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From the Editor's Desk

Welcome to another summer edition of our Community quarterly magazine. It is good to see the village looking bright and summery, with gardens awash with colour. Now that the schools are out, the children can enjoy some extra freedom, and for the Year 6 pupils a new future in secondary education is not far away, and families can hopefully enjoy fun times together.

A journey along the A43 these days reveals the progress of HS2, and the couple of months ahead is full of road closures overnight, 8.00p.m. till 6.00a.m. Details are contained in these pages and on the HS2 website regarding A43 closures and B4525 temporary traffic lights.

Love it or hate it, the work proceeds apace and the landscape will be forever scarred by the track for high speed travel.

For some considerable time the Syresham Times has been managed via the Parish Council with generous support from the Clerk. With recent changes in place, we have now made the Syresham Times more independent and the Editorial Board meeting in January will be the Annual General Meeting.

IAN DRAPER, EDITOR - JULY 2023

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NEWS FROM THE PEWS

THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to the Coronation Celebration in



church – feasting, reading, parading, decorating, ringing and singing. By the time this goes to print we will have held our Patronal Songs of Praise so our next celebration service will be **HARVEST FESTIVAL** and **SUPPER** starting at 5pm on **September 24th**. Do come and join us if you can - extra singers and cooks especially welcome! We look forward to giving thanks to God for all the good things we have.

THANK YOU also, to all those who help us with the upkeep of the church and churchyard. We have been handed back responsibility for the new churchyard, many thanks to Robert Swinford for his continued efforts in cutting back bushes and trees. Working parties, mowers, cleaners and flower arrangers continue to do sterling work month by month.

You may have spotted **BUILDERS** and a **DRONE** around the church in recent



weeks. The builders are working on some of the tasks we can't manage alone – clearing the roof, replacing and redecorating guttering and downpipes, mending

window surrounds. The drone belonged to our new architect who is working on the detailed specification for repairing the steeple, as mentioned in the last edition.

THANK YOU to the **Friends of St James** who have agreed that income from the 200 club should go towards the Steeple Fund over the next two years. We look forward to forthcoming Friends events, including an Autumn walk and Quiz.

SEPTEMBER FAIR - we hope you can join us on **SEPTEMBER 9th** for our Fair to be held in the Priory Gardens 1.00 to –3.30pm. Relax with a cup of tea, enjoy the stalls and meet up with friends old and new. **ALICE PALMER, ST JAMES CHURCH**



THE FRIENDS OF ST JAMES

On 21st July 2023 we held our AGM. We gave grateful thanks to everyone who had helped with the upkeep, improvement and repair of our Church over the year. We reflected on the successful events that we all enjoyed last year, including pancake lunch in school and the village walk with soup lunch that was very well attended.

Events for your diary:

October 6th 2023 Quiz at the village hall, bring your own drink and nibbles.

November 4th 2023 Village walk with soup lunch, route yet to be finalised, but you will need your boots!

December 8th 2023 Members' evening.

February 13th 2024 Pancake Lunch in school, all welcome.

April 27th 2024 Village walk with ploughman's lunch.

June 1st 2024 Safari Supper.

July 22nd 2024 Annual General Meeting.

REQUEST FOR CRAFTY HELP We are hoping to put on a poppy display in and around the church for Remembrance Sunday, for which we are asking people to make poppies. The poppies will be attached to netting and hung outside the church. The poppies can be made from wool by crotchet or knitting; they could be made from red fabric with a big black button for the centre. If you are up for the challenge, I can provide a pattern.

MEMBERSHIP:

Friends of St. James are people who may not be regular members of the congregation, but value our lovely church and the part it plays in the life of our village community. The Committee, backed by the members, take responsibility for some aspects of the upkeep of the church which fall outside the scope of the Madge Payne Bequest.

We organise a variety of events, some in conjunction with other groups, which contribute to the social life of the village and help to raise money to fund the projects for which we take responsibility – one of these being the upkeep of the church grounds.

We warmly welcome new "Friends" if you would like to become a member of the Friends, please call!

