

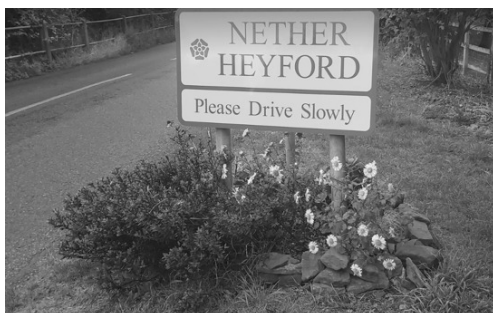


# THE PRATTLER

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## **Our Neighbourhood Plan:**

### **October 2022 Update**

At the September Parish Council meeting, the approval was given to move ahead with the formal submission of the Neighbourhood Plan to West Northants Council. As our local planning authority, WNC will now check that our submitted proposal complies with all the relevant legislation.

Once they are satisfied of this, WNC will publicise the proposed Neighbourhood Plan for a minimum 6 weeks and will invite comments and representations from interested parties. This is a similar but wider consultation than we held across the village last year.

Following this, WNC appoints an independent examiner to undertake a detailed inspection of the Plan. Any issues will be fed back to WNC and the Parish Council, and WNC will advise on whether the Plan can then go to a referendum in the village. If more than 50% of those voting vote in favour of the Neighbourhood Plan, the plan comes into force as part of the statutory development plan for the area. Helpful discussions with West Northants Council over the past few months indicate that the development of a new school, which is a policy within the Plan, will be a long-term proposition. In the meantime, our plan continues to retain the site for educational and community purposes.

After 5 years or so of development, we're in the final stages of realising your Neighbourhood Plan. After producing dozens of papers, documents and booklets (11GB of document files!), holding numerous events in the village and meetings with councils and businesses, keeping our website up to date and informative, designing and analysing surveys and questionnaires, and most importantly listening to what villagers want, we're almost there! The New Year should be a time when we can hold the referendum, and look forward to getting our Plan 'made'.

*Tony Clewett, Tom Dodd, Tony Williams and the NHNPG Group*

## **Thank you Charles**

I was saddened to learn that Charles Kiloh has stepped down from his chairmanship of the Parish Council – after giving years of devoted service to Nether Heyford.

I hope that I may speak for many local people as I express my heartfelt thanks to Charles for helping to create our 'Gold Award' community.

*Alwyne Wilson – a grateful villager*



The September 5th, 2022, Parish Council meeting was held in the Baptist Church Rooms.

**Public Participation** Pat Andrews reported that new signs had been placed at the top of Furnace Lane but felt they were at the wrong angle.

Mrs Reeves reported that the footpath bridge reported last month is being dealt with by the landowner.

Dave Collins, (agent for the Denbrook development), reported that there would be an application for minor non material amendments. Regarding access he said that the boundary lines on historic maps were somewhat indistinct. It was stressed that Council's main concern now was that the access was constructed to a high standard.

3 residents from Upper Heyford attended wanting to comment on gravel extraction, unaware that Upper Heyford had its own Parish Meeting. Clerk to send details to them.

**Lights** Resident in Rolfe Cresc. had asked that light be moved as it made entry to their widened driveway difficult. Clerk to enquire as to cost of moving or removing the light.

**Roads and pavements** Bollards to be removed from outside One Stop Shop, despite the fact that Highways had just repaired one of them!

**The Green /Play Area** Resolved. To accept a quote from Hags for £1009.26 to repairs to play area. Wickstead declined to quote.

**Playing Fields** A smaller style pavilion plan is being considered.

**Trees** It was reported that 2 containerised Oaks grown from acorns from the memorial Green had been offered to Council.

**Allotments** It was resolved to make amendments to the Terms and Conditions and to allow a request for an Informal Harvest Festival service on the community area of allotments on Sunday 25th Sep at 4pm.

**Youth Club** Had started back today. It is hoped more helpers can be found so that it can open weekly rather than fortnightly.

**Planning - Denbrook** The result of a meeting between residents and WNC about how badly this episode had been managed was awaited.

**Neighbourhood Plan Update** It was reported that Adam Brown had undertaken detailed discussions with WNC education and estates teams. WNC educational policy is to only support the development of new schools where there is increased demand. However, as a charity endowed school Bliss may still progress with its proposals because of its independent status. The planning consultant has recommended that the Bugbrooke Road site retains its allocation for education and community use in the draft plan, as this is about future land use.

**Gravel Extraction** This had been refused previously because of access issues and because it was uneconomic at that time, although the site was retained as part of the mineral extraction plan. Concerns were raised about the health risks from silica. Clerk to contact Cllr Adam Brown regarding a meeting of affected parishes, and about an extension to the response date, given the magnitude of the proposal.

