

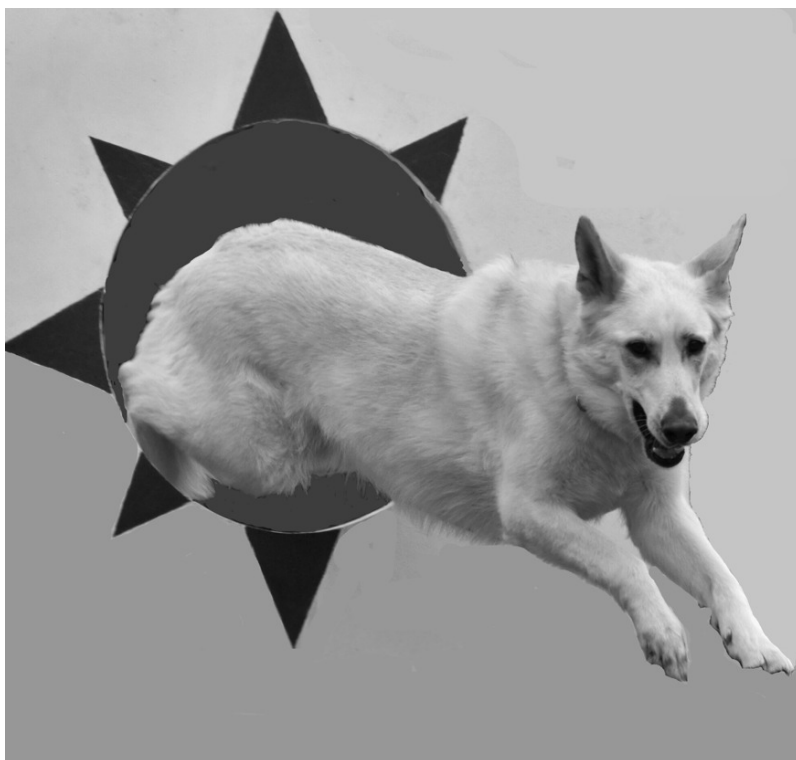


THE PRATTLER

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Heyford Jubilee Fete

Mick Parker

The (Queens) Jubilee
fete is a joy to behold,
There are lots of things
to be sold.
The band is playing
making a wonderful sound,
and the people milling around.
Dog shows, plants,
Raffle tickets to buy,
Bowls on the green, come on give it a try.

Tea and cakes, are on display,
Bouncy castle and stalls in
a colourful array,
a tug of war
may happen of course.
The plant tombola is going
full force.

The Queen and her ladies
are looking well dressed,
all in their Sunday best.
There's lots more things,
to see, and buy, its for
a very good cause so
give it a try.

Robin (Bob) Smith

The team would like to pass on their condolences to Mick, Sarah and Helen on the passing of Christine. She volunteered for the Prattler for many years offering advice and help where ever she could. She will be sadly missed.

On another note, thanks go to everyone who helped with the Village Jubilee celebrations. I think as a village, we did ourselves proud!

This issue of the Prattler is a double issue covering July and August. The next issue will be printed on 1 September 2022.

Enjoy your summer.

Sue



PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

The June 6th, 2022, Parish Council meeting was held in the Baptist Church Rooms.

Public Participation. The “edging” of the pathway around the green was complimented, and it was asked when the rest of the Green would be done. The Chair replied that it would not, as what had been done had been an expensive enterprise.

It was reported that Barley (owners of the former Wickes depot) had been granted most of their requests by the traffic Inspector, and that there had been further incidents of trespass (vehicles reversing at railway bridge) and traffic delay related to commercial vehicles on Furnace Lane.

Reports

Lights. Resolved. To accept a quotation from Forde McHugh to replace 6 non-functioning streetlights with new LEDs at a cost of £2,172 plus VAT.

Roads and pavements. Hillside Rd sign still lying by the wall at 2 Bugbrooke Rd. Kerbstone on Furnace Lane opposite Hillside Rd damaged. Reported to Fix my street.

The Green /Play Area. The Green was felt to be in very good condition and had had additional cutting and attention prior to the Jubilee events. Council thanked Julian Moriarty, Dan Musson and Jeremy Rice for their work and assistance to achieve this.

The Play Area had been inspected, and there were a number of recommendations. There was, however, nothing requiring immediate replacement.

Playing Fields. A suggestion that there be a Combined Community Centre on the Playing Fields was considered. Councillors felt that it would be detrimental to the village to move the Village Hall away from the centre of the village. The Youth Club stands on land belonging to WNC.

Extension cemetery. Volunteers working very well, chair expressed gratitude. It was reported that an initial well supported meeting had taken place, and that sub groups were planned.

Planning. Denbrook. It seems that no appeal had gone in. The developer and agent had not responded to Council's request to consult regarding the issue of access and the encroachment on village green land. Clerk to ask solicitor the cost of a solicitor's letter asking for proper consultation on this issue.

Annual general return. The Internal Auditor's report had been received and there were no negative issues. The 2 parts of the Annual general return were completed at the meeting and would be sent in to the External Auditors.

