



The Syresham Times



Hazelborough Bluebells



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May 2019



FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Well a short warm summery period over Easter—how lovely! But then it seems short lived. And who knows how the May day weekend will be!

The Spring Bank Holiday on the 1st Monday in May was created back in 1978, a Public Holiday only if it falls on a Monday. Back in 2011 there were suggestions it was going to be replaced with an October Bank Holiday, possibly coinciding with Trafalgar Day (October 21st), as a *United Kingdom Day*.

However, May day still continues as a non Christian event, and separate from the normal school holidays.

In Syresham it is an annual tradition and we are proud to report on the festivities in and around the village this current weekend. Each and every May the Maypole is brought out, and the village turns out to see the children



dance those traditional reels.

We congratulate the new May Queen and her escorts, and have included their photograph in the centre pages.

Ian Draper, May 2019

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**WELCOME TO NEW
RESIDENTS AT 22
Bell Lane - Alberto
and Lauren**



We would love to take this opportunity to say hello to everyone in Syresham. We recently moved here from Buckingham to Peppercorn Cottage in Bell Lane, our first home together! If you're out and about and would like to pop in and say hello, we'd love to meet you.

A little bit about us... Bertie works in Denmark during the week, as a Production Manager for Zenvo Automotive (a Hypercar manufacturer), whilst Lauren works in Motorsport PR. We're both madly into motorbikes – Bertie is actually a motorcycle racer in the Thundersport GB championship!

We have two more members of our family; two cage-free house rabbits, Ralph and Chubbs.

Looking forward to the many happy years to come - see you all soon.

ALBERTO & LAUREN

*Welcome to Syresham both of you, and thank you!
Editor*



**SYRESHAM AND DISTRICT
HISTORY SOCIETY**

In February's Meeting we heard again from Liz Woolley from Oxford, a speaker who had visited us before, this time talking about William Morris, Lord Nuffield, the motor entrepreneur and sponsor of Oxford Colleges.

In March Derek Blunt recounted the famous '*Spires and Squires*' of the county of Northamptonshire. His presentation focussed around a Quiz format which gave us much enjoyment and laughter.

April's talk by Athina Becket reported on the on-going development work undertaken by the Buckingham Canal Society. The Canal runs most of the way from Cosgrove to Buckingham and will in time revert to its former glory.

For our May 1st meeting we were taken back to the 1960s and 70s hearing about the fashion icon Mary Quant—do you still have your miniskirt and hot pants!?. This will be followed by a presentation in June about the history of Valentine Cards. Then July's speaker will take us on a memory lane trip to Bletchley Park, the espionage factory.

August 7th sees us on a guided walk around Buckingham.

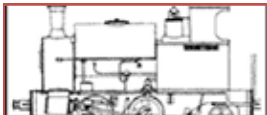
Membership of the Society is £12.00 for the year, covering 12 monthly meetings and one organised guided walk in August. Occasional visitors to our meetings pay £3.00. Come and join us, and enjoy some often light-hearted and amusing presentations.

This year we plan to hold an **exhibition and craft fair in the Village Hall — Saturday 26th October.**

We plan a visit to the Silverstone Experience (July) and The Birmingham Back to Back houses in addition to a weekend visit to Germany in Berlin, Dresden, Meissen and Colditz Castle, in the Autumn.

IAN DRAPER, CHAIRMAN

**PIMLICO
LIGHT
RAILWAY**



The regular steam trains will be running in Pimlico on the following dates—weather permitting:-

Sundays 3 -5.00pm (Unless wet)



**May 26th,
June 23rd,
July 28th,
August 25th,
September 22nd.**

All ages welcome, and refreshments available.

JOHN ROBERTS

SYRESHAM GEMS



Here's the latest round-up of our activities for the last few months.

In February Natalie Goshier, a Brackley based Travel Counsellor, inspired us with her ideas on popular places to visit, as well as up and coming travel destinations. She also shared some do's and don'ts, including how to pack effectively and avoid losing your money. We finished the evening with a quiz which involved lots of pictures, tasting and smelling! I never knew there were so many different wonders of the world, and sampled some new spices.