**VAS sign** Resolved. To purchase a Section 50 licence from highways to allow the use of roadside cameras etc. Resolved. To pursue the purchase of a post for a speed camera from Highways to stand on Weedon Rd. MM had been in touch with the police who were conducting speed surveys, although there had been no communication with council by the Police. They apparently recommended traffic calming measures such as chicanes or humps. MM to pursue these enquiries and report to council. Clerk to contact Flore PC about chicanes there.

**Planters in front of the One Stop Shop** The planters are now 25 years old and in poor condition. They also require vast amounts of water in dry conditions. Suggestions for replacement items to be sought. Resolved – to seek quotes for the removal of the planters.

**Village Awards prize money** £200. Resolved. £100 to go towards the provision of a bench in the community garden in the allotments. Council to match fund with another £100. Resolved. £100 to be given to the Village Hall for a community project. Council to match fund with another £100.

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 Oct 3rd and Monday Nov 7th.

**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.

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

### Services for October 2022

Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	8:00am	BCP Holy Communion Service at Flore Church
	10:00am	Harvest & Holy Communion at Church Stowe
	10:00am	First Sunday Harvest Service at Flore Church
	6:00pm	Evening Worship at Heyford Church
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	Benefice Holy Communion at Church Stowe
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	Holy Communion Service at Heyford Church
	10:00am	United Morning Worship at Flore Chapel
	6:00pm	Evening Worship at Upper Stowe
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10:00am	Holy Communion Service at Flore Church
	10:00am	Morning Worship at Flore Chapel
	10:00am	Family Service at Upper Stowe
	4:00pm	Café Church at Heyford
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	Harvest & Holy Communion Service at Brockhall Church
	6:00pm	BCP Evening Prayer at Church Stowe

### Midweek Services

Wednesday	9:30am	Morning Prayer via 'Why Pay' conference call. Please contact the Rector for the numbers to use. (not 12 <sup>th</sup> Oct)
Thursday	10:00am 2:30pm – 3:30pm	Holy Communion at Flore Church (not 13 <sup>th</sup> Oct) Flore Church open for private prayer
Friday	9:00am	Morning Prayer via Zoom. Please contact the Rector for an invitation

Dear Friends,

As I write this letter, the funeral of her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II is a couple of hours away and ten days of national mourning are drawing to a close. It has been my privilege over those ten days to lead several church services of prayer, reflection and commemoration to mark her majesty's death. Like many people, I have spent a good deal of time reflecting on the Queen's long life of service. She was a constant figure throughout my life, and through seven decades of great change. She exemplified values and qualities which are increasingly rare in national and international politics; service, humility, selflessness, empathy, honesty and compassion. Every Christmas, she shared words of wisdom and insight on the events of the past year, giving us a fresh perspective, and frequently reminding us that we are part of something greater than ourselves – a United Kingdom, a Commonwealth of nations. And increasingly in recent years, the Queen spoke of her deep Christian faith, which was fundamental to who she was and how she lived her life.

Watching the Royal Family in recent days, I am heartened to see that those same values, that same servant-heart can be found in his Majesty King Charles III and in the following generations. To have visited so many places, to have spoken to so many people – and to do so in the full glare of publicity - at a time when they were grieving a mother, grandmother and great-grandmother speaks of a deep-seated commitment to this nation and its people. If we miss the Queen's constant presence, it seems that the constancy of the monarchy remains something we can rely on.

And we can rely too on the God in whom our late Queen and our new King put their trust. One of the first acts marking the period of mourning for her majesty was the tolling of church bells on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September. To hear the bells tolled was powerful and poignant, marking the Queen's death, but also reminding us – as church bells always do – of God's presence among us, and his love for us. A love that is stronger than death.

By the time you read this, the great challenges we face – driven from our news headlines for the last ten days – will once again dominate the news cycle. I pray that as life returns to 'normal', we take heart from the Queen's words during the pandemic, when she reminded us that we are a united people, a resolute people, a people who have risen to every challenge. We are a people of hope who care for one another. And I invite you to join me in praying for King Charles III:

*Everlasting God, we pray for our new King. Bless his reign and the life of our nation. Help us to work together so that truth and justice, harmony and fairness flourish among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Yours in Christ,

*Rev Stephen (Tel: 01327 344436)*



## Nether Heyford Baptist Church

### Services for October 2022

October 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10:30 am	Harvest thanksgiving service led by Les Britten with monies going to Operation Agri for Mozambique.
October 9 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 am	Worship led by Allan Pope
	4:00 pm	Songs of Praise service led by Martin Buckby with tea and cakes
October 16 <sup>th</sup>	10:30 am	Worship led by Clive Leahey. (Coffee served after the service)
October 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10:30 am	Worship led by John Perkins
October 30 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am	Prayer meeting followed at 10.30am by our communion service led by Martin Buckby.