Speed Cameras. There had been some disagreements as to the location of the camera on Furnace Lane. It was felt that an informed decision as to the location had been made by Council. It was, however, felt that the camera purchased was not really suitable because it was not bright enough and was not really a true mobile unit. It could not easily be moved by one person. A working party would consider future use of the speed camera and to give reports to council.

Platinum Jubilee Fete reports. It was felt that the jubilee events had been an outstanding success that reflected well on the village, and on all of those involved. A trio of Organisers - Pat Paterson (Village Hall), Faye Brassett (Foresters Arms) and Jez Wilson did the lion's share of the work but with help from many more people and village organisations. A list of those involved is below.

Charles Kiloh, Lynda Eales, Guy Ravine, Andrew Wallace - The Parish Council.
Pat Paterson, Joan Kirkbride & Philip Letts - Village Hall. Faye Brassett, Mike Brassett - The Foresters Arms. Matt Randall, Pete & Frances Yates - The Olde Sun. Geoff Allen - Master of Ceremonies. Dan Musson, Julian Moriarty & Jeremy Rice - Village green shapers and finishers. Alex Kirkbride - Village Road Race Inventor 1977. Wendy Goodman, Ann Andrews, Judith Cattermole, Pauline Groom, Carol Tuckley, Yvonne, Joan & Barbara (local quilting group) - Fete Afternoon Teas. Pip Juland, Sue Clarke, Adam Gilkes, John Dunkley, Geri Anderson, Mark Christopher, Chris Ripper, Robert Barton, Lisa Jameson, Alan Whitewright, Simon Tuckley - Local resident volunteer helpers. Mick Parker, Tom Dodd - Photographers. Jill & Mick Garratt - Heyford Entrypreneurs. Tracey Wood, Carol Tuckley & Susan Bridger - Bunting. Debbie Botterill, Carol Tuckley - Cakes. Mrs Freda Bramhill (1938 - 2022) - A lovely donation to the jubilee party via friend & neighbour Lynn Finn. Harry Beacall - Long Buckby Vintage and Classic Vehicle Meet up Group. Bob Wilkins - Berkeley Car Enthusiast Club, Towcester. Steve Corcoran - Steamroller, Flags, Bunting, Ladderwork, Fire Engine and Hay Bales. The Rose Queen Ella and attendants Jasmine and Olivia - Bliss Charity School. Charles Kiloh - Dog Show Organiser. Alice Kettle - Dog Show Judge. Mark 'Trigger' Collins - Drone. Bryn Curtis - Tug'O'War. Jadine Casey - Rose Queen research. Libbie Taylor - Face-painter and Glitter Tattoo Queen. Lynn Adey - Bliss Charity School. Mary Rice - Heyford Singers. Ray & Rosemary Haddon, Alwyne Wilson - Helpful Fete organisers from previous years. Les Britten - Baptist Church, Rev Stephen Burrow - Parish Church for Songs of Praise on The Green. Alison Willgress - Heyford Bell Ringers. Claire Matalola, Mark Trigger Collins & Zoe

Collins - NH British Legion. Mick & Shirley Collins, Lorraine Streeter - Bowls Club. Linda Hall - Gardening Club. Mike & Jill Langrish - Nether Heyford Allotments. Steve Bird - Nether Heyford Cubs. Faye Brassett - Heyford Netball Team. Lesley Dilkes - NH Youth Club. Jeff Buck - Heyford Sports Clubs. Sue Boutle - Heyford Prattler, Neighbourhood Watch, Big Spring Clean Up. Tony Boutle - Astronomy on the Green, Wildlife Group. Sarah Croutear - Flower T Pot Original Art. Adrian Croutear - PA Sound System, Songs of Praise on The Green. Glenn & Helen Cooper - Heyford Meats. Bob Smith - Bobs Stores. Heidi Hartgrove - One Stop. Sue Kerrison - REstore 24. Lisa Hillyard - Lisa Hillyard Travel Counsellor. Vernon Illot - Nether Heyford Honey. Emma Swinger - Swinger Roofing / Villa Emma. Stuart Alderman - Alderman Roofing. Peta Jacobi - Unusual Rigging. David Cosby - Estate Agents. Andrew, Bruce & Shirley MacCallum - Macflex International. Chay & Tina Adams - Heyford Fields Farm (Heyford Marina). David Brown - Meadow Farm (Flore Farm Park). Debbie Botterill - A&N Fireplaces, Mrs B's Coffee Shop. Scott McMillan - Big Dog Streaming. Anna Lewis - www.bigeyesdesign.co.uk. Liz Paterson - www.lizpaterson.co.uk. Andrew Howe & Co, Fish & Chips - Van 66. Julian - Julians Ice Cream Van. David Mead - Northants Vintage Motorcycles, Bernie Keith - BBC Radio Northampton. Julian & Sharon Skinner - Northampton Allchin Steam Roller 1131. Paul Cutting - DCV Plant Hire (Low Loader). Heyford Moped Club. Tops of Heyford. Nether Heyford Scouts. Pallet Line. Heygates. D&M Skips. Roman Way Brewery. Lone Wolf Comedy Club. Gurka Streetfood. BSI Transport. The Mounts Fire Station in Northampton. South Northants Community Responders. Northampton Town Football Club. Northamptonshire County Cricket Club. Lamport Hall and Gardens. Cotswold Wildlife Park. Tigers Indoor Play Centre. Macleod Electrical Services. Hoyes Super Strikers.