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WHO'S WATCHING YOU?



Syresham's own Freelance TV Cameraman, Keith Watts, at his camera station high inside Westminster Abbey on the occasion of the Coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla, May 6th 2023. This was the main shot inside the Abbey and used a lot throughout the ceremony. Photographs taken by Huw Edwards, BBC Newsreader. **EDITOR**



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SYRESHAM SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB MEMORIAL

Syresham Sports and Social Club decided to remember and honour those villagers who founded the Club, and served on the Committee over the years. A lovely memorial area was established earlier in the year. An apple tree was planted in memory of Roy Hawkins - one of the founders, who also worked on the committee from 1982 to the day he passed away.

A bench has been installed for Derek Hollyoake, looking out across the football and cricket pitches. Derek played for the club and he loved to watch. He was one of the founders of the club and Chairman until he took to bad health.

A Memorial event was held earlier in the year, to remember all those who served on the Committee from 1982 to 2022 to dedicate the Memorial in their names. Derek's and Roy's families were invited, together with an open invitation to all who wished to show their respect. The dedication was wonderfully supported by over 50 people in attendance. Thank you to everyone who played a part.

A list of names of all those who have supported the club in any way will be displayed.

SARAH WHITEHEAD, SYRESHAM SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB



SYRESHAM CE ST JAMES SCHOOL



After an incredibly successful Mayday the FOSS committee have all taken a rest from FOSS activities, therefore things have been a little quieter this summer term. One of our lovely green fingered grannies potted up some plants to be sold in aid of FOSS. The wonderful plants were put outside the school gates and thank you to all the villagers who came to purchase them.

At sports day we supplied a much-needed ice lolly to all the boys and girls after an afternoon of competitive sports. The Senior half of the school put on an incredible school theatre production of "I'm an 11 year old, Get me out of here!". The boys and girls did a fantastic job of this very funny play. There were some great costumes and it was lovely to see all their many hidden talents. FOSS ran a successful raffle with tea and coffee for the audience.

Over the past year we have had 'Cakey Friday' which is not only a great fund raiser but provides a well-deserved treat for the children at the end of the week. We are always looking for more bakes. So, if you are a keen baker and willing to bake 30 treats once a term, please get in touch with the school office.

Lastly as Chair, I would just like to say a huge thank you to all the village for their support over the last school year. It truly proves what an amazing community this village is. If you would like to get further involved with the FOSS, please give the school a shout and they will point you in the right direction. We are already looking forward to lots of fun filled events for the coming school year.

SARAH PATERSON, (CHAIR FOSS)



PARISH FOOTPATH WARDEN

In June, a number of villagers turned out for another community guided walk. On a beautifully sunny day the footpaths took us across some of the fields to the north of Syresham – and about 9 stiles. It was scorchingly hot (mad dogs and Englishmen!) so the refreshments at the end were very well received, along with a hearty ploughman's lunch.

Another walk is planned for the Autumn; it will be cooler and possibly damp so we will be revived afterwards with some homemade soup. Look out for details nearer the time. As well as

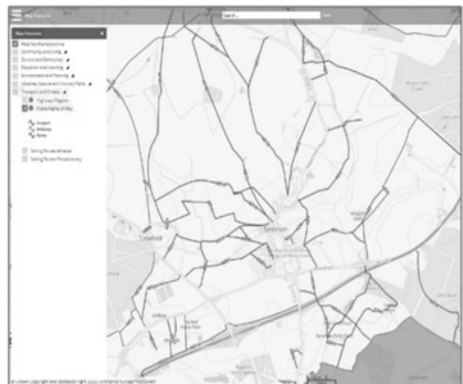
exploring some of our local rights of way, these walks are also a great way to meet new people.

But don't wait till then, get out there now! A useful interactive map to help plan your walks can be found at <https://bit.ly/42E284u>. This online map allows the user to select a layer that indicates all the public rights of way across the parish, along with their reference numbers. Having a map on your phone, or a printed copy in your pocket, will help you keep to the footpath, bridleway or byway.

