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Christine Watts

Christine had been with The Prattler, since it began in 1977. In those pre home computer days, she had to type up all the entries and articles, then she and Mr. Chapman cut and pasted them on boards. Over the years, I don't think there is any job that Christine hasn't done, including editing one edition, which she and Mick did once, when Barron was taken ill. She had worked with all the editors, Jack Chapman, Marjorie Hamborg, Steve Ferneyhough, David Radcliffe, Barron Walton and now, of course, Sue Boutle, I hope I haven't left anyone out. She was always in charge of distributing, which is one of the biggest and hardest jobs, but she did it so efficiently and with good humour that I don't think any of us realized what a huge job it was. I do know though, that holidays were planned around the dates and woe betide anyone who phoned when she was dividing and labelling the issues.

There are not enough words to express how much we, at The Prattler, will miss Christine and what a hole she leaves. We were so lucky, to have her.

I first got to know Chris when we were on the Mums and Toddlers committee, over 30 years ago, I must admit I was in awe of her, as she was so efficient and had a baby routine, that she kept to but I soon got to know her and realized what a kind and caring person she was. We went on to be on the Playgroup committee and a few more, including the Village Hall Committee, which Chris, must have been secretary of for 20 years. Chris was also secretary to the Flower Society at local and regional level.

I couldn't have had a better friend and all the organizations that Chris belonged to couldn't have had a better member.

Vicki Hamblin

Christian Aid 2022

Thank you to all who helped and contributed, and to One-Stop and Heyford Meats for hosting collection buckets. The total raised was £400.



The July 4th, 2022, Parish Council meeting was held in the Baptist Church Rooms.

Public Discussion Cllr Karen Cooper asked what council wanted from her and reported that the past year had been a steep learning curve with WNC operating in a different manner to SNC, and that inevitably Northampton issues tended to dominate. She felt remote herself, within the much larger WNC. She could pass on cabinet discussions that might be of interest. These could then be followed up on the website. She reported that many parishes were concerned about Planning and Highway issues. It was felt that many good officers had been lost and a great deal of local knowledge lost.

AWi was concerned about the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan, and the lack of understanding from new planning officers. SNC used to hold forums with the Parishes, which could be attended by clerks and chairs. Cllr KC and council agreed that a return to this would be desirable – as long as only small number of parishes were included rather than the whole district. CK felt that WNC did not give sufficient credence to parishes on planning and other issues.

Lights The Clerk reported that LED lights would be fitted to 5 lights as soon as Forde McHugh get the fitments. Quotes would now be sought for the 3 Fibre glass columns in Hillside Crescent, the light outside 41 Rolfe Crescent, and the bracket lamp on the Green opposite 10 Furnace Lane.

Roads and pavements Generally, in poor condition. Clerk to ask Mr Simons to strim around the junction of Church Lane and Weedon Rd as visibility was poor for traffic turning left out of Church Lane.

The Green /Play Area Resolved. To replace 2 damaged/deteriorating dog waste bins at a cost of £356 plus VAT.

There has been a request for a bouncy castle to be put on the Green for a birthday party in the Village Hall. The clerk has explained that there would be insurance implications and the applicant will check whether the supplying company has an appropriate insurance. Resolved – to allow subject to the production of a suitable insurance.

Playing Fields AW reported that the football club was in good shape and that the PFA were keen to look at new ideas for the space.

Trees Planting request. There had been a request to buy a tree for planting in Autumn for a relative who lives in Heyford if feasible. Resolved Council agreed in principle to the sponsoring of trees.

Allotments LE reported that the half yearly inspection had been carried out and that 6 plots were in poor condition; the plot holders had been contacted.

To review Banking situation At present the Council has only a current account, as interest rates on deposit accounts have been non-existent for years. Clerk to investigate the situation regarding deposit accounts. Further signatories to the current account were felt necessary to guard against illness or resignations. AW and CT volunteered.

Platinum Jubilee Bench The donated wooden bench would replace the bench in front of the Baptist Church Rooms. The existing bench would be taken out, renovated and re-installed on the Green at a later date. Clerk to seek quotes for the renovation of 2 other benches on the Green.

Speed Cameras Report from Working Party. IP reported that he had a weeks' worth of data from the Vehicle Activated Speed sign, which showed 1000 movements per day, but this was felt to be due to the Grand prix at Silverstone. The majority of vehicles were adhering to the 30mph limit. He will continue to monitor. CT suggested that a bright yellow surround was installed. IP suggested that the device be turned around at some stage to alert/affect vehicles going up towards the canal bridge. This was felt to be easily achieved, but that moving the device to another location would be far from easy.

Working with West Northants Council as stated above in Cllr KC's report, NHPC would like a restoration of the forum events previously held by SNC provided that they involved a grouping of Parishes local to Nether Heyford. The main areas of concern were planning and highways.

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

Between the July and August meetings the chair, Charles Kiloh, resigned both as Chair and as a Councillor. This necessitated an election for a new chair at the August 1st meeting. Until very recently Council had no meeting in August, but has over the past 3 years had a Finance and Planning only meeting because of legislation regarding payments. Some Councils still do not hold August meetings, and indeed Parliament goes into recess over summer.

To Elect a Chairman for the Parish Council due to the resignation of Charles Kiloh as chair and as a Councillor.

Cllr L Dilkes proposed, seconded and unanimously elected as Chair.
Cllr L Hall proposed, seconded and unanimously elected as Vice - Chair.

