

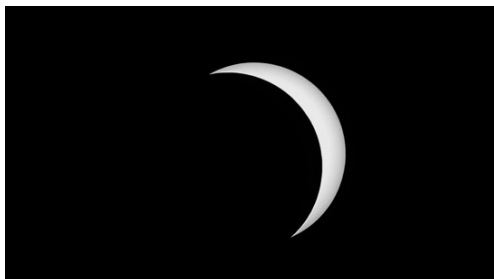
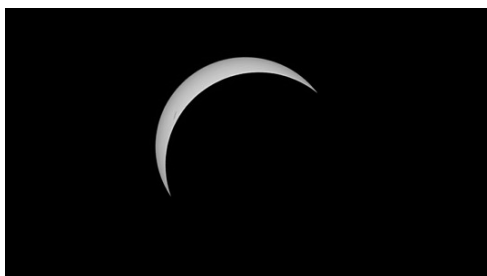
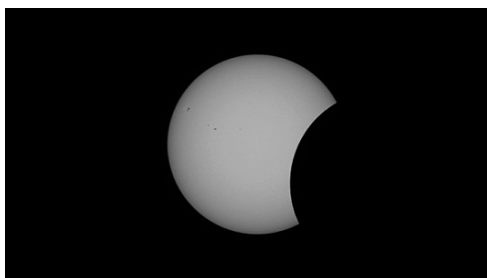


# THE PRATTLER

The Heyford Village Newspaper

September 2026

Issue 492



Eclipse on the Green - 12<sup>th</sup> August 2026 - Tony Boutle

## The Prattler - 500<sup>th</sup> issue

The 500<sup>th</sup> edition of the Prattler will be in June 2027 which is a tremendous achievement for a village newsletter.

Therefore I've decided that I should retire as Editor on the following issue which will be for July/August so we are looking for someone else to take over the reins. If anyone is interested in this, please let me know so we can work alongside each other in producing the next few issues before I give up completely. Please contact me at [heyford\\_prattler@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:heyford_prattler@yahoo.co.uk) if you are interested.

The Prattler is run by a voluntary committee comprising of Sue and Tony 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 leave a message in Heyford Meats. Articles can also be dropped through the door at Sunrise Cottage, 15 The Green.

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

Thanks are also due to the volunteers who distribute it every month. It is all very much appreciated.

*Sue (Prattler Ed)*

**Cover Photo:** Thanks to Tony Boutle - Astronomy on the Green for sharing his photos

## 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



The July Meeting of Nether Heyford Parish Council took place on July 6th , and there was no meeting in August.

**West Northants Councillor reports** PB felt that the signage for Furnace Lane was ambiguous and that weight limit signs would be helpful. He had liaised with the PCSO on the issue. He felt that Evri were responsible for not making sure their drivers were equipped with the right sat navs, which would alert them to the restrictions.

**Public Participation** A resident complained of lack of progress on the chicane, saying that the “objector” had withdrawn his objection, and that the highways small works team was waiting for the Parish Council to issue instructions. Council had not been informed as to whom the objector was, as this was confidential. The Parish Council had no awareness that they had any input into when work would or could start – this being in the hands of Highways/Keir. Councillors expressed their frustration at the continued delays in installing the chicane; numerous e-mails had been sent and enquiries made. Council had also paid their match funding for the chicane in March 2025.

**Flood Mitigation options and concerns. - Quotes.** TW had contacted 4 companies – only one of which had been willing to quote for an hydrological survey. It was felt that a survey was a vital precursor to attaining grants/finance for a mitigation scheme which might be in partnership with Anglian Water, the Environment Agency etc. Flooding occurs when there is exceptional run off down the hills from the Watling Street, and the survey would seek to identify ways of slowing down the flow. TW felt that there would be significant savings in the cost of street lighting (which was evidenced by the latest invoice from Valda) and that money intended for the Play Area could be temporarily diverted.

Resolved. To commission RAB to carry out an hydrological survey at a cost of £6500.

**HGVs on Furnace Lane** The PCSO outlined her efforts to try and sort out this situation. She had been in touch with Evri and had obtained copies of their training materials which all drivers using the depot are supposed to have had. She had contacted the traffic commissioner, and all companies involved in supplying the depot.

**Church Wall** Mr Sleight to be asked to do a report on the rest of the east wall. Resolved. Mr Sleight to be asked to carry out the remedial work on the east wall. Clerk cautioned that a faculty from the diocese and permission to work on a listed structure might be required first. Clerk to inform PCC that the work would be paid for on a 50/50 basis as agreed and without prejudice.

**SID data** A report to be done for the next Prattler. LH asked to be sent the data on a monthly basis, and felt that a 2nd person needs to learn how to operate the SIDs. IP reluctant to do more than one reading a month. PB recommended a software system.

**Email addresses.** To change to new style. Clerk to initiate.

## **Reports:**

**Environment.** No report.

**Wellbeing** No report.

## **Infrastructure**

Weedon Rd Dog bin. Resolved bin to be remounted on separate pole

## **Visibility at Bliss Close egress**

Hedge and trees had been cut back to improve visibility.