Anyone experiencing difficulties using our local rights of way (e.g. damaged stiles/gates/footbridges, overgrown/impassable paths etc) is encouraged to report issues directly via www.fixmystreet.com when you get home.

On the 'report your problem' page, select the 'right of way' category for issues with footpaths, bridleways and byways etc. The report goes directly to the relevant local authority and their contractors.

You can even submit a report via your mobile phone while you're actually out



on location. It uses GPS to pinpoint the very spot (rather than having to search on an online map when you get home) and you can take/upload pictures from wherever you are.

Users of rights of way around the parish have been quite active in submitting reports in this way; it seems a very simple and efficient way to log any problems encountered. If the Parish Path Warden is also notified, then progress can be monitored, and any outstanding matters followed up.

ANDREW HORNBY

HS2 PROGRESS AND A43 ROAD CLOSURES

Preparations for the realignment of A43 to provide space for on-going development work between Brackley BP roundabout and B4525 Syresham turn is now imminent.

THE A43 NORTHBOUND will be fully closed overnight, from the Brackley BP roundabout to the Syresham Junction, Mon-Fri from 8pm to 6am, on the following dates:

- ◆ Monday 7 August to Saturday 12 August
- ◆ Wednesday 6 September to Wednesday 27 September.

The **A43 SOUTHBOUND** will be fully closed overnight, from the Syresham Junction to the Brackley BP roundabout, Mon-Fri from 8pm to 6am, on the following dates:

- ◆ Monday 14 August to Wednesday 6 September.
- ◆ Closures will not take place on

Friday 25 August and Monday 28 August over the bank holiday weekend.

WHAT TO EXPECT Overnight full road closures of the A43. Speed restrictions on this section of the A43. These dates may be subject to change due to circumstances outside of our control, such as weather. These works are subject to consents.

HS2 NOTIFICATION: Notice of road closure: **SULGRAVE ROAD** and the opening of the **GREATWORTH TEMPORARY ROAD**. From autumn 2023 we will be opening a new temporary road, known as the 'Greatworth T'. This road will keep traffic flowing to villages north of Greatworth, while we build the Greatworth Green Tunnel. A section of Sulgrave Road will be closed from 31 July to 31 August 2023, 24-hours a day. A diversion will be in place. There will be traffic lights on B4525, Welsh Lane from 14 to 23 August 2023.

WASTE DISPOSAL AND RECYCLING

Stickers promoting the correct use of



waste and recycling bins have been distributed to households across West Northamptonshire. The stickers support three campaigns which aim to raise awareness of what people can and can't put into their collections, in a bid to reduce contamination in household collections, improve the quality of our recycling and maintain the safety of crews and residents by ensuring batteries are disposed of correctly.

The stickers are placed on top of general waste bins, with clear instructions on what cannot go into the black bin:

- * No Batteries, *use separate collection*
- * No Food Waste, *use your food caddy*
- * No Recyclables, *use your recycling bin.* **EDITOR**



SYRESHAM SCARECROW FESTIVAL

It is with great sadness that the small committee that has organised the Festival for the last 18 years has decided to say *'Goodbye Scarecrows and Thank You'*. The Festival, which became an annual event on the Syresham calendar, has raised a great amount of money for the village hall, village organisations, charities and more.

We would like say a very heartfelt **'Thank You'** to all the supporters and sponsors of the festival and all of the volunteers and cake-makers who helped to make the event a success over the years.

However, since the Covid Pandemic it has become harder to find volunteers and to encourage people to make scarecrows, although those who did made a brilliant effort which is always very much appreciated.

So, it is goodbye from us, but who knows what the future may bring – watch this space! **CHRIS, ANN, DOT**

AND GILL

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Club doesn't meet during August but the meetings have been very different: a talk from



Wiltshire Farm Foods, Ability Bus Service; A Quiz Afternoon, cookery demonstration from Jane Thompson who has promised to return later in the year; Strawberry Tea at Sue Palmer's, sadly held indoors owing to the weather but was a very enjoyable fun afternoon. The last meeting, we hired the Ability mini bus on a trip to Cherry Lane Garden centre. We had a very pleasant and efficient driver, an enjoyable three hours and everyone saying they had a wonderful time 'let's do it again!'