[www.travelcounsellors.com/
Natalie.goshier](http://www.travelcounsellors.com/Natalie.goshier)

In March we were visited by Amanda Hudson. Amanda is a qualified hypnotherapist based in

Buckinghamshire and led a 20 minute taster session to get deep into our subconscious mind which is where change happens. Hypnotherapy can be used to relieve stress as well as deal with phobias. It was very relaxing and no one was made to do anything silly! We all experienced different sensations, including bright lights and warm hands. Amanda also shared some tips to help improve sleep such as reducing bright light and focussing on breath. The evening ended with a 10 minute mindfulness session to send us all on our way calm and stress free. It was the quietest meeting for a long time!

In April we got creative again as we welcomed back Liz Dixon from Artistic Retreats. Liz is an expert in using Powertex for mixed media and sculptures. She showed us different ideas and techniques for decorating a trinket box and then we did our own using a variety of recycled and other materials.

[https://
www.artisticretreats.co.uk/](https://www.artisticretreats.co.uk/)

Our next few meetings are as follows:

- 8th May – Julie Macken, Neves Bees
- 12th June – outing to be confirmed
- 10th July – Hannah Thompson, Stitching Kitchen, Indian block printing

We are always on the lookout for speakers so please get in touch if you'd like to get involved. For more information about the Group, and membership please contact either Judith Shaw (850613) or Maggie Newton (07734-080073).

MAGGIE NEWTON

SYRESHAM SCHOOL
SUMMER
Ball
 SATURDAY 6TH JULY '19



SYRESHAM VILLAGE HALL 7.00PM - MIDNIGHT
 SPARKLING CANAPE RECEPTION HOG ROAST DANCING & DISCO
 BLACK TIE OR LOUNGE SUITS

£40.00 PER TICKET
 (EARLY BIRD OFFER £35.00 BEFORE FRIDAY 10TH MAY)

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 EMAIL PAULA.WHITEHOUSE1@GOOGLEMAIL.COM BEFORE FRIDAY 28TH JUNE 2019.



**ST JAMES
 INTERREGNUM
 UPDATE**

We received just one applicant from our second advertisement for a new Rector in the Church Times in February and we were set to interview him on April 29th.

Sadly he withdrew his candidacy as the Bishop has indicated that the Benefice (*Syresham, Helmdon, Lois Weedon, Whitfield, Radstone and Wappenham*) may now only merit a part time priest. This is because we have not been able to pay our parish share - the money we raise as a benefice to pay for our priest, pensions, expenses etc. - for the last couple of years. This would be a very sad development.

The Benefice is contesting the Bishop's decision as he encouraged us in our combined Benefice PCC Committee plans introduced last year with local

decisions taken by our Parish BRICC (Building, Repairs, Insurance and Contents Committee). Another possibility is that we become part of a larger benefice (say 10 churches altogether) which would lead to fewer priest-led services in Syresham. On the positive side, the Bishop has seconded the Reverend Paula Challen, currently Curate at Towcester, to look after the Astwell Benefice from Easter until the end of July 2019 while we continue our search for a new incumbent.

In the meantime we have had a busy Easter schedule with Passion processions and readings in Lois Weedon, Helmdon and Syresham on Palm Sunday (no donkeys this year unfortunately), a repeat of our Passover meal on Maundy Thursday, the procession of the Cross from Chapel to Church on Good Friday and Easter Day communion with John

Roberts. In March the Friends of St James Church hosted a Medieval Supper with guests appropriately dressed and with outside entertainment.

Syresham finished second (by one point) in the Inter-Village Quiz Competition.

We are looking forward to the Astwell Pie Challenge on Saturday 11 May at Helmdon Reading Room. Contestants are invited to submit a pie (sweet, savoury or novelty) to professional judges. There will be a licensed bar and pie making demo from the judges.

