



The Syresham Times



SUMMER MEADOW FLOWERS

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

To puzzle or to quiz, is that the question? The good old faithful grid on page 20 has served the Syresham Times well, almost since its inception.

We have had a number of compilers of our Crossword, including most recently the late Lance Lewens, and since his untimely passing Rob Dixon has provided the Vintage Port edition.

This time it is Rob's last puzzle and we thank him most sincerely for all his support for the Syresham Times since its new lease of life back at the Millenium!

We believe that a puzzle or quiz page adds some light entertainment to the life of the magazine—maybe the time has come for a change of approach—a different kind of quiz or puzzle—maybe a Sudoku for those with more mathematical ability than I have! My mind just goes a total blank when I look at Sudoku!

So we have until November to decide the way forward, and to find an agile brain to add to our magazine.

If you feel like volunteering, even for the occasional contribution, then do please get in touch!

We have a standard grid that has passed the tests of time, but we can try something new? Any ideas are most welcome!

Ian Draper, August 2019

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PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council continues to work proactively on this year's two major projects, namely the replacement of the street lights and the provision of new play equipment in the Swingfield. Great progress is being made and some exciting new play items should be installed in the Swingfield in the autumn. The lighting project continues apace and we are confident that we will have some very positive news to report in the autumn issue of this magazine.

Many residents will have noticed that there are a number of 'tidying-up' jobs requiring attention in the village, such as the siding out of grass on the pavements, the pruning of trees and the painting of the white gates at the village entrance. In several neighbouring villages such jobs have been carried out with the Community Payback scheme. The Parish Council has met with the Probation Service and arranged for members of the scheme to carry out community service within the village. The scheme is very closely supervised and managed by the Probation Service and has proved extremely successful in other towns and villages.

Residents are requested to trim hedges where applicable outside their properties to allow for easy pedestrian access on pavements.

We are very pleased that Mr Pothole has returned! The Parish Council is



liaising with Mark Morrell (aka Mr Pothole) to improve the state of the roads within the village. Some patching up work has already been carried out, but the ultimate aim is the resurfacing of the roads. The more people who report the bad state of the roads, the better our chances are – please go online to <https://fixmystreet.northamptonshire.gov.uk>

We are pleased to report that the fence at the pocket park that was damaged by vandalism will be repaired in August.

Anglian Water would again like us to remind residents not to put insoluble items such as fat and baby wipes (even if the label says they will dissolve) into the drains as these cause the drains to become blocked, resulting in stress and inconvenience to people linked up to that particular part of the drainage system. A little care and forethought will solve the problem.

Finally, I would just like to say how magnificent the new jubilee tree on Wappenham Road is looking. For those who are new to the village, this tree was planted to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012 and is a 'sister tree' to the jubilee tree on the corner of Abbey Road and Main Road, planted in 1897 to mark Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. If you stand by the tree in Wappenham Road you can see the one in Abbey Road. I wonder how long it will be before you can stand in Abbey Road and see the one in Wappenham Road?

CLLR CHRIS MUNSEY

LONG LIVE THE KING! - A VILLAGE PUB REVIEW

We have our village pub again and it's better than ever. After many years and a variety of tenant landlords all shackled to the same hopeless and greedy pub chain owners, our wonderful King's Head passed into private ownership in April this year.

The village is very grateful to the last tenant Paul Greenwood who did a great job for two years and, at times, despite personal upheaval,

managed to keep our pub open with very little support from the pub owners who were only interested in selling the building and therefore were not bothered about spending money while the pub was on the market. Thank you Paul from us all—you are truly missed

The new owners have undertaken a refurbishment of the premises and accommodation block. In addition, the refit of the kitchen and the dining room have helped in rebuilding a customer base. However, they arrived with their eyes wide open and knew what was required.

The kitchen and dining refurbishment were completed first and food has continued to be served five days a week for several months now. Kath and I have personally sampled the food on several occasions and can attest to its high quality.

A whole new set of young smiling faces behind the bar and serving food has got

the whole pub buzzing and it has a beating heart again. The Kings Head is now a Free House and the new owners can obtain their supplies from wherever they can get the best deal. So we now have a different range of beers and lagers. The new owners, in a gesture to emphasize the point,

dropped the price of all ales and lagers by an average of 30p a pint. How welcome is that?

However, we do have to accept the transient nature of the majority of

customers at any one time (especially when food is served) and the parking can at times be cosy!

The Kings Head is now as it deserves to be - with the aroma of freshly cooked food drifting from the kitchen, smiling faces on both sides of the bar, a range of reasonably priced ales; open for longer hours but still the familiar faces of the villagers who like to pop in for a swift half!

