



THE PRATTLER

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St Peter and St Paul Church, Nether Heyford

invite you to a



Nativity and Christmas Tree Festival

Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th
December

12-4pm In The Parish Church

Festival Thanksgiving Service

4pm Sunday 10th December

Lots of different nativities, including shoe box nativities by children
from Bliss School. Trees decorated by village organisations.
Christmasy refreshments and a raffle

No admission charge but donations welcome

Everybody Welcome

If you would like to decorate a tree or loan a
nativity, please contact Jane Rands,
janerands@gmail.com or 01327 340678



Season's Greetings

The Prattler team would like to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you all for your contributions over the past year and to everyone who has helped with the deliveries throughout the village.

The next edition will be popping through your doors by February 2024.

Condolences

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to 2 long time residents of Nether Heyford this month. Bob Smith whose funeral will be held on 4th December at the Chapel on the Green and Jack Walker on 8th December at the Crematorium followed by refreshments at the Foresters. They will both be sadly missed.

Upper Heyford Parish Meeting

Next meeting

Wednesday 6th December 2023

7:30pm at Hipwells, Upper Heyford

All residents are welcome to attend.

If you would like to put any suggestions/observations forward to improve Upper Heyford or would like an update on local issues; please come along or email:

Mrs Sian Slater, UHPM Chair

At UHParish@gmail.com

The next meeting will be in May 2024.



The November 6th Parish Council Meeting was held in the Baptist Church Rooms.

Gravel extraction. WNC.22.00035.MINFUL As stated below the situation has become frustrating with consideration of the application pushed back again. Council had attempted to “call in” the application, as had Upper Heyford Parish Meeting; neither having much confidence in WNC. However, the Secretary of State’s office turned down the request. It is interesting to note that the Secretary of State did not actually see or decide the request.

“The Secretary of State uses his call-in power very selectively. The number of cases varies each year but recently the maximum number called-in has been between 10 and 20 in any one year. The matters you have raised have been assessed against the call-in policy, set out in the Written Ministerial Statement made on 26 October 2012 by Nick Boles (copy attached for your information). On the basis of the information you have provided, the Secretary of State is content that the application should be determined by the local planning authority. I appreciate this is not the outcome you had hoped for, however, it is for the Council to determine this application on its merits, taking into account the relevant facts and any representations received.

This decision was made by officials on behalf of the Secretary of State and signed on his behalf.”

It will be up to WNC planning committee now as to whether the application is approved or rejected. Parishioners may wish to write to their local councillor (Adam Brown) and/or our local MP, Chris Heaton-Harris continuing to express their deep concerns around this proposed development.

Traffic Issues were discussed at the meeting as reported below. Everyone will have noticed that the volume of traffic passing through the village has increased greatly during the last couple of months. This is a cause of concern for all of us. The best explanation as to why this has happened is that Sat navs are routing vehicles through the village due to all the road works in the area. Council are considering all options in conjunction with WNC – but we have to be mindful of the cost of any substantial measures to counter this problem.

West Northants Councillor report Cllr Adam Brown referred to the various traffic issues. He had approached Highways regarding the white lines around the Furnace

Lane/Green junction; as well as the A5 and speeding in the village issues. He reported that the Gravel extraction application had been further delayed, but that this was not unusual in such cases. New planning arrangements would be in place at WNC from April 1st. The first stage of the new budget would be going to cabinet shortly.

The Chair asked whether AB knew if the installation of an advisory 20 mph speed limit would make sat navs less likely to direct traffic through the village. He was unsure whether it would help, but would enquire.

Public Participation

Bob Lewis referred to the trees being planted on the Green, and complained that trees were being planted where the Parish Council wanted rather than where residents wanted. He asked when the map referred to last month would be shown. NC replied that it was a work in progress being prepared voluntarily at no cost. The Chair noted the points made.

A resident asked about the use of barristers regarding the Gravel extraction. AW responded that Nether Heyford Council had sought advice from a barrister, who would also review any further information. Upper Heyford Council have a resident retired barrister working on their behalf. He also asked about the licence conditions were with regard to the WH Barley site. AW replied that these would be a matter of public record and could be checked. Concern was expressed about the volume of lorries and on the problems they were causing on the junction with the A5.

Reports

PCSO reported that a van implicated in robberies had been observed in the area. He had given a talk at the school, and would be looking to monitor traffic speeds.

Lights Clerk instructed to ask for the remaining wooden poles to be replaced immediately. The Clerk was doubtful that the contractors would do that. A number of lights in Bliss Close needed repair, and the timer on the light near the bungalows on the Green was malfunctioning.

Trees A cherry opposite the school has a fungal infection and needs to be monitored. NC felt that the trees on the Green need a risk assessment professionally carried out and would get a quote.

Allotments LE reported that there had been a successful Community Day. There had unfortunately been a theft from a shed, which had been reported to the police.

Footpaths A resident reported that the footpath from Watery Lane towards Bugbrooke was partly blocked by brambles, and that she felt mowing needed to be carried out.

Youth Club LD reported that it was busy. She would like the Mosaic (formerly by the river). It was agreed that it could be sited on the grass to the east of the school.

Canal Dog bin would be placed where the original one had been.

Speed cams The Camera had been moved and was indicating that the average speed of traffic approaching the canal bridge in Furnace Lane was 26 mph, although some vehicles were travelling at much higher speeds.

Community Lounge Clerk reported a quiet start. He would produce a programme of short talks and demonstrations.

Furnace Lane Traffic LD asked why the village would have to pay towards any traffic calming measures. Cllr AB replied that, at the moment, the only funding available was match funding. There was a possibility of Highways installing such measures – but this would be in the future. AB would try and give an indication of where Heyford stood in the “queue.” KWD referred to the poor state of white lines around the bottom of Furnace Lane and the genuine confusion of drivers around there.

Traffic Calming The PCSO would make an effort to monitor the situation and use a handheld device. He explained that if he detected speeding, he could only send a warning letter – but that if he could get a police constable to participate then prosecutions could follow.

