun (except during an annular eclipse when the moon is further from the Earth and the whole face of the sun is not covered). The Lunar eclipse does not darken the moon but will send it a dark shade of red in

totality. This is due to the earth's atmosphere refracting blue wavelengths away (a similar effect is seen in the sky when the sun sets, for the same reason).

Next partial solar eclipse in the UK 25<sup>th</sup> October 2022; Next total solar eclipse in the UK 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2090.

Total solar eclipses are seen every 400 years from any one place on the surface of the Earth.

Clear skies.

*Tony Boutle*

# NETHER HEYFORD

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CHARITY No. 1029571

## Pre-School

Ages 2-5 years

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- Forest School activities
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- Childcare vouchers accepted



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www.netherheyfordpreschool.co.uk**

# Allotment News

## Growing Fast!

It is at this time of the year that plants on the allotments are growing fast. The cold, wet days of winter tend to be forgotten as the fruit and veg that allotmenters have nurtured, begins to fill out. A warm evening spent on our beautiful site, watering crops or simply watching the world go by as the sun sets, is quite magical. If you've ever considered growing your own, now is the time to get started. And we have just one or two plots left to rent.

As for the site, as a whole, it looks wonderful and is a credit to all who tend their plots so carefully. If you haven't visited us recently, take a walk our way, sit in the community area and soak up the atmosphere. We recently met two long-time residents one afternoon doing just that, and they told us how much they loved their walks to the allotments and their "sit down" in the picnic area.

## Sharing

One of the many satisfying things to have occurred on the allotments over the past few years has been the willingness of people to share unwanted or surplus plants and resources with other allotmenters.

We placed an old barrow in the community area, provided it with a sharing label and lo and behold, allotmenters and the good people of Heyford as a whole, added items for others to make use of. Nothing has stayed there long, as it is quickly put to good use by other people. We have been able to pass on excess seedlings, fruit bushes, garden tools of all shapes and sizes, garden furniture, canes and netting and we even found a home for a large tool store and two mini greenhouses!

It is really amazing how something so simple can be so effective and bring out the very best in people. A big thank you to all who have added and taken from the "sharing barrow". Long may it continue.

As fruit and flowers become available to pick in the community areas we will let villagers know what/when it is good to gather, by putting messages on the notice boards by the two main gates and on the community shed. All we ask is that no one takes too much of one thing and that you repay us by putting a can or two of water on plants that look in need of a drink. There are plenty of spare cans by the orchard cistern and in the cut flower border.

## Helpers

We hosted a visit from the local Scout Group at the end of April and we were pleased to be able to tell them about the work that goes on at the allotments and the importance of respecting what allotmenters have grown and created. As a real

bonus we were also able to enlist them in a range of community tasks which they completed with great energy and enthusiasm. You never know, we may have even inspired some of these good people to become future allotment holders.

## **Vigilance**

We have very few incidents of vandalism on the allotments and special thanks to all those people who keep an eye out for anti-social behaviour and acts of minor vandalism. We encourage allotmenters and villagers to make use of the community picnic area and that has instilled in people a real sense of ownership as well as willingness to help keep the allotments a much valued space.

## **Keeping in Contact**

At the moment we have one or two small vacant plots. If you would like to rent one of these or have any other queries about the allotments please contact either Lynda Eales at [lyndaeales@aol.com](mailto:lyndaeales@aol.com) or on 01327 341707 or Mike Langrish at [langrish\\_heyford@hotmail.com](mailto:langrish_heyford@hotmail.com) or on 01327 341390.

Good Gardening.

*Mike Langrish*

## **U3A**

Monthly meetings take place in Bugbrooke Sports & Community Centre, Camp Close, Bugbrooke NN7 3RW.

**Prospective Committee Members are still being sought – please consider this carefully, for the existing Committee is at the minimum for a viable Group. Offers of help and participation are always welcome.**

Meetings will be subject to prevailing government guidelines in relation to coronavirus.

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> JUNE – MEMORIES from a 1960's Adolescence** by Polly Feeley.

Guests welcome at the monthly meetings – to learn more visit our website [www.u3asites.org.uk/upper-nene](http://www.u3asites.org.uk/upper-nene)

## View from the Wildlife Patch

This year seems to be passing very quickly. It's hard to believe we are nearly halfway through 2022. Plans made before we began work on "The Patch" are now coming together, and the different areas are beginning to form separate habitats as was planned from the start.

