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From the Editor's Desk

As the 2021 Cop26 Glasgow Conference begins, we all face a major challenge on the part of our leaders in attempting to secure agreement on the protection of our environment. If national and international leaders fail to secure key agreements, then even here in this village, we face a likely future of more extreme climate and weather.

Are we all thinking very seriously about what actions we can take to ensure the world remains a safe place for us, and especially our children and their children too?

On a slightly less threatening note, here in the village we hope that our community spirit will emerge again and that our clubs and societies will be revitalised.

The essential oxygen of activity and interaction within our community is as important as a healthy atmosphere for the world. So we should take those important steps back towards a normal life and regain the happy days of over two years ago, before the world was struck by the Corona Virus.

With a careful, thoughtful approach and continuous awareness, we can all come through this pandemic, and step back into the real world?

IAN DRAPER, EDITOR OCTOBER 2021

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NEWS FROM THE RECTORY

This month I have some very good news to report – makes a change from all the stress of the previous 18 months or so!

Firstly, I was finally welcomed into the Benefice in a lovely Induction Service on Sunday 5th September, at Syresham. It felt very special to be surrounded by friends old and new as we were finally able to have the traditional service where I was ‘installed’ in the Rector’s stall and led around the church to symbolically take hold of my ‘living’ by grasping the door handle and then to ring the bell to signify how long I would stay – the bell rang 8 times I am told! Thanks are due to Malcolm Orr-Ewing and the team at Syresham for a lovely occasion – especially the lunch afterwards.

The second piece of good news is that following correspondence and voting from people on the church electoral rolls across the Benefice, and an open meeting on Monday 6th September it was confirmed by a more than two thirds majority that the parishes of the Benefice wished to remain part of the united Astwell Benefice structure. From the viewpoint of Syresham, this means that the parish continues to have input into the Benefice life and will be represented on the Benefice PCC and joint committees for Worship, Finance, Pastoral care and social events. However, the structure also allows for local control of church and churchyard



maintenance and enhancement, local parish finances and parish based social event planning. This plan now needs to be signed off by the Bishop’s Council, which should happen by the end of the year – to my mind, another opportunity for a celebration when that happens!

The main advantages are that there will be support for Syresham parish from the larger Benefice group, and I will be freed to do what I consider to be the most important parts of a Parish Priest’s job – arranging worship, carrying out pastoral care, journeying with people through life events and taking baptism services, weddings, and funerals out of that ministry and supporting everyone in their Christian walk of faith.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with me if you would like a coffee and chat – or a walk – I am happy to meet anyone – churchgoer or not! Also, do look out for me at some of our Christmas services/activities.

Dates that have been confirmed so far include the St Nicholas Fair on 4th December and the joint carol service with the Chapel 19th December at 6pm.

We are also planning Christingle services and a Christmas HC service on Christmas Eve and a Christmas Morning Family Service – look out for more information nearer the time.

God Bless, **REVD DIANE**

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**TOWCESTER AREA
DOOR-TO-DOOR
COMMUNITY
TRANSPORT**

Towcester Area Door-to-Door (TADD) is a long-established charity operating a door-to door community transport service for people across the West Northants area. The service enables the elderly and disabled to attend medical and well-being related appointments and services. TADD is affordable and helps people retain independence in the absence of suitable public transport and avoid reliance on family, friends and neighbours.

During COVID there has been a dramatic decrease in the number of journeys made, however we have continued to provide transport for those who needed it. Routine appointments are beginning to be made once again, the flu and booster vaccine campaign is starting up and we are seeing an increase in requests for transport. If you, or anyone you know, would benefit from accessing the service please do get in touch.

We desperately need volunteer drivers in many rural villages. There are many elderly, disabled or isolated people who rely on TADD, so if you have a little spare time and are a driver, please consider volunteering to help your neighbours. You never know when you might need to use the service yourself!

Drivers need to have access to a car, be available on a fairly regular basis and are required to complete a DBS check. Mileage is reimbursed at the HMRC

rate, insurance premiums are not impacted and journeys are allocated weekly by mutual agreement.