Parish Council meetings in 2023/24 will normally be on the first Monday of each month, (unless a Bank Holiday) and would start at 19.30. The next ones are on Monday Dec 4th and Monday Jan 8th.

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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Next Meeting Monday Dec 4th at the Baptist Church rooms

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Parish Church of St. Peter and St. Paul

Services for December 2023

Saturday 2 nd	2:00 pm	United Messy Church & Christingle at Flore Church – all welcome!
Sunday 3 rd	8:00 am	BCP Holy Communion at Flore Church
	10:00 am	Holy Communion at Church Stowe
	11:00 am	United First Sunday Service at Flore Church
	6:00 pm	Evening Prayer at Heyford Church
Sunday 10 th	10:00 am	Benefice Holy Communion Service at Flore Church
	4:00 pm	Nativity Festival Thanksgiving Service at Heyford Church
Thursday 14 th	6:30 pm	Performance of 'Joe Carpenter and Son' at Flore Church
Saturday 16 th	2:00 pm	'Blue Christmas' Service at Flore Church
Sunday 17 th	10:00 am	Holy Communion at Heyford Church
	3:00 pm	Walking Nativity Service at Upper Stowe
	6:00 pm	Carols by Candlelight at Heyford Church
Friday 22 nd	6:00 pm	Carols on the Green in Nether Heyford
Sunday 24 th	10:00 am	Holy Communion Service at Brockhall
Christmas Eve	6:00 pm	Village Carol Service at Flore Church
	8:30 pm	Christmas Holy Communion Service at Church Stowe
Monday 25 th	10:00 am	Christmas Holy Communion Service at Flore Church
Christmas Day	10:00 am	Christmas Day Family Service at Upper Stowe
	11:00 am	Christmas Holy Communion Service at Heyford Church
Sunday 31 st	10:00 am	Benefice Service of Holy Communion at Heyford Church

Services for January 2024

Sunday 7 th	8:00 am	BCP Holy Communion at Flore Church
	10:00 am	Holy Communion Service at Church Stowe
	11:00 am	United First Sunday Service at Flore Church
	6:00 pm	Evening Prayer at Heyford Church
Sunday 14 th	10:00 am	Benefice Service of Holy Communion at Heyford Church
Sunday 21 st	10:00 am	Service of Holy Communion at Heyford Church
	6:00 pm	Service of Holy Communion at Upper Stowe
Sunday 28 th	10:00 am	Service of Holy Communion at Flore Church
	10:00 am	Family Service at Upper Stowe
	4:00 pm	Café Church at Heyford Church

Midweek Services:

Wednesday 9:30am Morning Prayer 9:30AM every Wednesday via telephone conference call (not 28th Dec or 17th Jan).

Thursday 10:00am Holy Communion at Flore Church (not 14th or 28th Dec).
2:30pm – 3:30pm Flore Church open for private prayer (not 21st or 28th Dec).

Friday 9:00am Morning Prayer via Zoom. (not 29th December).
Please contact the Rector for an invitation

Praying for our villages:

During **December** we shall be praying for people living in Winston Close, Roberts Field and Ridgeway Furlong in Heyford, Nether Lane and Thornton Close in Flore, The Green in Church Stowe and The Old Rectory, Rose Cottage and Western Cottage in Brockhall.

During **January** we shall be praying for people living in Church Lane and Weedon Rd in Heyford, Spring Lane and Russell Rise in Flore, Francis Row in Upper Stowe and the Stables and Coach House in Brockhall.

Dear Friends,

'In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world... So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David... He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child' (Luke 2:1,4-5)

The Flemish Renaissance painter, Pieter Bruegel the Elder depicts this event in his 1566 masterpiece, 'The Census at Bethlehem', setting Jesus' birth in a busy Flemish village. In the scene, there are lots of men, women, children and animals going about their everyday life. There is no clear focal point in the painting, although there is a crowd of people queuing up to give their names to the officials – a reminder today of the queues we might face as we do our Christmas shopping! Almost hidden, there is a woman on a horse, led by a man on foot. She is covered by a heavy blue cloak. This is Mary, so here is Jesus, concealed from our sight, yet to be born. He is present in this scene of ordinary life, yet not revealed. Here is the Advent hope, our Advent hope. We might imagine the picture to be a kind of 16th Century 'Where's Wally', reminding us that we have to carefully and purposefully look for Jesus. And if we do, we will find him, the light of the world. *'The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it'* (John 1:5).

This Advent and Christmas, the nativity takes centre stage in special events around the parishes of the Benefice. On the weekend of 9th-10th December there is a 'Nativity & Christmas Tree Festival' in Heyford Church, from Noon to 4:00PM each day. Please come along and have a look at a range of different representations of Jesus' birth – including some by local schoolchildren - along with Christmas trees decorated by various local groups and organisations. The event culminates in a service of thanksgiving at 4:00PM on Sunday 10th December.

On Thursday 14th December at 6:30PM at Flore Church, a group of adults are performing 'Joe Carpenter & Son – An English Nativity', a humorous re-telling of the nativity story. Imagine this most familiar tale being told in a kind of Stanley Holloway monologue! Finally, at 3:00PM on Sunday 17th December at Upper Stowe, there will be a 'Walking Nativity', where we will retell the story of Jesus' birth and sing carols as we progress along the Main Street to St James' Church.

In between the latter two events, at 2:00pm on Saturday 16th December at Flore Church, there is a 'Blue Christmas' service, a quiet, reflective service of healing and hope for all those for whom Christmas might be a time of loss or loneliness, sadness or struggle.

I look forward to seeing you at one of these special events, or one of our Christmas services and carol services. In the meantime, I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a peaceful new year. And I pray that you will look carefully and find Jesus, the light of the world, this Christmas, and in the new year ahead.