There's still much to be accomplished. The front elevation and entrance needs smartening up to entice passers by.

The garden would benefit from being spruced up and the accommodation block refurbished but this will all happen in due course. They are also looking to recruit more staff to improve the service delivery which, to be honest, has been a problem when food demand is high. To be fair there



have been a small number of disgruntled customers but these are early days and things will get better. The problem is acknowledged and being dealt with.

In any village, the pub is the central hub for meeting people and finding out the latest gossip and spending time in the company of friends. For new people in the village the pub is the place to go to get to know people and to network.

We very nearly lost the pub altogether, and we must always be grateful to the consortium of determined business people within the village who came together to make a viable business case for a village buy out. They did a great job but it was done when the present owners had their offer accepted.

We are so lucky in Syresham to have all of the social facilities that many other villages lack. We have the primary school; a church and a chapel; a shop with post office; a sports and social club and of course the village hall, but now our Kings Head is back!

So please take the opportunity to visit the pub and sample it's new look and indulge yourself and have a meal there. You won't be disappointed I can assure you.

Mike Maund (Abbey Road)

FRIENDS OF ST JAMES CHURCH

The Friends of St James group has two main aims. One is to raise money for the upkeep and beautification of the Churchyards and Church, and improvements such as cushions for the

pews and kitchen equipment.

The other is to provide social occasions and entertainment so

that all in the community can enjoy our beautiful church.

Through the last twelve months we have had, amongst other things, a film show, a quiz in the village hall run by John Braybrook, pancake lunch on Shrove Tuesday, a wonderful concert performed by Lincoln Noel and Vanessa and Anna Murby and a brilliant Mediaeval Banquet. The church looked beautiful – all candlelit – and we were well fed and entertained by a lute player and jester.

Plans for the next 12 months include improvements to the pavement outside the church, disabled access and sound system; a film, another John Braybrook quiz, a SAFARI SUPPER (the last one was very popular and a huge success, so do book early) and a summer celebration concert by Caroline Palmer's choir – **NOTE-ABILITY** (tickets free, refreshments available). Do look out for posters, flyers, emails and the Friend's new Facebook page.

Membership of the Friends is £10 per year – this entitles you to a reduction in some ticket prices and entry to the Christmas and summer socials.

If you would like to join us contact me, Sue Palmer 850252, Judith 850613 or Sallie 850435.

SUE PALMER



WILD FLOWER MEADOW

I wonder if you could find space somewhere in the magazine to thank the people who have given us such a beautiful 'wild flower meadow' on the track up to the fields off the Wappenham Road. They have given me such great pleasure for weeks now and I'm determined to plant one in my own garden next year. My husband is disabled, but his carer managed to get the wheelchair up the track so that he could see them and take some photographs. It will create a lovely memory for him.

I can remember when these flowers were commonplace in the old farm fields, but as farming has become so much more intensive, there often isn't room for letting the natural flowers grow.

I do hope some of the younger members of the village have enjoyed them too.

PAULINE MCKAY, BROAD STREET

I think we all agree how lovely the flowers are!
EDITOR

VILLAGE BUS SERVICE

The Parish Council has been working to



provide a convenient new bus service into Brackley and Banbury.

Discussions have taken place with

'ABILITY NORTHANTS'.



We are pleased to report that from **THURSDAY AUGUST 8TH** there will be a bus at 11.30 a.m. (alight at Abbey Road, High Street and Village Hall) to Banbury. On Fridays there will be a bus to Brackley, (Alight at Abbey Road and High Street 9.30) and so it will continue weekly.

In order to use this service, residents must register with 'Ability Northants':-
<https://abilitycic.org.uk/>. ***Registration forms may also be obtained from the Village Post Office.***

WHO ARE GIGACLEAR?

Back in the Spring Gigaclear requested to attend a Parish Council meeting to explain works that they will be doing under the Government Scheme of providing cable internet connections throughout the village. The project was explained and a start date was anticipated, but they have had to make some modifications to their planning, hence recent letters explaining their intentions. It is anticipated they will commence work outside the school during the summer break.

This project is Government funded, and at *no cost to the Parish Council*. Contractors will be carrying out the works in due course. The roads and pavements will be restored to proper condition. Junction boxes will be installed, and locations of those have been marked out throughout the village. Once the system is installed it will be for individual householders to decide whether they wish to be connected at cost to themselves.

EDITOR



SYRESHAM & DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY

Following the excellent talk about the fashion work of Mary Quant, back in May, we are now looking forward to our annual guided walk visit in August. This will be in Buckingham and includes a visit to the Old Gaol in the town centre.

