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From the Editor's Desk

It is a busy few days, weeks and months ahead, with the School May Day Fete, the bank holiday weekend marking the beginning of the national celebrations for the crowning of a new monarch. Not too many of us can remember the last change of monarch in 1953, although the funeral of the Queen last September remains still fresh in the memories of many villagers.

And before we know it, spring will have come and gone and hopefully we will be enjoying some lovely summer weather.

Village residents are encouraged to mark the royal celebrations with their own home spun entertainment and to join in the organised events including a big thank you to all those who volunteer their time and efforts to the benefit of others.

The weekend's programme is quite well publicised throughout the community, and is also carried here in this edition of our magazine.

We hope that everyone will enjoy the celebrations in whichever format they are or they choose.

IAN DRAPER, EDITOR - MAY 2023

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The new King and his Consort Camilla

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**VILLAGE
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FESTIVAL 2023**

JUNE 24TH TO

25TH WEEKEND 2023

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**JOIN WITH THE PARISH
COUNCIL AND HELP SAVE
THE PLANET IN
NO MOW MAY**

Syresham Parish Council is taking part in **NO MOW MAY** - Plantlife's annual campaign calling all garden owners and green space managers not to mow during May. Except for the Cemetery, Swingfield and War Memorial areas, all other green areas mown by the

Parish Council contractors will not be mown in May.

Long grass and wildflowers benefit wildlife, tackle pollution and can even lock away carbon below ground. We've lost nearly 97% of flower rich meadows since the 1970's and with them gone so is the vital food needed by pollinators, like bees and butterflies.

Even the smallest grassy patches add up to a significant proportion of our land that have the potential to deliver enormous gains for nature, communities and the climate. This is why Plantlife is calling for people to get involved with #NoMowMay and let wild plants get a head start on the summer.

PLEASE JOIN IN and consider putting the mower away in May, leaving lawns to nature for the month. For more information please visit: <https://www.plantlife.org.uk/campaigns/nomowmay/>

Syresham Parish Council would like your feedback on this initiative, via our Facebook page, or by contacting the Parish Clerk on 01280 851178, parishclerk@syresham.com www.westnorthants.gov.uk/news/encouraging-nature-grow-may

SAMANTHA HOSKING, PARISH CLERK



SYRESHAM ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2023

TUESDAY 30TH MAY 7.30P.M.

IN THE VILLAGE HALL

A CHANCE TO RAISE ISSUES, ASK QUESTIONS AND FIND OUT WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE
PARISH

GUEST SPEAKERS

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THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The annual village meeting often causes confusion in many parishes. A resident has come to the Clerk to ask what the Annual Parish Meeting is and how it differs from the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council. So by way of explanation:

- the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council is a Parish Council meeting and must take place on any day in May, except in an election year when it must take place on the day the Councillors take office or within 14 days thereafter.
- The Annual Parish Meeting *is not a Parish Council meeting* and must take place between 1st March and 1st June.

The meetings are separate, even though the Parish Council Chairman

must preside if present and the council helps to make the arrangements. However, it is a residents' and local organisations' meeting and residents and local organisations can request items for the agenda or suggest guest speakers. The date is set in January and planning for speakers starts soon after. There are no rules as to which meeting comes first and this has been decided previously based on availability of a suitable venue and whether or not it is an election year. However, traditionally in Syresham and in many other local parishes, both have been held in May to allow time for local organisations to have their AGMs and prepare their annual accounts and reports (including the

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Parish Council's), so they can be presented at the Annual Parish Meeting.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADD AN ITEM TO THE AGENDA, THEN PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH CLERK BY 3.00 PM 17TH MAY.

It is a Parish meeting for all Parish residents, so do come along to listen to the guest speakers and to chat with representatives of local organisations to find out more about what various groups and societies are doing and what has been happening in the villages.

PARISH CLERK

2023 LITTER PICKING WEEK

The Annual Litter Pick ran in March again and was very successful.