Rev Stephen (Tel: 01327 344436)



Nether Heyford Baptist Church

Services for December 2023

December 3 rd	10:30 am	Morning service led by Clive Leakey
December 10 th	10:30 am	Christmas gift service led by Martin Buckby
	4:00 pm	Carols by candlelight again led by Martin Buckby (with tea and mince pies)
December 17 th	10:30 am	Service of Lessons and Carols led by Les Britten (coffee after the service)
December 24 th	10:30 am	Christmas Family Service led by Les Britten
December 31 st	10:30 am	Communion service led by Clive Leakey

Services for January 2024

January 7 th	10:30 am	Morning service led by John Perkins
January 14 th	10:30 am	Morning service led by Ted Hales
	4:00 pm	Songs of Praise service led by Martin Buckby (with tea and cakes)
January 21 st	10:30 am	Morning service led by Allan Pope (coffee served after the service)
January 28 th	10:30 am	Communion service led by Martin Buckby

Events

December 12 th	10 am	Prayer and bible study
January 16 th	10 am	Prayer and bible study

All welcome

**Nether Heyford Baptist Church
Christmas Gift service
where we bring
a gift to place under
the tree for the Night Shelter,
these are then taken
before Christmas for
the residents to open
at Christmas
This service is on
Sunday 10th December
at 10.30am**



Everyone welcome



**Nether Heyford Baptist Church
Christmas Candlelit Service
Sunday 10th December
at 4.00pm
Mince pies' and
drinks after.
Everyone welcome to this
lovely chapel
at Christmas time**

The Prattler is run by an active voluntary committee comprising of Sue Boutle, Vicki Hamblin, Mary Rice, Jez Wilson and Mick Watts. If you would like to submit articles or have any suggestions for future issues, please get in touch with us by email or messages left in Heyford Meats or the One Stop shop.

The Newspaper is supported by donations from the Parish Council, the Parish Church, the Baptist Church, Heyford W.I., Heyford Garden Club, Heyford Singers, the Bowls Club, the Village Hall and Heyford Picturedrome as well as the advertisers.

Church of St Peter and St Paul, Heyford

Carols by Candlelight

Sunday

17th December

6pm

All Welcome

Cash collection for The Hope Centre

*Drinks and mince pies will be served
after the service.*



The Heyfords



Calendar 2024

Now available at Heyford Meats, the Post Office and the Foresters.

Get yours while stocks last!

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All proceeds go to the Prattler to help with production costs

Astronomy on the Green

The first thing to get used to, as a sky watcher, is that the Earth is the centre of *your* universe (though not of the real one). That is, you are always standing on the Earth, and that's what everything *seems* to revolve around. It's convenient to think of the sky as a gigantic celestial sphere, a globe surrounding the Earth. The sphere is assumed to be infinite in size; the planets and stars are so far away that their distances don't matter. When you step outside and look up, the sky appears as a dome, a hemispherical bowl.

As the Earth rotates, this bowl seems to twirl around. The Earth rotates from west to east, which causes the sky seemingly to rotate from east to west, once every 23 hours and 56 minutes (one sidereal day). The stars stay in fixed positions on the celestial sphere; the Sun, Moon, and planets gradually move around it in their orbits, so it takes four more minutes (24 hours) for the Sun to get back to the same position. On the celestial sphere, astronomers use lines like those of latitude and longitude on the Earth. The equivalent of latitude is declination, measured in degrees ($^{\circ}$) of arc, positive for north and negative for south. Each degree is divided into sixty minutes ($'$), and each minute is divided into 60 seconds ($''$). "Declination" comes from a Latin word for "bending" or "angle."

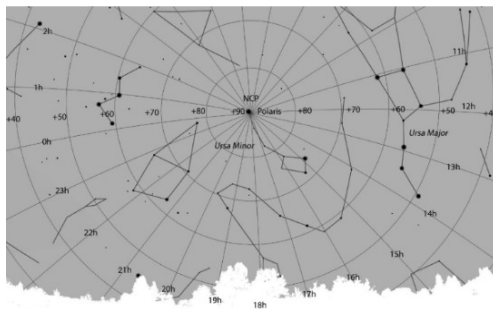
The celestial equivalent of longitude is right ascension. It is measured in hours (0 to 24), minutes, and seconds, rather than degrees, for reasons we'll get to presently. For example, the pole star, Polaris, is at right ascension 2 hours 32 minutes, declination $+89^{\circ} 16'$. The strange name "right ascension" has to do with the rising of a star as viewed from the Earth's equator, where stars with low declinations rise (ascend) vertically. The right ascensions and declinations of stars are essentially fixed, although they shift very slowly because of precession (a gradual wobble of the Earth's axis). The rate of precession is 1° every 72 years. The Sun, Moon, planets, comets, and asteroids are not fixed relative to the stars. You must look up their right ascension and declination for any date.

The declination of Polaris, $+89^{\circ} 16'$, is almost 90° north, which means Polaris is less than a degree away from the north celestial pole and used to calibrate our mounts.

Clear Skies.

Tony Boutle

On the sky map to the right, note the Circumpolar constellations – Ursa Major, Ursa Minor, Cassiopea, Cepheus and Draco [useful signposts].



Aladdin

*The magical
pantomime you've
been wishing for!*



Friday 29th December 2023

2:30pm, doors open at 2pm

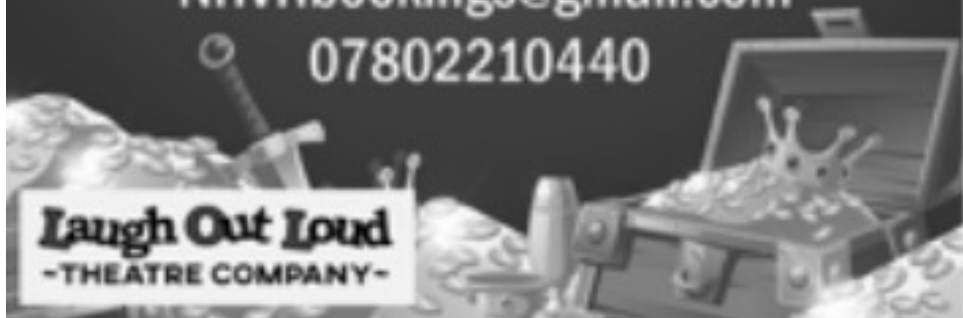
Nether Heyford Village Hall

Tickets: Adult £9, Child £3

NHVVHbookings@gmail.com

07802210440

Laugh Out Loud
-THEATRE COMPANY-



How Nether Heyford can and does continue to support the work of Daventry Food Bank