### Events for October

October 1 <sup>st</sup>	6:30pm	Harvest Supper
October 8 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm to 4.30pm	Afternoon Tea and Cakes (books available). Donations for church funds
October 18 <sup>th</sup>	10am to 11am	Prayer and bible study

### All welcome

The other day I commented to my wife Sue how lovely it was to see the grass returning and being restored to its lovely green colour and replacing the brown barren state which we have known for so long. The change of course is due to the welcomed rain and morning dews. Water of course is so essential to life and locally we have been spared the hosepipe ban which some areas of the country have experienced. We are so fortunate to be able to go to our taps for a ready supply of water and at such times it is good to spare a thought for those who have to walk a distance to a single and shared tap or to a well of water. Water is so essential to the success of a good harvest, the focus of this article for "The Prattler".



Recently, whilst leading worship at the "Heyford Chapel on the green" and reflecting on the dry and near drought conditions I shared some thoughts from that experience from John chapter 4 v 1 to 26 when Jesus met with the "woman at the well" and detailed below is just a summary of what was shared.

The woman at the well was the woman who was made well - it is about their discussion, their dialogue, Jesus' disclosure and ultimately her discovery. She came to do the ordinary thing of daily life - what was expected, common and familiar, to draw water but she went away with something extra ordinary, life changing - Jesus revealed who he was and she discovered who she was, what she was like and what she needed.

Physical thirst can be painful and relief of that thirst can be so pleasurable as well as being emotionally satisfying. But this story reminds us of another importance - Jesus was talking not about water which was just physically and emotionally satisfying but also spiritually significant because whilst this woman primarily focused on physical water for herself she discovered this other dimension that Jesus was concerned about - her spiritual enlightenment. Jesus informed her about faith, her failure and her future and importantly, her discovering that yes she had failed (as have we all) but that she could discover the impact of faith, of forgiveness and have her future changed. It is easy to think that this passage, the whole process, being achieved and completed in a matter of moments - perhaps as long as it took to read it. But in reality - I imagine that it was a gradual, careful dialogue and discussion over time, not hurried and as Jesus spoke she would be looking at him and listening to him.

As you read this article you may wish to open your Bible or electronic device to read this account in John chapter 4 verses 4 to 26 - There is insufficient space here to give a helpful and full summary. He came to her when he was tired v 6 - "tired as he was from the journey" A lovely reminder that Jesus got tired and needed refreshing rest - and so do we. He came as the saviour of the world to a Samaritan woman v 7 and 9. This woman made it clear that their gender, culture and background should have blocked Jesus talking to her and she to him. But he broke down those potential barriers and engaged her in a vitally important conversation - a revealing and transforming conversation.

She came with the purpose, desire, wish and need to draw water but left empty of water but full of wisdom v 13 and verse 28. Her purpose and plan for that journey to fetch water was changed - she went for one thing but came away with something very different. She left her water jar by the well but had discovered truth and treasure that would change her life for good and for God. A lovely reminder that if we are prepared to come to Jesus as we are we will discover his truth and treasure. She came to gain water for the day v 7 - he came to give her water for the duration v 14. She came to draw water - she went away with a wonderful discovery.

She described him initially as a common Jew in verse 9 but discovered him as Christ Jesus in v 29. What a discovery - she saw him as a common Jew and discovered

that he was Jesus. Her eyes and her responsive heart was opened and her life was changed. She went away and said to her family, friends and neighbours "come and see a man who told me everything I did - could this be the Christ? Yes it was. She thought that one fill would conveniently do v 15 - she discovered that it was a commitment to faith and fullness that really counted v 14. She thought her secrets were concealed - v 16–18 and she discovered that her sin had to be revealed v 18.

I don't think it was about Jesus challenging her about her relationship lifestyle choice - but to confirm who he was and his ability not only to give her life refreshing and life changing water - but also to confirm to her who he was and challenge her about what he knew - he was there to reveal who he was and what he could bring to transform her life. The truth can really hurt sometime - pride can hurt, the pain of failure is hard - but forgiveness can change our direction and purpose in life.

She reasoned verse 25 – he revealed v 26. She wanted to confirm something of her knowledge and awareness of the old testament "I know that the Messiah is coming and when he does come he will explain everything to me." Jesus simply replied, "I who speak to you am he" - what words of reassurance and revelation. She was ready to look, learn and listen and we too can do the same.