Our first meeting on September 5th is entitled *"How well do you know your*

county?" Do come and join us we'd love to welcome more people. **DOT SYRESHAM AND DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY**



SOCIETY

The History Society continues despite the low membership numbers following the pandemic and lock-down. We are still short of members but nevertheless we enjoy a full and varied programme of visiting speakers and activities. On July 12th we had a very enjoyable return visit to Milton Keynes Museum—a fascinating place to go to.

August 2nd will see a guided walk in Brackley Old Town. On 2nd September we plan a visit to Greenwich for Cutty Sark, the Museums and perhaps a river trip? Also in September, we welcome an Oxfordshire Fire-fighter to tell us about the history of firefighting in the county, from early years, and in October, we will have our AGM preceded by a talk about Walls, Vaults and Tunnels in Northampton. We hope to have a further successful Quiz evening on October 28th in the Village Hall, remembering our favourite Quiz master the late John Braybrook. For November's meeting we will hear from Ted Barnes about his Grandad's War, in WW1 "The life of an ordinary WW1 Tommy." The year will conclude with some festive cheer in December.

IAN DRAPER, CHAIRMAN

THE VILLAGE PANTO GROUP NEEDS YOUR HELP!

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

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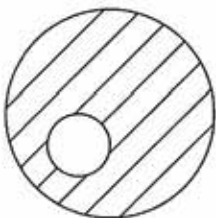
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appealing for new faces to get involved in our shows.

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 look-out 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.

Our next panto in February 2024 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 great 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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SYRESHAM'S SECOND CLIMATE CHANGE FAIR & EXHIBITION



Friday 22nd September in the Village Hall from 11 a.m. till 6 p.m.

Please come along for tips and advice on how you can help tackle the many issues that affect climate change and our environment.



Ann Irwin's scarecrow family over the years!



2023 SCARECROW FESTIVAL

PHOTOS: TERRY IRWIN



**COULD THIS HAVE BEEN THE LAST
SCARECROW FESTIVAL?**



AUDITIONS



Take Your S.E.A.T. Panto 2024

If you are new to Syresham, this is the perfect way to get involved with the village by joining the Panto group. No experience needed!

There are many ways to be involved and you will be guaranteed to have fun and make new friends, so come along and meet us at Auditions evening ... we are a friendly lot!

Monday 4th September
Thursday 7th September **MAIN CAST**

Monday 11th September
Thursday 14th September **CHORUS**

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SWINGFIELD REWILDING



The Climate Change committee would like to say a huge 'Thank You' to

the volunteers who prepared the ground for the small wildflower meadow trial on the bank in the Swingfield and to the children from the school who came along to plant the seeds. One side was



planted with ordinary seeds and the other with seedballs supplied by Anglian Water. Although we were led to expect that there would not be

much to see this year, we are delighted with the result as the photograph shows. I think we can say that the side with the seedballs won! We are so pleased with the result that we may well extend the area next year. Anglian Water are sending us more seedballs!

CHRIS MUNSEY

SYRESHAM BROWNIES

The Brownies have had an exciting summer term with lots of outdoor activities. We were very lucky that



Tuesday evenings were all dry!

The Brownies worked really hard to gain their Grow your own Badge. For this they designed their own miniature gardens one evening and also spent two evenings working on the Sunday School allotment with the help of Issy's Dad, Wayne. I am sure you will have seen the fruits of his labours when passing the Sunday School.

The girls enjoyed a mindful evening with the help of two other parents, Natalie and Tina. Crafts were in the hall and exercises with a little boxing outside! We managed to have an evening at Whistley Woods making dens and using wool and sticks to create God's Eyes. The annual flour trail took place around the village and you probably saw little piles of flour afterwards.