Daventry Vineyard Community Church set up an independent Food Bank in 2010. Since then, they have helped thousands of families and individuals in the Daventry district, providing them with emergency essential food supplies and toiletries, until other parts of the social care infrastructure kicks in. A food parcel is made up of a week's worth of supplies including toiletries and pet food if applicable and recipients can collect a parcel up to 5 times throughout the year. Recipients are referred by various agencies ie Citizens Advice Bureau, Schools, GPs, Practice Nurses, Vicars to name a few. The Food Bank is supported and relies on the generous giving of the Daventry community and surrounding villages with food and financial donations and sourcing any grants/funding wherever available.

Food and toiletries can be dropped off all year round to various supermarkets supporting the Food Bank ie in Daventry - Tesco, Waitrose, Aldi and our own brilliant OneStop in Nether Heyford. Alternatively, lots of Churches have donation points and during the pandemic individual collection boxes sprang up outside people's houses and remain so today. In Nether Heyford a box outside the front door of 15 Middle Street is another donation point. Food is collected once a week from all the supermarkets, villages and collection boxes by a small band of volunteers and delivered to the Food Bank. These donations are sorted and made into parcels for recipients.

In the words of Ange Gee Senior Pastor/Compassion Ministry Coordinator "At the end of September this year the food bank had already had the same number of referrals as the whole of last year. This is horrific, knowing that the next 3 months are some of the hardest for our service users. We can feed up to 115 people and children in one week. This figure changes week on week due to additional benefits that Universal Credit recipients receive, free school meal vouchers, Household Support Fund food vouchers etc. When these are given, we will naturally see a dip in the amount of people being referred to us. Clearly this shows that people simply do not have enough income to offset the cost-of-living emergency. You will notice that the terminology is changing. Instead of Cost-of-Living Crisis it is now an emergency - crisis generally speaks of short term, this is not short term. You will also see a change when talking about poverty, people are now being described as in hardship, which again speaks of long term. Poverty is being used when the circumstances are severe, really severe. Although that alone could be argued that these people in hardship are in real poverty.

The truth is awful, it is the one thing on the news that I can honestly say is being reported correctly - it's all true.

The Trussell Trust only represents half of the actual amount of food banks in the UK. There are now more food banks than there are McDonalds restaurants.

However, we are in constant awe of those that choose to and are able to support us, however big or small a donation - we are incredibly grateful."

As a volunteer driver for Daventry Food Bank, I just want to take this opportunity thank everyone who continues to support us. We have an amazing community in Nether Heyford.

If anyone is in need of help in Nether Heyford 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.

Maxine Edgington

Playing Fields - Our thanks to Chris (Kit) Andrews

After 12 years voluntarily undertaking the role of Chairman of Heyford Playing Fields Association, Chris (Kit) Andrews will be stepping down at the AGM on Tuesday 28th November 2023. I'm not going to 'list' all the things that have been achieved whilst Kit has 'been in charge', suffice to say we've got 'facilities' that we should all be very proud of and facilities that cater for a multitude of sports and activities - for people of all ages and abilities.

If anyone would like to come to the AGM on 28th November to show their appreciation to Kit, you will be very welcome; although Kit may not welcome all the attention and praise!

Jeff Buck

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:

Charles Kiloh, 3 Church Lane, Nether Heyford Tel. 07779 900860



Christmas Tide Ring Out The Bells!

*Join us for our
Celebration
of Christmas
Songs and
Music*



Friday December 15th & Saturday December 16th

Nether Heyford Village Hall at 7.30pm

Tickets: Adults £10, Children (under 14) £5

From: 01327 340741 or 07971 786912 or

kvra44@gmail.com

www.heyfordsingers.org

Village Hall News

After writing this article I am off to the village hall to help put the Christmas decorations up. Our new tree is waiting for its decorations from our children's competition which will have been judged by the time you read this.

Tickets are still available from committee members for our village pantomime, Aladdin on 29th December at 2.30 at the same prices as last year - £9.00 for adults and £3.00 for children. There will be a seasonal raffle with prizes for all ages so please bring your children and grandchildren for an afternoon of fun.

Our Heyford Feast Harvest supper was a great success with excellent food from James Allen so by popular request we have booked him again for next year. Everyone is welcome so why not join us next year.

Joan Kirkbride - Village Hall Chairman

Tel 01327 340370

Email jknhvvhchairman@gmail.com



Heyford Scouts Christmas Card Delivery Service

Heyford Scouts are pleased to announce that we will be again running our Christmas Card delivery service this year. Donations are still 20p per card, for collection and delivery in Heyford.

We will do a single house to house collection, which will be on the evening of Monday 11th December.

We also plan to have postboxes available at Bliss School, Heyford Meats, One Stop Shop and the Foresters Arms. Please post cards in a bag with payment by 20th December latest.

We are pleased to report that Scouts, Cubs and Beavers, are all doing well, with steadily increasing numbers. There was a wonderful turnout of 21 young people for the Remembrance Sunday parade and service. Thanks go to all the leaders, committee and parent helpers for contributing to the success of the group.

Finally we wish all residents of Heyford a very Merry Christmas!

THE **Heyford** SINGERS

Come and join us for

The Parish Church of
St Peter and St Paul



Carols on the Green

Sing In Christmas!

Friday December 22nd

At 6.00pm

*Nether Heyford Village Green
in front of the Village Hall*



BRING A TORCH!