Thank you.

*Martin Buckley  
On behalf of the fellowship of Heyford Baptist Chapel.*

## **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](http://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.

**Nether Heyford Baptist Church**

The Chapel on the Green

**Harvest Festival**

On

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 10.30am

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**Songs of Praise**

With

**Martin Buckby**

On

Sunday 9th October at 4pm

Refreshments served – no charge but optional retiring collection

Church membership not essential – everyone welcome

## **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.**

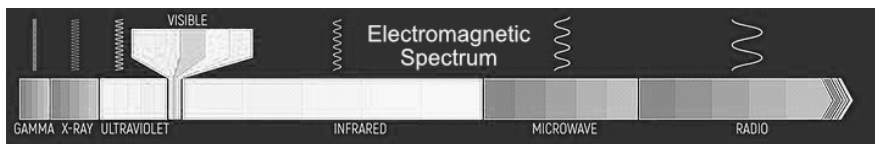
Meetings will be subject to prevailing government guidelines in relation to coronavirus.

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

## Astronomy on the Green

October brings with it fireworks of the celestial kind, on the 21<sup>st</sup> the matter scattered from the tail of Halley's comet sparkles through our atmosphere (the Orionids). The 25<sup>th</sup> brings a partial eclipse of the Sun, in the British Isles, the eclipse begins just after 10 am and ends about 11.45 am. At maximum, a few minutes before 11 am, around 15% of the Sun is covered (depending on your location). **DO NOT LOOK DIRECTLY AT THE SUN!** Please wear **APPROPRIATE** eye protection.

As a new season descends on us, we will see more information from the James Webb Space Telescope, the successor to the Hubble. Both telescopes are named after prominent people, Edwin Hubble's advance was to prove that the nebulae he observed were outside the Milky Way, this led to proving there was not just a single galaxy in the universe. James Webb was a NASA administrator who in the 1960's promoted space science and missions to the planets. As JWST is newer than Hubble is it better? Well, no, it looks to solve different issues. The JWST has a larger mirror (around 3 times larger than Hubble's) but this is due to the spectral range it is detecting. JWST looks in the less energetic Infrared part of the spectrum. Hubble's mission looked in detail at the visible light and could use a smaller mirror.



Hubble enabled us to look a long way into the past of the universe to the star Earendel (Morning Star) some 12.9 billion light years away as it was at the time. That was just 900 million years before the 'Big Bang' (Earendel is now 28 billion light years away due to cosmic expansion).

Soon the JWST will look further into the past and help us unravel the detail of the earliest universe. Infrared is commonly used on the earth to look at Art, as it can reveal the information under the original to see if there is an earlier work beneath it. In a similar way the IR & MIR detectors on the telescope can show the detail within the object, or to see through the nebulae and galaxies to reveal and look behind them.

So, how far back can the JWST currently see? Well, it's early days, Earendel has now been imaged in just 3 hours, instead of the several weeks taken by Hubble. During October a six-hour image of Earendel will be taken and this should tell us its brightness, mass and spectral properties for the first time. JWST getting us within a few 100 million years of the start of the cosmos is almost certain.

Clear Skies,

*Tony Boutele*

## Village Hall News

Last month I was reporting on the amount of money raised for the Village hall Fete which was part of the Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations and now we are mourning the death of the Queen. One consolation is the Queen could see how much she was loved and respected during the celebrations of her Jubilee. And now we are welcoming a new King Charles III and in the near future will be planning celebrations for his coronation. I can remember the Queen's coronation and I wonder how Heyford celebrated it. Any memories would be welcome to help us make plans when the time arrives.

The hall and the caterer are booked for the Heyford Feast Harvest Supper on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00pm for 7.30pm so please join us to renew this Heyford tradition. We are very fortunate that James Allen has agreed to do the catering for us.

### **MENU**

Chicken and Leek Terrine  
Steak and Ale Pie  
Cheese Platter

### **VEGETARIAN OPTION**

Vegetarian anti Pasta  
Mixed Vegetable Pie  
Cheese Platter

CASH BAR  
COST £20.00 PER HEAD

This is not a fundraising event just a chance to enjoy an evening with friends. I look forward to seeing you there.

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM:

Pat Paterson

Tel 01327340992 Mobile 07802210440 email nhvhevents@gmail.com

*Joan Kirkbride  
Village Hall Chairman  
Tel 01327 340370  
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## Heyford Entrypreneurs

What a lovely colourful display our village entry signs gave us this year! Our village green sign looked lovely for the Queen's Jubilee with its red, white and blue flowers. They were in bloom all summer and its all down to just a few very lovely people who take time out of their day to help make this happen. Thank you.