Proposed Gravel extraction. Cllr Adam Brown would call a meeting for all concerned parishes when the planning application has actually been made.

Fair on Green. Concerns had been expressed that using the Green regularly would give the Fair rights to remain there. The Clerk doubted this but went for advice from NCALC, who opined that as long as there was a contract with the Fair with clear dates there would be no such issue, and any attempt to remain on the Green would be considered trespass.

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 ones are on **Monday July 4th** and **Monday Aug 1st Planning and Finance only**.

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/>

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Parish Church of St. Peter and St. Paul

Services for July 2022

Sunday 3 rd	8:00am	Prayer Book Holy Communion at Flore
	10:00am	Holy Communion at Upper Stowe
	11:00am	First Sunday Service at Flore
	6:00pm	Informal worship at Heyford
Sunday 10 th	10:00am	Benefice Holy Communion Service at Heyford
	10:00am	Morning Worship at Flore Chapel
Sunday 17 th	10:00am	Holy Communion at Heyford
	10:00am	United Service at Flore Chapel
	6:00pm	Holy Communion at Upper Stowe
Sunday 24 th	10:00am	Holy Communion at Flore Church
	10:00am	Informal Worship at Upper Stowe
	10:00am	Morning Worship at Flore Chapel
	4:00pm	Café Church at Heyford Church
Sunday 31 st	10:00am	Benefice Holy Communion Service at Flore Church
	10:00am	Morning Worship at Flore Chapel
	6:00pm	BCP Evensong at Upper Stowe

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

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

Rev Stephen Burrow (Tel. 344436)

Services for August 2022

Sunday 7 th	10:00am	Benefice Holy Communion Service at Flore Church
Sunday 14 th	10:00am	Benefice Holy Communion Service at Upper Stowe
	10:00am	Morning Worship at Flore Chapel
Sunday 21 st	10:00am	Benefice Holy Communion at Heyford Church
	10:00am	Partnership Morning Worship at Flore Chapel
Sunday 28 th	10:00am	Benefice Holy Communion Service at Brockhall Church
	10:00am	Morning Worship at Flore Chapel

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

Midweek Services

Wednesday 9:30am	Morning Prayer via 'Why Pay' conference call. Please contact the Rector for the numbers to use. (not Wednesday 24 th or 31 st August)
Thursday 10:00am August)	Holy Communion at Flore Church (not Thursday 25 th
2:30pm – 3:30pm	Flore Church open for private prayer
Friday 9:00am	Morning Prayer via Zoom. Please contact the Rector for an invitation

Dear Friends,

I was packing to go on holiday recently and looking for a travel plug adapter for Northern Europe (Deborah and I visited the Normandy beaches and battlefields in the middle of June) when I found a little cloth wristband bearing the acronym WWJD. I wore the wristband for many years when working for Somerfield supermarkets. At the time I had commercial oversight of various distribution operations, some run in-house, others run by third party distributors – including a large warehouse in Wellingborough. That wristband helped to change my approach to that role, and to the way I related to the people involved in the distribution operations. I moved from the adversarial, confrontational role modelled by my director, to a more collaborative – and ultimately more productive – style of operation. Whenever there was a crisis or an issue in one of the operations, or in one of the regular review meetings, I looked at the wristband and the acronym – WWJD – and asked myself, What Would Jesus Do?

Looking back over the last couple of years, we may not know how Jesus would have reacted to the challenges we've faced in the pandemic and its associated periods of lockdown. But the gospels give us some idea of how he would have responded to the rising cost of living, and the challenges that is creating for individuals and families across the country. In Mark's Gospel, the familiar story of the miraculous feeding of the five thousand begins when Jesus sees the crowds that were following him and had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. How we might wish for such a miracle today, that saw not just the hungry fed, but the basic needs of all met in these challenging times.

We can, of course be part of such a miracle. We can support the local food bank, for example. In Heyford, donations to the food bank can be left outside 15 Middle Street, whence they will be delivered regularly to the food bank (thank you Maxine!). We can continue to show the kindness and neighbourliness that marked much of our responses to the lockdowns. We can engender the community spirit that underpinned and enlivened many of our recent jubilee celebrations. We can all do what Jesus would do; give, care, welcome, embrace, encourage, serve, feed, forgive... and love.

Yours in Christ,

Rev Stephen (Tel: 01327 344436)



Nether Heyford Baptist Church

Services for July 2022

July 3 rd	10:30 am	Worship led by John Perkins
July 10 th	10:30 am	Worship led by Allan Pope
	4:00 pm	Songs of Praise service led by Martin Buckby with tea and cakes
July 17 th	10:30 am	Worship led by Les Britten
July 24 th	10:30 am	Worship led by Clive Leahey
July 31 st	9:30 am	Prayer meeting followed at 10.30am by our communion service led by Martin Buckby.

Services for August 2022

August 7 th	10:30 am	Worship led by Les Britten
August 14 th	10:30 am	Worship led by Wally Mular
	4:00 pm	Songs of Praise service led by Martin Buckby with tea and cakes
August 21 st	10:30 am	Worship led by Clive Leahey
August 28 th	9:30 am	Prayer meeting followed at 10.30am by our communion service led by Martin Buckby.