## **Heritage**

The artist has not been available. TW has experiment with A1 with good results to create “pencil drawings” of significant houses and buildings.

## **Community**

**Allotments** LE reported that the bench has been lifted from its concrete base.

KR reported that the exercise classes had had to be cancelled due to high temperatures

**Parish Council meetings** in 2026 will normally be on the first Monday of each month, (unless a Bank Holiday) and would start at 19.30

**Reporting Canal Issues** can be done by phoning **0303 040 4040** during normal office hours.

**Reporting Highway and Footpath Issues** - The Clerk will report issues that the council is made aware of, but the council would encourage residents to use the Fixmystreet service to report issues themselves as there will then be no time lag;

and first-hand reports are almost always better than 2nd or 3rd hand reports.

The service can be found here

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

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

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

Roadworks locally & nationally can be seen on this site

**<http://streetworks.org.uk/live-traffic-works-map/>**

## **U3A**

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

They are usually on the **third Monday afternoon of the month**, starting at 2 pm.

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September – Special Operations Executive**  
by Philomena Liggins

Agents behind enemy lines

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)**

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**Next Meeting: Monday September 7<sup>th</sup> at the Baptist Church rooms.**

## **A New Chapter for Nether Heyford Play Area**

For generations, Nether Heyford Village Green has been much more than an attractive open space at the centre of our village. It has been somewhere to meet, play, celebrate and spend time together.

Cricket was played on the Green more than a century ago, football followed, Heyford Feast and the visiting fair became part of village tradition, and sometime during the 1950's another important feature appeared — our children's playground.

There is a particularly interesting piece of local history behind it. When the M1 and Junction 16 were being constructed in the late 1950s, some of the excavated earth was brought into Nether Heyford and used to landscape part of the Village Green to create an area for the playground. By the 1970's it was equipped with a range of Wicksteed play equipment, manufactured just up the road in Kettering. More than seventy years later, children and families are still using the play area. The Parish Council wants to make sure that continues for future generations.

The play area is regularly inspected and maintained, but inevitably time takes its toll. Some of the equipment is now tired, some is approaching or has reached the point where replacement needs to be considered, and there is an opportunity to look at the area as a whole rather than simply replacing individual pieces as they wear out.

**We are therefore beginning a project to refurbish the Nether Heyford Play Area and have allocated funds to support this project.**

The Parish Council has already allocated some funding towards the project, providing us with a starting point. The eventual scope of the refurbishment, however, will be informed by what residents tell us, together with the practicalities, costs and any opportunities for additional funding.

At this stage, rather than starting with a catalogue of playground equipment, we want to start with the people who use it — and those who perhaps don't use it at the moment.

What works well? What doesn't? Which age groups are well catered for and which are not? What would children and young people enjoy? Would better seating, accessibility, shade or different types of play make a difference? And what might encourage families to spend more time there? Before plans are drawn up or equipment selected, we would therefore really like to hear from residents.

We have put together a short questionnaire which should take only a few minutes to complete. You do not need to have young children to take part. Grandparents, carers, young people, neighbours and anyone with an interest in the Village Green are very welcome to give us their views.

Copies are available from **The One Stop** and **Heyford Meats**. They should be returned by **October 17<sup>th</sup>**.

The feedback will help the Parish Council develop a brief for the refurbishment and identify the priorities that matter most to our community. We cannot promise that every suggestion will be possible — there will inevitably be considerations around space, safety, accessibility, planning and, of course, funding — but we *can* promise that residents' views will help shape what happens next.

The Village Green has adapted to changing generations for well over a century. We would like its play area to do the same.

**Please tell us what you would like its next chapter to look like.**

*Nether Heyford Parish Council*

## **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 bank in the box outside the door of 15 Middle Street or the One Stop Shop where they are delivered to the bank once a week. Thank you.

## **PCSO Contact:**

Emma Teagles C7155

Police Community Support Officer (PCSO)

South Northants Neighbourhood Police Team

Telephone: 101 ext 343029/07866933412

Email: [emma.teagles@northants.police.uk](mailto:emma.teagles@northants.police.uk)



# The Upper Nene Benefice

(The Benefice of Heyford with Stowe-nine-Churches, Flore with Brockhall and Weedon Bec with Dodford)



## Parish Church of

## St. Peter and St. Paul

### Services for September 2026

|                         |          |                                                    |
|-------------------------|----------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>  | 09:30 am | <i>Holy Communion at Church Stowe</i>              |
|                         | 11:00 am | <i>Holy Communion at Dodford</i>                   |
|                         | 6:00 pm  | Evening worship at Heyford Church                  |
| Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> | 11:00 am | <i>Benefice Holy Communion Service at Weedon</i>   |
| Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> | 9:30 am  | <i>Holy Communion at Weedon Church</i>             |
|                         | 11:00 am | Holy Communion at Heyford Church                   |
|                         | 6:00 pm  | <i>Holy Communion at Upper Stowe</i>               |
| Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> | 11:00 am | <i>Holy Communion at Flore Church</i>              |
|                         | 4:00 pm  | Café Church at Heyford – Harvest at the Allotments |

### Midweek Services: Thursdays

10:00 am                      Holy Communion (or Morning Prayer)      Flore Church  
2.30pm - 3.30pm          Flore Church open for private prayer

### Fridays

9:00 am                      Morning Prayer via Zoom  
Please let the Rector know if you'd like to join the service

During **September** we shall be praying for people living in Furnace Lane in Heyford, the High Street, including the shops and the Millennium Hall in Flore, The Old Dairy Farm in Upper Stowe and the outlying farms around Stowe and the Mews Houses in Brockhall. In Weedon Bec we pray for Harmans Way, Windsor Close, Regency Close, The Greys and Lancers Way, and in Dodford, people living on London Road.