Also we, the Entrypreneurs, would all like to take this opportunity to say a massive THANK YOU to The Foresters Arms for sponsoring us on the last quiz evening. What a fun evening it was. The money raised will now go to some winter plants for the signs and possibly some bulbs, which I'm thinking of planting at the top of Furnace Lane on the A5. Any helpers welcome.

I have attached a few photos for those villagers who are unable to get out to see the signs (on the cover of this issue). Once again, thank you everyone for all your kindness and support. We hope you continue enjoying them.

*Jill Garratt*

## NETHER HEYFORD

OFSTED No. EY450747

CHARITY No. 1029571

### Pre-School

Ages 2-5 years

Open Monday-Friday, 9am-3pm

Funding available for eligible 2,3 and 4 year olds

Highly qualified and experienced staff

Excellent links with Bliss School

Fantastic village location

Use of numerous outdoor facilities including:

- Bliss Schools' Outdoor Classroom
- Forest School activities
- 'Rising 5' sessions for those starting school in September
- Childcare vouchers accepted



### Before & After School Club

Wrap around are available for children aged up to 11 years old

Breakfast Club incl. breakfast open from 7.45am

After School Club open until 6pm

'Walking Bus' to and from Bliss School provided if required

Transition sessions available for Bliss School reception class.

**Drop in and see us at  
The Church Rooms, Church Lane,  
Nether Heyford or call on  
07984 055 828**

**info@netherheyfordpreschool.co.uk  
www.netherheyfordpreschool.co.uk**



## Heyford Picturedrome

**Picturedrome is back for a new season!!**

**NEXT FILM: OPERATION MINCEMEAT - 20<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 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 2021 British war drama directed by John Madden based on Ben Macintyre's book about British Intelligence planting false papers on a corpse and dumping it into the sea in the hope that it washes up in enemy territory and is believed by the enemy to be true.

Stars Colin Firth, Matthew Macfadyen, Penelope Wilton and Kelly Macdonald

Excellent reviews!

There was a successful start to our new season in September with an excellent film – The Duke. Please do come and join us in the village hall – we look forward to seeing you all again.

*Tony Clewett (Phone no. 341533)*



**Keep our Village Green,  
Footpaths and Streets Clean**

## View from the Wildlife Patch

As I was working on The Patch yesterday, I was watching our resident Field Grasshoppers laying eggs in the soil. They lay these just below soil level in small batches, encased in a tough “egg pod”. Each egg develops an “eye” then lies in a dormant stage till springtime. Then the Larvae develop into a worm-like stage that climbs out of the soil before becoming a sort of small wingless Grasshopper called a nymph. These nymphs shed their skin 3 or four times as they grow, before becoming an adult Grasshopper. All of our Grasshopper species go through similar stages.

Scientific evidence is emerging that indicates we have lost at least 80% of our insects over the last 20 years. This is probably the reason that I hardly ever see species of insects that have been numerous throughout my whole life. Earwigs are among those I miss most, being one of my favourite insects. There are 4 species of earwig in the UK. The Common Earwig is the one we see the most of. These are fascinating animals who eat mostly dead vegetable and animal matter. They are also major predators of Aphids.

In Autumn female Common Earwigs make nests under stones and in cracks etc. where they lay their eggs. The mother earwig stays with the eggs all winter, occasionally “licking” them to ward off fungal infections. They guard these young till they are able to care for themselves. Even to fighting off predatory beetles etc. using their pincers as weapons. Some Earwig species even feed their own young. Earwigs are not alone among invertebrates to develop this maternal behaviour. Some species of centipede look after their young in a similar way. These are not Insects but are lumped together with Millipedes as “Myriapods”. (Many Legged)

I often find single small, yellow centipedes in a “cell” manufactured from soil and centipede saliva when I am digging a part of my allotment that has lay undug for a year. This cell is in fact a centipede “nest” containing a mother centipede with eggs or young. They feed their young with a sort of saliva and also “lick” their eggs in a similar way to earwigs. It has been proven that eggs “licked” in this way are much more likely to hatch successfully. They also feed their young when they are tiny. There is a surprisingly large number of insects and other invertebrates who exhibit this type of maternal behaviour. Do these behaviours point to these animals being “intelligent”? Do they experience what we term “love” for their young? I like to think so. However I will never really know the answer.

It has been heartening to see the amount of people who have left patches of grass unmown during the Spring and Summer months. It has been a particularly bad year for insects. They need all the help they can get right now. I still have copies of the “Claim Back Your Space: Working with Nature” booklet. There is a small misprint on page 5 so I have not been charged. Therefore you can have yours for free.