Events

July 8 th	2.30pm to 4.30pm	Afternoon Tea and Cakes (books available). Donations for church funds
July 19 th	10am to 11am	Prayer and bible study
July 23 rd	3pm to 5pm	Afternoon tea on the lawn At 29, Church Street (Donations to church Funds welcomed.)
August 12 th	2.30pm to 4.30pm	Afternoon Tea and Cakes (books available). Donations for church funds
August 16 th	10am to 11am	Prayer and bible study

All welcome

Village Hall News

What an amazing day we had on 4th June at our village hall fete. At last the village green was the centre of the community with all ages enjoying the stalls exhibitions and side shows and we were lucky with the weather.

I have a lot of thank you's to give to everyone who contributed to the success of the day. First a huge thank you to the Village Hall events trustee, Pat Paterson who organised the event. This was Pat's first Village hall fete and a huge success. Many thanks to Geoff Allen, our compere and to all the stall holders and organisers of the events and to our Stunning Rose Queen and her two beautiful attendants who opened the fete.

A very special thank you to Wendy Goodman and the ladies who provided the refreshments in the village hall. To say they were busy would be a gross understatement. I don't think they had a minute to sit down all afternoon. All the cakes were donated by village residents and they were delicious.

Our raffle did well and again all raffle prizes were donated from local businesses. We are still counting our profits but we expect to make around £1000 which is used for the upkeep of the Village Hall.

The Village hall has quite a small committee but every member plays an important part in the running of the hall and helping to make our events a success so thank you committee members for your support.

I hope you all enjoyed the day .

*Joan Kirkbride
Village Hall Chairman
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Heyford Entry-preneurs

Well summer is finally here! Those lovely spring bulbs, some of which Marie Hanlon kindly donated, gave us some much needed colour on those dull spring days. They did their duty making way for a splash of summer colour.

The fete went extremely well and the village looked gorgeous with all the bunting everywhere.

The Entry-preneurs tried out a red, white and blue theme on the black and white sign post near the phone box. We hope you enjoy looking at them as you go past. I didn't have the heart to disturb the rose bush i had already planted there though!

My thanks go out to Mel of Mystic Nails for giving me a big discount on some of the jubilee display and to Helen and Neil for donating a whole tray of asters and some lupins for two of the other signs. I have more to go in yet.

We are still looking for 'waterers' if anyone can spare 5 minutes once a week as you pass? Any help or contributions are gratefully received. I can collect or they could be left down the side of 24 Furnace Lane under the pear tree.

As always a massive thanks to our lovely volunteers who have stuck with me on this from day one. Without you this wouldn't happen.

We are looking for someone who could look after a sign on their own as I'm currently looking after three. My number is 07912971799 if anyone is interested.

We hope you continue to enjoy the entry signs and on behalf of the Entrypreneurs, thanks once again for all your support.

Jill

Christine Watts

Mick, Sarah and Helen would like to thank everyone for the cards, kind words and messages of support at the untimely passing of Christine on 27th May. They helped to temper the pain and grief we all felt at this very sad time. She will be sorely missed.

Mick Watts and family

Astronomy on the Green

I write this as the Solstice approaches, the longest day of the year. This generates a lot of excitement with the Druid community, but there is little for the astronomer. Astronomical darkness lasts a miserly couple of hours from midnight to a little after two AM. This led me to think more about our planet, the Earth, the only planet not named after a god. Now why would that be? If we go back a few centuries, or even millennia it becomes clearer.

The Earth was our home, and the night sky was thought of as the Heavens, quite literally the home of the Gods. The brightest 'stars' in the firmament would have been the Planets (seen as 'wandering stars' as they moved differently to the rest of the night sky). Mercury, Venus, and Mars are our closest companions, add Jupiter and Saturn and you complete the collection visible to the eye.

Initially the Greeks named the Heavenly bodies Including the Sun and moon. Later the Romans adopted the Greek system, but 'Romanised' the names.

Object	Greek Name (400BC)	Roman version	Role
Sun	Helios	Apollo	Protector, children
Mercury	Hermes	Mercury	Fast messenger
Venus	Aphrodite	Venus	Love, passion
Earth	Gaia	Terra	Mother of Gods
Moon	Selene	Artemis	Hunting, chastity
Mars	Ares	Mars	War
Jupiter	Zeus	Jupiter	King of Gods
Saturn	Cronus	Saturn	Time, seasons

Nonvisible	Greek	Roman	Role
Uranus	Ouranus	Caeus	Spouse of Gaia
Neptune	Poseidon	Neptune	God of the sea

Astronomers being traditionalists continued the naming pattern with the newly discovered plants.

So, as it turns out Earth was a goddess – hence Mother Earth. Gaia lost her place with the advent of Judo-Christianity (the fall of Eden). Earth is an English/German word, derived from old English 'Eorthe' meaning ground. The word has been in use for at least 1,000 years.

Clear skies - when the darkness returns!

Food Bank

Don't go hungry – if you are in need of help, please contact Towcester Food Bank 07724 832043 (24 hours). www.towcester.foodbank.org.uk

Leave a message and they will phone you back. They can issue vouchers for food as well as a delivery or collection service.