Our June meeting became somewhat problematic, when the speaker pulled out at short notice. We were however saved by Steve Dimmer from Northampton, who provided a dramatically performed focus on legend and myth in the county of Northamptonshire.

We heard from Bob Horner in July, about the history of Bletchley Park and its role as an espionage factory in the 1930s and during the war.

In September we will be having a further visit by Rosemary Leeper of Brackley History Society, and she will relate the second part of her talks about the history of Brackley.

October will see the AGM followed by a talk by Tim Healey, son of Dennis—his subject will be The Green Man legend.

From time to time we get enquiries about family tree research, most of which we are unable to help with.

However in early July, I had a request from two sisters in West Wales, regarding Albert Whitehead, their great uncle. He was one of the 33 village men killed

in the Great War.

He was son of Charles and Mary Anne Whitehead—she came from Biddlesden. The 1911 Census has them living at Blenheim Cottage.



ALBERT & LIZZIE

Albert was engaged to be married to Lizzie Blackwell who lived at College Farm Cottages. Sadly, he was killed in action in June 1918, still carrying his family bible presented to him by Syresham Wesleyan Chapel. That bible still exists with the sisters in Wales today.

They were asking what happened to Lizzie, and wondered if she lived to have a happy life.

In fact Lizzie married Bertie Fuller in Brackley in the summer of 1920 and between them they ran the Haberdashery in Bell Lane, just below the Bell Inn public house.

I am especially pleased to discover that we have scored a success here!

HISTORY SOCIETY PRESENTATION AT ST JAMES CE SCHOOL

As is customary, we made a presentation of History books to the pupil chosen by the staff at the school, for being the best at history.

Finally, you may have heard that John Nash recently had a fall in the garden. He is recovering well, and we wish him all the best!

IAN DRAPER, CHAIRMAN



ST JAMES INTERREGNUM

This year we have been told by The Bishop of Peterborough (our diocese), that if we raise £67,760 during this calendar year, we will qualify, as a Benefice, for a full time priest (i.e. one day off per week). If we raise £61,000 we would be entitled to a five-days per week priest. Anything less than this would only qualify us to advertise for 0.5% of a priest.

In order to get to our parish share for 2019 of £15,246, we need to raise another £449 per month from Syresham.

We have some £230 per month or one half of the total already signed up, but there is some way to go.

We are grateful to those who have already increased their giving, or pledged to do so – we have some £150 per month or 1/3rd of the total already signed up, but there is some way to go.

In early September the Benefice Finance Committee will meet to review our position to date. At their last meeting, the committee was confident that, with active fundraising, they could raise enough for a 5-day priest. If we are unable to report an improvement across the Benefice, we expect the Diocese to advertise for a part time priest in January.

We have been lucky during the past months for the help of the Rev'd Paula Challen. She was the Curate at Tove Benefice, Towcester, and until she officially became the Rector of Tove on August 11th, has been helping us. We

appreciate her enthusiasm.

She has attended many village events. Her last service in the Benefice will be on Sunday August 4th at Radstone. If anyone would like to make a contribution to a leaving present, please leave it at the Shop for my attention, or give it to me or Alice. And try to come to the service (and lunch) in the marquee.

This year we had the Summer Church Fete in the Church because of inclement weather. A dog show was an innovation and proved popular, despite the wet conditions.

Over £1,100 was raised and this and the St Nicholas Fair at Christmas are two of our most important fund raising events. Other fundraisers included Pop up Shops in the church in July and, to come, another Remembrance Eve Concert planned for Saturday 9th November.

MALCOLM ORR-EWING.

CHURCHWARDEN

REPORT FROM THE VILLAGE HALL

The Trustees of Syresham Village Hall would like to say a huge 'Thank You' to the many people who supported the Scarecrow Festival held on Saturday and Sunday 22nd and 23rd June.

If you made a scarecrow, helped with teas or on a stall, supervised the car parking, sold raffle tickets, sponsored a scarecrow, opened your garden, provided parking space or a raffle prize, or even came out to spend money and enjoy the event, then you helped us to raise almost £3,500 for essential village hall funds.

All the scarecrows were fantastic and we deliberately do not give prizes for the 'best' one. But on this occasion I would just like to give a mention to Thomas the Tank Engine and say 'Wow! Well Done Colin!'

We were also delighted that other organisations, local businesses and charities were able to raise money and benefit from this event. A big 'Thank You' also to the delightful Bernese Carting Dogs who joined us once again this year.

The Art Exhibition normally forms part of the Scarecrow Festival, but this year we decided to make it a separate event, and what a successful event it was! Many people came along to the village hall to view the works of local artists, a good number of which were sold. Thank you to those who helped to organise and run this event which also raised money for village hall funds.