It has been a fun move into the village of Weedon Bec and it has been good fun going out walking, getting slightly lost looking for the pathways to the other churches in the benefice. The walk to Flore and Stowe-nine-Churches is pretty straight forward, but I don't think I will be walking to Brockhall anytime soon. The dogs have never had so much wildlife in the garden, we all recently discovered that squirrels are quite noisy when they want to be, and wow some of the spiders!! If you heard a scream not so long ago, that was me as one was on my dressing gown!

The first few weeks have been a lot to take in. Being ordained at Peterborough cathedral, moving, changing every address, trying to get to know as many people as possible (sorry if I ask for your name again) and taking on your recommendations of where to go next has been awesome, so if we haven't met yet, we will do hopefully soon. There is a real spirit in the community, it was great to see it first hand at the recent fete at Upper Stowe, and I look forward to being a part of it and working together to bring some of your ideas together.

The heat has been challenging! As someone who prays daily, rest assured I am praying for some rain for everyone and everything. The heat has proven difficult for us all and the wildlife has really been struggling. Even more so with some of the fires that have been happening, bringing added pressures to landowners, fire services and the wildlife.

Being called to ministry, you go through a long process of education and interviews. I wouldn't class myself as a theologian who is about to write his first book, but what became very apparent to me, is the importance of each other and how Christ pulls us together for each other, and in that, shows us what we can overcome. During Holy Communion we say, "we are one body, because we all share in one bread", and we are all one people. In the few weeks I have been here, meeting people from across the six villages of the Upper Nene Benefice, I have been shown kindness, willingness and openness about what is expected from me as a minister and as a church.

There are big dates in the calendar, and it would be great to see you there. Even though we are in the middle of summer, your churches are planning remembrance services, Christmas services and events, and looking at doing more community events over the coming months and years where we can meet and enjoy the fullness of this community and God's creation.

On that quick note to you all I will leave you with these words, from the book of Hebrews "Stir up love and good works by meeting together and encouraging one another" and from the book of Psalms, "How good and pleasant it is when Gods people live together in unity".

Have a blessed day,

*Rev'd. John Robinson (Assistant Curate)*



## A Warm Welcome Awaits

Everyone is warmly welcome to join us at Nether Heyford Baptist Church throughout September. Whether you're new to the area, just curious, or simply fancy some good company, do come along on any of the dates listed below — you'll find a friendly welcome, time for fellowship, and refreshments to enjoy together.

We'd also love to hear from anyone interested in joining our music team, as well as those with a knack for technology who might enjoy lending a hand with our PA system. No experience necessary, just a willingness to get stuck in! If you're interested, please do speak to one of the team or get in touch.

### Harvest Service — Sunday 11th October

Join us for our special Harvest Service on Sunday 11th October, as we give thanks together for God's provision throughout the year. This year we'll be collecting tinned and dried goods to donate to The Hope Centre in Northampton, supporting local families who need a helping hand. Please do bring along a tin or two to place at the front as part of our offering.

As it says in Galatians 6:9, we're encouraged not to grow weary in doing good, for in due season we'll reap a harvest — if we don't give up. What a lovely picture of what Harvest is all about: sowing kindness, and trusting God with the growing.

We'd love for you to be part of it, whether you've been coming for years or would just like to see what it's about. Do come along, bring a tin, and stay for refreshments afterwards.

*Pastor Lee*

**6th September Sunday**  
10.30am-11.30am

Service, Good News for Everyone

**13th September Sunday**  
10.30am-11.30am

Service, Pastor Lee

**13th September Sunday**  
4pm-4.45pm

Praise & Worship, Pastor Lee  
+ Band!

**16th September Wednesday**  
10am-11am

Bible Study

|                                                  |                                    |
|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>20th September, Sunday</b><br>10.30am-11.30am | Service, Nathan Toseland           |
| <b>25th September Friday</b><br>10am-12pm        | Book Sale                          |
| <b>27th September Sunday</b><br>10.30am-11.30am  | Service (Communion), Martin Buckby |
| <b>4th October Sunday</b><br>10.30am-11.30am     | Service, Tony Brown                |
| <b>11th October Sunday</b><br>10.30am-11.30am    | Harvest Service, Pastor Lee        |
| <b>11th October Sunday</b><br>4pm-4.45pm         | Praise & Worship, Pastor Lee       |
| <b>18th October Sunday</b><br>10.30am-11.30am    | Service, Ted Hales                 |
| <b>21st October Wednesday</b><br>10am-11am       | Bible Study                        |
| <b>23rd October Friday</b><br>10am-12pm          | Book sale                          |
| <b>25th October Sunday</b><br>10.30am-11.30am    | Service (Communion), Clive Leakey  |