To learn more about becoming a member or volunteering for TADD please get in touch:

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**FROM YOUR WNC
COUNCILLOR**

I am delighted to be looking after Syresham as one of your three new West



Northamptonshire Councillors for the Silverstone Ward along with Alison Eastwood and Charles Manners. As I



live in the south of the Ward, in Silverstone village, and all three of us are Conservatives, I have taken the mantle for the parishes in that part – including Syresham – with

Charles looking after the villages across the centre of the Ward and Alison those in the top third.

Having lived in South Northants since 1981 and Silverstone since 1986, I know your village well and have enjoyed many a pint in the King's Head over the years, often as respite from working on classic vehicles, which I kept at Kingshill Farm some years ago. Since the election, I have attended your

parish council meetings and have worked with your councillors on several issues.

Until the election in May, I had been a South Northants Councillor since 2003, having been Chairman in 2010 and most recently on the Cabinet as Portfolio Holder for Environmental Services and Chairman of the Moat Lane Regeneration Project Board for Towcester. My background is in the automotive industry and motorsport, with a special interest in classic cars and motorcycles.

Although the formation of WNC was not universally welcomed, I feel that residents are now realising that it will benefit residents. It provides a lot of opportunities to address some of the issues from the past and also to plan for the future and that is what we are concentrating on at the moment.

The challenges that we face at the moment are mainly due to external pressures; in particular demands for housing, environmental issues and pressure from industrial developers. We recognise that this part of the county is rural and as such we will strive to maintain it that way.

One of the issues causing a lot of angst is HS2. Its effect on residents in this part of South Northants is becoming more and more of an issue. Although HS2 does not directly impact on Syresham, it is very close and neighbouring Radstone is one of the worst affected villages. Endless deliveries of materials by truck and the large number of workers on the site,

which stretches right across the county, create noise and nuisance and we are working with the contractors to ensure that mitigation is as effective as possible. This includes doing our best to ensure that HS2 sticks to agreed practices and routes and to help those residents who have related issues. Most of the Northants part of the track runs through Alison's end of Silverstone Ward and she has become our 'specialist' on such matters for the railway, which is not due to open until 2026.

The next major consultation is the West Northamptonshire Strategic Plan and the Spatial Options Consultation, which is in progress at the moment. Your parish council is aware of this and you can find out all about it at <https://westnorthantsplan.inconsult.uk/>. There is a link to a document that can be downloaded and printed if necessary called 'West Northamptonshire Strategic Plan Spatial Options Consultation'. This gives full information on proposals for future development including maps showing possible sites. As far as Syresham is concerned, the nearest sites in the consultation are both for urban extensions and are adjacent to Brackley (to the west) and Towcester (to the south and north east).

I look forward to continuing to do what I can for Syresham and I'm only down the road if you need any help with West Northamptonshire Council related matters.

DERMOT BAMBRIDGE



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ecl.gov.uk](mailto:head@syresham-ce.northants-ecl.gov.uk) to find out more!

LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR

REQUIRED

We are looking for someone to join our lunchtime team to supervise the children in the playground and while they eat lunch.

Hours are 11:55am to 1:10pm Monday to Friday during term time.

If you like working with children, don't mind being outside in the winter and acquiring a tan in the summer, then this job could be for you.

No experience is needed and training will be given.

Applicants will be expected to provide 2 references, undertake a DBS Safeguarding check and an on-line medical. A full job description and application form will be provided on request.

SITE MAINTENANCE OFFICER

School is looking for a Site Maintenance Officer to start as soon as possible for just over 1 hour per day, 5 days per week during term time (7 hours per week).

This is a unique opportunity to join our friendly team of staff in school, the scheduled hours are in the early evening after the children have left school but are fairly flexible.

The pay rate for both these jobs is £9.43 per hour (due to rise in 2022) for 38 weeks plus 5 weeks holiday pay per year.

Are you interested?