The dates or theme for the 2020 festival will be in the next edition of this magazine.

CHRISTINA MUNSEY, CHAIR OF TRUSTEES

CHAPEL OUTING TO JESUS CHRIST SUPER STAR

The day began well, good weather and an excellent charabanc, courtesy of SMS. And for those who hate being too hot, excellent air conditioning! The trip was good and all the hassle of driving M1, M25 and A1 to The Barbican was handed over to the driver's delight! Thanks to Boris and Brexit there was an excellent protest in London that had to be avoided, but nobody minded because of the good cause.

Arriving at the Barbican with an hour to spare, the theatre café was definitely the place to go. Starring roles were played by excellent baguettes and cream tea scones, oh and did anyone mention cake—so many to choose from?

The Barbican is a marvel of architecture, the stage below ground and good comfortable seats with top notch legroom! The Musical began with dramatic notes from electric guitars, typically expected from Rice and Webber, and before we knew it the intermission was upon us and refreshments were consumed!

Back in for the second half and when it was over a curtain call and rapturous applause showing our great appreciation. The trip back from our seats was an uphill task—it shows you have to use stairs at the beginning or the end!

After grabbing a quick coffee, we boarded our trusty chariot for the homeward journey, and returned to the village feeling good after the trip.

If anyone would like to join similar theatre visits, please let us know.

Thanks to Beryl and Catherine for all the arrangements, they did a very good job! And travelling by bus or even train makes for more of a fun time!

MERV WILLIAMS



Update from **MPILO MATERNITY FUNDRAISING GROUP** who are giving up their time to visit Mpilo hospital, Zimbabwe, providing medical training, DIY skills, supporting women and their families:

Many thanks to all the villagers who have supported us so far by donating items or money, we are truly grateful. We were also overwhelmed by the support of Scarecrow Festival goers who visited our stall – we made a truly fantastic £256. This enables us to send a drum of medical equipment, baby clothes, bedding etc. out to Zimbabwe so that we can distribute it when we arrive in September. Many thanks to you all.



Sallie, Lucrezia (midwife), Steph, Sheila and Sam (midwives) - team Mpilo 2019.

Our next event is on 30th August when we are holding a Gin and Prosecco evening with nibbles from 6-8pm. Come and try a different gin or have a glass of Prosecco or try a gin and Prosecco combination! We will have a selection of nibbles to enjoy whilst you are relaxing with your drinks.

Tickets are £8.00 and the event will be held at 12 High Street, Syresham.



Afternoon Tea party—July 7th

We look forward to welcoming you to any or all our events. Thank you for your support.

SHEILA, SALLIE AND STEPH.

GEORGE TIMMS TRUST

The George Timms Trust was set up over 120 years ago to support any residents of Syresham who fell on hard times or otherwise found themselves in distress. In the 21st century the Trust still operates along the same principles, offering financial assistance to members of our village community at time of need.

The wellbeing of ‘innocent’ children also features in the charity’s ambit.

It is particularly important to highlight the totally confidential nature in which the Trust operates.

No personal details are recorded by the trustees either in minutes taken or electronic communication.

A special lockable letterbox has been fitted to the Chapel Sunday School wall and parishioners are encouraged to place a request note in the box either for themselves or on behalf of another resident, young or old.

These requests are carefully considered and managed with discretion. Requests can be made at any time.

The trustees would also like to know if there are any residents who have an interest in acquiring a garden allotment. If so, please put a note with contact details in the post box outside the Chapel Sunday School.

THE GEORGE TIMMS TRUSTEES

**WHITTLEBURY CHARITY SHOPPING
FAIR**

WEDS 25TH AND THURS 26TH SEPT

**THE ORANGERY,
WHITTLEBURY HALL**



THE FRIENDS OF SYRESHAM SCHOOL

May Day seems like a small lifetime ago, but though we reported on our wonderful traditional day of stalls, dancing, BBQ and games etc., we hadn't found out the grand total of our fundraising efforts, which was an incredible **£2,185.79** – this was an especially impressive amount considering it was the coldest May Day on record! Thank you to everyone who came and enjoyed this event, we value the support of our community so much.

From May Day, we leapt straight into the detailed planning and delivery of our second Syresham Summer Ball – which took place exactly two months later!