**Website:** [NetherHeyford.Church](http://NetherHeyford.Church)

**Facebook:** [NHBapChurch](https://www.facebook.com/NHBapChurch)

**Phone:** **01604 389 405**

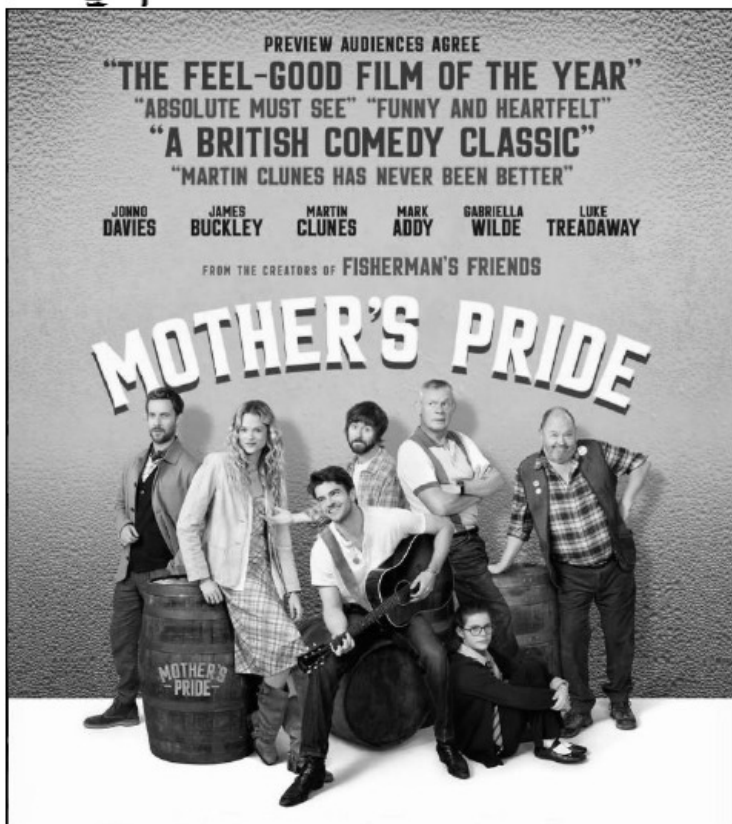
Pastor Lee Hillyard

Nether Heyford Baptist Church,

The Green, Nether Heyford, Northants, NN7 3LE



**Heyford Picturedrome**  
**presents –**  
**Mother's Pride**



September's Film: doors open at 7:00PM, showing at 7:30.

Tickets £6 includes free tea, coffee and biscuits.

Mother's Pride 2026; 12 rating – 1 hour 35 minutes.

A comedy about a failing pub, a divided community and a grieving family whose lives are changed by brewing real ale and entering the Great British Beer Awards.

2026 Directed by Nick Moorcroft. The film stars Martin Clunes, James Buckley, Jonno Davies, Mark Addy and Gabriella Wilde.

Soft and alcoholic drinks can be purchased at the Bar.



**Nether Heyford**  
**Village Hall**



## 300-Club Winners

|             |     |               |     |
|-------------|-----|---------------|-----|
| <b>June</b> | 35  | Joanne Bird   | £65 |
|             | 8   | Cricket Club  | £30 |
| <b>July</b> | 31  | Dave Pickford | £65 |
|             | 132 | Cricket Club  | £30 |

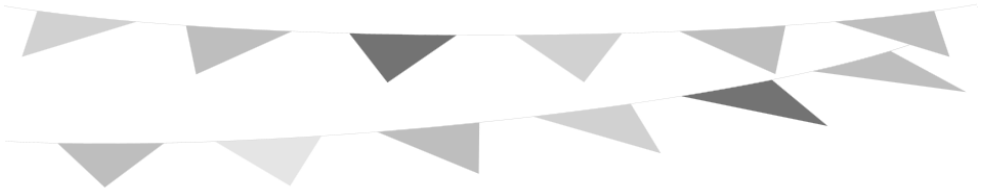
Everyone who serves on the committee running the playing field would like to put out a big thank you to everyone who supports the 300 Club by buying a number each year. Although most people on the committee either live in Heyford or have strong links with the village, our Chairman David Hawkins, his wife Laura who puts countless hours in keeping the clubhouse and bar running to support our village teams and supporters and Ian Martin who is Chairman of the Football Club all live in Northampton.

We are lucky to have people who are prepared to put plenty of hours into the voluntary work they do to keep this village facility developing and this work sees the individual sports clubs providing fantastic sporting opportunities for us all to enjoy. However, without the support of the village, this work would be far more difficult. With the recent granting of planning permission for a new club house, we are now in a position to really move this Heyford Sports Clubs to the next level.

We will be working hard to raise funds to push this project forwards over the coming months and we would like to extend an invitation for all in the village to pop down on a Saturday or Sunday to support our Heyford teams and to get to know some of the committee who are working hard to push things forward.

Finally, a thank you as well to the team who run the 300 Club and spend time, usually in the winter months, knocking on doors asking for your support.