WE ALSO LOOK FORWARD TO THE ST JAMES CHURCH FETE AT THE PRIORY ON SATURDAY JUNE 8TH.

If anyone would like a visit from a priest during the interregnum, please feel free to contact me on 01280 850218.

**MALCOLM ORR-EWING
CHURCHWARDEN.**

PARISH COUNCIL

Another three months have flown by and the Parish Council have continued to work pro-actively for the benefit of the village.

The end of March saw our annual Village Litterpick. Although the centre of the village is generally litter-free, the same cannot be said of the outskirts. This is not the fault of our own residents, but rather people who stop in the lay-bys or throw litter out of car windows. Fast food outlets have a lot to answer for! This year the Parish Council were very pleased with the



number of people, including children, who took part in the Litterpick. We were also delighted that the children of the school agreed to design the posters for the event, and we thank them for the fantastic artwork they produced.

Unfortunately, as you may have seen, the fence and gateposts of the Pocket Park were damaged by persons unknown. The Parish Council are in the process of repairing and replacing them, through an insurance claim.

As reported in the last edition, the Parish Council have two major projects they are working on this year, namely the replacement of some equipment in the Swingfield and the replacement of street lighting in the village. Councillors have continued to work on these projects for the last three months and much progress is being made.

Two Councillors have attended 'Parishes Together' meetings, where Brackley Town Council and local Parish Councils get together to discuss ways in which we can work together to improve services and save money. With the approaching local government reorganisation, this is seen as a positive way forward for rural areas such as ours.

The question of parking on the zig-zag lines outside the school has recently been raised. As a result the Parish Council requests that there is **NO PARKING on these lines during school hours**. It is possible for notices to this effect to be put up on the wall outside the school, but this incurs a great expense for something that is actually impossible to police. The lines

themselves should in fact be sufficient indication that there should be no parking and again we request that, for the safety of the children, these lines are respected.

In the last edition of the Syresham Times, the Parish Council asked people to report highway issues to the Northamptonshire Street Doctor. Please note that this has now been changed to **'FIX MY STREET'** which can still be accessed online via <https://www.fixmystreet.com/reports/South+Northamptonshire?zoom=10&lat=52.11859&lon=-1.0187>

Finally, the Parish Council is responsible for the maintenance of the Jubilee Flowerbed and work on this bed is normally done by a small working party of Parish Councillors. If there is anyone who would be willing to help by taking on this job on a voluntary basis, we would be extremely pleased to hear from you.

CLLR C MUNSEY

Syresham Church Fete **Saturday 8th June 2.00—4.00pm**



Classic Cars, Tennis, Skittles, Pre-loved toys and games, Cakes, Ice Cream teas, Bric-a-Brac, Plants and Produce, Bouncy Castle, Bottle Stall, Raffle.

At the Priory, Syresham



THE MEDIEVAL BANQUET IN CHURCH was a great success, the church being a great setting for this event looked amazing. Great seeing you all there. The Friends of St James raised £301

Future Events:

Quiz Night 17th May 2019 7.30pm

Murby Concert 7th June 2019 7pm

200 club renewal due May/June

SALLIE CONNERY



YO HO HO ...IT'S THE PETER PAN PANTO!

Since moving to Syresham in 2015 we have heard a lot about the infamous village Panto! Many of the friends we have made here are part of the Take Your Seats team but for one reason or another (February half-term holidays and a slightly Panto-phobic child) this would be our first year in attendance! So off we all headed James (husband), Jack (7), Charlotte (4) and myself (Caroline), to the new village hall for the Saturday

afternoon matinee performance... all very exciting! And we weren't to be disappointed.

The famous fairytale was faithfully told, with local jokes cleverly woven in along side everyone's favourite panto bits... Big laughs, a hearty dollop of innuendo, great song and dance routines, beautiful costumes and some truly impressive solo performances ...all the ingredients for a fabulous family outing.