**All profits from a Bucket Collection will go to
Heyford Singers and Nether Heyford Parish Church**



Heyford Picturedrome

NEXT FILM : 1998 COMEDY : WAKING NED

First shown in 2011 – but being repeated by popular request

Starring Ian Bannen, David Kelly and Fionnula Flanagan

NETHER HEYFORD VILLAGE HALL

THURSDAY 21ST DECEMBER 2023

6.30pm for 6.45pm

CHRISTMAS FILM AND SUPPER EVENING

ADMISSION: £18.00 (Ticket Only)

Tickets available from Rosemary Dunkley (01327 342 588)

When a lottery winner dies of shock
his fellow villagers attempt to claim the money...

JANUARY FILM : THE GREAT ESCAPER

Starring Michael Caine and Glenda Jackson

THURSDAY 18TH JANUARY 2024

7.15 for 7.35pm

Admission £6.00

Bernard Jordan, a real-life veteran escaped his care home in the summer of 2014 to attend the 70th D-Day Landings memorial. It was a story that captured the imagination of the world: Bernie seemed to embody the defiant, 'can-do' spirit of a generation that was fast disappearing.

NETHER HEYFORD

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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

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In Nether Heyford

Our November Meeting was a visit from Nella Gilbert who talked to us about 'Mindfulness and Meditation'. The busy lives we all lead makes it difficult to slow our minds down but she showed us that meditation was a wonderful, calming experience and gave us a very interesting evening, which everyone seemed to enjoy.

Between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Saturday 25th of November will see the members of the WI serving bacon rolls, tea and coffee at the Crafty Club Christmas Sales in the Village Hall. The end results of the many talents of Nether Heyford will be on sale and, if last year is anything to go by, will be a treasure trove in which to find Christmas presents!

Our Christmas Lunch will be held on December 7th when members meet at Greenacres at Staverton. Last year we had a wonderful 3 course meal, followed by mince pies and coffee, so you will understand why it is being repeated!!

After Christmas we will be back in the Village Hall for our Meetings, as usual. On January 4th 2024 at 7.30 our Speaker will be Belinda Brown telling us the story of a Northamptonshire Vineyard. Stonyfield is a single field vineyard, family-owned and run, in Blisworth, Northamptonshire. Unusual as this may sound, they picked their first harvest in 2013 and have won several National Awards for their wine, one of which was the gold Medal Winner in the national competitions run by WineGB. They are the smallest and most northerly vineyard ever to have won!

The Meeting will be an open one at a cost of £5, with refreshments included, and you will be very welcome to join us.

The members of Nether Heyford WI thank you for your support in 2023 and wish you all a Very Happy Christmas and New Year!

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*I heard a bird sing in the dark of December.
A magical thing. And sweet to remember.
We are nearer to Spring than we were in September.
I heard a bird sing in the dark of December.*

*Oliver Herford
1860-1935*

What a variety of Christmas music we shall be singing on Friday December 15th and Saturday 16th! Please see the advertisement in this issue to book your tickets as early as you can to avoid disappointment. Our Pianist Graham Kinnersley did a wonderful afternoon concert in November and 'Dolly Goes to Art Class' was a masterpiece. His name is so well known that we were sold out before all the posters went up. It was a lovely afternoon full of laughter. The tea and cakes went down well so a big thank you to all those that spent time making this another afternoon to remember. Graham entertained sixty people and proceeds went to The Village Hall and The Choir.

The Living Light speaks for itself in the first part of our Concert. As mentioned before it is written in four part harmony with speaking parts. The message is especially important this Christmas and I would urge you to come along and listen to this miraculous story and take part in your favourite carols if only to get a sense of optimism about the future.

The gentlemen's song 'Carol of The Star' by Donald Moore written for Tenor and Bass is beautifully sung during our rehearsals and somehow they manage to pull their 'solo' together before the ladies. Very annoying. But 'Ring out the Bells' is coming along and the Sopranos and Altos will have got the hang of the rather difficult rhythm by the Concert. You can practice and practice a song and then suddenly, out of the blue, it all hangs together. The beautiful, soaring sopranos with the lovely Alto undertones written by Roger Emerson is well worth all the effort that goes into it.

There was an excellent production of 'Jesus Christ Superstar' at Milton Keynes Theatre last month where the atmosphere was electric and the theatre full of young people revelling in the rock, operatic music. And 'I don't know How to Love Him' has stood the test of time and is as moving today as it was in 1971. Also at The Gielgud Theatre in London there is a production called 'Old Friends' – commemorating the works of Stephen Sondheim. And what a genius he was! Knowing very few of the songs that were sung (except for those from West Side Story) it was an amazingly exhausting and brilliant ride through Broadway written by a musical legend. What a body of work he has left us. Funny and perceptive, acted and sung with real professionalism by such well known actresses as Bonnie Langford, the two hours sped by in a blaze of sound and colour. And that was the Matinee performance – they had to do it all again in the evening. It is on until the end of January and I urge you to see it. Fortunately we only have one Concert per night and although we don't dance, I am sure you will all enjoy our Community Choir celebrating Christmas and sung from the heart.

And lastly The Heyford Singers and Parish Church are pleased to announce **Carols on the Green** on Friday 22nd December at 6pm. Wrap up warm and bring a torch. A lovely occasion for young and old.

A Very Merry Christmas To You All.

JRA

Bugbrooke & District Flower Society

Thanking all our members for their continued support and wishing them a Happy Christmas. We look forward to seeing everyone at our AGM on 22nd January 2024.

Plans for Wildlife Area in SS Peter And Paul Churchyard

Villagers walking through the churchyard may have noticed recently that the area in front of the Rectory wall has been cleared of a lot of the growing vegetation, and we would like to update you all on our plans for the area.

In phases we are planning to plant flowers and plants that will look attractive and provide a healthy habitat for wildlife.

First steps will be to dig out remaining bramble roots, the area will be then be covered over in winter.

In the New Year we plan to sow an area with an annual mixture of e.g. Cornflower, Corn Marigolds, Corn cockles etc, as would be found in a grass meadow. This will prepare the ground for the next year when we will mow and plant a suitable wildflower mix, and plant a further area with annuals for the same sequence to be repeated. We are also planning a small area to be left to grow naturally, a bug hotel, and a compost bin to make good use of any vegetation cleared – the compost would be available for villagers to take for their own gardens. There will be display boards with more information about the project (similar to those in place in the churchyard at Stowe)

If anyone is interested in helping out, please contact Shirley from the church on 07919447117, or email Shirley.waterhouse@tiscali.co.uk.