*The HSC Committee*



**St Peter and St Paul Church, Nether Heyford**

## **Church Fete**

**Saturday 5th September**

**2-4pm**

**In The Rectory Garden**

(in the church and church rooms if wet)

***Cake Stall, Tombola, Teas, Games,  
Bits and Bobs Stalls, Children's Activities***

***Music from 'Too Many Saxz'***

**Everybody Welcome**

St Peter and St Paul Church, Nether Heyford

Invite you to

## A Harvest Festival Service

Followed by refreshments.

At The Community Area of

**Nether Heyford Allotments**

**4pm**

**Sunday 27th September**

**Everybody welcome**

*We will be collecting donations of non-perishable items  
(for example tinned or packaged food, pet food, toiletries, toilet rolls).  
for **Daventry Food Bank**. Thank you*

**St Peter and St Paul Church,**

**Nether Heyford**

Invite you to put your thinking caps on and join us for a

## QUIZ NIGHT

In aid of church funds

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September, 7.00 for 7.30pm start**

**in the CHURCH ROOMS**

Teams of up to six people

or make up teams on the night

**£5 per person**

**Tea/coffee and biscuits will be served at half time and there will be a raffle**

**Please bring your own drinks and nibbles if required**

Quizmasters Rev Stephen and Deborah Burrow

Please book beforehand by contacting Jane on [janerands@gmail.com](mailto:janerands@gmail.com)

or 01327 340678





[www.heyfordsingers.org](http://www.heyfordsingers.org)

## **Heyford Singers Welcomes New Singers**

### **Men and Women—All Abilities**

We're about to enter our **25th** Year and we'll soon start rehearsals for our Christmas Concert.

We're based in Nether Heyford and being a Community Choir we accept all singers of all abilities. We won't audition you and nobody has ever been turned away because they 'can't sing' - we firmly believe that everyone can!

All are welcome, but we particularly need men, especially Basses, though our Tenor section could use reinforcements as well. Don't worry if you don't know what part you can sing, we'll sort that out when you join us. There's about **45** of us so you won't stand out.

### **Important—Change to Rehearsal Dates**

Lucy Mason is our vibrant new Musical Director and in order to fit in with her busy schedule we have changed our rehearsal dates – we now rehearse mainly on Monday evenings from 7.30 to 9.30pm, in

Nether Heyford Village Hall.

If you would like to drop in and find out what we're all about you're welcome to join us at 7.30pm on Monday, September 7th or 14th. You can join in and sing with us or just sit and listen, we don't mind, and you won't be auditioned!

If you want to get more information call me, Keith Rands-Allen on  
**01327 340741 or 07971 786912**

## Astronomy on the Green

Firstly, a correction to the comments I made during the event on the Green. I was in error, totality occurred directly over parts of the west coast near Reykjavik. This was a popular destination for total chasers.

So yes, the subject of this month's article is the recent solar eclipse. As we saw from the Green the moon slid across the Sun's face obscuring around 92% of it. The temperature dropped noticeably, but even just 8% of the Sun output was enough to illuminate the ground which was only slightly dimmed.

A total eclipse (as I have witnessed once) brings around a spooky darkness that sends birds early to their roosts, followed by a false 'dawn' chorus. The next total solar eclipse visible from the UK will occur on 23 September 2090. Before then, a deep partial solar eclipse will obscure up to 99% of the sun in parts of the UK on 3rd September 2081. It is unlikely that many, if any, of the observers on the Green will be witnessing these events. So, what makes total eclipse such a rare event?

A total solar eclipse is rarely seen at any specific location because the Moon's dark shadow (the umbra) is very narrow - usually only 62 to 168 miles wide - and covers less than one percent of Earth's surface as it races past. While a total eclipse happens somewhere on Earth every 18 months, any single spot on the globe waits an average of 400 years for one to return.

Why?

**Tilted Orbit:** The Moon's orbit is tilted by about 5 degrees relative to Earth's path around the Sun, meaning most months the shadow misses our planet entirely.

**Tiny Shadow Path:** When alignment does happen, the core shadow creates a narrow stripe that mostly crosses vast oceans or uninhabited polar regions.

**High Speed:** The Moon's shadow moves across the Earth at thousands of miles per hour, making the total darkness phase last only a few minutes at any given site.

**Explanation:** Most of the planets are positioned on the ecliptic (an imaginary plane), or in other words lined up with the centre of gravity of the Sun. The moon lies 5 degrees of the ecliptic due to its centre of gravity aligning with the Earth rather than with the Sun.

I would like to thank all who came to the Green for informal meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> of August for their attention, enthusiasm and time.

Clear Skies

*Tony Boutle*



## In Nether Heyford

Phew! After describing our battle with the weather at the village fete in June who knew that someone would flip the switch onto heatwave for the rest of the summer. It will be a bit like lockdown when you can't quite remember what you did, but it seemed to last for a long time. A lot of sighing and perspiring went on. Jane Austen summed it up quite nicely "What dreadful hot weather we have! It keeps one in a continual state of inelegance."