Katrina Grovell helping out on Main Road, and Dame Andrea Leadsom MP with Anne Irwin at



the Village Hall entrance.

Thanks to everyone who helped out.



THE VILLAGE PANTO NEEDS YOUR HELP! OH YES IT DOES!

This year is a major year of change within the ranks of Take Your SEAT (TYS). Our co-founder and esteemed director Keith Watts made the difficult decision last year to step away from directing the annual village panto and this year's hugely successful Wizard of Oz was his last one. He will however still be around for technical advice etc., and will be involved in lighting and sound.

Our new director will be Steph Mitchell who has been involved with TYS for many years and has been co-director for the last three or four shows. There are also one or two other changes within our ranks and this has led to TYS appealing for new faces to get involved in our shows

We need a couple of volunteers with painting talents to help with painting the sets. The set design is done by others in the troupe but with one of our number having to give up painting duties we presently only have the one talented Carrie, as our lead painter and we need more help. Are you a talented artist and want to get involved with our show? Sometimes it is just a case of block painting under instruction and guidance as opposed to being asked to create a scene but if you think you can help out we'd love to hear from you.

We are also looking for help in the making of props. Again, one of our

troupe has had to step away from the props department so we are looking for a volunteer to help our remaining two prop makers. We make props from all kinds of bits and pieces, and you have to be inventive enough to see that an old push chair can be used and adapted to make a prop for a kitchen. You get the picture!

Lastly, we are always on the lookout for new cast members and until we hold auditions in mid-September for the next show we have no idea who will walk through the door. We will be looking for a new face to play the dame this year and following years as well if possible. So if you think the dame is for you, come along in September. We put up posters around the village to announce the dates for the auditions

The next Panto will be **SLEEPING BEAUTY** and you can take it from me that the TYS group is a great way to make new friends and get involved in the village. We are a friendly team and rehearse twice a week on Monday and Thursday in the sports club function room.

If you want to get involved in Take Your SEAT and our yearly Panto and help us out then please get in touch using the contact details below and we'll get back to you.

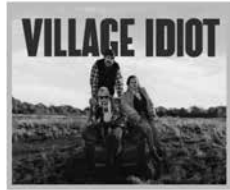
Looking forward to meeting you soon,
MIKE MAUND, Chairman Take Your SEAT

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VILLAGE IDIOT

I thoroughly enjoyed my visit to the Royal Stratford East Theatre to



watch Samson Hawkins play, *VILLAGE IDIOT*. It was an added pleasure to meet Colin and Sally Hollyoake and family before the play (ok, we were all in the bar!) also Barbara Hawkins and family after the play. The play treats some very important current issues in a refreshingly open minded way and very cleverly places those issues in the context of Syresham life. While the Syresham context is important for all of us who live or have lived here, the play also works well for those with no connection to the village.

Village idiot draws upon much that people in Syresham will be familiar with. Take Your Seat, the local talent show, the sports club's Friday night meat raffle (two cans of Strongbow cider really is the vegetarian option), the Syresham song and the annual vegetable competition all feature. Of course the main Syresham reference point is fencing. Not officing, there is none of that and not Olympic fencing, regrettably. All serve to provoke thought about serious issues. Disability, race, sexuality and most prominently the impact that our species is having upon the planet. All are sensitively examined and examined with humour and robust language rather than in a stuffy academic manner. The negative effect that HS2 has on Syresham is exaggerated but it does serve as a

good vehicle to discuss the impact that we all have on our environment. The point that we cannot forever defy the natural world is forcefully made and the conclusion that we must work with nature is cleverly made. HS2 and the controversy around its construction is a good vehicle for this point. Sam's play makes it clear that whatever our differences on other issues, we should be able to come together on this one. It will need more than using our blue bins and installing a smart meter though.

Action at all levels of government is required. Abolishing the laws put in place to protect our environment when we were in the EU, as is currently being proposed, may not be the best way forward. Who is the village idiot? In my opinion it is anyone who ignores the main issue that Sam raises in this play.