Alternatively if you wish to help, please leave donations for the food banks in the box outside the door of 15 Middle Street where they are delivered to the banks twice a week.

Thank you.



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Allotment News

Growing Fast!

For allotment holders this time of the year is exciting and rewarding. The seeds sown in spring and the plants that sometimes looked as though they would never thrive, are suddenly putting on a growing spurt. Climbing beans have spiralled skywards, courgette's have begun to produce early fruits, broad bean pods are filling before our eyes and salad crops have already made their way to our plates. This really is a rewarding time of year and makes the hard work put in earlier, so worthwhile.

Of course, not everything is plain sailing. We sometimes have to share our crops with creatures who like their taste as much as we do. I am sure that we are not alone in finding some things, planted in great expectation, just haven't materialised. It happens to us all. But we've come to realise over the years that where one thing fails, another surprises us by doing better than expected. As for those uninvited guests, we try wherever possible, to just tolerate them, provide distractions (like beer traps) or encourage other wildlife to feast on them! As viewers of BBC's Springwatch will testify, predation is the name of the game. The world of nature is not always kind and caring.

Fruit and Flower Harvest

Our community orchard is beginning to bear fruit. As and when it becomes available to pick we will let you all know. Some of our trees are early fruiters (can be picked in August/September) and others fruit later (October and November). If you pick too early the fruit tastes terrible! Please wait for us to let you know which trees are good to harvest from.

Soft fruit (blackcurrants, gooseberries and raspberries) will also be ready to pick later in the summer. Look for the harvest notices on the allotment notice boards or on the community shed.

Finally, flowers. If you would like to take a bunch of flowers from the community flower patch feel free to do so. All we ask is that you don't take too many and in return you to simply put a can of water on whatever looks thirsty.

Please note these freebies only apply to community areas (clearly labelled) and not to plot holders individual allotments.

Plot Inspection

This always sounds rather authoritarian but it is a simply twice yearly way of the parish council checking that allotments are being put to good use and that vacant plots are identified for those on our waiting list. Sometime in July we will be carrying out this very informal inspection of plots. If allotment holders are having difficulty

cultivating all of their plot please let us know. We have a good supply of landscape fabric that can be borrowed and which is very effective at suppressing weeds and keeping grass under control. When plot holders eventually have time to take on the rest of their allotment, they will then find the task so much easier. For more information on this contact us on one of the numbers below.

Allotment Holders

If you are considering growing your own fruit and veg contact Lynda Eales on 01327 341707 or Mike Langrish on 01327 3412390. We have a few vacant plots left. The cost of renting is not expensive and the vast majority of plots range from between £6 and £30 per year. Now that has got to be good value!

Mike Langrish

*All the flowers of all the tomorrows
Are in the seeds of today and yesterday*

(An Indian Proverb)

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 18th JULY – A SOLO WALK ACROSS AFRICA by Fran Sandham.
An account of Fran's 3,000 mile solo walk across Africa from the Atlantic on Namibia's Skeleton Coast to the Indian Ocean at Zanzibar. The first time anyone has crossed Africa solo on foot by this route.

Guests welcome at the monthly meetings – to learn more visit our website www.u3asites.org.uk/upper-nene



In Nether Heyford

What a busy month June has been, with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee being a focal point for the many groups and clubs in the village. The Nether Heyford WI started on June 2nd at our meeting in the Village Hall with everyone dressing for the occasion - splashes of patriotic red, white and blue and several tiaras on show! Memories were shared and books and other mementos were brought along. We continued with a Beetle Drive, a game that was a favourite in the fifties. There was a great deal of laughter and, in my case, much frustration as the dice invariably left me with the oddest beetle you could find – one body, one tail and an eye!! Then came a lovely meal of coronation chicken and salad, cake and a toast to her Majesty. We all shared a lot of memories and, in some ways, it felt sad leaving the fifties behind as we went home.

The Village Fete was the next WI focal point. It would be lovely to regularly have a beautiful sunny day for this event but usually we get wind and rain and this year was no exception. However, the one thing you can guarantee is that only extreme weather will stop our fete, so everybody put on a smile and eventually the weather had to relent! It was a happy day, with the WI cake stall being a success as usual, and the many people who attended apparently enjoying all the stalls and exhibits.

Heather Wilson will be our speaker at our next meeting, in the Village Hall on July 7th at 7.30pm. She will be telling us about Green Acres Farm Rural Enterprises, a local project which is based at Staverton and 'works with schools to provide an alternative style of education for young people. One that encourages an enterprising outlook and develops practical skills for life and the working environment'. They were a 'Gold Winner' in the Northamptonshire Food and Drinks Awards 2020/21 and The COVID – 19 Local Hero Award was given in recognition of the meals they prepared and delivered to the community who were isolated during lock-down. It will be an interesting evening and, ladies, you are very welcome to join us at a cost of £5, refreshments included.

In August we are going to wander through Kathy Brown's Manor House Gardens at Stevington, near Bedford and we must keep our fingers crossed for good weather. September 1st will find us back to our normal routine and a topic that we hope will appeal to all the women of the village. Lesley Clarke, Style Advisor, will visit us with a talk entitled 'Feeling Good, Looking Great' and I for one can't wait to hear her!! Looking at her qualifications online, it should be a really good evening but there is one real problem – What on earth shall I wear?