However, unexpectedly, we are finding a shortage in numbers of invertebrates other than insects. Creatures like Woodlice, Centipedes, Millipedes and the other species that folk term "Creepy crawlies" are present in just a fraction of the numbers we could expect in this type of wild area. It is more concerning that this shortage is not specific to our wildlife patch. Many researchers are reporting a drastic fall in population numbers of these animals as the well published fall in the number of insects. No-one really understands the reason or reasons for this. However, Climate Change and Agricultural Chemicals feature in likely reasons why these populations are rapidly falling.

On The Wildlife Patch, to help to counteract this loss we are placing most of our logs on the ground so they are touching the soil rather than in piles as normally advised. This soil contact will encourage a nice, moist environment under the logs, which should encourage the growth of Fungi as the wood comes into contact with soil. Such an environment is very nutritious and encourages species such as woodlice, who feed on rotting wood and whose droppings release nutrients to create a sort of "mini jungle". This medium then becomes populated by many creatures, many of which are microscopic and is exactly the environment where other species, such as Millipedes and Centipedes thrive.

I am often asked the difference between Centipedes and Millipedes. The fact is that they are very different animals altogether. I can't think of a good parallel but they are at least as different as Cattle and Crocodiles. From our point of view both have long bodies made up of segments. Centipedes have one pair of legs per segment, millipedes have 2 pairs. Most of our Centipedes are carnivorous whilst Millipedes are vegetarian. Specialists separate these groups into other, very different sub groups which are well beyond the scope of this short article. There are over 65 species of Millipedes, 57 Centipede species and over 40 of Woodlouse living in the UK right now. Some of these are "imported species" who only live alongside Humans. Others are adapted to live by the sea whilst others still live in caves or on mountains etc. Realistically we can expect 10 or so species from each of these groups to be present in our area. Along with many other animal species they work together to form a sort of environmental digestive system that makes these nutrients available for higher plants that all life depends on to live.

Our Pollinators may be very important but without the Creepy Crawlies there could be no plants for them to pollinate.

*Dave Musson*



## In Nether Heyford

In May the WI ladies went on an outing to the Shoe Museum in Northampton. They were able to see that the Museum has undergone a complete renovation and is now light and airy with a new Café. There were many old company names from the time when Northampton was leading the world in shoe manufacturing and they were also able to see the Art Exhibition which included some memorable Japanese art. It is certainly worth a visit to see the updates.

On June 2<sup>nd</sup> we will be celebrating the Queen's Jubilee by meeting in the Village Hall for a meal and memories evening. We will also be looking at how the WI celebrated in Coronation Year and playing 'Beetle', one of the favourite games of the 50's, This will be for WI members only at the usual time of 7.30.

In July, Heather Wilson will be coming to talk to us about Green Acres Rural Group which is a community interest company based in Staverton.

*Mary Rice*  
*Heyford Lodge*  
*01327 340101*

### **CHIROPODIST**

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## Nether Heyford Youth Club

Nether Heyford Youth Club finally re-opened it's doors back in September last year after being closed for almost 18 months due to the pandemic. We thought it would be a good idea to bring you up-to-date with what has been happening and how the youth club is going.

When we first re-opened we only held fortnightly sessions, this was really due to not knowing just how much demand there would still be for the youth club. After a very short period of time it was evident that the youth club was just as popular now as before Covid hit us. To date we have just over 40 children registered with us and on average around 30 attend on a now weekly basis. All of our children are of primary school age and most either live or go to school within the village.

During the lockdown we took the opportunity to do some much needed upgrading to the building and grounds of the youth club, with new fences being put up, and a full decoration of the inside being done including the carpets being deep cleaned.

Since re-opening we are also lucky enough to have 2 ex youth club members helping out, and they will shortly be starting on the "Young Leaders" course through the NAYC (Northamptonshire Youth Club Association), we also have been joined by another ex youth club member who is currently completing her Duke of Edinburgh award. The youth club is always keen to help to support older children in the village who may be interested in either of the above schemes.

We have lots planned for the children in the coming months, we have our ever popular arts and crafts visit from the NAYC along with an animal visit which is planned for nearer the summer months, we are also about to start work on our project for the Queens Jubilee.

