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August 2015



From the Editor's desk

Values— it is good to see the artwork done by the village children focussing on values. Thank you to Mrs Haddy and the staff and of course the children for their hard work in producing the seven values panels on display in the Hall. They are featured in this month's special edition.

It is good to celebrate the work of our youngsters and to know that they have been looking at key values in their lives. The end of year celebrations went well, and lots of hard work went into the performance.

We have another bumper edition to recognise newly elected Parish Councillors as well as the highly successful Scarecrow weekend—despite the wet weather on the Saturday! The village took on a new appearance and we were lucky to have so many visitors. Some of the ghoulish scary crows were a wonder to behold, and the ducks were looking worried!

And once more we are Village of the Year winners in the medium village group. Well Done Syresham!

We have a new Councillor in Astwell Ward for SNC, and we welcome Simon Marinker to his new role, and his first contribution in our next edition.

It was with sadness that we learned of the recent passing of Joan Payne—our sympathies go to the family.

Ian Draper, August 2015

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FUN AND FROLICS IN SYRESHAM

May 6th 1910 was the coronation of King George V. He reigned for just over 25 years and his Silver Jubilee was celebrated across the nation in May 1935 – some 80 years ago.

An article entitled *Fun and Frolic at Syresham* made the columns of the Brackley Advertiser, and was sub-titled “*Black coat was replaced by Union Jack*”. The article revealed an interesting chain of events.

“On awakening on Jubilee morning, local residents were surprised to see a black coat (an old Clergyman’s cloak) hanging from the top of the jubilee tree. This insult to our royalty was at once removed and replaced by a Union Jack. This incident was the only dark shadow on an otherwise perfect day!

“At 9.30 a.m. the Union Jack was unfurled in the School Yard by Colonel CB Wood, DSO JP, followed by the singing of the National Anthem. Prayers were offered by the Rev C F Scott and Mr J Bonham. A newly formed troop of Boy Scouts was presented with colours, and children under 14 received a Jubilee beaker.

“At 2.00 p.m., Lady Jackson and Mrs Cory judged the fancy dress parade. In the children’s group, five boys represented an elephant and its driver, taking first prize, and Ira Davis came second as one of the three little pigs. Other prizes were awarded to Beryl Friday, Connie Gee, and others. In the adults class Mr J Holyoake was Dick Whittington and Mrs Lymath came as a lemon, with a visitor to the village appearing as an Egyptian.

“A procession around the village took in all the many decorations, which were also judged by Lady Jackson and Mrs Cory. Joint first prizes were presented to Mrs F Allen (Abbey Road) and Mrs Chandler – each received a dressed fowl. A programme of sports was so filled with events that it could not be completed in good time.

“At 5.00 p.m. the children from 3 to 14 enjoyed a tea provided by Major Cory and Sir Hugh Jackson, with the added surprise of an ice cream for each at the end of the meal. In closing the presentations the children heard from Sir Hugh Jackson why they were celebrating the silver jubilee of their king.

“A cricket match ensued with the village team defeating Kings Staff team by 61 runs to 28, during which the Rev Scott took a hat-trick of wickets.

“The day concluded with a social, a torchlight procession and ‘one of the most successful dances ever held in the village, from 11.00 p.m. until two in the morning! The whole event was organised by a committee ably led by Mr J Bonham, and it was noted that the whole village entered into the spirit of the occasion with great enthusiasm and gusto.”

It was Ray Tyrrell who found the black cloak and persuaded his brother Francis (Abe) to climb the tree after dark. Henry Coy went up early that morning to retrieve the cloak!

From an archive in the History Society files.

SYRESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council is extremely pleased and proud to announce that Syresham's entry in the Best Village Competition was once again successful and we won the cup for the Best Medium Sized Village, coming second overall in the Northamptonshire Village of the Year. The cup is on display in the village hall.

The village also has a newly updated and revised website, brought to you by the Parish Council. Please visit www.syreshamvillage.com to see the new site that contains news, lots of useful information, photographs and constantly updated diary details. You can book the village hall, download the Village Trail and Syresham Times and view the Parish Council's agendas and minutes.

The flower boxes at the entrances to the village have been planted and the Village Enhancement Gang cleared the weeds from the gutters all around the village. The bark under the play

equipment in the Swingfield has been topped up.

A *Village Welcome and Information Pack* is presented to new residents to Syresham and this pack has been updated by the Parish Council. Each councillor will henceforth be responsible for a road in the village where they will visit new residents to welcome them to Syresham and present them with a welcome pack.