The hall looked spectacular as we embraced our tropical Flamingo theme; from pink and white decorations, the on brand photo booth, pink fizz prizes, to balloon arches – we had it covered! A big thank you must go to DJ Marquees for sponsoring the event with their fantastic marquee - used for the food service & the complimentary glasses of Prosecco - and the dance floor that really added to the event. Thank you too, to disc jockey Kelly for her great tunes and for getting everyone up on the aforementioned dance floor! Not only was it a great night, we also raised a further £670 for

the school. Thank you to everyone who came and to all those who made it happen! No mean feat.

As we pack up our metaphorical 'Friends' bag for the summer, we look to our plans for 2019/2020. We have our **AGM at School on Monday 30th September 7.30pm**. It is always a good opportunity to remind ourselves what we have achieved over the last twelve months, but also to plan for the next twelve. Please do join us if you would like to contribute to this fun, active and effective team.

As part of the AGM we are looking to fill one vacant key committee position, that of Treasurer. The role does not require an accountant but it does need someone who is organised, has a reasonable head for figures and knows their way around an excel spreadsheet. Hand over and support will be provided by the outgoing Treasurer and other members of the committee. For further information about the role or to register your interest please contact Lisa Dimpleby 07932 765743.

Wishing you all a wonderful summer break, this will be my last article as Chair of Friends, as I will be stepping



down from the role at the AGM, but will continue to be part of the committee during Poppy's last year at Primary School.

LISA DIMBLEBY, CHAIR - FRIENDS OF SYRESHAM SCHOOL



NEW COMMUNITY HOSPITAL, BRACKLEY

A big **thank you** to all who came along (despite the weather!) and supported the event on Saturday 27th July, at



Syresham Village Hall. The Rapid Relief Team hosted this event to help raise much needed funds for equipment and services for the New Community Hospital in Brackley, opening in 2020. This will be a great new facility for Brackley town and the nearby Syresham Parish.

All who attended enjoyed a free 'BBQ Gourmet Burger Meal' provided by the local RRT Team - with 100% of donations kindly given going to the Brackley Community Hospital Trust.

£815.30 was raised – well done!

Plans of the new Hospital were on display, and Paul Bennett and Caryl Billingham were present from the Hospital Charity to explain in more detail about the new facility.

We were grateful to the Rt. Hon Andrea Leadsom MP for joining us to show her support.

Revised plans and montage images were also on display for the proposed new PBCC church at Pimlico. It was a great opportunity to be able to share

these with neighbours and councillors and discuss your views on this project – many thanks to everyone who displayed an interest. If anyone has further questions, please email us at bflight@firgo.co.uk

TOBY CAMPION

PLAYBALL HOLIDAY CLASSES

Classes start this week and there are still places available!!

WHO: 3 year olds – 5 year olds

WHEN: Wednesdays @ 10am – 10:45am

WHERE: Syresham Cricket Club

Contact coach Brett on 07889-483502 to book your child/children a place.

MUMS AND TOTS SUMMER 2019

Mums and Tots continue to meet on Wednesday mornings between 10 and 12 at the village hall. Parents, grandparents and child-minders gather for a friendly catch up over a cuppa whilst children play with an abundance of toys, have a go at some crafts, run round or sit back with a book.

The children have enjoyed a variety of

crafts including spoon puppets, paper plate animals and making Humpty Dumpty's Kings Men and horses for the Syresham scarecrow festival.

At the end of the summer term we had a teddy bears picnic whilst



telling the Goldie Locks and the Three bears story tale. The children followed the story by eating the bears breakfast, sitting in all the bears chairs and sleeping in all the bears beds (well trying).



We have said farewell to Alice and Edward who leave us to start school in September. It does not seem five minutes since they arrived as babies with mum's Jess and Annabel. We wish them lots of luck and are sure they will enjoy school. A special thank you to grandma Hazel as she is known by the children for all the help and support she has given to the group over the years. We hope she will still join us from time to time for fun crafts and play.

We will start back after the Summer holidays on Wednesday 4th September.

Please feel free to join us for a friendly play and chat with your little ones.

The group gives the children a chance to socialise through play, try new activities whilst adults catch up and put the world's to rights.

CLAIRE TURNHAM

CHURCH 200 CLUB draw took place on 25th July @ Village Hall Coffee Morning.

Winners:

1st Prize = P Potter No: 174 (Syr)

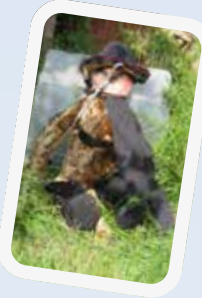
2nd Prize = A Davis No: 37 (Syr)

3rd Prize = E & J Atkinson No: 116 (Syr)

Many thanks for your continued support.

Next draw 29th August

Scarecrow



WELL DONE TO EVERYONE WHO CONTRIBUTED!