As always the youth club would not be able to keep it's doors open with the wonderful support of our leaders and helpers, who each bring their own strength to the youth club, enabling the children to have a fully engaging, fun time when with us.

We hope this gives you just a little insight into the youth club.

Thank you.

*Lesley*

*Chair of NHYC*



## The Foresters Arms Darts Team Tour 2022

Growing up in the Seventies and Eighties every new year started with the Darts World Championships at Lakeside. Watching on the telly, the smoked filled room with the "True Athletes" of the Darts world striding on stage with a fag in one hand and a pint in the other, the best way to start the year. Lakeside may not attract the big names these days but it is still a Mecca for any dart fan. Due to Covid our planned trip had to be delayed until the 8<sup>th</sup> of April. We met at the Foresters, a group of eleven made up of team members, partners and associated Heyford socialites. Everyone was excited especially our youngest member Ed "The Eradicator."

Arriving at Lakeside it was a bit like going back in time, the legendary venue has managed to maintain that Seventies feeling and look but fortunately not the smokey smell. The afternoon session started at one with the majority of us saying we would abstain from alcohol until the evening session, this lasted about 5 minutes. The players entered the stage with their own walk on music thumping out and us excited fans high fiving them as they walked to the oche.

The excitement built with the start of the evening session, a number of us donned our fancy dress, Sister Faye "Scattergun" and Sister Kim wore their Nuns Habits with great style, I think I carried off my Amazonian outfit pretty well. Other groups included The Royal Marines Dart Team dressed as elderly ladies, knitting and all. Again we welcomed the players to the stage, a slight mishap saw Maria O' Brien fall off the stage and a video appeared on You Tube with "The Eradicator" looking to be involved in the incident.

The following morning at the breakfast debrief in Wetherspoon's we all agreed it was a great day. It is very rare to spend so many hours in a room with so many strangers all partaking in a few drinks and experiencing such a great atmosphere, everyone was there to enjoy themselves. When the players threw their darts they received the best of order and in between we partied. We saw some good darts and had a lot of fun. Looking forward to the New Year!

*Dom "The 1-2-1 to Watch" Cawley*

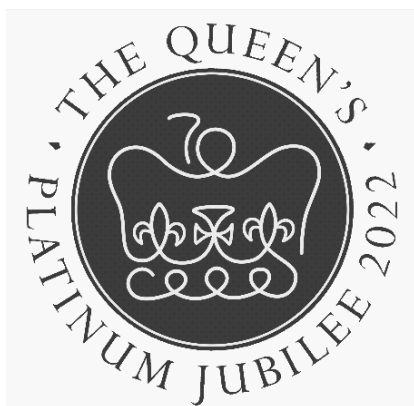
## Thursday 2nd June 2022

**Family Sports Day 12pm to 3pm** Youth Football | Kids Games & Fun Activities | Rounders | Sumo Wrestling | DJ & Music | Indoor Bowls | Marios Ice Cream Van | Bouncy Castle

**Nether Heyford Honey Run 3pm** A running road race around the streets of the village.

**Platinum Picnic** Bring a Picnic to enjoy on the village green – anytime throughout the day.

**Pubs** Foresters Arms: 4pm to 11pm | The Olde Sun: 11am to 11:30pm (Food served 12pm to 2:30pm & 5pm to 9pm)



## Friday 3rd June 2022

**The Big Jubilee Lunch** various street parties across the village in the afternoon.

**Platinum Picnic** Bring a Picnic to enjoy on the village green – anytime throughout the day.

**Open Mic Night 6pm to 10pm** The Olde Sun (Tapas served)

**Pubs** Foresters Arms: 2pm to Midnight (Gurkha Streetfood served 5:30pm to 8:30pm) | The Olde Sun: 11am to 11:30pm (Food served 12pm to 2:30pm & 5pm to 9pm)

## **Saturday 4th June 2022**

### **Nether Heyford Village Hall Fete - 2pm**

#### **Events**

- 2:00 PM Fete Opening - Rose King & Queen
- 2:30 PM Fun Dog Show
- 3:00 PM Pacesetters Dog Display Team
- 4:00 PM Band
- 4:30 PM Tug of War
- 5:00 PM Raffle Draw
- 5:00 PM Rose & Castle Morris Dancers
- 8:00 PM Comedy Night