Our House Sparrows have just begun to move into their newly made nesting boxes. They choose their nest sites in Autumn. So now is the time to put those Sparrow boxes in place. Mid November could be too late.

*Dave Musson*



# Pilates by Lola

MONDAYS  
NETHER HEYFORD  
VILLAGE HALL  
11.15AM - 12.15PM

TUESDAYS  
8AM-9AM VIA ZOOM

1-2-1 PRIVATE PILATES  
LESSONS

Every body is welcome

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO  
BOOK CALL, TEXT OR WHATSAPP:

07812031780

OR EMAIL:

PILATESBYLOLA@GMAIL.COM



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If you don't have a team please come along anyway and we will link you up with one!

Names beforehand please to Jane Rands tel:340678, janerands@gmail.com



## In Nether Heyford

How sad to have to start this month's article by talking about the death of the country's most famous member of the WI, Her Majesty, the late Queen Elizabeth. She joined Sandringham branch of the WI in 1943 and became their President in 2003 following in the footsteps of the Queen Mother, although she was only able to attend the January meetings. To quote the Sandringham chairman, "She supported the ethos of the WI – the fun, friendship and education". I am sure they will miss her and her support – as will we as a country.

Our last meeting was full of interesting tips on how to look good! Lesley Clarke gave us advice on discovering the clothes which work best for us. She showed how certain colours, styles and fabric designs can change the look of our body shape and gave help on developing our own sense of style. We enjoyed the evening and it gave us a lot to think about!

Our October meeting is for members only as it is our AGM. We talk business, play games, drink tea and eat. What is there not to like?!

In November we will be happy to see anyone who would like to come along and see what WI is all about. I will let you know about the speaker for that evening in the November edition of the Prattler but the date, venue and time will be November 3<sup>rd</sup>, Village Hall at 7.30pm and the cost £5 (including refreshments). We look forward to seeing you!

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## Goodbye to Matthew

As the current season drew to a close, Heyford Cricket Club said goodbye to Club stalwart, Matthew Baker, who has left for Brisbane, Australia. The Club gave him a rousing send-off with a Guard of Honour as he left the field for the last time, which was followed by a barbeque at The Olde Sun with a presentation in appreciation of all he has done for Heyford CC over 20 years. The Club has also named one end of the ground named "The Matt Baker End".

Matthew came to Heyford in 1990, aged eleven, and attended Bliss School and Champion School. He represented Northamptonshire Cricket Association for every age group from Under 12's to Under 19's and Northamptonshire Colts in the County Premier League as a wicket keeper and batsman. He first played for Heyford at the tender age of thirteen, when the Club ran just one team playing non-league cricket.

In 1999, League cricket in Northamptonshire was reorganised and with sixteen divisions had been designated an English Cricket Board (ECB) Premier League. After re-organisation, Heyford Cricket Club with its one team applied to join the County League. Their application was accepted and they joined a lower division. After successive year on year promotions, the Club 1<sup>st</sup> XI are now in Division 3. However, that is not their only achievement. The Club now run three teams in the County League with the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI having achieved six promotions. In addition, there is a thriving junior section for both boys and girls with over fifty children attending Friday night coaching sessions. In 2017, the boys Under 15 team became Junior County Champions, eventually progressing to the last sixteen in the National Competition. Several of the players who have come through the junior ranks now play for the Club's senior teams.

There is no doubt such progress and development has been an all-round team effort, but no one has made a bigger contribution than Matthew. He has served as Club Captain, Chairman, Committee Member and Liason Officer with the other sports clubs who use Heyford Playing Fields. The Club now has a sound and stable financial base and if Matthew's example of dedicated commitment can be continued, a bright future lies ahead.

Without exception, everyone who I have spoken to is sad to see Matthew leave Heyford. Nevertheless, we wish him and his family every success and happiness Down Under. G'day, Matthew, and good luck!

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## Heyford Garden Club

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We held our annual flower and vegetable show in September, continuing with the reduced format from last year. Tom Dodd managed to beat everybody else comfortably with Irene and Philip Reeves and Rosemary Dunkley coming some way behind. However when the scores from our monthly bench shows are added in Tom only just beat Pauline Guglielmi and Rosemary Dunkley was a close third. Congratulations to them all, and the rest of us will have to try harder next year.

Our October meeting will be held on the 10th at the usual time of 8pm and will have a session from Tom and myself on the friends and foes amongst the creatures you might find in your garden. There will also be a display of autumn flowering cyclamen.

### Summer

This summer has been pretty eventful as I am sure you can remember! I have been surprised however at the effect on the garden and particularly on the veg patch. Obviously like everyone else I had to do a lot of watering, but some crops seemed to enjoy the heat; I have never had such impressive beetroot (which were seldom given any water), nor so many courgette's. Our lettuces were not only prolific but of really good quality. There was no tomato blight this year, so we had bags of decent tomatoes.