Public Participation It was reported that the bridge at the sewage works on the footpath between Watery Lane and Bugbrooke had been vandalised and the safety boards tampered with, creating concerns as to safe use of the bridge especially by small children. This had been reported to Fix My Street.

Planning - Denbrook. AWi reported that WNC were refusing to carry out enforcement measures at the site, despite repeated entreaties by residents. NHPC decided not to proceed with a solicitor letter regarding access, as it was not felt that any case would stand up, should a case go to court.

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 Sept 5th and Monday Oct 3rd.

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

<https://www.fixmystreet.com/>

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

Streetlights within the village can be reported to the Clerk, who will report them to the maintenance company. Please do not report to Balfour Beatty as they deal only with major Highway lights – i.e., motorway, A5 and A45.

Roadworks locally & nationally can be seen on this site
<http://streetworks.org.uk/live-traffic-works-map/>

Welcome Packs

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

If you notice that someone has moved in recently, get a pack for them by calling:

Sue Morris
21 The Green
Nether Heyford

01327 349387

Councillor list with responsibilities and preferred means of contact.	
L. Dilkes. 17 Furnace Lane, Nether Heyford, NN7 3JF e-mail thedilkesfamily@outlook.com 07967 753216	Chair, Youth Club, Finance.
L. Eales – 3 Church Lane, Nether Heyford Tel. 01327 341707 e-mail lyndaeales@aol.com	Allotments, Playing Field.
L Hall, 8 Western Ave, Nether Heyford linda.hall.netherheyford@outlook.com	Vice Chair, Website
N. Haynes, 30, Weedon Rd, Nether Heyford Tel. 01327 340167 sansacre@hotmail.co.uk	Tree Warden, Planning, Joint Burial Board
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A. Williams 26 Church St, Nether Heyford, NN7 3LH anthony.k.williams@talk21.com	Chair of Planning, Finance, Council rep to School governors
Cllr Karen Cooper - West Northamptonshire Council, The Forum, Moat Lane, Towcester NN12 6AD www.westnorthants.gov.uk Karen.cooper@westnorthants.gov.uk Tel: 07753 638180	Conservative Councillor for Bugbrooke Ward – Lead Member for Nether Heyford, Blisworth & Gayton

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Parish Church of St. Peter and St. Paul

Services for September 2022

Sunday 4 th	10:00am	Benefice Holy Communion at Upper Stowe Church
	10:00am	Children's Service at Flore Chapel
Sunday 11 th	10:00am	Benefice Holy Communion Service at Upper Stowe
	10:00am	Morning Worship at Flore Chapel
Sunday 18 th	10:00am	Holy Communion at Heyford Church – all welcome
	10:00am	Partnership Service at Flore Chapel
	6:00pm	Harvest Service at Upper Stowe
Sunday 25 th	10:00am	Holy Communion at Flore Church – all welcome
	10:00am	Family Worship at Upper Stowe
	10:00am	Morning Worship at Flore Chapel
	4:00pm	Café Church Harvest Service at Heyford

Midweek Services

Wednesday	9:30am	Morning Prayer via 'Why Pay' conference call. Please contact the Rector for the numbers to use.
Thursday	10:00am 2:30pm – 3:30pm	Holy Communion at Flore Church Flore Church open for private prayer
Friday	9:00am	Morning Prayer via Zoom. Please contact the Rector for an invitation

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

Dear Friends,

On Sunday 31st July I took an Evensong Service at Upper Stowe. As a result, I only saw the first twenty minutes of the Women's Euro 22 Football Final before I had to go out. And by the time I got home and changed, I caught the last eight minutes of extra time. By then, England were 2-1 up against Germany, and spent a lot of those last few minutes camped close to their opponent's corner flag. Eventually, the final whistle went, and England had won a major international football tournament for the first time in over fifty years. I watched the aftermath of the victory - waiting for the BBC to show the goals that had been scored – and listened to pundits and former players talk about how this success had come out of many years of advocacy for women's football. Previous defeated finalists spoke of how they had used their own money to finance their careers and enable them to play for England. And how, after retirement, they had pushed for women's football to be given equal treatment with the men.

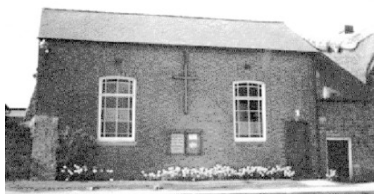
That Sunday evening, the difference made by having a team who are all professional, paid to train and with the same medical and performance staff behind them was clear to see – and brought joy to millions across the nation. Each player had a story that was not about 90 (or rather 120) minutes, or about the preceding five weeks, but a lifetime of commitment, sacrifice and effort all culminating in the Lionesses' exuberant, joyful victory.

In the same way, in the Gospel reading for the following Sunday (Luke 12:32-40), Jesus tells his followers to focus on the mission God has given them. Jesus' words are clear but challenging. *'For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also'*. Our daily life should revolve around a faithful and committed effort to live as a Christian. If our treasure is to share the love of God, and to live a faithful, good and happy life, then our hearts are focused on God's Kingdom.

We may face knock backs, discouragement and disappointments in our life of faith, but, whatever the challenges we face, we are to give, work and pray for the kingdom of God. In doing this, we will be ready for whenever God comes again – and the joy when He does will exceed even the joy of an England victory at Wembley.