Mary Rice Heyford Lodge
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St Peter and St Paul Church, Heyford

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Tea and Cakes



**At Dovecote Farm,
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**On Saturday 13th August
Between 2-4pm**

Courtesy of David and Sue Banner

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Saturday
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Nether Heyford Village Hall

Do It Yourself Village Hall Triumph Chronicle & Echo Thursday May 5th 1960

Viscount Althorp will open it

Lower Heyford's do-it-yourself village hall – built by volunteer labour during weekends and summer evenings – opens on Saturday, 16 months after work began. When Viscount Althorp officially declares the building open at three p.m., more than 800 villagers in Lower and Upper Heyford will at last have a centre in which to foster community spirit.

The workmen spared no effort in building a hall which must rank among the most attractive of its kind in the county. Constructed of timber, it is 72 feet long and 30 feet wide and all the work with the exception of the roof, has been done by a 58-strong labour force.

Final Touches

Yesterday the final polishing of the maple-wood floor, window cleaning and general clearance work was carried out.

The interior of the building contains a dance hall, cloakrooms and kitchen. Walls are either yellow or blue and attractive curtains made by a team of women flank the large expanse of window space. More than 80 yellow seated chairs have been purchased and there is new crockery and cutlery for 10 people. There are 10 fan type electric heaters in the hall and the kitchen has been provided with an electric cooker, water heater and water boiler.

How it began

The story of the new hall began 20 years ago when villagers first discussed the need for such a building. A later suggestion that the work should be done by the villagers was quickly acted upon and in 1955 the village was circularised and working parties planned.

The total cost of the project was estimated at £2,938 of which £1,500 was raised by dances, socials whist drives and fetes over a number of years. The Ministry of Education have contributed a grant of £1,368.

Work began in the summer of 1958 when the site - which was formerly farmland – was cleared. Volunteer labour came from people of all occupations and the prefabricated hall quickly took shape to become a striking feature of the village green.

Even at the beginning of this week, there was still work to be done but the job will be complete by opening time and for the dance which will follow on Saturday night. A car park has been completed and flower beds are to be laid in the future.

The final comment from Mr G Masters, secretary of the organising committee was "With our new hall we hope to foster a real community spirit in Heyford".


Less than 2 years later, on 7 May 1960, the Village hall was opened by Viscount Althorp.



The Volunteers

On Thursday 17th July 1958, the work finally began with villagers who gave up their time to help with the construction of the building with Mr Thorneycroft overseeing the work.

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The Drummond Family

Thank you very much for publishing this.
I made a mistake with my own email address.
It should have been **davidglu61@gmail.com**.

If a correction can go in the next magazine I'd be very grateful.
The phone number is correct though so people could contact me that way.

We went to the Fete last Saturday and enjoyed walking round the village.
(met a few old friends too).
best wishes

David Genese



Heyford Garden Club

www.heyfordgardenclub.com

Our June meeting featured the welcome return of Claire Price who outlined the principles and practices of plant propagation. She told us about willow water, about which more below, and that washing pots and seed pans is now considered unnecessary in most cases; clearly this means I haven't been lazy all these years just a step ahead of every one else.

It was heartening to have so many new members come to our meeting this month and we look forward to a thriving club for the future.

Our next meeting will be the annual picnic which will be held on the 11th July.

Rose Show

This year's rose show was simplified to just one class, and there was a magnificent array of blooms on display.

The first prize was won by Sue Brown, Pauline Guglielmi came second and Margaret Ridgwell took the third place. The results indicated a distinct preference among our members for bright and strong colours.

Willow water

Claire mentioned using willow water to root cuttings, and a consultation with Professor Google has elicited the following further information.

Many gardeners use hormone rooting powder to help their cuttings strike, but this is relatively expensive and very quickly becomes inactive. Willows are notoriously easy to root from cut pieces; my father once made a pergola from willow poles and after six months we had a willow grove. Apparently the shoots of plants have a growth promoting substance, indole butyric acid (IBA), and willows have excessive amounts of this compound.

To make the water, take a bunch of willow shoots and leaves, pour boiling water over them, enough to cover them, and leave for 24 to 48 hours. Pour off the liquid and keep in the fridge, or freeze as ice cubes for longer storage. Use the water to steep the cuttings before putting into the tray or pot, or to water them after planting.

Some Things to do in July

- 1 Dead head roses, bedding plants and perennials to get more flowers.
- 2 Plant autumn flowering bulbs
- 3 Water and feed plants in containers

Mark Newstead

The Olde Sun

Takeaway



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Served in a seeded bun, smoked cheese & salad	
Vegan Curry	£6.50
Served with rice	

Sides

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Halloumi Fries	£3
Mushy Peas	£1.50
Curry Sauce	£1

Scampi	£6
Served with a lemon wedge & tartar sauce	
Beer Battered Fish	£6
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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 25th July when we are fortunate to be welcoming International Demonstrator, Arnaud Metairie with his demonstration 'Serendipity' for what promises to be a spectacular and entertaining evening. Please note this will be a ticket only event Members £5.00 and Visitors £10.00. Please join us for a relaxing and enjoyable evening – visitors are always most welcome – and you may win a beautiful arrangement.