At our July meeting, Chris Potter came to tell us about the work of the Hope Centre in Northampton. It provides Hope in the Community for homeless people comprising a place to drop in, have a shower, a hot meal, educational classes and activities. We were all shocked when Chris told us that there is no permanent night shelter. It only operates between January and March due to lack of funds and this year some of the worst weather came in April.

Volunteers give their time to supporting those who find themselves homeless and falling into addiction. One of the volunteers, bravely stood up and told us her story about the way she became homeless due to a failed relationship, and how she found herself sleeping on the streets and the battle she had, to get herself out of that dangerous situation. She now gives her time to supporting others. We raised some money through a raffle and gave a donation for the centre. Every little helps.

I think the weather has got it in for us this year. In January we had to cancel a meeting due to snow, and in August we had to rearrange a social coffee morning due to an Amber warning for extreme heat. When we do meet up, it will be good to see each other again and catch up on news.

We are easing our way back into our programme on September 3rd with a practical session for members. Chris Pardon will show us "How to make your own Greetings Cards" (is that the first mention of Christmas?) Cheering from the sidelines is welcomed for those members who are not adept at crafts. I can assure you there will be a lot of chatter and much amusement. Which is just what we need.

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# Heyford Allotments

## Gardening in Extreme Weather

To say it has been a struggle to keep crops alive on our allotments (and in our gardens) this year, is an understatement. This is not just “another unusually hot summer”, that old excuse doesn't stand up to scrutiny when you consider the way our climate has fundamentally changed over the past twenty- five years. Average temperatures in the UK, across Europe and the Americas have risen steeply and it is no coincidence that levels of carbon dioxide have been doing the same. There is clearly a link between what we, as a race, are doing and the changes in our climate. When did we have our last decent snowfall? Yet we clearly remember hedgerows burning in 40°C heat within the past three years.

So where does that leave us allotmenters and gardeners? On the allotment, where pests, diseases, weed pressure, and hard work already test us, drought is an added battle we can't afford to lose. There are ways to fight back - and win. I'm darned if I am going to let a changing climate beat me. Hotter summers, drier soils, and unpredictable rain are here to stay, so here are some ways that we can keep our allotments and gardens thriving, even when the sky forgets to rain and the thermometer climbs.

## Rain Capture and Storage

Of course, this is easier if you've got a roof and gutter you can use in conjunction with a water butt. Link several together to maximise rainwater storage and cover water butts to reduce evaporation and algae growth. Store every drop you can. This may seem to be an obvious choice, but you would be surprised at the number of growers who don't collect rainfall. Think beyond a single water butt - the key is storage volume. Rainwater harvesting is an essential part of dealing with drought.

The best time for watering is first thing in the morning or last thing in the evening to reduce evaporation. Avoid watering in the middle part of the day. Water the plant root areas, not the entire plot or paths! When you do irrigate, do it properly. Shallow watering will soon evaporate. Deeper less frequent watering will encourage roots to go deeper and search for their own moisture.

## Incorporate Organic Matter

Incorporating organic materials into your soil, such as well-rotted manure, compost, or leaf mould, is an excellent way to retain moisture in the soil. It acts like a sponge, improving soil structure and rapidly increasing water-holding capacity. Consider using green manures and cover crops such as phacelia on any empty growing spaces. Organic matter improves soil aggregation and structure, contributing to its water-holding capacity as well as creating a healthier soil environment for plant growth.

## Consider No-Dig Gardening

Adopting a no-dig gardening approach will help preserve soil structure by avoiding soil disturbance. You can prevent the soil from drying out and maintain the natural

sponge-like structure. You will also be protecting the environment that supports a thriving ecosystem of microbial life and other soil organisms like mycorrhizal fungi and worms. If you first clean the soil by removing all the perennial weeds (I'm afraid that does involve digging) then anything that appears after that can usually be removed easily with a hoe or hand trowel.

Improving the soil biology on your plot makes for better plant resilience during drought by improving soil structure, increasing moisture retention and the soil's ability to hold on to nutrients that your plants can take up. A healthy soil acts as a buffer against water scarcity, creating a more stable environment for plants. A thriving soil food web, including earthworms, fungi, and bacteria, creates a more porous, sponge-like soil structure. It all sounds a bit scientific, but it is quite simple really and is what farmers in the past took for granted.

### **Create a Microclimate**

Plant windbreaks to reduce evaporation and, strange as it seems, cover vulnerable crops with lightweight shade netting or fleece during heatwaves. Some gardeners plant tall crops alongside shorter crops in summer to create shade. **Learn to Work with Drought, not Against it.** There are going to be increased periods of drought in future seasons - let's learn to deal with it. Plant selection can make a huge difference. Plant and grow heat/drought-tolerant species and varieties, such as squash species, certain brassicas, sweet corn, and root crops that have deep rooting systems (always remembering that we still have cold snaps in Spring). Many heritage or heirloom varieties are well-suited to dry spells, which is one of the reasons they have stood the test of time. Stagger Planting Dates. Successional sowing in small batches at varied times will help spread the risk, hopefully ensuring that at least some batches will mature. Also, start plants in modules or pots at home so that roots get established before planting-out. There is even a chance that you can time this when rain is expected! Plant more densely, as this can also help crops such as lettuce, creating shade and reducing evaporation.