Before I saw the play I was told by many people that it contains a lot of swearing. Indeed, when the actors



introduce the performance this is emphasised. "A lot of people say that it's a lack of vocabulary that

makes you swear. Rubbish. I know thousands of words but I still prefer "fuck", Billy Connolly.

I don't know if Sam shares my enthusiasm for Billy Connolly but his script suggests that he might. To



anyone who finds frequent use of swear words offensive but is not offended by our assault on the natural world I would suggest that your offence meter needs recalibrating.

By the time that you read this, I suspect that it will be too late to book tickets for Stratford East but keep an eye on theatre listings in case it appears elsewhere. For my part, I am looking forward to Sam's next play.

WILLIE BENNIE



SYRESHAM CE PRIMARY SCHOOL— FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL

The Friends of Syresham School kicked off 2023 fundraising activities with the 6 Nations prediction competition. Cath Clark very kindly ran this event for us



again and we had a fantastic number of entries. This year it was won by one of

our year 4 pupils Ruby Paterson. We raised over £200 that will be spent on tennis coaching this term.

In February the children put on their best outfits as the school DISCO was back. It was great to see all the children strutting their stuff and having a lovely time together. Thank you to our resident DJ for the awesome tunes. A fantastic evening was had by all. In March we had a spring DIY SOS and tidy up. As ever it is amazing what can be achieved with a bit of people power. Fences were fixed, stone was put down, sand replaced, and a good old sweep up. Thank you to everyone who came out to help.

The Easter Bunny returned to the pocket park for the Good Friday Easter Egg hunt. The weather was very kind to us and we had a

fantastic turnout of children all enjoying themselves in the sunshine. A big thank you to the Pocket Park Committee for allowing us to use the park and getting it so well prepared.

A HUGE SHOUT OUT AND THANK YOU to everyone who came out on May Day in support of Syresham School! To all the cake bakers, the bottle and sweetie jar donators, the burger flippers, the raffle ticket sellers and all the volunteers out there ... we simply couldn't do it without the support of this tremendous community. James, Scarlett and Emily made fabulous king and queens and all the school children looked fantastic in their



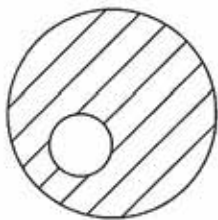
traditional Mayday outfits. It was a lovely sunny afternoon enjoyed by everyone, and we are always amazed by the

number of people who come out to support us. The children rounded off the day with their wonderful display of Maypole Dancing.

SARAH PATERSON, CHAIR, FOSS

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SYRESHAM GEMS LADIES GROUP

Our first meeting of 2023 was a Burns Night supper at the Sunday School. We wished Judith well with her new adventures in Scotland, and thanked her for all she did for Gems Ladies Group.

In February we met to discuss our way forward as well as enjoying some social time together. Inclement weather meant our Bowls Evening in March was cancelled but we hope to re-arrange this. In April I did a flower demonstration influenced by Constance Spry.

May brings Maria Rylott-Byrd to talk to us about her functional and holistic approach to Skin Care. We have many interesting meetings planned for 2023 including; ice cream making at Towcester, a trip to Coton Manor Gardens, and how to explore our family tree.

We always welcome new members and visitors of all ages. Please come and give us a try.

SALLY EARL-DAVIES – CHAIR SGLG SYRESHAM BROWNIES

We are entering our favourite time of the year when most of our evening meetings take place outside. The girls thoroughly enjoy playing with the big parachute and this year we have been busy in the Sunday School garden, digging and planting potatoes, herbs and lots of other seeds. We are looking forward to seeing them grow as we tend them



over the next few months. This will be part of our Garden Growing Badge. Later this term we hope to do our annual flour trail round the village and end

the term with a BBQ. We are pleased to welcome a number of new girls who have recently made their Promise, the first group to say 'King' in their Promise.