I was delighted that a number of Brownies turned out to parade at the Church for the special Coronation Service, thank you for giving up your time. Our final evening of the summer took place down at the Pocket Park with a BBQ for the girls and parents. We were very lucky with the weather that evening to. All the girls came along and had fun with the

activities planned and generally running around enjoying the area and the



cut out paths. It was great to see so many parents at the event and I thank them all for their support and to those who have helped out this term, during a difficult time for me.

The young girls working on their Duke of Edinburgh service have been a valuable asset to the pack and together with Wendy who has stepped up to keep it all together and



running smoothly, the girls and I have had a great summer term. Looking forward to returning in September and starting to plan

for the 50th birthday of the Syresham Pack in early 2024.

REPORT BY WOL

MUMS AND TOTS

Syresham Village Hall is the place to be on *WEDNESDAY MORNINGS* if you have little ones under school age.

We meet at 10.30 am until 12.00 *during school term time*. There is ample parking space.

Parents, grandparents or childminders you are welcome to come along with

children from birth upwards to meet new friends in a relaxed environment.

Each session has free play with a variety of fun activities for the children to explore on their own and also for you to play alongside them.

It is a nice bright hall and we make it fun for the children.

Areas are set out for play - cars, dolls, home corner, trundles, dressing up and books and puzzles to name a few.

Myself, Cathy and Beryl and, at times, additional support from Alice, are there to play with the children to give you time to get to know other Mums and enjoy a well deserved sit-down.

There is tea and coffee and a snack time for the children where they learn



to share.

The cost for each session is:-

- ◆ Adults £2
- ◆ Children over 1 year old £1
- ◆ Babies under 1 year 50p

We look forward to meeting you with the many Mums and Tots who already join us.

For more information please call me on 07798-567884

HAZEL BULLEN

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS



We hope that everyone has received a copy of the leaflet from the Climate Change Committee of the Parish Council which gave an update on the committee and provided some very handy suggestions on how we can all play a part in tackling this very important issue. If, for some reason, you do not have a copy, please contact the Parish Clerk who will be pleased to provide you with one. There will be another ***Climate Change Fair and exhibition in the Village Hall again on Friday September 22nd***. The Climate Change Committee also arranged for members of the Wildlife Trust to come to the village to look at our verges and to give us advice on rewilding. A copy of their interesting report can be found on the Parish Council website.

The Parish Council have also met with Pathfinder 3, a WNC group that aims to facilitate resilience and preparedness among communities that are at risk of surface water flooding in Northamptonshire. We have secured a grant from them which we hope will help to lessen the problem of lying water and accumulation of soil and debris on the pavement outside the Swingfield.

You may have noticed that the sign in

the Swingfield is missing! Fear not. The parish Council has commissioned a new sign that will soon be erected. There will also be a sign near the memorial stone in Abbey Road asking people to refrain from parking on the grass near the stone as a sign of respect.

Our newly appointed Police Liaison representative arranged for the police fraud officer to visit the Coffee Shop to talk informally to residents about the problems of fraud and how to recognise and avoid it. The officer will also soon be giving talks on this subject to the Friendship Club and to GEMS.

West Northants Council is presently carrying out a Resources and Waste Consultation which ends on 21st August. The Parish Council urges residents to fill in a questionnaire that will help to shape the Resources and Waste strategy for all of us who use their waste collection services. Please contact

resourceandwastestrategy@westnorthants.gov.uk for a copy of the questionnaire or contact the Parish Clerk if you are unable to go online. This will affect us all, so please take part if you can.

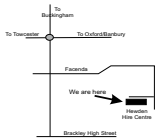
Members of the Parish Council have also planted up the flower boxes at the entrances to the village. We would also like to thank the Turweston Scout group for repainting the white gates on Main Road. They did a fantastic job!

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AFTERNOON TEA IN SUPPORT OF
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Opening times: Friday 25th Aug from
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Monday 28th 12.00-6.00pm

We will be serving afternoon teas over
the weekend, supplied in take-away
boxes to enjoy at home or to eat in the
club when open. Please pre-order your
afternoon tea to raise money for
BREAST CANCER NOW.