DO YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING AT THE ST NICHOLAS FAIR
*** STALLS * CAROL SINGING**
2.00-4.00 P.M. SATURDAY
4TH DECEMBER, AT
SYRESHAM ST JAMES CHURCH

Do you see village dog owners not picking up after their pets??



All dog fouling should be reported to West Northants (SNC area) Environmental Services team.

If a resident witnesses someone letting their dog foul in a public place without cleaning it up afterwards, they should report this, preferably via the online reporting form, at www.southnorthants.gov.uk/info/288/dogs/223/report-dog-fouling.

Include the name and address of the person in charge of the dog (if known); a description of the dog, details of the date, time and location of the offence.

SYRESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

SYRESHAM ART EXHIBITION 2021

It has been nearly 2½ years since our last Village Hall Art Exhibition in June 2019, but our latest one over the weekend of 9/10th October was another tremendous success.

We had attracted local artists to display their artwork totalling over 150 exhibits. The media 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.

Prices ranged from £15 to £295 so covered most people's pockets. 22 Exhibits were sold which was close to our record of 26 in 2019. Fine weather ensured we could provide refreshments both inside and out so visitors could relax whilst contemplating their purchases.

Thanks to all the artists and the village hall organisers and helpers who yet again put on a super event.

We feel sure this event will continue to be a successful attraction in the village with many people having additional artworks adorning their walls.

MARY TURNHAM.





SYRESHAM CE ST JAMES SCHOOL

We were very pleased to be able to welcome the children back to a more 'normal' school in September. Gone are the class 'bubbles' and the children can now learn and play happily together. Staff have been focussing on a new curriculum and making an exciting environment for the children to learn in. The nursery is going from strength to strength with new children starting all through the term. They love playing outside and are rarely indoors. We have welcomed new staff in both the school and nursery.

We are pleased that sporting events with other local schools have restarted and our Key Stage One Boccia team and Key Stage Two Football teams have all taken part in competitions this term. We are now planning an outdoor Nativity, not a zoom one as we did last year. The Friends of the School are planning an **"Elf Trail"** Christmas Event and other Christmas activities for the children to do in the school grounds.

KATE CLOUGH, HEADTEACHER

FRIENDS OF ST JAMES SCHOOL

We are delighted to announce that the Elves will be returning to Syresham again this year. On Friday the 10th December there will be an **Elf Door Trail** around the village and carols in the school playground. We would love to welcome as many of you as possible

to come and join us. We will be selling mulled wine and refreshments as well as running a Christmas raffle. We would be delighted if the village could be fully involved and ask if you could make an extra special effort with your Christmas lights again. The School Council (made up of children) will be judging the best lit house and there is a small prize for the winner. Please put the date in your diary and keep a look out for further information on the



school notice board,

Facebook pages and at Ruth's.

For once we had some nice weather for the spring DIY SOS.

We had a great turnout of helpers and in a couple of hours we put up fences, repaired the nursery Playhouse, swept, painted and generally had a good tidy up. Sadly the weather played its usual part and we had to postpone the second evening but a few weeks later we completed the painting and gave the willow den a good haircut.



To raise some funds, we had our first break the rules day. It's fair to say that children and staff certainly broke some rules.

Each child could pay a fine for every rule they broke. This was a very

successful event and I think it will become an annual fixture if the children have anything to do with it.

With everyone having a good house clear out during lockdown we jumped on the band wagon and had a ragbag collection. Thank you to Claire Turnham for organising this and her car looked like a bin lorry with the amount of black bags she had in the back of it.

To celebrate the end of term and year 6 leavers **'Shamfest'** returned to Syresham School. Each class bubble enjoyed their own end of term mini festival with a bouncy castle, dance tent, drinks, tattoos, games and a visit from the ice cream van. Everyone had a fabulous time including the teachers who were in charge of the water pistols at the Year 5/6 festival.

Over the summer holidays we launched the tallest sunflower competition and a Smartie Challenge to raise money towards a new playground shelter. These have both been very successful.