The opening scene was beautifully set in the Darling's nursery with a brilliant dance and a chorus of toys coming to life. We were then introduced to the mischievous Peter Pan (Hannah Godwin), the fabulously deadpan Tink (Ruth Harris), Wendy (Nicole Read) and her brothers John (Luca Berry) and Michael (Mason Bull)... and the marvellous, Dame-tastic Nanny Fanny Cranny (Mike Maund). There's always something a little bit magical when the cast of a panto start to fly and this one was no exception with Peter Pan, Wendy et al taking to the skies of Syresham and setting forth for Neverland with some very clever special effects!

It was there that the swashbuckling adventures ensued and we met the suitably dastardly Captain Hook (Kieron Darby), the hapless but loveable Smee (Amanda Bull) and the rest of his motley crew. This hilarious duo provided one of the best comedy bits for my 7 year old son, with Hook and the ladies underpants scene. Nicole was a natural Wendy, with a super voice duetting with Peter to deliver, one of my highlights along with the fantastic Bohemian Rhapsody tribute.

There was much alarm and concern for poor Tink's welfare from both children at the start of the interval... was she in fact actually really dead? Was that it? How could she possibly ever recover having consumed the poison? After a good deal of reassurance that the Syresham Panto would probably not take such a dark turn and several chocolate Freddos provided by the well stocked tuck shop ... and a small bottle of Prosecco for me ... all was well again.

I think one of Charlotte's high points was being called up on stage along with other children in the audience to perform "Baby Croc" with the Parrot (Liz Mountain) ... I was a bit concerned that there might be another "scene" when I realised that the fearsome Tick Tocking Croc (Matt Powell) would be joining my daughter on the stage but her inner professionalism took over and disaster was thankfully averted. The cast clearly love putting on these shows and their natural chemistry translated into a brilliantly fun-filled performance on stage.

How amazing that in a small village, we are not only lucky enough to have such a fabulous venue on our doorstep but all those wonderfully talented people willing to give up their time to put on such a fabulous show for us all to enjoy! A big thank you to all the cast and crew at Take Your Seats...

THE FERGUSON FAMILY, BELL LANE

FOR PHOTOS—SEE CENTRE PAGES....

From Our MP

It was a pleasure to visit Syresham on the 12th April and to hear from residents about their views on a wide range of topics, both local and national. South Northamptonshire is a beautiful rural constituency and I continue to be honoured to represent you at Westminster, particularly now when politicians can seem so far removed from the rest of the country.

Unsurprisingly, Brexit was the top issue that came up on the doorstep from lots of people on the Friday.

As I said at the time, my clear view is that we have to honour the result of the referendum and implement the decision taken in June 2016.



Local progress is proceeding apace on the new Brackley Medical Centre. There were concerns last year that the project might not get off the ground, and I was pleased when Nene CCG and Northamptonshire Healthcare Foundation Trust recommitted to the development after a series of meetings. The new building will house an expansion of GP services, a suite of outpatient and secondary care services, and a number of intermediate care “step-down” beds to allow people to recuperate closer to home. The piles are nearly all complete, and we should shortly see the walls beginning to go up. Dr Philip Stevens, our wonderful Locality GP Chair, has told me that we are anticipating the new medical centre opening in April next year, and

Syresham will be one of the communities to benefit from the expanded services.

I wrote to your Parish Council earlier this year to highlight the availability of funding, via HS2 Ltd, for communities affected by the line of route and for projects to enhance the local economy. Through the two funds – CEF & BLEF – South Northamptonshire has seen around £200,000 of grants so far for a number of projects, and I encourage Syresham to apply for its share. I am sure that people will be aware of my own views of HS2; I am continuing to raise concerns about overspends and delays at all levels—you can read copies of recent correspondence on my website.

As ever, if there is anything I can do to assist with any individual concern or query, please do get in touch with me.