#### **Exhibits**

The Northampton Highways 1899 Steam Engine Allchin Roller 1131 | Over 70 Classic Cars, Motorbikes and Vehicles | Heyford Youth Club – Jubilee Rocks (Village Hall) | Mick Parker - Heyford in Photographs (Village Hall) | Flower T Pot Original Art Group (Baptist Chapel Schoolroom) | Floral Display (Baptist Chapel)

#### **Stalls & Games**

Over 30 stalls and traditional fete games on the green including inflatable bouncy fun, teddy bear tombola, face-painters, cakes, crafts, a blacksmith, astronomy and even a ghost detective.

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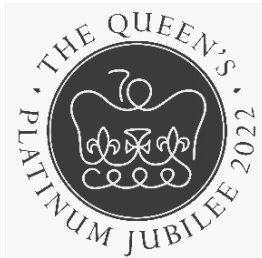
## Sunday 5th June 2022

**Church Bells** The church bells will be ringing from 10am to 10:45am – Visitors are welcome inside the church during this time to watch the bell ringers in action.

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## Jubilee Quiz

(Answers on Page 29)

1. How many grandchildren does the Queen have?
2. What year did Princess Elizabeth marry the Duke of Edinburgh?
3. What year was Princess Anne born?
4. What year did the Queen make her husband a British prince?
5. How many UK prime ministers have served during the Queen's reign?
6. How old was the Queen when she made her first radio broadcast?
7. What year did the Queen and Prince Philip celebrate their Platinum Wedding Anniversary?
8. What year was the Queen's first grandchild Peter Phillips born?
9. What age was the Queen when she was crowned?
10. How many Popes has the Queen met at official visits during her reign?
11. What are the Queen's four main residences?
12. Who gained entry to one of the Queen's private rooms in 1982?
13. Who was Britain's longest-reigning monarch before Queen Elizabeth II?
14. Who designed the Queen's coronation dress?
15. The Queen appeared alongside which actor in a skit for the opening ceremony of the London 2012 Olympics?
16. What was the name of the dog the Queen was gifted on her 18th birthday?
17. Who was the Queen's paternal grandfather?
18. What was Prince Philip's nickname for the Queen?
19. What dog breed is the Queen famous for owning?
20. What other language, besides English, does the Queen speak fluently?
21. Which actress won an Oscar for her portrayal of the Queen?
22. In which Commonwealth country did Queen Elizabeth actually live for a short time when she was a young woman?

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## Does Anyone Remember the Drummond-Murray Family?

In 1963 my parents moved to Nether Heyford after a family tragedy. My older sister aged 13 had died just before Christmas in 1962. She had been suffering from a rare form of cancer. Over the years, my parents found some peace of mind and healing due to the warmth and friendship from people in the village. At the age of nine I was keen to find friends in the village and my first good friend was Roger Blood. Roger and Rosie still send me a copy of "The Prattler" every month.

A few weeks after our move a boy knocked at our door. He had board games with him and he said his mother had suggested he visit me with some games to play. The boys' name was Jasper Drummond-Murray. Jasper had three brothers. His mother, Margot, a single parent training to be a teacher, had met my parents and asked Jasper to befriend me.

The family lived in Furnace Lane and their house became a second home to me. As well as adventures in the countryside, bike rides and walks along the canal we played card games and monopoly in the long winters. As we grew older, we had the wonderful youth club in Church Street and the village green for sports and games. All of the boys were fun to play with. Each one had a unique personality and their wonderful Mum, Margot, kept them in line with a firm but loving hand.

Little could anyone know the tragedy that awaited them. Soon after leaving school, each one pursuing a career with great enthusiasm and potential, a congenital heart condition struck. The youngest, Alexander, died first, soon followed by the oldest, Hamish. A few years later my good friend Jasper died after spending time working abroad with the Express Lift Company. Only one of the boys, Ruairaidh, went on to have a family and run his own haulage business. Ruairaidh battled for many years with Hodgkin's Lymphoma, eventually dying before his time, as they say.