We would like to send a huge thanks to Robert and Barry Whitehead who kindly made us a wonderful new notice board for the school gates. So now everyone can keep up to date on what is going on in school and events we are holding.

So far this term we have had a Fish and Chip



evening at the Kings Head, which was

well attended and a good catch-up was had by many parents.

We held a Movie Night which was our first full school event since Covid restrictions were relaxed. It was a great success with nearly all boys and girls at school enjoyed the film *Luka* together. There was a true cinema feel with popcorn on arrival and ice cream in the interval.

Our last and special thank you must go to Miss Palmer for her very generous donation towards the new playground shelter. This was a truly astonishing gift and so gratefully received We can't wait to have it built and Miss Palmer cutting the ribbon to open it.

SARAH PATERSON, CHAIR OF FOSS

Just a reminder ??

Coffee Morning
Is up and running
Every Thursday Morning
from 10.30 - 12.30
At the Village Hall



Enjoy a wonderful coffee
made by our Baristas
and sample our
delicious homemade
cakes and savouries



It's the Perfect
place to meet new people
if you have recently
moved to the village!



MUMS AND TOTS

We've had lots of fun at Mums and Tots this term. The children have thoroughly enjoyed playing with the mini town, dressing up the baby dolls and cooking up delights, such as playdough apple pie in the kitchen. I have incorporated lots of sensory trays each week into the sessions where the children have used their senses, imaginations and vocabulary to explore the inside of a



pumpkin, the woodland world of squirrels collecting and counting acorns and finding hidden hedgehogs in piles of leaves.

The art and craft activities have been linked to the theme of Autumn. The children have made colourful autumn wreaths, decorated pumpkins with spots like the artist, Yayoi Kusama, created tissues collages of squirrels, iced scary biscuit spiders, modelled hedgehogs with spaghetti spines and have printed with apples.

There will be even more creative fun coming up in the next few weeks, including another visit from the fantastic Spotted Chicken Ceramics Studio from Wappenham, where the children will have an opportunity to paint Christmassy decorations and can use their hand or footprints to make treasured keepsakes. We will be

making cards, calendars and hopefully have a little party all before Christmas.

If you are a mum, dad, grandparent or childminder with a baby/toddler/pre-schooler, why not come and join the fun on Wednesday mornings between 10:00 and 11:45.



TINA NESBITT

SYRESHAM BROWNIES



Brownies finally resumed in September. It was great to welcome the girls back together with lots of new

recruits!

We have been busy learning skills for the future and have already gained a badge. The Brownies had a DIY session using hammers, nails and screws and built themselves a ladybird house.

The next few weeks will see us having a campfire, thanks to the Scouts, preparing for our Christmas good turn and hosting a Curry Night on 30th November raising funds for Katharine House Hospice. All welcome to the curry night. The Brownies will be waiting on table. See posters around village for more information.

WOL, PAULA

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT



The work of the Parish Council has continued apace in the last three months. We hope that you have noticed the new dog fouling signs that the Parish Council has provided and we request ALL dog walkers and owners to heed these signs. We know that most already do, but unfortunately there always seem to be a few people who don't.

There is a separate notice in this edition detailing the consequences of failing to pick up after your pet, and also details of what those who witness such an event must do.

After complaints of the lack of a dog litter bin at Whistley Woods, the Parish Council was given permission by the Forestry Commission to put a bin at the entrance to the wood. This is a trial measure and the Forestry Commission will ask the Council to remove it if it is not used. So, if you walk your dog in Whistley Wood, please use it and make sure that the area around the bin is neat and tidy. 'Use it or Lose it' as the saying goes!

The Parish Council wishes to keep residents up to date on events and issues that concern the village and themselves. To this end, the Clerk will issue email alerts about road closures, HS2 works, etc. Pocket Park users, will have noticed that a pontoon has been installed next to the pond so that it is now possible for activities such as pond dipping to take place. Life saving

throw lines and details of how to use them are now also in place in order to make sure that activities can be carried out safely.