The Abbey Road Housing Development Appeal that was due to take place at the S.N.C offices in Moat Lane, Towcester on 24th June has been postponed until *Tuesday and Wednesday 17th and 18th November*. Members of the Parish Council will be present at the appeal.

NEW PARISH COUNCILLORS

Following the elections on May 7th, we now have a new Council with all nine seats filled. Janet Cox and John Nash retired and were thanked for their contributions.

Cllr Christina Munsey



Dot Dunkley, Chair



Ian Draper, Vice Chair



Rob Dixon



David Green



Jenny Haycock



Adam Jeskins



Brian Lynch



Christina Munsey



Peter Town



Lesley Sambrook
Smith—Clerk to PC.

SYRESHAM BOWLS CLUB

First of all, I welcome Mervyn from High Street to our club. He is very enthusiastic, great fun, willing to learn with the makings of a very good bowler.

We entered the Wardington Charity Triples League once more, helping to raise £450.00 for Katharine House Hospice, to which Syresham Club contributed £129.00. We participated in an annual tournament at Moreton Pinkney, and went out twice for a meal when the Village Hall was required for the Pantomime and Elections.

If you would like to join us, then come to the Village Hall for 7.00 p.m. on Thursdays—you will be very welcome to see how Bowls is played and join in.

Barbara Hawkins, Chairman

MESOTHELIOMA UK COFFEE MORNING



Pat and Nadine Coates are hosting a special coffee morning in memory of Bruce. Tea, Coffee, raffle, tombola, cake stall, door prizes and more! Come along and support this important charity.

Saturday 10th October 10.00 a.m.-1.00 p.m. at 8 Blenheim Place, Syresham—Tel:- 01280 850330

POCKET PARK BBQ AND FUN DOG SHOW

Saturday 26th September is a date for your diaries, it will be the fourth annual Fun Dog Show to be held at the Pocket Park. A BBQ will be available from 12.30 p.m. followed by a very fun dog show (if previous years are anything to go by!). We have 10

categories including the Waggiest Tail, Most Mischievous, Fastest Eater and Oldest Dog (for the owner who is worried their dog might not win the other categories!!) to name a few!



The entry per dog per category is only 50p and all funds are used to enable the hard working Pocket Park volunteers to carry out essential maintenance and tidying work.

The Dog Show is being very kindly sponsored by Megz Turnham of Scruffy MutZ Dog Grooming, so please come along (with or without your dog) for a very sociable afternoon in the Pocket Park!

Lesley Sambrook Smith

THE LOST MEN OF SYRESHAM

In the History Society booklet about the 33 men of Syresham who gave their lives in the Great War going to publication, we later discovered that Walter Middleton (page 40) had two elder brothers, Harry, born in Hook Norton and John William, born in Helmdon. They were respectively six and three years Walter's senior.

The family was listed as resident at "Presthay House" (in the 1891 Census). This was "Priesthaywood Farm", referred to as between The Wilds Farm and another residence called 'part of the village'.

The War Graves Commission states that Walter was born at Presty House, Northampton, but 'Presty' is how the older locals would have referred to Priesthay—and is still true today.

In fact the farm lies in the parish of Wappenham, and so would never have turned up in Syresham searches.

By the 1901 Census the family were living in Broad Street, and Walter, aged 10 was listed as a labourer. This despite the 1880 Education Act, which imposed penalties on those who employed under-age children. At this time, prior to the school leaving age being raised to 12 in 1899, there were 900,000 children aged 10–15 at work, earning less than two shillings a week—a significant sum for the chronically poor. By 1911, the Middleton family had moved again to Blenheim Cottage.

Bruce Smith

JOAN PAYNE 1927 – 2015

Joan, an only child, was born in Hong Kong in 1927, where her soldier father was stationed. She was christened in Hong Kong Cathedral.

While the family were living in Singapore, Joan aged three, contracted Polio, and was fortunate not only to survive, but also to be the only child in her ward to be able to walk after her recovery.

As a child/teenager the family lived in various places around the world, however when the Second World War broke out she and her mother moved back to Aldershot for security reasons.

After the war she trained at Pitman's Elementary College, gaining shorthand and typing qualifications. She worked as a secretary to an architect, where she met another

secretary, Kay, who had relatives in Syresham, and invited her to visit the village with her. Whilst here she met Harold, and they married in Croydon in 1951, and moved into 11 The Pound, moving later to number 28 The Pound and eventually to Bell Lane.