Before Easter we enjoyed our annual Easter Egg hunt and pancake making with the kind help of Julie Turnham. I was also delighted that so many Brownies attended our parade at the Mothering Sunday Service in Chapel.

Thank you always for your continued support. **WOL – PAULA GREEN**

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CORONATION PROGRAMME

SATURDAY MAY 6th 2023

Afternoon Tea at the Sports and Social Club

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SUNDAY MAY 7th

09.15 Church & Chapel Coronation Breakfast
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MONDAY MAY 8th

2.30 p.m. A 'THANK YOU' TO THE VILLAGE
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THE VILLAGE, COME ALONG FOR A FREE TEA
PARTY.



WIZARD OF OZ THE PANTO





Well done and thank you to everyone in TYS! Yet another fabulous performance. It is amazing how much hidden talent there is in this community.

Didn't they all do well!



PHOTOGRAPHS

COURTESY OF NICK DIMBLEBY—THANKS NICK, EDITOR

Summer Stroll – Saturday 10th June, 11.30am

Come together with family friends and neighbours for a leisurely ramble through some of the countryside around Syresham. An opportunity for some fresh air, a chat, and a different view.

Finish up with a welcome ploughman's lunch afterwards at around 1pm. Dress appropriately for the weather, ground conditions, and for climbing over stiles. Everyone is welcome, including dogs on leads.

Anyone unable to join the walk is still welcome to join us for lunch/refreshments afterwards.

To register your interest, contact andrewjhornby@gmail.com or call/text 07518 721403



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There is a separate area for mums with young babies where you can sit and feed.

Parents, Grandparents and carers of the children are encouraged to join in the arts and crafts that are set out, this often results in the children leaving the adults to continue the creative fun.

We have an outside area for bikes, bubbles, water and sand play as the weather gets warmer.

Myself, Cathy, Beryl and extra support, Alice are there to encourage play while you get to enjoy a cup of tea or coffee.

The hall is on the approach road to the village and has a car park.

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HAZEL BULLEN



HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT CONSULTATION

The consultation will last eight weeks, and residents can take part in the following ways:-

- * Email: schooltransportpolicy@westnorthants.gov.uk
- * Write to: Home to School Transport Consultation 2023, West Northamptonshire Council, The Guildhall, St Giles' Square, Northampton NN1 1DE
- * **4th May, from 4pm to 7pm**, public meeting in the Council Chamber, The Forum, West Northamptonshire Council, Towcester Office

EDITOR

SYRESHAM

WESLEYAN CHAPEL

Easter proved very special and wonderful to see so many people attending Chapel and then following the cross to Church. Thank you Brian for carrying this for us and thanks to Alice for leading the devotion in the Church. It was wonderful to hear the Church bells ringing as the walk progressed. Tea, coffee and hot cross buns were served and great to see so many people gathering together. Paula led our Good Friday Evening service. Easter Sunday we celebrated our of our congregation's 90th birthday over tea in the Sunday School followed by our evening service led by Philip Garner.

Breakfast Church still meets twice a month and good to see so many families joining us.

The children get very involved and I am sure with some crafts the parents find themselves trying hard to help make so many things. Having the Chapel opposite is a very useful building for the children to search for so many things. Thank you to everyone for all their hard work in arranging these activities.

Our sympathies go out to Paula and David, Jonathan and Heather on the loss of Barbara Green. Barbara worshipped with us until ill health prevented her, but we do remember all the hard work with catering etc she was involved with. In Chapel we



have a constant reminder with a wonderful cross stitch picture she and Gerald worked on for us. Anyone is very welcome to go in the Chapel and admire this.

DOT

SYRESHAM

SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB

The Short Mat Bowls Club is a thriving club in the village, started over thirty years ago.

We have recently decided to change the time of our meetings from evening time to 2.00pm until 4.00pm every Thursday afternoon in the Village Hall.

New members will be warmly welcomed for an afternoon of fun and gentle exercise. All equipment is provided, with tea or coffee as well.

The first four meetings are free, then the usual fee is only £2.00 a week.