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Blackcurrant Jam - Chocolate
Millionaire Shortbread - Cherry Oat
Square with Chocolate Drizzle - Cup
Cake - Carrot Cake - Victoria Sandwich -
Tea Bag / Coffee Sachet

£17.00 per box - *When ordering, please
choose 4 sandwich fillings, your choice
of bread and fresh or clotted cream
along with the day and time you would
like to pick it up. Please order with
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MONDAY NIGHT DOMINOES

Would you be interested in joining our
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**SUNDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER - CLASSIC
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**SATURDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER -
MURDER MYSTERY EVENING**

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character, your role etc.

If you would just like to watch the
mystery unfold and enjoy a three-
course meal we can do that too.
£17.00 per head for the meal. Please
contact Sarah if you're interested with
your preferred option: Option 1: to be
one of the 14 Murder Mystery
participants. Option 2: To be a
spectator and enjoy the meal.

Just two spaces left for characters at
the time of writing!

**SUNDAY 5TH NOVEMBER - AUTUMN
CRAFT FAIR 11.00AM - 3.00PM**

Stalls featuring cakes, crafts and arts. Hand turned wood items, cards, fabric gifts, jewellery, pictures and many other items. Basically, if you can make it come along and sell it! Free entry for the public, bar open from 12.00pm, tea and coffee available from 11.00am. Please contact Sarah for more information and the price of a table.

LIVE CRICKET

The 2023 cricket season continues with live cricket at the club on most Saturday afternoons through to September. 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 www.syresham.play-cricket.com for details of fixtures, results and league tables.

STARTING IN SEPTEMBER - LIVE FOOTBALL

Halse United will once again be playing at the SSC this season. The fixtures will be on a Saturday afternoon with the first team playing in the Oxfordshire Senior Football League Premier Division. Should you be interested in joining the team, please make contact with our Club Secretary Sean Purnell 07540-227340

secretary@halseunitedfc.com.

Details of our other teams (including youth and junior) along with forthcoming fixtures can be found on our website: www.halseunitedfc.com

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Last March the Gardening Club enjoyed a very interesting and entertaining talk by Richard Preston on Primrose Garden in Steeple Aston.

We followed this up this month with a most enjoyable visit to his garden with tea and cake supplied by Richard's wife Daphne. Both Richard and Daphne answered the many questions posed by our members as we walked all around their delightful ancient walled garden and beyond. Last month we welcomed back Maria Ellis from Milton Keynes who is a garden designer and

she gave us some very useful advice on how to achieve a 'Low Maintenance Garden'.

Unforeseen circumstances caused us to cancel our scheduled visit to Swallows Nursery, Mixbury in May,



but this will now be re-arranged for August. We are also hoping to have a return visit to RHS Wisley in August and in September we

will welcome Russell Attwood who will share with us his knowledge of 'Pumpkins and Squashes'.

If you would like to join us at any of our meetings or outings, please contact Dot or myself and we will be pleased to give you information on our future programme.

CHRIS MUNSEY

SYRESHAM CHAPEL

Once again we opened the Chapel for the Scarecrow Festival. It looked impressive before you even got into the building with the tongues of fire leading to the different bible stories depicted. Each child going round received a book and there were many crafts in the Sunday School for youngsters to enjoy. Thank you to Catherine for organising



the whole weekend and to everyone who helped.

Breakfast Church continues to welcome more families and will recommence in September.

Our **HARVEST THANKSGIVING** service will be on September 17th at 6.00pm led by Chris Bazeley and we extend a warm welcome to everyone to join us.

DOT

CALLING ALL YOUNG PEOPLE OF SYRESHAM

The Parish Council is trialling a Youth Club project with NAYC, to find out what might be wanted here in the Village. This will be an opportunity for the youngsters to say what they might like in the village. **EDITOR**

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SYRESHAM YOUTH CLUB

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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, <u>Sunday School</u> 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 (<i>PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF TIME</i>)</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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