The soft fruit was early this year, the strawberries being the best ever as there were no late frosts. I have never seen blackberries fruiting in July before. Autumn raspberries started well but were beginning to show signs of stress when the rain in September revived them and they are now producing a good crop of fruit. The apple trees in the orchard looked earlier in the year as though they would finally produce a good crop for us, but the heat was too much and most of the fruit has dropped off. What is left though seems to be better quality than in previous. The pear trees on the other hand were little affected and produced a decent crop of little pears. Again this year the damsons had very few maggots in them, this may be due to the sticky bands we put round the trees last autumn to keep away the winter moths, and our garden has a good population of blue tits and wrens which might be eating the moths for us.

### Some Things to do in October

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

*Mark Newstead*

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J Scott Fitzgerald: The Great Gatsby*

*'Life is what happens to you  
While you're busy making other plans'  
John Lennon 'Imagine'*

*And so we now say 'God Save The King'*

As I write this for the October Prattler we are still in the middle of September. On the 8<sup>th</sup> September, the day the Queen passed away, within an hour of the announcement we were due to rehearse in the village hall, but in sombre mood there was no appetite for singing so we had a two minutes' silence and a very English cup of tea. It was all very difficult to take in. An inevitable passing but a great shock at the same time. The outpouring of grief all over the world has been amazing – and must be of some comfort to the Royal Family. Beethoven's Funeral Marches 1, 2 and 3, Mendelssohn's Funeral March and Chopin's famous Marche Funebre were difficult to listen to as Her Majesty's coffin was taken through London whilst our armed forces marched in time to 74 beats to the minute amid the gun salutes and the tolling of Big Ben. The music for the funeral, mostly chosen by The Queen herself was sung to perfection from 'The Day thou gavest, Lord, is ended', 'The Lord's My Shepherd' and 'Love Divine all loves excelling' to the Psalms sung by the Choir and the Anthem 'My soul, there is a country Far beyond the Stars' (words by the Welsh poet Henry Vaughan 1621-95 set to music by Hubert Parry 1848-1918); music spanning the generations and all under the magnificent umbrella of Westminster Abbey. The ceremonies culminated with the Lone Piper at Windsor fading into the distance as he marched slowly towards the Deanery. Sights and sounds we shall never forget.

Despite the sadness, the following week we opened up our music and sang our new pieces in readiness for the Christmas Concert. Life has to go on, indeed. And so some old favourites will appear on our programme – Bethlehem Spiritual by Donald Moore which gives a lot of emphasis to the Tenors and Bass section and the joyful 'It's The Most wonderful time of the Year' ending on a top E Flat for our Sopranos (and a nice low G for the Second Sopranos and Altos!) Christmas would not be complete without the ladies singing 'Santa Baby' and in complete contrast 'From A Distance' recorded by Bette Midler: 'From a distance there is harmony and it echoes through the land. And it's the voice of hope, and it's the voice of peace; it's the voice of every man'.

All of you will have heard about the G20 – a multilateral organisation connecting the world's major developed and emerging economies. Formed in 1999 after the global economic conditions were hit by the financial crisis in 1997–1999 it represents more than 80 per cent of world GDP, 75 per cent of international trade and 60 percent of the world population. Nothing that you didn't know... However Indonesia chairs this year's G20 Presidency and has recently founded a youth orchestra featuring some of the world's best musicians, three percussionists being female. Its world premiere

at Borobudur Temple in Magelang, Central Java, was on September 12<sup>th</sup>. Russia is one of the countries that sent two of its best orchestral players, a violist and a skilled trumpet player named Nikita Loginov. This trumpet player shared his experience about participating in the orchestra by saying that he thought the music had a wonderful power to unite people. He went on to add 'We play music made by composers from different countries, and we are (the musicians) from different countries too. However, we play together! It does not matter where you are from, who you are, what is your nationality, what is your social status etc. We need to appreciate this opportunity'. And that's from a Russian... So where diplomacy often fails, our youth and music prevail...

*JRA*

## **Flore Arts Events**

A brief update from us this month... our only remaining event of the year (Budapest Café Orchestra) has now SOLD OUT – we can't take any more bookings. We look forward to seeing you at All Saints church on October 22<sup>nd</sup> if you've already been lucky enough to secure a ticket.

Meanwhile our attention is turning to 2023: we've started to get the bones of our programme together and we'll have more to tell you in the coming months.