There may be many in the village who have fond memories of the family. I would love to hear from others who have any stories of the boys. Maybe a book of remembrance could be compiled in time. If you have any stories please ring me (07714760831) or email me - [davidgly61@gmail.com](mailto:davidgly61@gmail.com)

*David Genese (in Poole, Dorset)*



## Heyford Garden Club

[www.heyfordgardenclub.com](http://www.heyfordgardenclub.com)

Our May meeting featured the welcome return of Patsy Rayner who gave a stimulating talk on the way plants and flowers have been perceived over the ages as revealed in literature. It was unfortunate that we appear to have been hit by illness which had reduced attendance on the evening.

There was a competition for a spring flower arrangement, this was won by Rosemary Dunkley, Mary Newstead was runner up and third place was shared by Anne Haynes and Margaret Ridgwell.

Our next meeting will be on 13th June at 8pm when we will be having our rose show.

### **Micro salads and Mini greens**

If you have room in a greenhouse or just some windowsill space it can be very rewarding to grow seedling crops. Almost any type of vegetable can be used this way with the exception of runner and french beans or tomatoes. You need a shallow tray with either a layer of compost of some sort, or just paper towel, which has the advantage of being clean. The seeds are sown thickly and kept damp. They should sprout within a week or so and can then be harvested at the seedling stage as micro salads, or allowed to develop the first true leaves for a bit more taste and bulk. Harvest by cutting the plants with scissors, and quite often they will re-sprout for a second crop. This is a way to use up leftover seed. Look out for popular varieties of seed where the number of seeds in a packet can be much greater. Some garden centres sell a range of seeds from Italy which have enormous quantities of seed in each packet, and you can even use some of the herb seeds sold in supermarkets (mustard, dill, coriander etc) or even dried peas which are much cheaper than those sold for growing.

### **Some Things to do in June**

- 1 it will be safe to plant out tender annuals and veg this month
- 2 stake tall plants before they get damaged by the wind
- 3 keep weeds in check by regular hoeing or mulching

*Mark Newstead*





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## Answers to Jubilee Quiz

1. 8 - Peter Phillips, Zara Tindall, Prince William, Prince Harry, Princess Beatrice, Princess Eugenie, Lady Louise Windsor and James, Viscount Severn.

2. 1947    3. 1950    4. 1957    5. 14    6. 14    7. 2017    8. 1977

9. 27 - She was 25 when she ascended the throne and 27 at her coronation in 1953.

10. 4 - Pope John XXIII (1961), Pope John Paul II (1980, 1982 and 2000), Pope Benedict XVI (2010) and Pope Francis I (2014).

11. Windsor Castle, Buckingham Palace, Sandringham House and Balmoral Castle.

12. Michael Fagan    13. Queen Victoria (63 years, 216 days)

14. Sir Norman Hartnell    15. Daniel Craig as James Bond    16. Susan


17. King George V    18. Cabbage    19. Dorgi (corgi and dachshund cross)

20. French    21. Helen Mirren    22. Malta



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***The easiest way to avoid wrong notes is never  
to open your mouth and sing.  
What a mistake that would be.***

**Pete Seeger**

It certainly would be. I am writing this just after our May Concert and with a full house on the Friday night and a good crowd on the Saturday we, I think, put on a really good show. As you know from my last article we had a large variety of songs from differing genres and the changes in pace, key and tone went down extremely well. I think our joy in singing again really showed as we overcame huge hurdles to produce this concert – seventeen of our members succumbing to Covid one after the other (including our Pianist Graham Kinnersly). We were understandably nervous about some very challenging pieces but if we sang a wrong note, our enthusiasm made up for this. As I said in an email to the Choir after the Concert, seeing the delight on the audience faces is a joy, and we receive that joy back when we get a song right.

Our Pianist never fails to surprise and had composed a beautiful birthday melody for our Musical Director and then performed (by popular request) 'Rita, My Senorita' which is an hilarious account of an elderly gentleman going to various foreign language lessons through the U3A as he lacked the skills for computer dating. As an ex teacher he can project his voice from Heyford to Northampton and as usual, he bought the house down.

Alto soloist Val Evans sang 'Castle on a Cloud' from Les Miserables – and I saw grown men wipe tears away in the audience (in a good way) and a duet, The Music of the Night from the musical Phantom of the Opera, was admirably performed by our Chairman Tenor Mike Andrew and Bass Tony Wright. This all takes courage to sing like this and we thank them very much for adding to the enjoyment of our Concert.