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Surprising isn't it how often we use these phrases? All from the world of music. Now that we are in the summer months The Heyford Singers are resting until September but no doubt we shall be incorporating some of these words into our conversations, a constant reminder that 'music is the soundtrack of life'. Our last 'gig' was singing the Jubilee Song on the Village Green which, despite only two rehearsals, went very well. The weather was dry but very cold as we perched on the bank under the trees. And after a lot of muttering, we actually got to enjoy 'Rise Up and Serve' which was being sung all over the United Kingdom by all sorts of organisations. And the three cheers for the Queen at the end was indeed heartfelt. For those of us who watched the Jubilee Concert outside Buckingham Palace we were rewarded with an excellent performance by Queen – Brian May still managing to make his guitar sing. How wonderful to have the accolade of CBE, British musician, singer, songwriter and astrophysicist.

Our Musical Director's Birthday 'Surprise' was a great success and I was amazed at how much talent is in our Choir. I, very wisely, stuck to the microphone to announce each turn but others were far more adventurous and provided an evening of entertainment that we could laugh and cry at. The infamous and hilarious Caithness Self Lift Chair (one of Mary's favourites) literally raised its head again and a special song about Mary sung to The Dambusters March by the entire Choir was very well received. There were fourteen acts in all which means at least one in 2.57 of us can take to the stage... We weren't sure what to end up with but we settled on our two members from the Valleys singing 'All Through the Night' and 'A Pure Heart' – all in Welsh. A huge, huge thank you to all the Choir for all your contributions to making this birthday party such a success. And it was so nice to see members who haven't been able to be with us this last term for health reasons attend this little 'do'. They all hope to be able to re-join the Choir later this year. And again, none of this would have been possible without our Pianist Graham Kinnerly who gave up his precious time to rehearse with us.

Talking of our Pianist in a previous article I mentioned that he had written and composed 'Light Eternal' for the victims of Covid-19. We sang this at our Concert and if you Google 'Youtube Heyford Singers - Light Eternal – Requiem' you can listen to this beautiful and moving piece. The sound isn't brilliant – better on a tablet rather than a 'phone – but you can get the essence of it. And what is very important being on Youtube – The Heyford Singers are now famous!

Lastly may we add our heartfelt sympathies from all The Heyford Singers to Mick Watts and his family who lost Christine last month. Christine we know wore many hats in the village and Mick and Chris were great supporters of our Concerts. Our thoughts are with you all.

JRA

St Peter and St Paul Church Heyford



Church Fete


Saturday 10th September

2-4pm

In The Rectory Garden

(in the church and church rooms if wet)

Stalls, Tombola, Teas, Children's Activities





Heyford Bowls Club

Our 25th Anniversary Celebration weekend was a huge success with over 60 visitors over the two afternoons. We would like to thank all those who attended and hope to see all those who tried out bowls for the first time to join us again on our Friday Open Nights from 6.15 onwards.

We were pleased to be part of the Jubilee Fete on the Village Green with our Bottle Tombola and the Bean Bag Target game which proved very popular. There was a hive of activity all afternoon both young and old. The antics of one little boy had us all amused as he did not want any bag to be outside the target and kept picking them up and dropping them on the squares. The overall winner was Martin Sheen who kindly donated his prize to the Village Hall funds together with our donation.

I am pleased to report that our bowls tour to Weymouth was a resounding success. We were obviously blessed with gorgeous weather for the entire tour really setting off the beautiful scenery around Weymouth Bay and on both our trips to Bournemouth and Bridport. We had three brilliant matches and am pleased to report that we won all three added to which we also won all six raffle prizes at the club in Bournemouth. We were overwhelmed by the welcome and hospitality at Bridport Bowls Club who made the afternoon an utter pleasure ending the tour on a huge high.

Other news. Our men have successfully won all of their Monday Night Triples matches so far. The friendly matches against other clubs where we have played nine so far, winning five, drawn one and lost two with one matched being cancelled by our opponents due to lack of players. On the County competition front, we have several teams including Mens, Ladies and Mixed teams playing in the initial rounds so I will report on these towards the end of the season.

July will be another busy month starting with our Men taking part in the Counties Manfield Cup on July 2nd. Whilst the men are away we take the opportunity to hold a Ladies Day at Heyford on the same day. The emphasis of this fund raising afternoon is to have fun and an enjoyable social event. Ladies from many different clubs are encouraged to come in various colours making for a kaleidoscope on the green. The afternoon ends with a buffet and raffle. After a two year break due to Covid we are hoping for a good turnout.

July sees a further eight friendly matches against other clubs scheduled. Our various teams will continue with their county competitions and there will also be a number of inter club competitions starting their initial rounds. Don't forget to check out our website www.heyfordbowlsclub.co.uk for all our news, events and match information.