**Mulch, Mulch, Mulch...** Applying layers of mulch to the ground is one of the best ways to retain moisture already in the soil. Mulch shades the soil, reducing evaporation by up to 70%. It has the added benefit of suppressing weeds and ultimately, adding organic material back into the soil. Use grass clippings, wood chippings, compost, straw, or leaf mould.

### **Thank you Allotmenters**

A huge thank you to all those allotment holders in Heyford who have battled with the extreme weather this year and especially those good souls new to the allotments. Please don't despair. It has been a challenge – probably like no other. We have to accept that things don't look as good as usual, that some crops have failed and that we have had to cut our losses and just accept failure in certain areas. But hopefully with some reflection over the winter and by adopting some of the ideas listed above, 2027 will be a more successful and satisfying year.

*Mike Langrish*

## **Bugbrooke and District Flower Society**

We had plans to visit the 'Rutland Flower Show' in August but due to the limited time to organise it we had to cancel. We met on our usual meeting night and a cream tea was provided whilst some of the Committee gave a small demonstration of arranging flowers in 'Compotes'. 'Compotes' were first used in the 17th century to display fruit and sweets, then in the 19th century flower arrangers used them widely for table decorations.

For our September meeting Paula Routledge will be our Demonstrator and her title 'Coronation Calamities' sounds intriguing.

As we had to cancel our trip to Rutland we are planning to go to 'Batsford Arboretum' on the 13th October the cost for the coach only will be £20.00 entrance to the Arboretum can be paid on the day.

Our meetings are held at Nether Heyford village hall on the fourth Monday of the Month , 7.30 pm start.

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## Heyford Cricket Club

As we work our way towards the climax of another season, we have had a mixed couple of months. Junior cricket has finished for the year with the warm weather meaning a great summer of cricket for our younger players. Our U15s had the most successful year in terms of victories with 3 wins and our U13s and U12s also played up to 7 games each.

In our senior division, our 3rd XI finished 6th in Division 2 of the South Northants League but managed to fulfil most of our fixtures which was a great challenge for the Club after the pressure of last year. Encouragingly, our younger players made many important contributions throughout the season with some really good individual performances.

With our 1sts and 2nds playing through until 19th September, there are differing challenges. Our senior team are sitting just above the relegation zone in Division 2 but with good performances in key games will be looking to avoid the drop and to rebuild for next season. Our 2nd XI is mid table in Division 10 of the NCL but still in with a chance of getting promotion if results go our way.

Just a note of thanks to our grounds team, especially Darren Bastin and Garry Robson, for their hard work in what has been a really challenging summer with the warm weather.

*Julian Rice* 07966 936278



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## View from The Nature Reserve

I am sure that no one reading this will be in any doubt that we have just lived through the driest and hottest year since 1976. The people who record these things are saying that 2026 is increasingly likely to be the driest and warmest year since records began. Yesterday I sat by the pond in the reserve looking around the area. There was hardly a blade of green grass anywhere in any direction. All has taken on a uniform fawn colour. Green leaves in the bottom of the hole that was our pond indicate there is still water there. There is sure to be animal life there too, but that is best left alone.

The whole of our countryside is now a uniform light brown colour. Thankfully rain is now forecast and it is quite likely the by the time you read this rain will have fallen and our world will be “greening up” again. It is forecast that summers like 2026 will be more frequent in future years. In fact some “experts” on TV were predicting that 2026 is just the “dress rehearsal for the real show.” I don’t know about that but there is little doubt that we all do need to expect more hot and dry weather as the years go by and will need to adapt our lives accordingly.

It has been a surprise to see how a plant named Greater Knapweed is flourishing on the reserve. Previously, there was a good number of its smaller relative “Hardheads” or Common Knapweed (*Centuarea nigra*) but no sign of its bigger relative till about 2 years ago. The bed part of the reserve was sown with a wildflower meadow mixture that contained Hardheads but not Greater Knapweed. The latter has the potential to take over. Especially as it flourishes in hot, dry conditions as in 2026.

I do wonder what our grass loving Butterfly larvae are feeding on with only shrivelled grass to eat. There has been a huge number of Blackberries on the reserve briars. They are quite small but still tasty though some are already shrivelled by heat and it could be all will be shrivelled when you read this. There were a few adult Small Tortoiseshell butterflies on these fruit. Maybe they are after the fluid. You may remember that we lost most of our population of Small Tortoiseshells to a small fly which parasited the larvae of this species. It’s lovely to see these butterflies back. Could it be the dry weather does not suit the parasite? Or possibly, adult Small tortoiseshell Butterflies came in from the continent with some immunity to the fly that causes the trouble.

Some readers will have seen hummingbird Hawk moths hovering over flowers in gardens. These are quite unmistakable large brown moths with distinctive bright yellow under wings. They hover over flowers drawing up nectar through a very long “tongue” hence the common name. You will know them if you have seen one. The larvae feed on plants of the Bedstraw group. Adults of this moth come to the UK in some numbers from the near Continent. They over winter as adults and try to find warm places in the UK where they can hibernate. It is reported that more and more of these are surviving our mild winters now. We could well be seeing more of these lovely moths as the years go by.