Yours in Christ,

Rev Stephen (Tel: 01327 344436)



Nether Heyford Baptist Church

Services for September 2022

September 4 th	10:30 am	Worship led by Ted Hales
September 11 th	10:30 am	Worship led by Wendy Manley
	4:00 pm	Songs of Praise service led by Martin Buckby with tea and cakes
September 18 th	10:30 am	Worship led by Trevor Boys Coffee served after the service
September 25 th	9:30 am	Prayer meeting followed at 10.30am by our communion service led by Martin Buckby.

Events

September 9th 2.30pm to 4.30pm Afternoon Tea and Cakes (books available).
Donations for church funds

September 20th 10am to 11am Prayer and bible study

All welcome

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.

Village Hall News

Last month I reported we had made £1000 from the fete which goes towards the maintenance and upkeep of the Village Hall. Now we have all the bills and donations in I am very pleased to report that we have made over £2000. This excellent result is due to the hard work of everyone involved in organising such a special day.

At our last committee meeting we reluctantly agreed an increase in charges for use of the hall. The unprecedented rise in energy costs has made this necessary. Our new rates per hour are available from our Booking Secretary. We have kept the increases as low as possible and continue to have preferential rates for village residents.

Although in this present summer weather Christmas seems a long way off we have booked a Christmas pantomime for 16th December. So please put the date in your diaries. It will be a good start to the Christmas holidays for children breaking up from school.

When I moved to the village in 1965 one of the annual events I looked forward to was the Heyford Feast and the Harvest Supper organised by Joan Collins who sadly passed away this year aged 100. The committee has decided to resurrect the Harvest Supper and our provisional date is Friday 28th October, so again please put the date in your diaries. I hope you will join us to celebrate this Heyford tradition. Further details will follow.

Joan Kirkbride
Village Hall Chairman
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Nether Heyford Village Hall

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Website: www.netherheyfordvillagehall.com
Phone: 01327-342167

Astronomy on the Green

Well, we are in September, and the inaugural meeting of the ATOG Club will be held in the Committee room of the Village Hall on September 13th from 19:30 to 21:30. This is an expansion of the informal meetings I have held in my Cottage office for a while. Providing the skies are clear a telescope will be set up for observing on the Green in front of the Village Hall.

On the night if we can observe, the first hour of the meeting will be 'get to know astronomy', with Q&A's. followed by observations with my SCT automated telescope.

If the weather fails us then initial hour will be the same, followed by a further hour on more advanced topics. Topics will be announced in advance of the meetings. Due to the light evenings of the summer meetings will only run from September to March (inclusive). There is room for 10 – 12 attendees in the committee room.

More importantly September is an interesting Astronomical month:

We have five Planets gracing our night skies; Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune. Of these the most obvious will be Jupiter, relatively high in the sky this year and an ideal subject for binoculars. Jupiter is the largest planet in our solar system and could contain 1300 earths in its volume. It will be very bright this year as it is as close to Earth as it gets. Surprisingly Jupiter spins the most rapidly of the planets, its days only lasting 9 hours and 55 minutes. The Gallian moons can be quite clearly seen through binoculars, the four of them numbering a small part of the total 80 moons orbiting the planet.

My favourite star, the Garnet star nestles in the Constellation Cepheus and is a brilliant red jewel some 2,838 light years away. Cepheus will be high in the sky, near the zenith (directly up). Delta Cephei is a cepheid variable and one of the stars used to calibrate distances in space. The Garnet star slips into the edge of the Elephant Trunk nebula, which has a distinctive region (the trunk) which is an active region of star formation.

You can find my image of the trunk here <https://flic.kr/p/2nyaWZ6>

Clear Skies,

Tony Boutle

Daphne Holtham

Our family would like to thank everyone who came to farewell Mum, Daphne Rose Holtham on her final journey from the village she was born in and loved for 92 years. It was very humbling to see so many people lining the streets and filling our church. Mum would have felt very honoured that people took the time for her.

Also a huge thank you to Canon Beverley Hollins for stepping in and conducting the most beautiful service to honour Mums life. The village hall was full to bursting with family and friends with a beautiful afternoon tea kindly catered by Debbie & Neil Botterill. Mums wishes had been carried out just as she wanted. Sleep peacefully our darling Mum.

Kind regards

Trudy Armstrong on behalf of our family.

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Allotment News

Challenging

My last article for the Prattler began with a piece about how fast things were growing on the allotments. What a difference a month makes? The extreme weather that has marked this second half of summer has seen crop growth slow and then stop altogether. Runner beans that once looked so promising have produced leaf and flower but haven't set fruit. No amount of watering can correct that. Autumn raspberry canes that were covered in flower and bud have given us only small, ill formed berries. I could go on.

Some consolation has come from crops that normally thrive in Mediterranean climates. Outdoor tomatoes have been wonderful and have not been plagued with blight (a condition that thrives in damp, humid weather). Cucumbers are looking good and as for grapes ... they just love the heat and the sun.

One gardener in the village has not only grown a beautiful flowering pomegranate in their garden but it has now started to produce fruit!

As the experts keep suggesting, global warming will make us reconsider how we set about doing a whole host of things, not least growing. What we plant, where we plant it and how we tend whatever grows, needs a serious rethink. I shall certainly be looking at the seed catalogues with a more discerning eye this autumn.

Green Spaces (well bleached ones at the moment)

What has become apparent as we learn to cope with global warming is the importance of green spaces. Not only do they absorb heat and lower ground temperature, but they allow rain, when it falls, to percolate the ground and not run off to cause flooding. A recent BBC map of our area showed "extreme hot spots" as opposed to cooler areas (*Check your postcode: Is your area vulnerable to extreme heat? - BBC News*).