Festival 2019



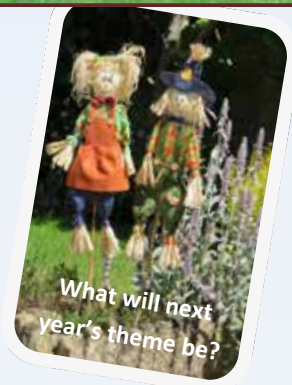
THOMAS THE TANK



RED RIDING HOOD



GRUFFALO



What will next year's theme be?

PHOTOGRAPHS
BY
TERRY IRWIN



BIRTHDAY SURPRISES

My 65th birthday seemed to last from Wednesday through to Sunday, with lots of daily surprises. John began it all by putting out balloons while I was doing the paper round. Postie and delivery vans kept arriving with boxes of flowers, but the best surprise of all was the number of cards, flowers, wine etc., that I received from you as friends and customers!



So I am taking this opportunity to say *thank you very much* for all the wonderful thoughts and gifts.

To finish a special week, my daughter Kerry-Ann arranged a surprise Sunday lunch at the Kings Head, with all the family, my daughters and grandchildren too!

All in All, I had a marvellous 65th birthday and celebration! Thank you!

RUTH GROVELL

SYRESHAM GEMS

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



In May Julie Macken from Neve's Bees came to talk to us. Julie explained how she got into beekeeping initially when her daughter spotted a beehive in a house they went to view in West Oxfordshire. She set up Neve's Bees a few years ago, and uses the beeswax from their own bees, and others in the local community, to make a range of 100% natural products. These include different flavour lip balms, hand salves and most recently dog products. The products are manufactured in their kitchen and sold

online, as well as in outlets such as Blenheim Palace - <https://nevesbees.co.uk/>

In June we were meant to visit Steane Gardens, near Brackley, following a very successful visit 2 years ago. However heavy rain scuppered our plans, making the paths slippery and dangerous so we had to cancel at the last minute. We are aiming to reschedule for next year.

In July Hannah Thompson from the Stitching Kitchen in Brackley demonstrated Indian block printing. Over the years Hannah has amassed a big collection of different sized and shaped blocks which are all hand carved in India. We were spoilt for choice with birds, elephants, and flowers to name but a few. We practised first with the paints and blocks on

a piece of old cloth before starting on our own works of art,



decorating either a tote bag or tea towel! It was a very enjoyable evening and good to welcome a few new visitors too - <http://www.stitchingkitchen.co.uk/>

Our next few meetings are as follows:

14th August – Volunteering – Sallie Connerly

11th September – AGM and Social evening

9th October – Wendy Wesley – Brackley and District Floral Club – seasonal theme

We are currently planning our programme of talks, demonstrations and visits for 2020. If you know anyone who might be interested in being part of our programme then please get in touch with Judith Shaw (850613) or Maggie Newton (07734- 080073).

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

After a very busy period the Club will recommence on **September 3rd** when a speaker talk will be “*A woman’s work is never done!*” Two meetings have been spent enjoying the garden at Vine Cottage and The Priory and thanks to Sue Palmer and Claire and Malcolm Orr -Ewing for their hospitality. Members had a productive time making boxes with Gemini Crafts and have fun with a quiz afternoon – surprising people couldn’t remember where Postman Pat lived! We are always pleased to welcome anyone to join us we have great homemade cakes – are you tempted?

DOT

SYRESHAM CHAPEL

Our speaker recently spoke about the story of Mary and Martha and we were challenged, are we overwhelmed by the many things that need to be done for our peace and wellbeing. And she suggested we should take time out to sit at Jesus feet and listen to him. It was suggested we find a moment in every day when we let Jesus take over.

Our exhibition for the Scarecrow Festival attracted many children and we gave away over a 100 books on the



story of Moses. Thanks go to so many people who contributed and one lad asked Cath what you are doing next year – we’re still giving it a lot of thought!

We have again decided to fill shoe boxes and will be distributing leaflets shortly giving all the details. We can supply a box just ask you to fill it. Some of us are already collecting toys etc.

Our **Harvest Thanksgiving Service** will be held on **Sunday 15th September** and a warm welcome is extended to everyone. All of the food collected will be delivered to The Hope Centre in Northampton who use it to supply lunches for the homeless. We also collect used garden and other tools as they have set up a scheme employing people to bring them back to a good standard so they can be sold.

DOT

POTHLES GALORE

It can’t have escaped your notice that High Street and Abbey Road in particular are a major hazard with accidents waiting to happen as a result of the many potholes about.