*Dave Musson*

## Heyford: Our Church, Our Stories - A Summer update

Over the past few weeks, our village project **Heyford: Our Church, Our Stories** has begun to gather momentum, and memories. What started as a simple idea at the Village Hall Garage Sale has already grown into something touching, funny, surprising and deeply personal.

People have begun sharing stories that remind us why this project matters. One resident told us about going to a club at the vicarage. The vicar's wife, determined to keep everyone busy, sent the children out to "tidy the garden". They dutifully pulled up weeds, brambles and nettles, and went home absolutely covered in stings. A small moment, but one that still makes them laugh decades later.

Another contribution arrived this week from a family with long ties to Nether Heyford. Their grandparents were married in the church just after the war; he still in his Private's uniform. Years later, at his funeral in 2017, a cloud of white doves flew past the church door as the family entered. A moment of pure synchronicity for a man they described as "a piece of Heaven". Their story also included the honesty of past hurts, and the grace of letting bygones be bygones. It ended with a simple truth: *whatever your path in life, this church can still hold a beloved piece of your story.*

These stories are completely different, yet each contains threads that will resonate with someone else. A childhood memory. A family milestone. A moment of humour. A moment of peace.

**Your story, however small, will be part of someone else's story too.**

### What We're Asking People to Do

We'd love you to:

**Write something down** — a paragraph, a page, or even a few lines

**Search out old photos** tucked in drawers or albums

**Talk to family and friends** who might remember something you don't

**Send us a story**, however ordinary it may seem

**Come to a Memory Drop-In Day** in September

If you're not sure what to write, here are a few gentle prompts from our interview guide:

What's your earliest memory of the church?

Did you attend Sunday School, choir, bellringing, youth groups or school services?

Was the church part of a family milestone, a wedding, christening, funeral or celebration?

Do you remember any village events connected to the church?

What does the church mean to you now?

You don't need to write beautifully. You don't need to remember everything. You just need to begin.

### **Why It Matters**

Every story we collect will help build a **village exhibition** at the end of November, a shared history created by the people who lived it. Something future generations can look back on and say: *this is who we were*.

So this is your call to action: **Get writing. Get remembering. Get rummaging. Get talking.** Your story might be the one that makes someone smile, laugh, or pause with recognition.

And if you'd like help capturing your memories, just come along to one of our Drop-In Days. We'll have volunteers ready to listen, record and scan.

**Every memory matters. Every person is welcome.**

*Tim Brown, Churchwarden*



## **Heyford Bowls Club**

What a summer we've had. It's been very hot on the bowls green so we've had to do what a lot of sports are now doing, and that is have a 'Hydration break'.

All games will have been played by the end of August, which just leaves us to enjoy our Gala Day on Sunday 6th September at the bowls green. We usually have a very good turnout, a good portion of these in Fancy Dress (check out our website), Fun Games, Tombola and BBQ. All are welcome but it would help to let us know if you are planning to come for playing and catering purposes. Our September social evening will be a 60's night on Saturday 26th which we are working on at the moment. We shall continue to meet at the club from 6 o'clock Friday evenings for a game if required, a chat and a drink, not to mention our very popular Meat Raffle with meat from our very own butcher.

Our Short Mat section continues to be well supported in the village hall on Wednesday afternoons 2-4 pm and Wednesday evenings 7-9 pm and we have the Men's Singles competition on Saturday 12th September so get your name down on the list if you want to play.

*Shirley Collins*

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## Flore Arts Events

### **Joe Martin, Saturday September 19<sup>th</sup>. All Saints Church, Flore. 7.30pm.**

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Hailing from Lancashire Joe has rapidly gained a strong reputation for his performances, with a New York Times commentator praising his rich, resonant voice. Joe's influences are rooted in the American storytelling world of Bob Dylan, James Taylor, Simon & Garfunkel as well as Nashville. Very much a 21<sup>st</sup> century troubadour, he has toured extensively in the UK and the US and recently released his third album "Alone in Valentine". This includes collaborations with top Nashville session musicians.

For his Flore programme Joe will be performing some of his own acclaimed songs as well as a set of James Taylor classics.

Tickets: £17.50 (£5 under 18s). Please call Rosemary Read on 01327 341026 (between 9am and 6pm). You can also purchase tickets at Re, 2A Sutton St, Flore, NN7 4LE (during shop opening hours) and tickets will be available at the door.

**Poetry Please: Sunday September 6<sup>th</sup>.** The theme will be "Journeys". As usual feel free to bring along any poem you would like to share, not necessarily related to the theme. Or just come and listen. Meet at the White Hart in Flore, 6.30pm to 8.00pm.

**2027 calendar date: Silent Movie evening, Saturday January 9<sup>th</sup>, All Saints Church, Flore.** Vincent Byrne returns to present classic films from the golden age of silent movies - with musical accompaniment. He will be joined by renowned percussionist Nick Ward who will add a range of ingenious special effects. Further details in next month's Prattler.

Our programme of events will continue to be updated here. You can also keep up to date with our plans on our website at [www.floreartsevents.com](http://www.floreartsevents.com) and our Flore Arts Events Facebook page. We hope to see you soon.

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