'Music Can Change the World' was the mantra of Beethoven. And we saw that in a way at the Eurovision Song Contest where forty countries initially took part. Not something I usually watch (well not since Terry Wogan actually) but was intrigued this year to see what would happen. The Ukraine crisis has produced a unity in Europe which was very evident in the voting this year and to see our Sam Ryder and others rooting for Ukraine to win was something special. Of course Great Britain being second was a phenomenon in itself but somehow all the politics of the voting system had dissolved (well nearly) leaving a battered country's contribution coming out on top.

By the time this has gone to press we will have had Mary Rice's non-surprise birthday party. It is eight weeks since this was first mooted and then Covid got in the way. So many people have volunteered to do various solos, hilarious readings and

risque songs that we may well run out of time. But whatever happens this should be such a fun evening and certainly worth the wait. Let's hope Mary Rice thinks so... We are welcoming members who have moved away and those members who haven't been able to attend rehearsals recently and it will be a real pleasure to see them all.

Then there is the Village Fete on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June. The Heyford Singers are having a Coconut Shy this year so show off your skills and win a coconut. And for younger children there is an entertaining game with suitable prizes. So come and join us there. And we shall be singing the Jubilee Song entitled 'Rise Up and Serve' written by song writers Graham Kendrick and Mal Pope on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 4pm on the Village Green as part of a service that the Reverend Stephen Burrow will be conducting.

And I leave you with this from Bruce Springsteen. 'The Best Music is essentially there to provide you with something to face the world with.' I hope our little Concert went part way to achieving this.

*JRA*



## **Bugbrooke and District Flower Society**

We meet in Nether Heyford Village Hall on the fourth Monday of the month at 7.30pm when we have a demonstration by a qualified NAFAS Demonstrator. All the arrangements are raffled at the end of the evening.

Our next meeting is on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June when we look forward to Lynne Sharpe with her demonstration "Garden Magic". Please join us for a relaxing and enjoyable evening – visitors are always most welcome – and you may win a beautiful arrangement.

**ADVANCE NOTICE.** We are fortunate to have International Demonstrator, Arnaud Metairie, joining us on 25<sup>th</sup> July to what promises to be a spectacular and entertaining evening. This will be a ticket only event.

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## Heyford Bowls Club

The outdoor bowls season has got off to a brilliant start. At the time of writing we have completed five of the seven matches scheduled for May. We have won 4 and had one matched cancelled due to lack of numbers at the opposing club. Our men won their first Monday Night Triples match against Cold Ashby, winning two rinks and drawing the third and their second match against Whyte Melville winning two of the three rinks. The men also won their first round match against Whyte Melville in the Mens Club 2 Fours, a national competition.

The Short Mat held an internal Mixed Singles competition on 30<sup>th</sup> April, together with the Norman & Vivienne Brown Trophy which is awarded to the highest individual score during the competition. I am happy to report that Rosemary Haddon won the Singles match with Geoff Groom as runner up. Rosemary also won the Brown Trophy, so double celebrations for her.

June brings a lot of activity for both the Short Mat and the outdoor section of the club. The Short Mat is being set up in the Village Hall on Thursday afternoon on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June as part of the Jubilee fun activities in the village. This will be an ideal opportunity for you to have a go and see if it may be a sport for you. We will also have our usual bottle tombola together with a fun game for families set up at the Village Fete on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June.

We have three friendly matches scheduled during June together with two internal club matches. Our Drawn Triples on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June and the outdoor match of the Short Mat vs Outdoor on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June. Spectators are always welcome to both matches.

June also sees the the club off on another Bowls Tour. Following the success of our tour to the Isle of Wight in 2019 it was decided to continue with this event bi-annually. Obviously last year had to be postponed due to Covid. This month sees us off to Weymouth with three matches arranged in Bournemouth, Weymouth and Bridport.

Our Friday nights down at the outdoor club are now in full swing. Friday is seen as our "Open Evening" so anyone wishing to try out lawn bowls are more than welcome to pop along. You only need to bring flat soled shoes and we can provide the rest including friendly members to help you learn the game.

The Short Mat regularly meet through the year on Wednesday afternoon (2.00pm) and evenings (7.00pm) and also welcome visitors who are wanting to try out this indoor format of bowls.