Very recent repair work could only be achieved because of the intervention of Mark Morrell (of Brackley Council), ‘*Mr Pothole*’ as he is colloquially known! The makings of a significant sink hole outside the school was being ignored by NCC, claiming it not to be dangerous or in need of remedial work. The Parish Council is very much appreciative of Mr Pothole’s support, and we look forward to hearing and seeing the results! **DOT**

SYRESHAM ART EXHIBITION

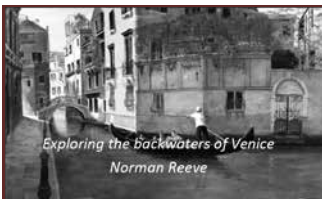
Our latest Art Exhibition took place over the weekend of 1st/2nd June and was a tremendous success. We attracted 34 local artists to display their artwork totalling over 180 exhibits.

The medium ranged from oil, through water colour, acrylic, pastel, mixed media, ink and bleach, pencil print, acrylic spray paint and wax to photographs on canvas, paper and board. Subject matter covered still life to landscape.

Prices ranged from £2.00 to £1,400 so covered most people's pockets and beyond.

26 Exhibits were sold which was a record for our Art Exhibition.

The new village hall with a combination of smart new screens and some re-used older ones was a perfect venue. Previously part of the Scarecrow weekend, we felt it deserved to be a stand-alone event which proved to be a very positive decision.



Thanks to all the artists and the village hall organisers and

helpers who yet again put on a super event. Next year's Exhibition will have something to live up to.

MARY TURNHAM

The **GYTTE LANE GOLF SOCIETY** is celebrating 25 years of existence.

We have a very healthy membership taken from the village and surrounding area. We usually play 4 events plus our captain's day along with occasional tours.

We welcome any and all new members and try to keep a balance of golf and social participation.

If you are interested in joining, an easy way is to access our web page. Log

on to www.golfsociety.co.uk. The name to enter is 'gyttesgolf' and the password is 'syresham'. You will then see the events and membership. You can enter your name for any event and see the cost, date etc. Failing that please contact either myself or any of the other members for details.

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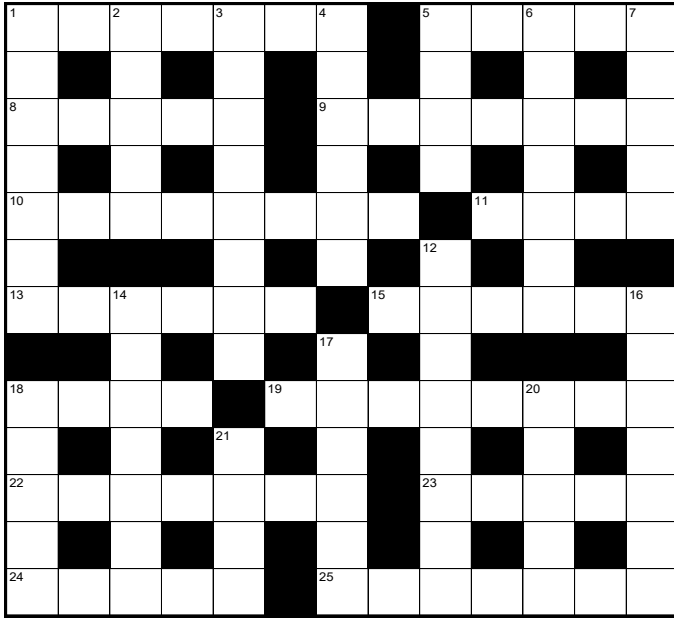


A very big **THANK YOU** to Rob Dixon who has been involved with the Syresham Times from the beginning. He supported Jill when she was editor and has compiled many crosswords for us and now feels he needs a break! I'm sure he will be called upon in the future for an article – again many thanks Rob! **Dot**