The *West Northamptonshire Strategic Plan Spatial Consultation* is open for people to view and comment on. Details can be found on www.westnorthantsplan.inconsult.uk

This is an important document that will affect future planning and development in our area over the next 30+ years and it is well worth taking a look and having your say. We hope that you will.

As you all know, there is a defibrillator for the use of villagers on the chapel Sunday School wall. There is another in Crowfield.

The Parish Council will be organising a Training Session on ***the use of defibrillators*** and details of this will be posted around the village in due course. It is very worthwhile attending one of these courses and, even if you have done so before, it is a very good idea to refresh yourself on how to use the defibrillator – *the course is free.*



Parish Council is extremely pleased that our village organisations are meeting again after being shut down for almost two years. Community events are also starting to take place. Syresham has long been regarded as a vibrant community with many activities to suit

all ages and the Parish Council is very pleased to offer their thanks and support to the volunteers who give so much of their time in order to ensure that our village continues to thrive.

The festive season is rapidly approaching and the Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to wish all our residents a very Happy Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

CLLR CHRISTINA MUNSEY

SYRESHAM BOWLS CLUB

We are delighted to have been back bowling for just over a month in the company of six new prospective members who all seem to be enjoying our game and are able to cope with it's (and our) eccentricities.



We would like to welcome them all and look forward to their company for a long time.

If you would like to join us, don't hesitate, pop along to the Village Hall, any Thursday evening 7 o'clock, we'll be there.

JUDITH SHAW

RESIDENTS' EMAIL CONTACT

The Parish Council is looking at an email alert system, direct to residents where required. The alerts would include parish announcements that are currently displayed on the village website (www.syreshamvillage.com) or posted on the village Facebook page.

If this type of communication would be

useful, please can you send your contact details to the Parish Clerk on 01280851178 parishclerk@syresham.com.

SAMANTHA HOSKING, PARISH CLERK

CRAFTS GROUP

Hopefully starting up again on 11th January 2022, providing the COVID is still on its way out and we haven't got 6 feet of snow!



On the 2nd, 3rd & 4th Tuesdays of the month 7.30 - 10.00pm at the

Chapel Sunday School. Such positivity from someone whose cup is always half-full!

JOAN WHITEHEAD

SUDOKU SOLUTIONS - SEE PAGE 21

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HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

Overcoming delays caused by the Covid19 Pandemic, the long awaited health and care facility opened in the autumn of 2020 with the first rehabilitation patients being admitted in the spring of 2021. The design of the facility has supported safe working arrangements during this period with room layouts and sizes maintaining social distancing. Core services (GP appointments, Podiatry, Physiotherapy, Children's Speech & Language Therapy, Community Nursing and 0 – 19 team base) previously provided in the Brackley Health Centre and Washington House Surgery smoothly moved in and are all now operating from the new venue.

In the summer we were able to welcome back partner organisations with MIND able to recommence their weekly group from the wellbeing suite which is situated to the left of the main entrance on the ground floor. We are now planning for the opening of the café and to increase the range and number of groups being provided to include a Memory Hub (approach currently being successfully tested in Corby) and Strength and Balance classes to help reduce risk of falls, especially for people who have spent significant periods of the past two years shielding.

We initially opened with eight beds in use on the second floor with an



increase to ten in the summer and to date almost 60 patients have been supported with their recovery through the new local beds.

The NHS nationally has set out a vision of

increasing the range of outpatient and diagnostic/near patient testing, traditionally provided at large Acute Hospital sites, which should be available in local community hubs. The new facility at Brackley is highlighted as the type of integrated health and care venue which will support this, building on initial x-ray capacity, and we expect an ongoing increase in the range of services provided locally for all ages.

The amazing fundraising in support of the new facility continues to benefit local people with additional equipment to support work of physiotherapists, assisting inpatients with their recovery and ongoing care and, when the x-ray facility is fully functioning, increasing the type and number of tests which can be undertaken at Brackley. We will be forever grateful for all of the support of the people of Brackley and surrounding villages. To create the new facility has been a collective team effort over many years!