RT HON ANDREA LEADSOM MP



**SILVERSTONE
RESIDENTS' PASS
OFFER 2019**

As an expression of thanks for the support of our Community for the events at Silverstone Circuit, a Residents' Pass offer has been circulated through the village. To claim your Pass which will entitle you to free entry to certain events this year, visit:-

www.silverstone.co.uk/residents-pass

The closing date is June 1st 2019

MPILO MATERNITY HOSPITAL, ZIMBABWE

In September 2019,
3 villagers, Sallie
Connery, Steph
Brackpool and Sheila



Brown are travelling to Mpilo Maternity Hospital in Zimbabwe for 2 weeks to give their time and skills to improve the experiences and outcomes for women and their families in maternity care. We are joining a voluntary project, known as The Life Project set up by a Northampton midwife called Sam Chitsa.

<https://www.facebook.com/zimbabwelifeproject/>

Every year in the last 7, groups of volunteers have given their services at Mpilo Maternity Hospital, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe. The volunteers have mainly been midwives and obstetric staff from Northampton General Hospital who have helped with training local staff in dealing with emergency situations. Zimbabwe's mortality rate is among the highest in the world hence the drive by the midwife, Sam, who set up the Life Project to bring the mortality rate down. Sam takes volunteers from the UK who have given up their holidays to mend, decorate and generally improve the hospital for patients and staff.

Sam was born in Mpilo and gave birth to her own daughter there. Sam knows that help is needed to improve many aspects of the hospital. She feels strongly that education is power and having qualified as a midwife, went

back to Mpilo to give back to her community by helping to educate the midwives in emergency techniques used in the UK.

We are actively raising funds to take medical supplies and equipment out with us and are organising a couple of events at which all are welcome:

7TH JULY 14.00-16.30 AFTERNOON TEAS (cakes and sandwiches) in the garden at **12 HIGH STREET, SYRESHAM. TICKETS £7.50 PER PERSON.**

30TH AUGUST 18.00-20.00 GIN AND PROSECCO EVENING (including nibbles) in the garden at **12 HIGH STREET, SYRESHAM. TICKETS £8** per person to include one gin or one glass of Prosecco and nibbles. Further drinks available to buy.

We are also hoping to have a stall at the Scarecrow Festival in June.

Please contact any of us for more information or for tickets to our events. ***A big thank you to Mums & Tots, Friends of Syresham School and the Craft Group who have already made generous donations.***

Sheila Brown - 07759-886285

Sallie Connery - 07721- 374303

Steph Brackpool - 07512-704731



We wish them good luck and look forward to a report when they're back! Ed



SYRESHAM SCHOOL SPRING

REPORT

Thank you to everyone who came and supported our May Day fete. Although a little on the chilly side, a good time was had by all! It was great to see so many past pupils come back to visit the school as well as pupils' extended families and members of the community! It is good to report that the dancing went without a hitch for all children from nursery to year six – well done everyone!

As a school we have a strong community that gives us that 'special feeling' from children, staff, governors, parents, 'Friends of the school' and members of the local community; who all in their own way contribute to the success of Syresham School life!

The nursery continues to grow from strength to strength with 27 children attending the setting and as a result we have increased our staffing numbers this month. The caring and nurturing environment allows children to settle quickly into their environment, where they are happy to play and explore. The school staff continue to work to plan and prepare a well rounded, fun and exciting curriculum for the children that allows them to experience learning both in and out of the classroom, something really enjoyed and valued by the children. Parents are incredibly supportive of their children's learning

and work closely with teachers to ensure the best results for their children. They also work incredibly hard as The Friends to provide all of the 'extras' for the children at the school. Every event that they organise is fun and enjoyable for children and adults alike while at the same time raising money to support the school. Parents and the local community have become more 'hands on' over the last few years in the form of our annual DIY SOS day that has over the last two years helped to transform the school and grounds.

With money for materials and supplies provided by The Friends and the man and woman power provided in the form of parents, grandparents and members of the community, they have transformed our ideas into reality and every year I am amazed and forever grateful for what is achieved.