Not surprisingly, the new warehouse development at Junction 16 was a shocking red (very hot) and the playing fields and allotment in Heyford a cooling green.

It hasn't exactly felt cooling as we have carried watering can after watering can to our plots, but you can sense a real change of temperature – particularly in the early morning and evening – when you visit the allotments. Another vital reason for maintaining allotments and protecting our green spaces

Value for Money

The disturbing news about the cost of living has made an increasing number of people consider "grow you own". Despite the challenges brought about by the current heat wave there is still so much to be gained by growing fruit and veg. Bottle it (chutney, jam and pickles), store it (onions, apples and potatoes), freeze it (almost

anything you can think of). It is amazing what you can even grow through winter (salad crops, brassicas, parsnips and leeks). Not only will you save money, but you can guarantee that what you eat has not travelled hundreds food miles or been sprayed in toxic chemicals.

Congratulations to all those allotmenters who have battled with the elements this summer and, despite all the challenges thrown at them, have still produced such a good range of crops.

If you are thinking of taking on plot or have any other queries about the allotments please contact either Lynda Eales at lyndaeales@aol.com or on 01327 341707 or Mike Langrish at langrish_heyford@hotmail.com or on 01327 341390.

We have a few vacant plots and the rents for these is very reasonable. Do get in touch.

Good Gardening.

Mike Langrish

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





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Email - flowertpotart@gmail.com

Website - flowertpotart.square.site

Bugbrooke Medical Practice

Thank you all so much for your gratitude, support and understanding through the last couple of years, we know it has not been easy for anyone.

The new phone system:

Taking on-board feedback about our old phone system, we have completely overhauled it with new benefits such as:

- Giving you a place number in the queue so you can decide whether you wish to wait or call back at a quieter time.
- Offering additional options to help direct you to the most appropriate member of our team.
- Redefined urgent and non-urgent times for calling the surgery so that patients can quickly access a clinician when needed. Times have been posted on our website for reference.

Our busiest times are Mondays and Tuesdays so you may experience longer waits on those days, please be patient whilst we work hard to deal with the high demand. Calling about routine or long-standing problems and administration queries on Wednesday or Thursday may well offer a quicker response.

Our Opening Times:

Our Reception is open from 07.45 until 18.30 Monday to Friday.
Please note out telephone lines open at 8am each day but close from 12 until 2pm.

Our services:

We now offer a range of clinical appointments: alongside our GPs we have other doctors who are completing their specialty training and a growing Nursing Team which now includes Advanced Nurse Practitioners (who can prescribe) as well as chronic disease specialists. Along with many other services, all of which can be found on our website.

New Staff:

Dr Shreya Rateria has been with us over the last three years and we are delighted to inform you that will be staying with the practice as she completed her training in August. We will also be welcoming back GP trainee Dr Sasha Hussain (joining us for over 12 months) and Foundation Trainee Dr Sabina Christou (August-December 2022). It will also make a big difference to our team of GPs to welcome Dr Jessica Small when she joins us part-time in September.

Practice closure for training:

As part of our ongoing training and development staff have Protected Learning Time on one Wednesday afternoon each month, during this time we close the surgery from 12:30 for training. The dates for the rest of 2022 are:

14th September
12th October
9th November
14th December

Premises improvements

We are excited to announce that we have scheduled extensive renovations and alterations in the surgery this August. Our reception and waiting room will receive a long-awaited and much needed face-lift.

We will post updates, photos and news on this on our Website and Facebook page, and the next issue.

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.

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



Heyford Picturedrome

Picturedrome is back for a new season!!

NEXT FILM: THE DUKE – 15th SEPTEMBER 2022

TIME: 7.00pm for 7.45pm FILM START

COST: £6.00 (including free tea or coffee and a biscuit)

LICENSED BAR

The film is a 2022 British comedy drama about a 60 year old taxi driver who steals Goya's portrait of The Duke of Wellington and then sends ransom notes to the Government saying he will return the painting if it invests more in care for the elderly. Stars Jim Broadbent and Helen Mirren.

Excellent reviews! Please do come and join us in the village hall – we look forward to seeing you all again.

Tony Clewett (Phone no. 341533)

Post Office Opening Times

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9-5

Wednesday 1-5

Saturday 9-1

Sunday / Bank Holidays - closed



In Nether Heyford

It seems a long time since I wrote the last WI article for the Prattler – and what a long, hot summer it has been!

Heather Wilson, who came to tell us about Greenacres Rural Enterprise, was full of energy and enthusiasm as she explained how the project came to be started and expanded. She is obviously someone who believes in helping young people to be enterprising and develop practical skills. They are based at Staverton and can be found on the internet if you would like to know more about their work, café and shop.

In August a few of us went to look at Kathy Brown's gardens at Skevington. What a lovely afternoon we had. The beautiful gardens have taken over 30 years to create and you can wander at your leisure through many different aspects of gardening. It was great to be able to enjoy the results of someone else's hard labour and without having to kneel down to pull up weeds!! Again, you can find details on the internet – they are well worth a visit but you do have to book first.

Our next meeting will be in the Village Hall on Thursday September 1st at 7.30 pm and will be an open meeting. There will be a charge of £5 to non-members which will include refreshments and a warm welcome. This will be an evening which could well change how we view ourselves as our speaker, Style Advisor Lesley Clarke, will give us advice on 'Feeling Good, Looking Great'. I'm sure I am not the only one who has clothes in the wardrobe that I rarely wear because I'm not sure if they really suit me. I'm hoping that Lesley, with her advice on clothes, styles and colours will show me where I'm going wrong. Why not come along and join the fun?