Events and Diary Dates

<i>HAPPENING SOON</i>	<i>WEEKLY DIARY</i>	<i>FORTNIGHTLY DIARY</i>
AUGUST	<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>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>MONTHLY DIARY</p> <p>2ND SUNDAY, Sunday School & Breakfast Church 9.30 a.m. —<i>Not Dec</i></p>
<p>Village Hall Activities as normal except Yoga, Dance and Mums and Tots</p> <p>SUNDAY 18TH AUGUST, ROY HAWKINS HORTICULTURAL SHOW, SPORTS CLUB</p> <p>PIMLICO TRAINS AUGUST 25TH, SEPTEMBER 22ND</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WEDNESDAY 28TH, PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, VILLAGE HALL 7.30PM</p>	<p>TUESDAYS:-</p> <p>HATHA YOGA 9.00 till 10.30a.m.</p> <p>ADULT BALLET, 11.00 a.m. to 12.00 <i>Village Hall</i>,</p> <p>PILATES <i>Village Hall</i>, 12.00 noon to 1.00 p.m.</p> <p>TAEKWON-DO 7.30 to 9.00 p.m.</p> <p>BROWNIES, 6.00 till 7.15p.m. <i>Sunday 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>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>2ND SUNDAY—<i>Sports Club Carvery lunch 12.00 noon till 2.00 p.m.</i></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 drawn 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>
SEPTEMBER		
<p>1ST SEPT, SPORTS CLUB CLASSIC AND MODERN CARS WEEKEND</p> <p>PIMLICO TRAINS SEPTEMBER 22ND</p> <p>WEDS 25TH SEPTEMBER, PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, VILLAGE HALL, 7.30 P.M.</p> <p>TYS PANTO AUDITIONS, SPORTS CLUB 23RD AND 26TH 7.00P.M.</p> <p>30TH SEPT FRIENDS OF SCHOOL AGM</p> <p>OCTOBER ACTIVITIES AS USUAL EXCEPT YOGA AND DANCE, HALF TERM OCT 28TH WEEK</p> <p>HISTORY SOCIETY CRAFT FAIR, VILLAGE HALL 26TH OCTOBER</p> <p>SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAYRE, NOVEMBER 23RD</p>		

Crossword — thanks to Vintage Port



Cheers
and
thanks,
Rob!

ACROSS

- 1 & 5 AKA 42a High Street (7 & 5)
- 8 Dullard (5)
- 9 Charging with Lance (7)
- 10 Latin case expressing 'by', 'with' or 'from' (8)
- 11 Small pool (4)
- 13 Use of ridicule to expose folly (6)
- 15 Of the flesh (6)
- 18 Skeletal constituent(4)
- 19 AKA 15 Magdalen Close (8)
- 22 AKA 35 High Street (7)
- 23 Stadium (5)
- 24 Baked Fancies (5)
- 25 Departed (7)

House names visible from the public highway!

DOWN

- 1 Testing experiences (7)
- 2 Waterway (5)
- 3 An Opening (8)
- 4 Latin case expressing grammatical agreement (7)
- 5 Either of two equal parts (4)
- 6 Mythical horned horse (7)
- 7 Bordered (5)
- 12 Reluctant (8)
- 14 Source of tannin (7)
- 16 Towards the sheltered side (7)
- 17 Short legged hunting dog (6)
- 18 Fundamental (5)
- 20 Perfect (5)
- 21 Expression of sorrow (4)

*ANSWERS—ACROSS : 1 Orchard; 5 House; 8 Dunge; 9 Tiltng; 10 Ablative; 11 Pond; 13 Saire; 15 Carnal; 18 Bone; 19 Larkrise; 22 Stables; 23 Arena; 24 Cakes; 25 Toddled
DOWN—1 Ordeal; 2 Canal; 3 Aperture; 4 Date; 5 Half; 6 Unicorn; 7 Edged ; 12 Backward; 14 Tanbark; 16 Leewind; 17 Basses; 18 Basic; 20 Ideal; 21 Alias*

YOUNGSTERS STARTING EARLY AT THURSDAY MORNING COFFEE SHOP IN THE VILLAGE HALL

There's nothing like starting them young! Coffee Shop regulars recently met up with two new customers:-



Finley Turnham and Ethan Irwin with Emma and Russell Irwin, were a very happy group at their first visit! Are there any more young enthusiasts about?

Editor

SYRESHAM BOWLS CLUB

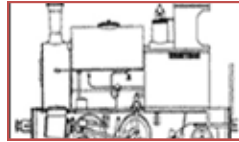
We continue to enjoy our weekly Thursday evenings at the Village Hall. If you are interested why not pop along and see us and join in?



Last winter we once again took part in a Triples Charity League, playing against five other clubs, each home match holding a raffle. The money raised from the raffles together with another raffle at a presentation tournament at Moreton Pinkney, raised £830! This was divided between McMillan Nursing, Parkinson UK, Katharine House Hospice and the Air Ambulance.

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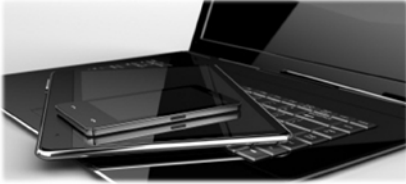
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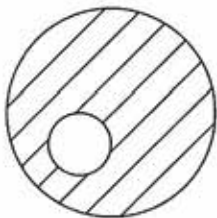
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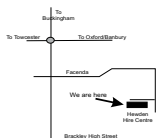


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