So why not come along and enjoy an afternoon with Syresham Bowls Club?

HILARY WEBSTER

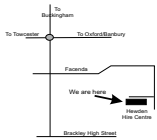
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FROM THE SUBLIME TO THE RIDICULOUS

The **sublime** is our Easter Celebrations, ranging from a fun filled Messy Church; to the fellowship of a meal and communion shared together on Maundy Thursday; the moving re-reading of the death of Jesus ending in deep silence on Good Friday and culminating in a joyful service on Easter Sunday – which, of course, included the Easter Hunt and chocolate.

We are now looking forward to a **UNITED SERVICE** to mark the CORONATION of King Charles III. FREE CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST will be served from 9:15 in church, followed by a service of readings and prayers for the King and Kingdom. We hope that many individuals and organisations in the village will want to be represented at this event.

In June we anticipate the **Benefice Barn Dance and on July 1st** we look forward to the return of the popular choir Note-Ability to give a concert in church.

Together with our trusty band of volunteers, we have been working on the 158 items listed in our architect’s five yearly inspection of the church and

We drew down money from the Payne Trust Fund to pay for work that needs to be done by professionals, thinking everything was well under control.

The **RIDICULOUS** moment came when we realised that a sentence “the steeple shingles should be inspected”, actually meant all the shingles on the church steeple need to be replaced – and also allow for rotten timbers beneath and the cost will be over £60,000. I feel I



can ask the trustees to draw down a further £20,000, we have £5000 to use in our bank account and I am asking the Friends of the Church if we could use the 200-club money for the steeple this year. We can get half way there. After that you may find me out and about with my metaphorical begging bowl applying to charities and anyone willing to save our steeple. All help welcomed however small.

Contact me if you would like to know more about any of the above.

ALICE PALMER

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Anyone is very welcome to come along to join us. We meet fortnightly in the Village Hall at 2.30.

Our next meeting will be on 16th May when we have a visit from Ability talking about their service and how it has expanded. Following this a visit from a representative of Wiltshire Farm Foods and hopefully in June a return visit from Robin Cory a past resident of the village bakehouse. Every meeting concludes with tea and cake and we look forward to seeing you.

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SYRESHAM GARDENING CLUB

Syresham Gardening Club meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 2.30 p.m. When we have a speaker, our meetings are held in the Village Hall, but we have several outside visits to places with a gardening interest.

In February, in addition to our own meeting which was a film presentation, we also joined the History Society for a very interesting talk on the gardens of Canons Ashby by Laura Malpas.

Then in March we welcomed Richard Preston who spoke about 'The Life and Times of Primrose Garden'. Primrose Garden is an attractive garden in Steeple Aston, with a very interesting history. We will, in fact, be visiting this garden in July.

We have just had a very enlightening and entertaining visit to Preston Bissett Nursery when we listened to a talk by the horticulturist Simon Milner and enjoyed tea and cakes in the Teepee!

Our May meeting on May 17th will be a visit to Swallows Nursery at Mixbury. Visitors are welcome to join us.

CHRISTINA MUNSEY

SYRESHAM PARISH COUNCIL CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

was formed in January 2022 to look at the way that we as a

parish can respond to the important issues of global warming and environmental protection.

We began by arranging a Climate Change Fair in Autumn 2022 in order to increase local awareness of the issue. We were very encouraged by the level of interest shown and were delighted with the involvement of the children of Syresham Primary School who designed superb posters and put forward their own ideas of how we can tackle these problems.

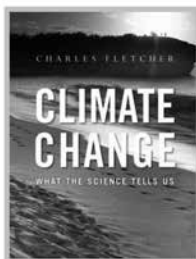
The CCE Committee is building its plan of action for the coming year and beyond and will be implementing some of the ideas put forward by residents of the parish.

We will also be holding another **CLIMATE CHANGE FAIR IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON FRIDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER 2023 (11AM-6PM)** and would love to see you there.