We know that the next few months will be very testing for health and social care with the combination of ongoing pandemic, greater risk from flu and the backlog for elective care

but are confident that the wonderful new facility in Brackley will play a key part in helping to successfully navigate the immediate future and enable us to continue to create enhanced service provision locally for many years to come.

GILES WEST, Deputy Director of Operational Transformation, NHFT. Giles is the Community Resilience Transformation Lead for Integrated Care Across Northamptonshire.

SYRESHAM CHAPEL

We are continuing to meet regularly in Chapel but also still zoom the service to folk who cannot meet in person. We thank all the people who lead our services and to those who make sure the building is socially distanced and make safe each week.



The Chapel is open every day for anyone who wishes to spend time in there and the Prayer Box is used regularly and we are thrilled people feel they can go in and write a prayer or just sit quietly, or read a bible or book.

We are planning to have Carols and cakes in the Chapel Christmas Eve at 6.p.m. and do extend a warm welcome to anyone who would like to join us. Christmas morning service will be at 10.a.m.

At present we are busy filling shoe boxes and these have to be in Chapel by November 15th. All the necessary forms are in the Chapel so we do encourage you to take part in this.

When you see the faces of the children who receive them it is wonderful as they have virtually nothing, a shoe box of goods is received with so much joy.

Breakfast Church meets once a month and it is so encouraging to see so many families joining us.

DOT DUNKLEY

IRENE HOLGATE - 1927 TO 2021

Irene was born in Leicester on 17th February 1927, to parents Charles and Violet Beasley. Her father was a carpenter and her mother a housewife

Irene did well at school and progressed to teacher training college and became a primary school teacher. She remained a teacher for many years and

thoroughly enjoyed her job. Once when

returning to school for the autumn term she found rather a large wasp's nest in the corner of the ceiling.



The nest was multi-coloured as the wasps had eaten lots of coloured paper in the classroom. The children thought it was wonderful and perhaps reflects what a colourful character Irene herself was.

Irene married Nigel Parkinson in 1949. He was a successful chartered accountant practising in the Leicester

area. In due course Irene had 2 children Philip and Chrissie.

Irene had a long term friend from Leicester nicknamed Puffer - real name Richard Pougher. They later married in 1979 and moved to the Isle of Wight shortly afterwards, to live in Chrissie's family holiday home. Irene really loved it on the island with the mild climate and her colourful garden. Sadly Puffer passed away shortly after the move, but Irene had no desire to move.

Some time later, Irene met Bill Holgate and they married in 1989. Bill was a dentist in the Royal Navy and had achieved the auspicious rank of Rear Admiral! A fact that Irene never made known was that Bill Holgate's portrait hangs in the National Portrait Gallery in London! Sadly Bill passed away at the age of 82, but Irene stayed in their house with Bill's son Adrian. However, she wasn't really very happy there. So her daughter Chrissie, in Brackley, persuaded her to move and in 2000 Irene arrived in Syresham.

Irene soon proved her energy and enthusiasm by joining in lots of village activities. In fact it is hard to think of any organisation she didn't become a member of – Bowls Club, the History Society, the Gardening Club, the Friendship Club, the Church and the Chapel. She was on the rota with Barbara providing some of Syresham's renowned cricket teas, and when she wasn't doing that she could often be seen at the Sports and Social Club on a Saturday afternoon supporting our local cricket team. Irene joined in the Scarecrow Festival every year,

sometimes running a stall and then organising a delicious Sunday evening supper for all the helpers which was very much appreciated. Irene would always be one of the first, if not THE first, to volunteer and was always a willing and reliable helper at numerous village events. She was also on the Coffee Shop rota and produced some splendid home made cakes. She joined in lots of village events. It is true to say that she possessed a true community spirit.

Irene loved her garden here in Syresham and the more colour the better! Latterly I was more than delighted to help her keep her garden tidy and she would always be bringing colourful plants home for me to plant. She always made me a cup of tea, except when my wife Christina came to visit, and then we would sit out on the back decking with a gin and tonic!