This year an outdoor classroom and reflection area were the main focus as well as tidying, painting and pruning the gardens to be summer ready. It is great to see children of all ages playing and working together within the school and grounds, from the very youngest in nursery to the older year 5 and 6 children. However, don't take my word for it, please have a good look around today and see for yourself!

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who supports the school and if there is anyone in the village who would like to visit the school to look around or feel that you have knowledge or a talent that you would like to share with the children, please do get in touch. **KATE CLOUGH,**

HEADTEACHER



Peter Pan

February 2019

Photographs: Keith Watts





MAY DAY 2019

The Annual Crowning of the May Queen

Photo: Nick Dimbleby



May Queen Bailey; May King Riley; Hobby Horse Isabel Jester Sam

NEW NEIGHBOUR IN HIGH STREET

I moved into Bradbery Grove in early February this year. My husband died 2 years ago and in 2018 I decided to move to a smaller house. My main problem being where exactly should I move to. I wanted to stay fairly close to Evenley where we had lived for a number of years and had many friends.

I searched various Internet sites and viewed several properties but could not find exactly what I wanted. In the end I resorted to visiting estate agent windows!

I soon found the new development here and although I had never been to Syresham before I liked the setting of Bradbery Grove.

I have finished unpacking boxes now and am looking forward to getting the garden organized.

The people that I have met in Syresham have been very friendly, especially Ruth in the Post Office, who has been both welcoming and helpful.

Syresham appears to be a very active village and I look forward, over the next few months, to becoming involved in some of the village activities.

EILEEN MCALEER *You are most welcome Eileen! Editor*

ST JAMES CE PRIMARY SCHOOL—GOVERNOR VACANCIES

We have an exciting opportunity for committed people to join the Syresham St James CE Primary School's Board of



Governors and to help drive the continuous improvement of the school. We currently have vacancies for a Foundation Governor and for Co-opted Governors, and would particularly welcome applications from people with experience in education, project or financial management or with links to local business and knowledge of the regional economy. Making a contribution to the school community is ultimately the main requirement.

Foundation Governors are appointed through the Peterborough Diocese Board of Education and should be associated with either the Church or Chapel. Co-opted Governors represent the local community and are appointed by the Governing Board subject to eligibility and application.

Governors are collectively responsible for the strategic management of the school, together with the Headteacher, who is responsible for day-to-day management, and setting the school's vision, aims and policies.

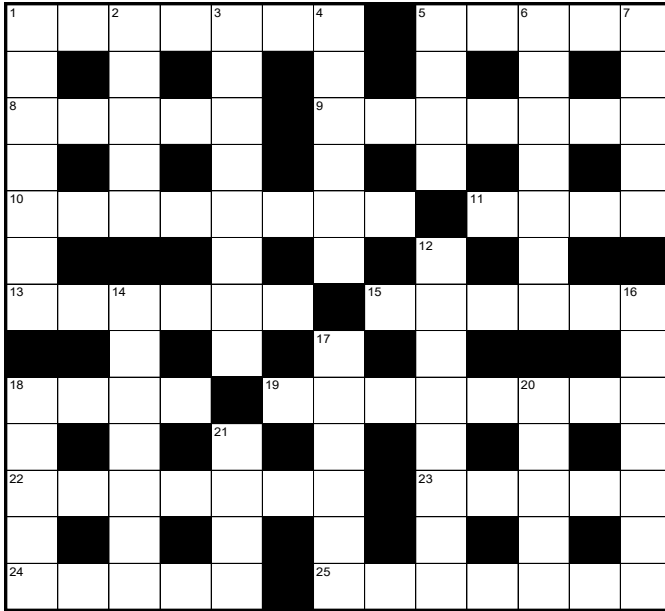
Governors should be available to attend at least 4 evening meetings per year, plus committee meetings each term and occasionally monitoring visits to school during the day. As a Governor you will normally hold office for a period of four years. Governor training is provided.