For more information follow Syresham Village Website link at

<https://www.syreshamvillage.com/climate-change-and-environment.html>

SAMANTHA HOSKING, PARISH CLERK



PARISH COUNCIL REPORT



The Parish Council has continued its work on behalf of all the residents of Syresham, Crowfield and Pimlico and other local residents. The issue of Climate Change looms large on the horizon and is an issue that the Parish Council takes very seriously. With that in mind, the Council decided at their meeting of Wednesday 29th March to declare a Climate Emergency. The act of declaring a Climate Emergency shows that Syresham Parish Council acknowledges that such an emergency exists and the Council must now set its priorities to address climate change activities in our local area. The Climate Change and Environment Committee (CCEC) will now be responsible for the preparation of an action plan and council policies relating to this issue and all their meeting minutes will be available to view on www.syreshamvillage.com

The Council has decided to take part in the **'NO MOW MAY' INITIATIVE**. Details of this can be found in this edition of the Syresham Times and on Facebook and the Parish Council website. Please think seriously about joining in our attempt to save our pollinators. You will also have noticed that a section of the bank in the Swingfield has been cleared of grass and is being prepared as a small wildflower meadow to be planted with wildflower seeds by the children of our school. Hopefully we will have a colourful display later on in the year. This may seem a simple activity, but wildflower meadows do require a

certain amount of work and attention in order to be successful. This is our trial, and we will see how it goes.

The annual ***Village Litterpick*** took place at the end of March. The council is very grateful to the volunteers who took part and also to the schoolchildren and brownies who collected litter around the village. We were very pleased that Dame Andrea Leadsom M.P. also joined us on the Saturday, sporting her own hi-viz jacket and litterpicking equipment. This is one of the issues of particular interest to her, and she was very keen to help.

The Parish Council is looking to replace play equipment for the rather tired looking 'house' in the Swingfield. We are also aware that there is a need to provide facilities for children 11 plus and teenagers. The Council would like to hear from our young residents to find out what facilities they would like in the village. Why not send an email to the Parish Clerk – parishclerk@syresham.com and let her know your views on this subject? Your ideas and opinions are very important and would be most welcome.

We would also like to point out to parents that there is a **Consultation on Home to School Transport**, which could well affect you and your child. You can find out more about this on www.westnorthantscouncil.gov.uk.

The consultation is open until Tuesday 30th May and you can also contact schooltransportpolicy@westnorthants.gov.uk

One of our Parish Councillors has now taken on the role of Police Liaison Officer for the parish. He can be contacted on councillordavidncranwell@outlook.com

Sadly our **PARISH CLERK** is moving on to pastures new. We wish her well in her new full time job and thank her for the great work she has done for the parish. However, it does mean that we now have a vacancy for a Parish Clerk. If this interesting part-time role is something you feel may be suitable for you, please contact parishclerk@syresham.com for more details.

Finally, a reminder that **Syresham ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** for residents of Syresham, Crowfield and Pimlico will take place on Tuesday 30th May at 7.30 p.m. in the village hall.

This is YOUR meeting and is an opportunity to ask questions, raise issues and express your views. There will also be 3 guest speakers. Do come along if you can. All are welcome.

CLL CHRISTINA MUNSEY

SYRESHAM SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB Upcoming Activities Starting



Saturday 29th April - Live

Cricket The 2023 cricket season starts with live cricket at the club on most Saturday afternoons. The 1st XI play in the South Northants Cricket League, Bankier Sloan Premier Division and the 2nd XI compete in the South Northants Cricket League Division Two along with certain cup competitions. Check the website <https://syresham.play-cricket.com/home> for details on fixtures, results and league tables.

SATURDAY 6TH MAY - KING'S

CORONATION coverage will be live on the big screen.