Irene loved her independence and the symbol of this was the Honda. She was fearless in this car and well into the pandemic she continued to drive into Brackley to do her shopping at Tesco. No home deliveries for Irene! Irene loved her Honda and wrote off the Audi her grandson had lent her so she could get the Honda back!! She was a lady who did not want to sit around. She always wanted to be active, sociable and join in the Syresham community. When she was ninety two and still volunteering to help at village events, my wife asked her if she was sure it was not too much for her.

Irene's reply was that she would continue to help for as long as she was physically able, and that is just what she did – it just took a pandemic to stop her!

Latterly Irene's health began to fail, but, thanks to her grandson and daughter and a trusty wheelchair, she was able to enjoy the Scarecrow Festival this Summer, Strawberry Teas with the Friendship Club and a final visit to the Coffee Shop. This lady did so much for our village and I know she will be sadly missed here.

NIGEL MUNSEY

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

It is great to be meeting again in the Hall and numbers are growing so we do extend a warm welcome to anyone who would like to join us fortnightly on a Tuesday afternoon.



Caryl

Billingham gave a very informative talk on Brackley Community Hospital Trust and answered many questions. We held a Harvest Festival led by Rev Diane Whittaker followed by a sale of goods led by Paula Green with all money raised donated to the trust.

Our next speaker was from Hearing Dogs for the Deaf and we learned how much work and training and costs are involved to get dogs to this standard. We met 3 dogs and concluded the meeting as always with tea and cakes.

On The 26th October thanks to Christina we enjoyed a comedy film which was really appreciated by all.

Future talks include Glimpses of Yesteryear Domestic Life, and Going on

a Musical Journey.

DOT DUNKLEY

SNATRA, ACTIVE TRAVEL ROUTE -

Most people will have heard politicians here in the UK and from around the world, COP26 Climate Change Conference, talk about becoming carbon neutral. You may have watched Earth-shot, with Prince William in an attempt to begin to repair the damage that has been done to our planet. Our lifestyles will change in the next 3 decades.



It can all sound a bit overwhelming and leave people feeling powerless. However, in this area our contribution to lowering our carbon footprint and living a lifestyle that is healthier for ourselves and the whole planet could be by supporting the widening of the A43 bridge that crosses the HS2 into Brackley. The widening would be to include a multi-use pathway with a safety barrier between the traffic and users. This safe crossing would link to a multi-use path from Brackley to Silverstone via Syresham, with a spur off to Crowfield. It would allow all users to travel safely between local towns, villages and hamlets without using the A43, the Welsh Lane or a motor car.

If you are not a parent and buggy, walker, cyclist, e-biker, e-scooterist, mobility scooter or wheelchair user then think of the next generations to come who might have to be.

The cost of these pathways is minimal compared with the cost to the NHS for obesity, heart disease, stroke, diabetes type 2 and mental health treatment.

An estimate of unreported injuries has been included in the 'value of prevention of accidents', which can be found here:- <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/ras60-average-value-of-preventing-road-accidents>. We estimate that the total value of prevention of unreported injury accidents at around £17bn a year, the value of damage-only accidents at around £4bn a year and the total value of prevention of reported injury accidents at around £12bn a year. This gives a total estimate for all reported and unreported accidents of around £33bn per year.

Andrea Leadsom MP and Shane Snow (DfT) have campaigned on our behalf, for the crossing of HS2 and the multi-use path. The decision about the widening of the bridge will be made by the end of this year so if you want the opportunity to contribute towards a carbon neutral environment please sign the letters of support for their work. Copies should be circulating or sign the copy in the Post Office. These signatures will be sent to Shane Snow and Andrea Leadsom MP plus copies to lobby local Councillors.

Thank you everyone who has signed the letters so far. If the bridge is widened and the paths are built, you and many generations to come will get choices about how you travel and how you keep the natural environment thriving.