A recent audit of skills, identified gaps in *financial management skills, links with local business and knowledge of the regional economy*. If you could offer any of these skills in particular, we would be very pleased to hear from you. To register your interest in becoming a Governor, please contact the **CHAIR OF GOVERNORS, JANET COX** at jcoxsyreshamgovernor@gmail.com

Events and Diary Dates

HAPPENING SOON	WEEKLY DIARY	FORTNIGHTLY DIARY
MAY	<p>SUNDAYS:- Chapel Service 6.00 p.m.</p> <p>Church Services—<i>please check the Astwell Benefice Diary</i></p> <p>MONDAYS:- Walking Group 10.00 a.m. <i>meet at the Shop</i></p> <p>CARD RECYCLING GROUP <i>contact Sue Palmer for details</i></p> <p>DANCING CLASSES <i>Village Hall— various 5.00 to 7.30 p.m.</i></p> <p>TUESDAYS:- HATHA YOGA 9.00 till 10.30a.m. ADULT BALLET, 11.00 a.m. to 12.00 <i>Village Hall,</i></p> <p>PILATES <i>Village Hall, 12.00 noon to 1.00 p.m. 7.30 to 9.00</i></p> <p>TAEKWON-DO 7.30 to 9.00 p.m.</p> <p>BROWNIES, 6.00 till 7.15p.m. Sunday <i>School Term time only</i></p> <p>CRAFTS GROUP, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Tuesday, Sunday School, 7.30 p.m.</p> <p>CIRCUIT TRAINING, <i>Sports Club 7.15 p.m.</i></p>	<p>THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB 2nd Tuesday, usually Village Hall 2.30 p.m. <i>not August— beginning in April</i></p> <p>TUESDAYS (ALTERNATE) — <i>Armchair Keep fit</i></p> <p>WEDNESDAYS (1ST & 3RD) Secret Keepers, 7-11 yr. olds 7.00 p.m. till 8.00 p.m. <i>Term time only</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">MONTHLY DIARY</p> <p>2ND SUNDAY, Sunday School & Breakfast Church 9.30 a.m.—<i>Not Dec</i></p> <p>2ND SUNDAY—Sports Club Carvery lunch 12.00 noon till 2.00 p.m.</p> <p>3RD TUESDAY, Gardening Club, <i>Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.</i></p> <p>1ST WEDNESDAY History Society, <i>Village Hall 7.30 p.m.</i></p> <p>2ND WEDNESDAY GEMS Women’s Group, <i>Village Hall 7.30 p.m.</i></p> <p>3RD WEDNESDAY Sports Club Cash Bingo Night, 7.30 p.m.</p> <p>LAST WEDNESDAY, Parish Council Meetings , <i>Village Hall 7.30 p.m.</i></p> <p>LAST THURSDAY, Church 200 club at the VH coffee morning</p> <p>3RD OR 4TH FRIDAY, Sports Club Quiz Nights</p> <p>2ND SATURDAY, Friends of the Churchyard, 10.00 a.m.</p>
JUNE	<p>SATURDAY 8TH JUNE, St James Church Summer Fete, The Priory, 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.</p> <p>SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB Beer Festival 14th to 16th June</p> <p>SCARECROWS & OPEN GARDENS WEEKEND JUNE 22ND & 23RD</p> <p>WEDS 26TH JUNE, Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall 7.30 p.m.</p>	
JULY	<p>WEDNESDAYS:- Mums and Tots, Village Hall 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon <i>Term Time only</i></p> <p>THURSDAYS:- Village Hall Coffee Shop, 10.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.</p> <p>BOWLS CLUB, <i>Village Hall, 7.00 p.m.</i></p> <p>SPORTS CLUB—CRICKET MATCHES IN SEASON</p>	
<p>6TH Friends of School Summer Ball</p> <p>WEDS 31ST JULY, Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.</p>		