Thanks go to Dave Musson from Heyford Wildlife Association for providing us with ongoing advice.

Congratulations Ashley

After qualifying as a master technician for ISUZU at the beginning of the year, Ashley and another master technician called George from Cornwall, were chosen to represent the United Kingdom against 32 other countries in the ISUZU world technical competition in Japan. Not very well known here but in Japan it is a huge competition also being televised over there.

At the end of October, they spent a week in Yokohama with the competition set over two of those days. I am very pleased to say the United Kingdom (Ashley and George) came 7th.

Yoku Yatta!

We are all very proud of you Ashley.

Helen, Kim, Sheryl, Gemma and family



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Heyford Allotments and Garden Club

Winter Work

As most summer crops are now finished, plot holders have been busy removing dead vegetation and dismantling trellis and wigwams that once supported beans, peas and squash. This, often gloomy time of the year can be a period when it looks as though there is nothing to do on the allotment (and in the garden). However, there is so much that can be done to ensure that next spring we not only get off to a flying start but that we are not confronted by ground that is infested with weed and detritus.

Those big perennial weeds like dandelions and dock can be dug out, grass trimmed around beds to stop it encroaching on plots and the ground mulched with compost or leaf mould. If you know you are not going to be cultivating a patch of ground in the early spring, cover it with landscape fabric. Weeds just love to colonise an area of bare soil – even during the winter months. Confronting that in March or April can be daunting!

Winter is also a great time to carry out maintenance work; sheds can be painted or repaired, most fruit trees and bushes can be pruned and all those bits and pieces that you may have been accumulated over the summer can be disposed of.

Whilst we try hard to reduce the amount that is burnt, now is the time to incinerate things like diseased wood or organic material that you are unable to take to one of our local waste disposal sites. The rules for bonfire on the allotment are simple. During the winter months, they can only be lit after 4.00 pm (it is 7.00 pm during summer time) and only when the wind is blowing **away** from neighbouring houses i.e. westerly or south westerly.

Working outside in your garden or allotment on a winter's day can be really invigorating. Properly attired, it beats an hour in the gym hands down. You get fresh air, exercise and a real sense of achievement when you see a job completed.

Hedges

The hedges around the allotment have now been pruned. They look so much smarter and help provide an important barrier as well as a valuable habitat for a wildlife. If you ever have any issues about hedges and access to footpaths around the allotment, don't hesitate to contact us on one of the numbers overleaf.

The new low hedge planted when the playing field extension was created is growing away well, along with the fruit trees that the late Geoff Thorneycroft was keen to see planted. That too will be "topped out" in the winter to encourage thicker growth in the coming seasons.

Community Days

We are always grateful to the good folk who come to help us on our twice-yearly Community Days and a special thanks goes to those villagers who joined us in October. It is remarkable what we can achieve in just two hours. Our next session will be on Saturday April 6th. It would be lovely to see a few more people joining us. The allotments in Heyford have become a really positive feature of the village and an asset that has been recognised by people far and wide. We would be so grateful if you could help us continue the good work.

Why Allotments Are Good For Us

We are fortunate in Heyford to have such a thriving community of growers and space for them to work. Not so for many parts of the UK, as this article from Greenpeace makes clear:

*Right now, there is an almost 175,000 strong waiting list for allotments across Great Britain. Allotments can feed four people each, which means they could potentially **feed almost 700,000 people - that's more than the population of Bristol or Edinburgh**. If granted, these allotments could provide huge benefits, in a cost of living and climate crisis, where people are looking to empower themselves and grow planet friendly food for their communities. They would improve people's mental health and wellbeing by creating a sense of purpose and increasing opportunities to connect with others as well as spend time in nature.*

*And we have legal rights to them. Everyone has the legal right to request an allotment and councils are legally obliged to provide a sufficient number. **Under the 1908 Allotment Act, if six people from different households apply for an allotment together, their council has a legal obligation to find them a space.***

How lucky we are.

Security

We are very fortunate in not experiencing much vandalism on the allotments, this is even more remarkable given that it is an open site. However, we do experience the odd crime – not least theft from sheds and storage areas. Plot holders are encouraged to ensure sheds are securely locked and that where possible, valuable items are not left there overnight. We are enormously grateful to all the villagers who keep an eye out for suspicious behaviour and alert us promptly if they are concerned.

Vacancies

There are still very few plots vacant for rent, although if you are keen to start allotmenting, don't hesitate to contact Lynda Eales on 01327 341707 or by email at lyndaeales@aol.com

Plots do become available from time to time and as our January Rent Night approaches there may be current plot holders who decide to give up their allotment in the coming year.

Contacts

Don't hesitate to contact either Lynda or me if you have any allotment related questions.

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Heyford Garden Club

Unfortunately, Maria Greenhill, the speaker who should have joined Heyford Garden Club for their November meeting was struck down with Covid – a salutary warning to us all. She will hopefully be joining us in December. Instead, we were very fortunate, at short notice, to acquire the services of Andrew Mikolajski, an excellent speaker and garden expert who talked to the group about the importance of ROOTS. That all might sound a bit esoteric, but it was fascinating, highly entertaining and most importantly for gardeners, full of good practical advice.

Fingers crossed Maria Greenhill has recovered from her bout of Covid when the Garden Club will welcome her to their December meeting at 7.30 pm on Monday 11th December when she will be talking about garden design.

Villagers and friends are most welcome to join Heyford Garden Club. They are a friendly bunch of people who are full of good ideas and practical advice. They gather once a month in the village hall and like so many village organisations, can only thrive if they get regular support from the community. Do help keep organisations like this alive by offering your support.