Mary Rice Heyford Lodge
01327 340101



WHAT'S ON - SEP 2022

Name	Venue	Day/Time	Contact
Astronomy on the Green	Village Hall	Monthly 2 nd Tues Sept - Mar 7:30 - 9:30	Tony Boutle 07415 352550
Baptist Church		See programme within	C Ager 07939 960278
Coffee Morning	Baptist School Room	2nd Fri	
Songs of Praise	Baptist School Room	2nd Sun 4-5	C Ager 07939 960278
Beaver Scouts 6-8 yrs	Church Rooms	Tues 6.15 - 7.15 pm	Clare Webb 07484 887732
Bell Ringers	Church of St Peter & St Paul	Friday 19:30	Ian Willgress
Bliss School Friends	Bliss School	Various	See announcements
Book Group	Various venues	2nd Thurs 7.30pm	Vicki Hamblin 341059
Bowls Club	Playing Fields	April - Sept	Barnowls2010@gmail.com
Bugbrooke & Dis Flower Soc.	Nether Heyford	4th Mon in month (except Bank Hols) 7.45pm	Dianne Gardner 01604 830063 or Simone Squire 342167
Church St Peter & St Paul	See programme within Church		Church Warden Jane Rands 340678
CLASP	https://clasweb.org.uk		
Crafty Club	Village Hall	Mon 12.30-2.30pm	Chris Phillips 341796
Cricket Club			
Adult Cricket Nets	Playing Fields		Rob Pardon
Young Heyford Cricket	Playing Fields	Tues evenings July & Aug	07894 865194
Cub Scouts	Church Rooms	Tues 7.30-8.45	S Bird 07971 133 250
Flower T Pot Art	Baptist School Room	Thurs 10.00-1.00 & 6.30-9.30	V Rayner 07729 105584
Garden Club	Village Hall	2 nd Mon in month 8pm	Linda Hall 07803 434186
Heyford Athletic FC	Playing Fields	2nd Mon in month 8pm Training Tue & Thur 7.00pm	Ian or Dorothy 07901 534609
Heyford Fishery	Weedon Road	Open all year	F Dennett 340002

Heyford Picturedrome	Village Hall	3rd Thurs 7.30pm	Tony Clewett 341533
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Heyfords Wildlife Association

The HWA has been undertaking some biodiversity work at Bliss School.

The work involved partial emptying of the pond, then fixing the 5 – 6 leaks in the pond liner. Whilst undertaking this work the large plants in the pond which have grown over the years, were removed, split, and then replaced. Much of the pond weed was also removed, and pond plants thinned out.

The mass of nettles has been thinned out, and a large amount of the soil dug over with large stones removed. The tree trunk hidden by the nettles can now be seen, and the log seats have been tidied ready for children in the Autumn

The school can now look at teaching the children about pond life, planting seeds and learning about the wide amount of wildlife that can develop once it is given a chance.

Thanks to Tony Boutle and his wife Sue who did most of the hard work. They were ably assisted by the following people, and our thanks go to them for their valued contribution:

Tess & Byron Juckes with their daughter Megan; Shirley Waterhouse; Zoe Collins; Andy Wallace; Finlay Boutle & Dave Musson.

Andrew Wallace





FLOWER T POT

Original Art

We celebrated our first birthday in May with an extra special piece of cake topped with the obligatory candle and naturally sang happy birthday to 'FlowerTPot'. It was simple childish fun, procuring much laughter from us all.

In just one year we have tripled in size now offering two classes here in Nether Heyford on a Thursday 10:00 - 1:00 and 6:30 - 9:30 and a new class in Guilsborough on a Tuesday morning 11:00 - 1:30. We attract both experienced amateurs and complete beginners who just want to leave the world behind and join like minded people in their search for creative fun.

Our very first exhibition at the village fete back in June was a resounding success. We had expected just friends and family to come along to support our class, so we were thrilled when it appeared like the whole village had come to see the vast selection of art work displayed by our members. The feedback from everyone was highly complementary and very encouraging.

Our classes begin again in September following the summer holiday. So if you fancy trying out your artistic talents with a wonderful group of friendly, encouraging people come and join us.

If you want to know more about Flower T Pot Original Art you can contact us via our new website: flowerpotart.square.site or email: flowerpotart@gmail.com **or** phone 07729 105584 / 07716 410344

We look forward to hearing from you.

Veneeta Rayner



Nether Heyford Calendar 2023

All proceeds in support of the Prattler.

If you would like the chance to see your work in next year's Village calendar, please submit your photographs by email to:

heyford_prattler@yahoo.co.uk. Or post your photographs through the door of Sunrise Cottage, 15 The Green, in this case please write your name and address on the envelope, so we can return them once they are scanned. Please note the format of the photographs need to be Landscape like the image below (not Portrait) to marry up to the space in the Calendar.

The closing date for submissions is 30th September 2022.

Judging of the submitted work will be conducted by the Prattler committee, and the winning entrants will be informed in the November edition of the Prattler.





Heyford Garden Club

www.heyfordgardenclub.com

After the summer break our annual programme will commence on the 12th September with our autumn flower and produce show. Let's hope that there will be produce to show.