Lorraine Streeter - Club Captain

Flood Watch

Another official heat wave in June, again caused by hot air crossing Europe, caused temperatures in the UK to reach over 30 degrees centigrade thus exceeding this year's previous high of 24 degrees in May. Such events are clearly becoming more common and result from the World's climate changes. These events appear to last for 3 to 4 days followed by rainfall and a subsequent reduction in temperature back towards normality, typically 19-22 degrees. Like May, June has experienced long dry spells with the occasional heavy days rain causing the river levels to rise briefly by 0.4 m. Even so the month's rainfall total has remained below average as has the year's total to date.

We have just experienced a relatively long spell of 18 months without a formal flooding event. Analysis of the River Nene flow rates since records began in 1945 and correlating these with flooding events recorded since Easter 1998 floods and actual water on the floodplain shows only four similar periods within 77 years. June 21 marked the official start of summer with the longest daylight hours. Henceforth daylight hours will reduce by approximately 2-3 minutes per day reaching 15 hours 30 minutes by the end of July.

A recent study has predicted that climate change will result in 1m rise in sea level by 2050 with over 200,000 coastal properties being lost due to flooding. After extensive exchanges of information with the E/A an agreed climate change flow rate increase of 20% has resulted in revised flood risk maps. The up to date results can form the basis for any proposed planning applications for the local postcode.

No further progress can be reported on culvert maintenance.

Finally the super-moon, also known as the strawberry moon, not because of its colour but due to seasonal references to harvesting, occurred on the 14 June. Although noticeably brighter the increase in size due to its orbital closeness was not so apparent. As a casual observer I was surprised at the very short period of the full moon between the waxing and waning phases. The next super-moon is due on July 13th.

The impact of super-moons and the increase in gravitational pull due to the close proximity to earth, ie Newton's gravitational law, results in higher tides and an increase in coastal flooding.

J. Arnold.

House Selling and Property Chains - David Cosby Chartered Surveyor & Estate Agents

What is a Property Chain?

The phrase 'Property Chain' refers to the dependence placed between a series of house buyers and sellers. Each individual sale, or purchase, is reliant on all of the other parties within the chain being able to complete their respective transactions. At the 'bottom' of the chain there is usually a first-time buyer who has no property to sell and is taking their first foot on the rung of the property ladder. At the top of the chain there tends to be a property that is being sold by a vendor who does not need to make a related purchase; for instance, a probate property being sold by executors.

It is very rare that a property comes to the market which is completely chain free. However, if you are lucky to be in this scenario then there will be less chance of difficulties occurring and a sale can usually be completed relatively quickly. We have achieved such a sale in just 5 weeks.

Common Property Chain Problems and Delays

Three of the main causes for property chains to break are:

A Bad Survey

A 'bad' Home Survey Report is one of the main reasons why a property sale might fall through. A surveyor may identify issues such as dampness, structural movement, asbestos, or timber decay; all of which can lead to a potential purchaser pulling out of a sale.

Legal Issues

With local authorities now reluctant to adopt new public highways and open spaces many new developments rely on management companies for the upkeep of these areas. Unfortunately, these organisations generally do not have a good reputation and can cause delays in the conveyancing process. Another issue that sometimes arises during the conveyancing process are boundary or title plan problems. These can include irregularities between the legal title and the physical boundaries on the site.

Communication

Communication is key when it comes to avoiding property chain problems. When do the seller and the purchaser and others in the chain want to complete? Are all solicitors holding all necessary signed documents? What are the lead-in times for draw-down of lender funds? If answers to these queries are not effectively conveyed to all parties, then it can lead to mistrust, frustration, and delay.

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Flore Arts Events - 2 more events this year

By the time you read this we should be well and truly back up and running with just two more events to come for the year.

Jazz in the Garden: there are still a few tickets left for this 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, Flore. 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, soft drinks, wine and beer (cash only). Just bring something to sit on (and perhaps your dancing shoes).

Sunday July 17th 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... but hurry; we really are getting close to selling out!

Budapest Café Orchestra: Sat October 22nd (evening): All Saints Church, Flore. A return for another group who thrilled us in 2018 with varied and lively music inspired by the Eastern European gypsy tradition.

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We still aren't quite ready to open the box office for this one. But we expect that to change in the second half of July. You can keep up to date on our newly refreshed website at www.floreartsevents.com and our Flore Arts Events Facebook page. We hope to see you soon!

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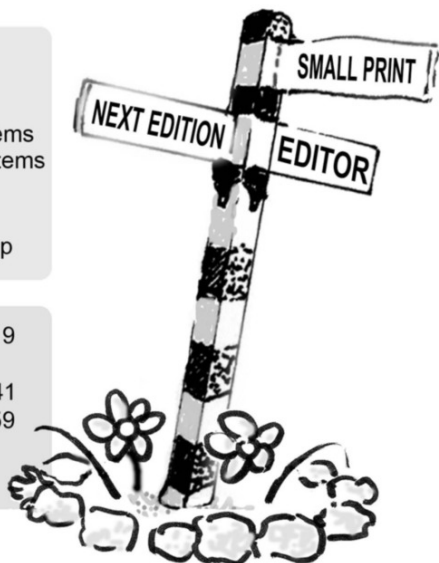
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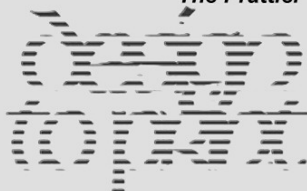
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