If you would like to know any more about Heyford Garden Club contact Linda Hall at linda.hall.netherheyford@outlook.com

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'In Search of Amazing' A photographic journey by John Hammons

If you or anyone you know is interested in photography, or anyone who just enjoys looking at stunning images, then this presentation is for you and not to be missed. Throughout the illustrated talk there will be tips on how to improve your photography, and will cover many different genres of image making created both near and far away. John will explore the connections between photography and wellbeing, and how photography has influenced peoples' perception of the world we all share together.

Planet Earth 3 and many nature programmes fronted by David Attenborough that we have all seen on TV have changed our view on the world and its conservation through the magnificent photography of its cameramen and women.

Many American National Parks were created and passed into existence by Congress because of the photography presented to them of these previously unseen, remote, wild and beautiful areas that needed protection for future generations. This was back at the beginning of the 20th century. Photography has been very influential in creating the world we now live in, and is continuing to do so. As they say "a picture is worth a thousand words".

The Upper Nene Villages group of the u3a includes the many villages close to Bugbrooke. We meet at the Bugbrooke Sports and Community Centre on the 3rd Monday of the month at 2pm. Visitors are always very welcome and a cash attendance fee is made which includes tea or coffee.

15 January 'In Search of Amazing' a photographic journey by John Hammons
19 February 'Sir Winston Churchill' the man behind the legend by Roger Mason



Flood Watch

The end of October until mid November saw the UK hit by successive Atlantic storm fronts causing storms named Babit, Ciaran and Debi. Although not unusual for this time of year, the severity of each storm had not been seen since 1989. The South Coast and Scotland were battered by wind speeds up to 100 mph and unusually heavy rainfall causing devastating flooding. Locally we appeared to be sheltered from the severity of these storms although rainfall increased and temperatures plummeted.

October rainfall ended up at 175% of normal followed by November at 150%. As a result the yearly rainfall total has leapt to 125% of normal. On all three occasions the river rose sharply with storm Babit raising the river to within 300mm (1 ft) of causing water on the floodplain. Fortunately the river coped well with the typical 24 hour to return to normal.

Ongoing forecasts indicate more unsettled weather with daytime temperatures dropping to single figures with overnight frost likely. This may be interspersed with the occasional warmer day as the jet stream draws warmer air up from the south.

By the end of November sunset will reduce to 15.56 with a day length of 8 hours 20 minutes. By 22 December (the end of Autumn and the shortest day of the year) the day length will reduce to 7 hours 42 minutes. Into January sunset times will increase along with daylight hours.

Following Environment Agency strikes earlier in the year over enforced redundancies the Government has announced that Flood Protection plans will be severely cut back. The so called Enhanced Protection Plan due by 2027 will be slashed by 40% and 25% of new flood defence projects will be axed resulting in the loss of 500 out of 2000. The net result is an extra 136,000 homes will be at risk of flooding. At a time when climate changes are resulting in more extreme weather events, flooding events will become more common place. Cutting of flood defence projects will be false economy and the impact on people's lives will increase let alone the cost of restoration.

J. Arnold.

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Flore Arts Events

LAST CALL for our final event of the year...

Singer NEIL RICHARDSON entertains, Saturday 2nd December, 7.30pm. Flore Millennium Hall. A relaxed wine and cheese evening with a Christmas twist.

Neil is an experienced entertainer who covers a wide range of standards from the Pop, Soul & Motown, Swing, and West End-Broadway Musical Theatre repertoire. And yes, there will be Christmas favourites!

We think this will be a great way to get your Christmas season off to a festive start in a convivial bistro-style setting. We're including your first drink and a selection of cheese with your ticket; there will also be a cash bar. Box office now open: tickets £12.50. Call Rosemary Read on 01327 341026 (between 9am and 6pm).

Meanwhile the committee are pulling together the 2024 programme. Watch this space - or keep up to date with our plans on our website at www.floreartsevents.com and our Flore Arts Events Facebook page. We hope to see you soon!



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View from the Wildlife Patch

2023 has been a strange year for wildlife. It began when small Tortoiseshell butterflies were not around to feed on red dead nettle and coltsfoot flowers as they have in all of my life until now. It turns out they have been attacked by a parasitic fly (*Sturmia bella*) which lay eggs on their food plant (stinging nettle). The caterpillars eat the eggs along with the nettle leaf. These eggs then hatch inside the caterpillar. The tiny fly larvae proceed to eat the unfortunate larvae from inside to emerge through the skin when the caterpillar becomes a chrysalis. Adult *Sturmia* then go on to infect more nettles with their eggs.

This fly has been in the UK since 1998 so there are questions as to whether they are the main reason for the decline of butterflies. However, there has been a huge increase in reported sightings of *Sturmia* on small tortoiseshell pupae this year. Is it really a coincidence that this year when we have seen a big drop in numbers of this butterfly.? Some may argue that it is climate change that is the real cause of the decline. I have one foot in both camps. All species of parasites have limiting factors that prevent them from running out of hosts. Hopefully we will shortly see these factors coming into play here.

On "The Patch" we hope to get more frogs now the pond is watertight. A fellow allotment holder said he found a shovel in the pond in October 2022. The shape of the hole in the pond was consistent with that. The pond looks great now the hole is repaired and rain has filled it to the brim. We are discussing what to do to prevent heavy water loss through evaporation.

The wildlife patch has a bit more ground. A patch of approximately 6x3 meters adjoining the rest of the patch is now covered by black plastic sheet. In March 2024, we will look under that plastic. If the soil is clear of perennial plants, we will sow it with Cornfield annuals as with that previously covered last Spring. If there are more perennials to kill, we will leave it till Autumn 2024 before doing the same.

There is a gap of about 25m in the roadside boundary hedge and have ordered mixed native hedging to replant that which has been lost. These will be planted when the trees arrive. There are also other gaps appearing as hedgerow Elms succumb to Dutch Elm Disease. We will fill these as and when appropriate. This hedge originally bordered a brook and is mostly of ancient origin but some has been sensitively replaced over decades. We are just continuing that process.