Don't forget that you can keep up to date with our plans on our recently refreshed website at [www.floreartsevents.com](http://www.floreartsevents.com) and our Flore Arts Events Facebook page. We hope to see you soon!

## **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.

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



## Heyford Bowls Club

September sees the end of the outdoor season and the plans are now in place for putting the green to bed for the winter.

Throughout the 2022 season we have played 19 mixed friendlies where we won ten, drew one and lost five. The other three were cancelled, two by the other clubs not having enough players and the last one due to the extreme temperatures. There were six Ladies matches where we won four, drew one and had to cancel the last one due to insufficient players on our part. Added to these we won two matches and drew one on our bowls tour in Weymouth and also won the match between the Outdoor vs Short Mat. So we should be really pleased with our season success.

The Mens Monday Night League came to an end on the 5<sup>th</sup> September with the catch up match against Whyte Melville which had been cancelled from the 18<sup>th</sup> July due to the extreme temperatures. After a rocky start Heyford pulled back to win by two points. This was a crucial match that they needed to win to secure their promotion up to League Two next season.

The Friday Night League was another huge success with all teams wanting the coveted winning team slot. The handicap scheme makes for an interesting competition. The addition of Friday nights being our "Open Night" has seen several new people attending to try out bowls, many of whom have continued to roll up each week with support from our members. From this continued attendance we are confident on signing up new full members next year.

The first weekend in September saw the culmination of our inter club competitions with the Finals Weekend. We witnessed some great bowling and were delighted to see so many visitors who came to cheer on their family/fellow players.

The outdoor season came to an end on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September with our Gala Day. This is always a fun afternoon where players and visitors are encouraged to dress up in fancy dress. As per usual everyone took on the challenge and we were treated to a wonderful array of characters including Velma from Scooby Doo, a few gangsters, Laurel & Hardy and several pirates to name but a few. When you realise that they then have to bowl in these costumes some can prove interesting. The bowls game was then followed by a lovely BBQ and raffle. This was our most successful Gala Day yet with nearly 80 people enjoying a wonderful afternoon of fun.

With the outdoor green closed for the winter the emphasis will now be on the indoor Short Mat whose sessions will continue every Wednesday in the village hall. Afternoon sessions 2.00 – 4.00pm and evenings 7.00 – 9.30pm. Sessions fees are now £2.50 and new members are always welcome.

There will be various social events held over the winter months so do follow both our website and Facebook page for the latest information.

*Lorraine Streeter - Club Captain*

## **Flood Watch**

September marked a significant change in the weather with the return of rain albeit a mixture of light showers or short lived thundery downpours and temperatures dropping back into the upper teens. As a result the countryside has been transformed from a parched yellow back to a vibrant green. In spite of this rainfall remains well below normal with a noticeable disparity between the east and west of the County. The west was wetter by 40% although the current annual figures are still below average. 75% for the west and 53% for the east.

As we approach the onset of Autumn, officially the 22<sup>nd</sup> of September, the evenings are drawing in reducing by 4 minutes each day. The month of September has seen daylight hours reduce by 2 hours and this will continue with a further 2 hour loss in October. On the 29th of October the clocks will go back 1 hour with sunset changing to 4.30 pm.

The river level continues to remain at its lowest level as it has done throughout most of the year posing no risk of flooding.

September also marks a change to the Met Office list of storm names. As a result the new names will start with Antoni and continue with Betty, Cillian, Daisy, Elliot, Fleur etc.

No further news to report from the Environment Agency.

Every house in the Village would have received a letter from the Council advising of receipt of a planning application proposing Sand and Gravel extraction at Upper Heyford.

As on previous occasions the application should be opposed to avoid changes to all of our daily lives for the next 8 years. Dust, noise and increased risk of flooding as well as major disruption to local traffic on the A45 and M1 roundabout. Such development can only have a negative impact on the environment and change the peace and tranquility of village life.

*J. Arnold.*

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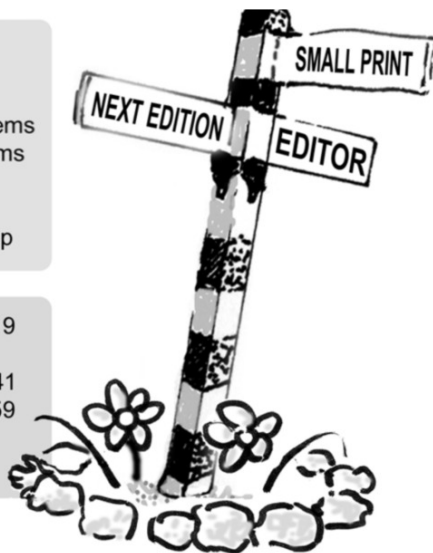
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