The Schedule is as follows:

Section 1 Fruit & Vegetables

Class 1: 3 Root Vegetables Assorted

Class 2: 5 Runner or French Beans
(of one variety)

Class 3: 5 Salad Vegetables Assorted

Class 4: A Basket of Mixed Vegetables

Class 5: A Plate of Soft Fruit

Class 6: 5 Tree Fruit

Section 2 Flowers

Class 7: A Vase of Dahlias

Class 8: A Vase of Mixed Flowers Large

Class 9: A Vase of Mixed Flowers Small

Class 10: A Flowering Pot Plant

Class 11: A Foliage Pot Plant

The doors will be open at 7:30 for setting up.

Some Things to do in September

1. Sow some hardy annuals for early flowers
2. Buy and plant narcissi and daffodils
3. Reduce watering of cacti, succulents and other houseplants

Mark Newstead

Bugbrooke and District Flower Society

We meet in Nether Heyford Village Hall on the fourth Monday of the month at 7.30pm. Our meeting consist of a Floral Demonstration by a qualified NAFAS demonstrator. All arrangements are raffled at the end of the evening.

Our next meeting is on Monday 26th September when we will be welcoming our demonstrator Minh Lane from Birmingham. Minh, born in Bangkok, will present "From Latitude 17* to Latitude 52**"

Visitors are always most welcome to join us to enjoy a relaxing evening of flowers. Any further information can be obtained from Dianne on 01604 830063 or Simone on 01327 342167

View from the Wildlife Patch

I write this in the aftermath of the worst drought and hottest weather we have experienced since 1976. I remember that year very well. In South Warwickshire we had no measurable rain between February and the last week in August. 2022 has not been as bad as that. Nevertheless our wildlife pond came close to losing all of it's water through evaporation. Early in the year we decided to allow the pond to "takes it's chances along with other ponds in the area". Recent rain has now put a remarkable amount of water in the pond though the level is still quite low. With predicted water shortages in years to come, I question if topping up this pond is a wise use of water

If you read my last article - in the online Prattler - you will know we are going to extend the area of "Wildflower Meadow" this Autumn. We will begin by covering the area to become meadow with black plastic sheeting in order to kill off unwanted perennials that could smother the meadow plants. It is unlikely this covering will be removed and the ground sown till at least September 2023.

This is to ensure the Ground Elder is completely destroyed. In the period between the laying of this sheet and it being lifted, a whole community of organisms will develop under the sheet. Fungi and Bacteria will cause the plants decay, numerous invertebrates such as Woodlice, Millipedes and more will feast on the plant's remains. Predatory invertebrates eg. Centipedes, Ground Beetles etc. will eat those. Some of our numerous mollusc species that eat decaying plant matter always find their way into such areas somehow. Wood-mice will use it for shelter, as will Shrews who need to eat their own weight in insects two or three times a day just to stay alive. All this underneath a plastic sheet.

I am reviewing our previous policy of cutting the grass down in July to mimic a "hayfield". The reason being I am no longer certain this is best for our Butterflies. All butterflies and moths go through 4 main stages of development. They start out as an egg. This egg hatches into a larvae (caterpillar), which in turn becomes a pupae (chrysalis) which as everyone knows hatches into an adult butterfly or moth. This process can take as long as 1 year, or can be several times in a year depending on species. All of our meadow loving species of butterfly only exist as adults for a few short weeks every year. The rest of the year they are still in the grass, but at different stages. It is a fact that among the Brown, Blue and Skipper butterflies that live on the patch. Different species will be found over winter as eggs, larvae or pupae. They can be very vulnerable in these stages. Previously, July has been considered the best time to take the "Hay" whilst causing least damage to our butterflies. However, there is a suggestion that September may be a better time. More research is needed before we change our policy. Watch this space.

Climate Action – West Northants (CA-WN) is a voluntary organisation that does exactly as the name suggests. They have produced a very useful, authoritative and nicely illustrated pamphlet on Rewilding areas, Tree Planting and Pond Building along with a list of suppliers of seeds, advice etc. I have 30 of these

pamphlets for distribution in our Heyford Community @ 50p each. Please contact me if you would like one of these. My contact details are on the list of Parish Councillors.

Dave Musson



Congratulations to all our 2021/22 300-Club winners below. Apologies for not publishing them as they're drawn, but we like to get the cheques to the winners before they appear in print - which can take time! Special thanks to those kind winners who returned their prizes.

Nov 1st Prize	£65	Chay A.	51	Dec Jackpot	£150	Tennis C.	105
Nov 2nd Prize	£30	Kit A.	278	Dec 1st Prize	£65	Richard D.	281
				Dec 2nd Prize	£30	Jill L.	259
Jan 1st Prize	£65	Roger M.	184	Feb 1st Prize	£65	Chay A.	45
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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ACTION FOR COMMUNITIES IN RURAL ENGLAND 2022 VILLAGE AWARDS SCHEME

In January Nether Heyford submitted an entry to this scheme. This comprised two categories: our village as a community and good place to live; and creative use of communal space.

Outcome:
TWO GOLD AWARDS

To the many villagers who helped with our entry
Thank you!

An earlier edition of The Prattler contained Mike Langrish's description of the allotment revitalisation project – which won the gold award for 'Creative Use of Communal Space. Briefly, here is a word picture of our village as a community – which won our second gold award.

Nether Heyford is a village of C1750 people with over 40 organisations and amenities benefiting its own folk and those of neighbouring villages. Activities take place around the village, many based in the village hall, school, churches, youth club, on the sports field and village green. Volunteers of all ages are involved.