Afternoon tea served from midday to 8pm Price £15.00 per person - bookings advisable but not essential

Sunday 21st May - Spring Craft Fair

11am - 3.00pm Stalls featuring cakes, crafts and arts. Hand turned wood items, cards, fabric gifts, jewellery, pictures and many other items

FRIDAY 2ND - SUNDAY 4TH JUNE – BEER

FESTIVAL Would you like to sponsor a barrel for our 3rd Annual Beer Festival? Your name/business will be on the barrel during the weekend, in the programme and put up in the sports and social club for the rest of the year - £50 per barrel

Live Band **THE OTHERKIND** performing early evening on the Saturday.

SUNDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER - CLASSIC & MODERN CAR SHOW

11am to 3pm featuring cars, motorcycles and tractors including motor sport vehicles

Please register in advance (£5 per vehicle) Refreshments and food available from 10.30am – bar open from midday.

SATURDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER - MURDER MYSTERY EVENING

Mighty Sham Manor presents an evening of fun and mystery.

Three-course dinner party following the events surrounding a murder at the manor! One place left if you'd like to take part or just join us for the meal and watch the action unfold. Cost £17 per person for the meal.

CONTACT SARAH WHITEHEAD for all events - 07912-784294.

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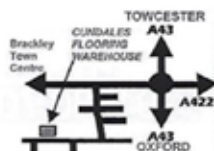
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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE VILLAGE HALL THESE DAYS?

MON-DAYS	<p>DANCE CLASSES 6.00PM TO 8.30PM (<i>Term time</i>)</p>	<p>TUESDAYS</p> <p>2nd Tuesday</p> <p>2nd 3rd & 4th Tuesdays</p>	<p>11.00am to 2.30pm BALLET/PILATES/ SEATED PILATES (<i>Term Time</i>)</p> <p>5.30PM TO 7.00P.M. DANCE (<i>Term Time</i>)</p> <p>6.00PM TILL 7.15PM BROWNIES, <u>Sunday School Room</u>,</p> <p>TAEKWANDO 7.30PM TO 9.00PM</p> <p>PERSONAL TRAINING 7.30PM TO 8.30PM</p> <p>FRIENDSHIP CLUB (29/03) 2.15PM TO 4.00 PM FROM APRIL 1ST 2022</p> <p>CRAFT GROUP, <i>Sunday School</i> 7.30-10.00PM</p>
<p>WEDNES-DAYS</p> <p>1ST WEDNESDAY</p> <p>2ND WEDNESDAY</p> <p>LAST WEDNESDAY</p>	<p>10.00AM TO 11.45AM MUMS & TOTS (<i>TERM-TIME</i>)</p> <p>12.15 TO 1.15PM PILATES (<i>TERM TIME</i>)</p> <p>2.30 TO 4.30PM GARDENING CLUB (<i>FROM JANUARY</i>)</p> <p>DANCE 5.00PM TO 7.00PM</p> <p>BALLET 7.15PM TO 9.00PM</p> <p>HISTORY SOCIETY 7.30PM TO 9.30PM</p> <p>GEMS WOMEN'S GROUP 7.30PM TO 9.30PM</p> <p>7.30PM PARISH COUNCIL</p>	<p>THURSDAYS</p>	<p>COFFEE SHOP 10.30AM to 12.30pm</p> <p>BOWLS CLUB 2.00PM TO 4.00PM</p> <p>(PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF TIME)</p>
FRIDAYS	<p>Various activities</p> <p>SPORTS CLUB QUIZ (3RD FRIDAY) SPORTS CLUB)</p>	<p>SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS</p>	<p>SEIDOKAN 2ND & 4TH SUNDAYS 10.00AM - 12.00PM</p> <p>SOCIAL EVENTS SPORTS CLUB</p>
SUNDAYS	<p>ST JAMES CHURCH 11.00AM</p> <p>1ST & 3RD SUNDAY</p> <p>2ND SUNDAY</p> <p>4TH SUNDAY</p>	<p>HOLY COMMUNION</p> <p>MORNING WORSHIP</p> <p>PRaise AND PRAYER</p>	<p>SYRESHAM CHAPEL</p> <p>WEEKLY SUNDAY SERVICE 6.00 P.M.</p>

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