STEPH BRACKPOOL, DAVID CRANWELL, SNATRA

The Gardening Club is delighted to report that we have started to meet again and our numbers have



increased! The Meeting Room is no longer big enough to accommodate us and so, for the remainder of this year, we have moved our meetings to Tuesday afternoons. However, as Tuesday is such a busy day for the village hall, we have decided that, starting in January next year, we will move to Wednesday from 2.30 till 4.30.

In September we had a coach trip to the Malvern Autumn Show, which everyone thoroughly enjoyed and we are hoping to organise another excursion to the Spring Show in May next year. As a result of the trip, Broad Street has some new residents – a couple of new bantams! In October we welcomed Malcolm Moodie who gave a very interesting illustrated talk on The Orchids of Thailand and in November we await the welcome return of Chris Day from Bucking Garden Centre who will tell us all about 'The Gardening Influences of Beatrix Potter'. As is out tradition, our December meeting will be a Christmas Dinner at a local Garden Centre when our members will have the opportunity not only to eat, socialise and chat, but also to fit in a bit of Christmas Shopping.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on the third Wednesday afternoon of January when our programme for 2022 will be distributed and subs of £15 per person will be collected.

If anyone is interested in joining our club, you would be more than welcome.

Please email crlmunsey@hotmail.com

SYRESHAM & DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY

We look forward to reviving the Syresham and District History Society. To this end we held a very successful Treasure Hunt (thanks to Dot and Christina for preparing an exciting tour of the village).



We had an equally enjoyable Quiz Evening run by John Braybrook - big thanks to John for an exciting evening.

We have struggled to keep numbers up although we do have a core of members who are attending most meetings now we are back in the Village Hall again.

The Annual Subscription was raised from £14.00 to £15.00 at the AGM and applies from January 1st 2022. Visitors pay £3.00 per meeting on arrival.

There is a single prize raffle when we meet on the 1st Wednesday of the month.

It would be good to get numbers back to normal, and to have a successful year again.

Our 2022 programme includes talks on a Northampton philanthropist, the theatres in the town, local canal heritage, a Cotswold Tour, the Wolverton Railway Works. And in addition we will hear about the importance of salt in history as well as The Silk Road and some light-hearted memories of The Carry On Films, and we end the year with the story of Folk Music.

We enjoy Covid-safe meeting conditions in the Village Hall and look forward to welcoming you back to our meetings.

Go on—you know you want to!

IAN DRAPER, CHAIRMAN

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<p>WEDNES-DAYS</p> <p>1st Wednesday</p> <p>2nd Wednesday</p>	<p>10.00am till 12.00pm Mums & Tots <i>Term-time only</i></p> <p>12.15pm to 1.15 Pilates</p> <p>2.30pm to 4.30 Gardening Club (<i>from January 2022</i>)</p> <p>5.00pm to 7.00 Dance</p> <p>7.15pm to 9.00 Ballet</p> <p>7.30pm till 9.30pm History Society</p> <p>7.30pm to 9.30 Gems Womens' Group</p>	<p>THURSDAYS</p>	<p>10.30am to 12.30pm Coffee Shop</p> <p>7.15pm to 9.15pm Bowls Club</p>
<p>FRIDAYS</p>	<p>Various activities</p> <p>Sports Club Monthly Quiz</p>	<p>SATURDAYS</p>	<p>Various parties etc</p>
<p>SUNDAYS</p>	<p>2nd & 4th Sundays</p> <p>10.00am till 12.00pm Seidokan</p> <p>Various parties etc</p>		



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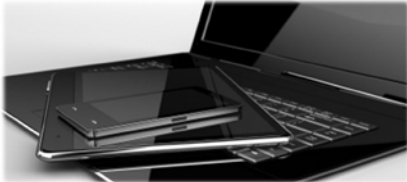


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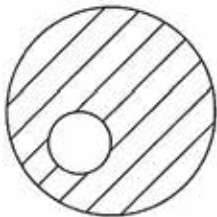
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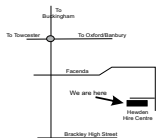


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