For young people we have a primary school, pre-school, before-and-after-school clubs, cub scouts, play area and youth club. Apart from the school and pre-school, the other groups are run by volunteers. Villagers enjoy worship and social activities, hosted by our two churches, and also in the village hall. Many are actively involved in groups and activities, including archaeology, astronomy, art, bowls, bell-ringing, film nights, choir, crafts, yoga, pilates, gardening and flower arranging clubs, and helping to look after our village hall. People of all ages enjoy a range of sports.

In addition to buses, and transport provided by TADD, friends and neighbours provide lifts for people needing transport to medical appointments, and prescriptions are delivered to those who are vulnerable. For safety, we have a Police Community Support Officer and a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, plus a range of other safety measures.

Our developing Neighbourhood Plan is currently identifying addition housing needs and possible new sites, including a possible new location for our school. Information technology and social media are widely used, for instance: village newspaper website, Parish Council, village hall, village, organisations.

In addition to two local charities who make grants, fundraising goes on for a variety of causes, including the village hall fete. In September 2021, the hall's chairman did a sponsored tandem parachute-jump to celebrate her 80th year, with proceeds shared between the village hall and 'The Prattler' village newspaper – two of our

community mainstays. A fellow member of our Baptist Chapel (visually impaired) did a sponsored wing walk and raised funds for the Chapel and our local GPs.

There are several shops and businesses providing local employment, plus two public houses. Some also support local fundraising efforts, especially our village fete, with financial donations and gifts in kind.

Alongside their allotment revitalisation, villagers have created small flower plots and planted trees at village entrances, as well as flower boxes near the village shops. Our Tidy-Villagers group and school children arrange litter-picks.

Near our village hall are recycling, garden waste and general rubbish bins, plus Air Ambulance textile collection points.

Two keen gardeners, 'Compost Masters', provide training.

There is a Welcome Pack to help newcomers settle in quickly.

Despite Covid disruptions, Nether Heyford remains an active community of volunteers and friends - of all ages, abilities and backgrounds – a great place to live.



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*Oh it's a long long while
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Check out Willie Nelson on Youtube.
Song composed by Kurt Weill and lyrics by
Maxwell Anderson

And so they are - the days are drawing in, bit by bit. We have all enjoyed the magic of an untypical English Summer and now the Autumn is approaching. But that only means good news for the Heyford Singers as we head back on 2nd September for our first rehearsal in the new term. These rehearsals will take us to our Christmas Concert which will be on Friday 9th and Saturday 10th December. And will be called 'Tidings of Comfort and Joy' consisting of a first half devoted to the telling of the story of Christmas and the second half of the celebration of Christmas in all its myriad forms old and new.

Please make a note of these dates and book early. Our cabaret style has proved very popular with everyone and we shall be doing this again, with a bottle of wine per table. Obviously... We are so indebted to all of you who have attended in the past and whose support has kept us going over the last twenty years. I am writing this in the middle of the heat wave which has engulfed us this summer so it is strange to contemplate cosy fireside weather and a Concert with songs such as 'Listen as The Snowflakes Fall'...

Our last meeting as a Community Choir was a non-singing event in Mary and Jeremy Rice's lovely garden where we met for our annual garden party. Chasing shade was the main priority back in July but the garden with its old trees provided plenty as did the gazebos which had been put up. It was a lovely afternoon and a chance to meet partners and relatives of our Choir members. Excellent turnout and a big 'thank you' to everyone who made this afternoon a success – that is providing us with wonderful food.

I don't think any of you will have been singing during the heat wave, but I am sure many of you have been listening to music especially now the 'Proms' are back on our screens again. And of course there was Glastonbury back in June where Paul McCartney managed at the age of 80 to hold his audience with nearly three hours of non-stop songs spanning the first Beatles demo to some of his latest recordings. A bravura performance and a feat at any age. And the appearance as his surprise guests of Bruce Springsteen and Dave Grohl provided an unforgettable stage performance. Billie Eilish, Fleetwood Mac, Sam Fender and of course Diana Ross performing in the Legend's slot all graced this Festival of Contemporary Performing Arts at Worthy Farm in Somerset proving that music manages to draw in the human race from all backgrounds transcending comfort and convenience. Such is its power.

JRA



Heyford Bowls Club

Since my last article in July such a lot has taken place. We have played a further six mixed friendly matches, winning three of them and four Ladies friendly matches winning three and drawing the fourth. At the time of writing we will only have three more friendly matches left to play before the end of the season. I cannot believe how quickly that season has gone. We have been blessed with good weather this season with us having to cancel only one weekend match due to the extreme hot temperatures.

A pair of our ladies got through to the County Ladies Pairs semi finals at Desborough only losing by a couple of points on the final end. It was the first time of entering this competition for both Liz Davison and myself so we were absolutely thrilled to get through to the semi finals. We still have a couple of teams involved in the County Mixed Triples before the end of August.

On the 2nd July we held our Ladies Day at the club, an annual open event played on the same day the men play away in the County Manfield Cup. After a break of two years due to Covid it was great to see ladies from other clubs joining us for this fun afternoon. I would like to thank the team of ladies that stepped in at the last minute to run the event as this fell on the same day as Liz and myself were at Desborough.

Our Friday night club league ends this week (19th August) but we will still open up the club every Friday up to and including 16th September. If you are interested in having a go then why not come down and join us.