*Lorraine Streeter - Club Captain*

## Flood Watch

May 2022 turned out to be a month of surprises. A weather system that originated in the South Atlantic crossed Europe and with a meandering jet stream caused a period of unsettled UK weather ranging from a mini heat wave where temperatures reached 24 degrees centigrade (the warmest day of 2022) to severe thunder storms with torrential rain and the possibility of tornados. Conditions were so changeable that weather newsreaders were struggling to make accurate forecasts even over 24 hours. Locally the forecast storm of the 18<sup>th</sup> was short lived with rumbles of thunder and bursts of torrential rainfall amounting to 20mm. The river level only rose 0.4m from an unusually low level.

Nationally areas of the country were put on flood alert in anticipation of a night of prolonged thunder and heavy rain.


After a very dry April, May continued relatively dry until the 18<sup>th</sup> which brought the total monthly rainfall up to normal levels. The annual total is still about 85% of normal. Temperatures are expected to reduce to the 19-20 degree range by the end of the month with June long range forecast to remain at that level but with more cloudy days. 21<sup>st</sup> June will mark the summer solstice with the longest daylight hours of 16 hours 44 minutes.

The long awaited blood red moon eclipse, a pseudo super moon when the moon is near its perigee of its orbit around the Earth, was masked by heavy cloud. Worldwide the full cycle of events were photographed and even Greenwich managed to witness the critical 30 minute total eclipse. Full super moons when the moon is at its largest and brightest will occur on June 14<sup>th</sup> and July 13<sup>th</sup>.

A super black hole in the Milky Way galaxy, Sagittarius A, has been photographed for the first time by a Worldwide network of radio telescopes. This will help to improve our understanding of these phenomena.

No responses have yet been received from the E/A with regard to planning flood risk map, promised for 27<sup>th</sup> May, or the culvert maintenance issue.

*J.Arnold.*

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**Sunday June 26th** (3pm; gates open 2pm). The owners of The Grange in Flore High St have very kindly agreed to host this event in their extensive gardens. You will need to bring something to sit on and your own refreshments.

Please note that on this occasion tickets are only available online, directly from Illyria's agents. You can find full details at this web address: [www.illyria.co.uk](http://www.illyria.co.uk). Alternatively if you search “Peter Pan at the Grange” you should be able to find a direct route to the booking form. Tickets are priced at £16.00 for adults and £8.00 for children aged 5-18 (plus a small booking fee). No charge for under 5's.

*“Peter Pan” is presented by arrangement with Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity and Concord Theatricals Ltd. on behalf of Samuel French Ltd.*  
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**Jazz in the garden:** we're now taking bookings for an old favourite, this time with a new band, New Orleans Heat. Once again our hosts will be the generous and long suffering owners of Rock Springs in Sutton St. If you haven't been before you can expect a programme of foot-tapping jazz and ragtime favourites in a relaxed garden setting. You'll also have the opportunity to buy teas, cakes, wine and beer (cash only). Just bring something to sit on (and perhaps your dancing shoes).

**Sunday July 17<sup>th</sup>** 2.30pm: Rock Springs, Sutton St, Flore. Doors open 1.30pm. Tickets £10 (£5 Under 18s). Call Rosemary Read (between 9am and 8pm) on 01327 341026.

**Budapest Café Orchestra: Sat October 22nd (evening):** All Saints Church. A return for another group who thrilled us in 2018 with varied and lively music inspired by the Eastern European gypsy tradition. We haven't yet opened the box office for this one... watch this space!



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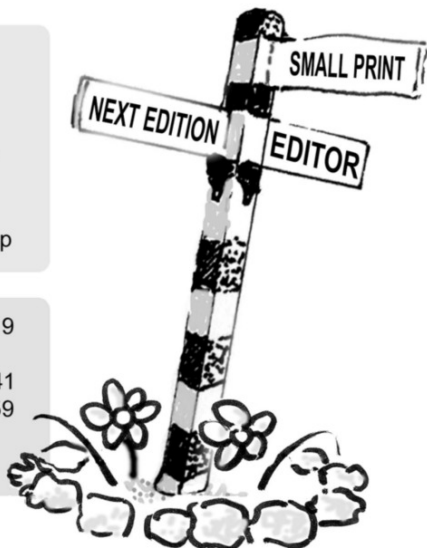
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