Crossword—thanks to Vintage Port



ACROSS

- 1 Fawning(7)
- 5 Clique(5)
- 8 Important topic (5)
- 9 Accuses (7)
- 10 Vividly Striking (8)
- 11 Upward Slope(4)
- 13 Surpass (6)
- 15 Makes horizontal (6)
- 18 An amount of value (4)
- 19 Earnest request (8)
- 22 Justifications (7)
- 23 Handed Over(5)
- 24 Give Way (5)

DOWN

- 1 Defraud (7)
- 2 Jamaican sect member nickname (5)
- 3 Repeats (8)
- 4 Greek Mathematician (7)
- 5 Persuade by flattery (4)
- 6 Reed instrument with air bag (7)
- 7 Fine Stocking thread (5)
- 12 Four sided figure (8)
- 14 Skin at base of finger nail (7)
- 16 Proverbial remarks (7)
- 17 Knowledge of mysteries (6)
- 18 Foul smelling (5)
- 20 Iron block for shaping metals (5)
- 21 Second hand (4)

ANSWERS—ACROSS : 1 *Servile*; 5 *Cabal*; 8 *Issue*; 9 *Charges*; 10 *Dramatic*; 11 *Rise*; 13 *Exceed*; 15 *Levels*; 18 *Rate*; 19 *Entreaty*; 22 *Excuses*; 23 *Given*; 24 *Yield*; 25 *Singles*

DOWN—1 *Swindle*; 2 *Rasta*; 3 *Iterates*; 4 *Euclid*; 5 *Coax*; 6 *Bagpipe*; 7 *Lisle*; 12 *Tetragon*; 14 *Cuticle*; 16 *Sayings*; 17 *Gnosis*; 18 *Reeky*; 20 *Anvil*; 21 *Used*



SYRESHAM CRAFTS GROUP

Our Group is still going strong with membership numbers good.

Lacemaking is still the most popular craft along with knitting, crochet and patchwork.

We all help each other where we can, and continue to knit and crochet blankets and clothes in our spare time. This year we are also making and collecting items for the group visiting Zimbabwe in the Autumn (see page 10).

As a group we aim to inspire and encourage each other and we like to try new crafts.

We welcome new members and meet on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Tuesdays of the month in the Chapel Sunday School rooms, 7.30 p.m. till 10.00 p.m., and we enjoy a free cuppa too!

For further information, contact Joan on 01280-850673 **JOAN WHITEHEAD**



Good News—The Kings Head Pub and Restaurant have been saved!

A very big warm Syresham welcome to Rob, Stuart and the staff—we all hope that it is a roaring success!

Editor

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Soup lunches have again proved very popular through the winter months and following our A.G.M., after a fish and chip lunch, meetings commence on 7th May with a visit from Large and Larger. We continue to meet fortnightly with varied speakers on a wide range of topics. Everyone is very welcome to join us for a cup of tea and homemade cakes kindly provided by the hard working committee.

SYRESHAM GARDENING CLUB

We continue to meet on the third Tuesday of the month and welcome new members. Chris Bazeley showed a presentation of the year of the life in Whistley Wood which proved there is always something of interest if we look for it. An enjoyable evening was spent at Barn Farm Nurseries at Wardington and this month will be a speaker from Banbury Herb Centre.

SYRESHAM CHAPEL

We thank Paula for leading the united Mothers Day service and were thrilled to welcome not only the Brownies and their parents but other families. All the children and adults took a plant for their Mothers

Easter proved a wonderful season when on Good Friday we took part in The Walk of Witness following the Cross from Chapel to Church. Following this we had a service followed by our Passover meal with thanks to everyone for their efforts.

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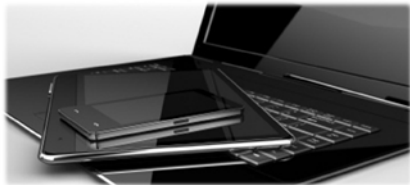
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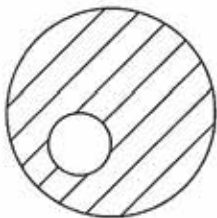
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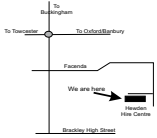


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