Throughout the summer members have been taking part in the knock rounds of the various inter club competitions. The Finals weekend of these competitions takes place on the 3rd and 4th September. Spectators are always welcome. The following Sunday (11th September) sees our Gala Day, the final outdoor event of the season. This is a fun afternoon where members take place in a bowls competition in fancy dress. Members pull out all the stops on their costumes or face a fine. Again we welcome spectators at the event.

The Short Mat bowls section obviously runs throughout the year in the Village Hall on Wednesday afternoons and evenings. The afternoon session runs between 2.00 – 4.00pm and the evening session between 7.00 – 9.30pm. The next Short Mat competition is the Men's Pairs on Saturday 17th September. New members are always welcome at the Short Mat section of the club at either of the sessions. If you are looking for something to get you out why not pop along to the village hall and have a go.

Lorraine Streeter - Club Captain

Flood Watch

Some forecasters had hinted at heat waves in July and August but none could have foreseen the reality of record temperatures of 40.2 degrees on 19th July, the driest East Anglia on record followed by 33.3 degrees in mid August. The prolonged dry spell lasted from mid June until mid August only to be ended by heavy rainfall of over 30mm on 16th August. The prolonged drought resulted in our green countryside being turned into parched yellow with the ground conditions resembling a desert. Rivers and reservoirs dried up and hosepipe bans were imposed for most of the UK. The Anglian Region appeared to be the only area to escape a ban although the longer term outlook remained uncertain unless the reservoirs could be replenished over the coming winter. Rarely seen footage of boats abandoned on dried up rivers and even canal boats unable to move due to lack of water.

As the prolonged dry spell came to an end forecasters warned of potential flooding as the dry ground failed to absorb the ensuing rainfall. Some areas of the UK experienced flooding especially in the south and far north, but locally the river only rose 0.2 m. What we need is the "right sort of rain", prolonged rainfall not sudden heavy showers to allow the ground to gradually absorb the water and not cause rapid run off.

With the drought conditions farmers have suffered badly with lack of grass for animal fodder and destroyed crops. If drought continues delays will occur to new crop planting. Overall these problems will reflect in shortage of milk, eggs and cooking oils and the ensuing price rises.

The prolonged dry spell is expected to continue until October producing the driest summer for 50 years and resulting in the current total years rainfall to be about 60% of normal. The changing weather patterns with extreme heat and prolonged dry spells has resulted in the longest period without a formal flooding event locally.

Changes in daylight hours is now very apparent losing 3 to 4 minutes per day. By the end of September daylight hours would have reduced by 5 hours since the longest day on 21st June, the summer solstice. A further reduction of 2 hours will occur by 29th of October when clocks go back 1 hour.

The Environment Agency have been in exploratory discussions with Anglian Water over the ownership and maintenance of the E-W and N-S culverts. Following the summer recess, talks are expected to continue.

J. Arnold.

Flore Arts Events

We've started to pull together our 2023 programme but we still have two more events for you this year.

Ensemble Renard in open rehearsal, September 10th -11th. All Saints Church, Flore. Something slightly different. Ensemble Renard are an award-winning wind quintet with a growing reputation: this year's calendar has already seen them performing at festivals in France and Wales and there's still a Scottish tour to come. From Gershwin to Knussen – via Mozart - each piece they play demonstrates “the kaleidoscopic versatility of the ensemble”. Recently the quintet have heard that they have won a place on the prestigious Britten Pears Young Artist Programme which means they'll be in residence in Aldeburgh next spring. What's more, on August 12th the ensemble appeared live on BBC Radio 3's “In Tune”. This recording will be available on BBC Sounds for a few weeks; the Renard feature appears about 75 minutes into the broadcast.

Some of you may have come to this fabulous wind quintet's performance at All Saints in 2019. This time we aren't running a formal concert: instead there will be a chance to pop in at your leisure and see them in an informal setting as they go through their paces and polish up their repertoire. Over the weekend of Sep 10th – 11th they'll be in the church late on Saturday morning, Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning.

No admission charge for this one but we are expecting to provide light refreshments for which donations on the day will be appreciated: it's also the weekend of the annual “Ride and Stride” fundraiser for the Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust.

Budapest Café Orchestra: Sat October 22nd, 7.30pm (doors open 7pm). 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. Led by award-winning British composer, violinist and teacher Christian Garrick since 2009, this electrifying 4-piece group play gypsy and folk-flavoured music from all around the world. We can expect traditional Balkan, Russian, Hungarian and Romanian melodies delivered in BCO's own fresh and surprising way, not to mention jazz overtones and the group's own unique arrangements.

We will be running a licensed bar – cash only. Tickets: £18 (£10 for under 18s). Call Rosemary Read (between 9am and 6pm) on 01327 341026.

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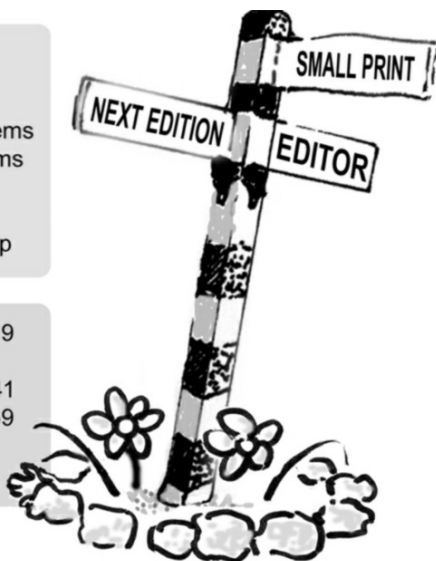
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