We have a few spare trees in the community tree nursery. There are some Bird Cherries, one Wild Cherry and some Hornbeams. The latter are quite small. They are free of charge if you are planting them for Wildlife. Please contact me to discuss your project to decide if you meet the criteria.

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,

Dave Musson



PFA 300 Club Winners (2022-23)

Congratulations to all our winners over the past 12 months. Apologies for not always publishing the numbers promptly, so here's the full list of winners:

Draw	Month	Prize	Amount	Number	Winner	Collector
1	Nov	1st	£65	53	Roz Adams	NA
1	Nov	2nd	£30	90	Bowls Club	MD
2	Dec	Jackpot	£150	102	Tennis Club	TC
2	Dec	1st	£65	154	M Jones	TC
2	Dec	2nd	£30	45	Rod Galt	PMc
3	Jan	1st	£65	171	Jeremy Rice	JR
3	Jan	2nd	£30	101	Tennis Club	TC
4	Feb	1st	£65	210	Elaine Young	JR
4	Feb	2nd	£30	13	John Gowen	FC
5	Mar	1st	£65	313	Lorraine Streeter	MD
5	Mar	2nd	£30	208	Graham Young	JR
6	Apr	1st	£65	1	Football Club	FC
6	Apr	2nd	£30	7	Peter Macintosh	CG
7	May	1st	£65	210	Elaine Young	JR
7	May	2nd	£30	190	Dot Gillespie	CG
8	Jun	1st	£65	325	Emma Stone	FB
8	Jun	2nd	£30	118	Gill Smith	TC
9	Jul	1st	£65	53	Roz Adams	NA
9	Jul	2nd	£30	268	Kath Pancoust	MR
10	Aug	1st	£65	97	Linda Browett (Johnboy)	KC
10	Aug	2nd	£30	150	Tennis Club	TC

We always have a spare number or two, so please get in touch if you'd like to join. It's only £10 per year!

Thanks

As you may have heard, I'm stepping down as Chair of the PFA - so I'd like to take this last opportunity to offer a massive thank you to everybody who's supported the PFA during my tenure as chairman.

There really are far too many for me to name (I could fill a whole edition of the Prattler!) - some have contributed a little, some a lot, some their time, some offering donations, and others their knowledge. Alas, some are no longer with us, but every single one of them, past and present, has made the Sports Clubs (and by association, the PFA) the successes they are and I can only offer my sincerest gratitude.

I hope everyone reading this will join me in continuing to support the Playing Fields in the coming years. It's a fantastic asset to the village, and with your help will continue to grow and flourish. All of our helpers, volunteers, patrons, supporters, members and players should be rightly proud of all they've achieved.

Kit Andrews

With the current Chairman (Chris Kit Andrews) stepping down at the AGM, we have now managed to find someone who is prepared to 'have a go' at the role and see how things go - fingers crossed they find it to their liking.

Ann Hindson, who has been our Treasurer for many years, would also like to step down, so we are now looking for a new Treasurer to take over as soon as possible. Ann (like Kit) will also be able to step-down with great pride of what has been achieved during her long involvement with Heyford Playing Fields Association.

Finally, we're very keen to fill the vacant Parishioner roles on the committee. These roles/people would be the 'eyes and ears' of the village and local communities, thereby ensuring we are fulfilling the needs of the community.

If you'd like to get involved or want anymore information, please give me a shout:

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Heyford Bowls Club

Saturday 11th November saw over 50 members coming together and celebrating the end of another bowls season with our Presentation Evening. After a lovely Fish and Chip supper the winners of the inter club competitions from both the Short Mat and Outdoor sections were acknowledged and received their trophies and prizes that were presented by our President Joan Juland. It was great to see many new entries in these competitions and lovely to see some new names on the trophies.

December will see our members enjoy the final two social events of the year, the Bowls Christmas Quiz followed two weeks later by our Christmas party. Fun and frolics will be the order of both evenings with the traditional animated "12 Days of Christmas" sing song which is always highly amusing, as you can imagine, with over 50 merry members taking part.

Short Mat Bowls

Firstly we would like to thank Ray and Rosemary Haddon for their sterling work in running the short mat section for over 20 years. They have decided that it is time for a change. The Benco Shield was played last month and we congratulate the winning pair of Lorraine Foulks (one of our new members) and Graham Drake for giving us a great afternoons match. Saturday 18th November saw the final competition of the year, the men vs the ladies. As usual this was a fiercely fought match with the ladies certainly challenging the men right up to the last couple of ends. However the men came out triumphant winning 15 – 9. We would like to thank everyone who took part and for the many spectators that made the afternoon so successful.

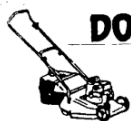
We always welcome new members of any age either in the afternoon or evenings each Wednesday. The afternoon sessions are getting fuller but the evening numbers have fallen lately. Why not give it a try, meet new friends and have fun. Help is at hand and all you need is flat soled shoes or even socks. Bowls are available for you to use each week. We meet every Wednesday throughout the year in the village hall 2pm – 4pm and 7pm – 9.30pm. You will be most welcome. Any further details available from Rosemary Dunkley 01327 342588.

That just leaves me to wish all our members, maintenance volunteers and friends a very Happy Christmas and New Year and we look forward to seeing you all again in 2024.

Lorraine Streeter
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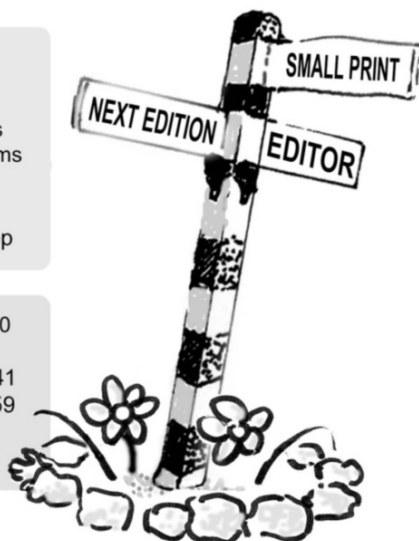
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