She was actively involved in the village, taking the chapel Women's Meetings, being the collection point in the village for National Dried Milk, collecting for the Red Cross for over forty years, forming the Brownie Guides, and the Girl Guides, and was a member of the WI and Friendship Club, to name but a few. She was always a positive person, and actively encouraged all of her daughters and grandchildren to achieve their goals in life.

Joan died peacefully on 2nd July in the Horton Hospital after a short illness.

Liz Beecher



SYRESHAM CE ST JAMES SCHOOL REPORT

As the academic year draws to a close, it is a good time to reflect on what has been another busy year in school. Since September, the children have made some excellent progress and with the support of governors and parents, myself and the staff have been focusing on the school's priorities.

Back in the Spring Term we held our

Values Week and over the course of 3 days pupils were able to reflect on our 6 school values of Courage, Respect, Generosity, Love, Forgiveness and Fairness.

Every pupil had the opportunity to work with visiting artist Natasha Somers, who supported us in creating 6 unique pieces of artwork (one for each of the values). They are now proudly on display in our school hall. There is no doubt that this project was hard work in the planning stage, but it had a huge positive impact on our children's social, moral, spiritual and cultural development.

The summer term has been another great few weeks of sporting activity. Children have all been able to take part in a number of athletic events both in school and out.

Our KS1 team demonstrated just how strong their athletics skills are by winning the local cluster schools' tournament, bringing back a trophy to display at the entrance to school. There has also been a swimming gala and netball tournament, all with our children involved and several placed with great times and distances. They never fail to impress us and we are very proud of their achievements.

It has been a very successful year of fundraising, and as well as new maths resources we now have a lovely refurbished outdoor seating area for our children. This is possible thanks to the hard work of the Friends of Syresham School and the many parents and families who came to support the

events throughout the year.

After several of months of preparation, Year 6 pupils took their KS2 SATs examinations in May. I am pleased to confirm that they all achieved some fantastic results, comparing well with the national expectations and demonstrating good progress since their KS1 tests 4 years ago.

The end of term saw a number of celebration events. First was our end of year production '*A Brief History of America*'. This linked with topics that Year 5 and 6 children have been studying as well as enabling many pupils to demonstrate their singing, acting, musical and technical skills during two full house performances. During the same week we held our British Values Day. This was a chance for us to celebrate all the great things about this country and what it means to be British. Children learned about famous people, landmarks and buildings, the police and fire service visited and we shared fish and chips together at lunchtime.

More information and photos of school events can be found on our website at www.syreshamprimaryschool.co.uk.

On the very last day of term we held our annual Leavers' Assembly. This was a fantastic way to look back on all that has been achieved this year and of course to congratulate our Year 6 leavers as they finish one chapter in their lives and move onto the next.

It is always a day of mixed emotions, on one hand we're sad to see them go and on the other we know they are ready for the challenge of secondary

school. As said at the end of the assembly, wherever they go, a little part of them will always remain at Syresham School and we hope a little part our school will always remain with them.

Now the holidays are upon us, children and staff are having a much deserved break and I look forward to seeing them all in September ready for a fresh new year to begin. Best Wishes,
Mrs S Haddy, Acting Headteacher



After a very busy summer term, Preschool closed for another year on 16th July with a trip to Wade gym, followed by party games and food back at base. The 7 children who are moving on were given a big send off and we all wish them well for their new adventures at school.

We would like to say a very big thank you to the fantastic team of volunteers from Barclaycard, who gave up a day of their time on 13th July to come and do some much needed maintenance work on the Preschool's outside learning area. They made lots of improvements which will enhance the children's play with water and mud. The arrival of a 'mud kitchen' early in the new term will complete the project.

Thanks to everyone who walked, cycled or drove to Langley Farm on 18th July, where Committee Member Sarah

Eames kindly hosted a lovely afternoon tea and cakes to raise funds for the Preschool. The spread was fantastic and the surroundings were perfect. Thank you Sarah and Alex. We raised £150!

Preschool will open again for the new school year on Monday 7th September. There are currently spaces available in all the sessions in September, so if you have friends or family looking for a place for their child aged 2 years or over, please do contact us. Funding to support a place at Preschool is available for all children aged 3 years and over, and for eligible 2 year olds. All the details can be found at www.syreshampreschool.co.uk

The AGM will be held in the school hall on Wednesday 14th October 2014 at 7pm. We will be receiving the annual reports and electing the committee officers for the coming year. Everyone is welcome to come and find out more about what we do.

As this will be my last entry in the Syresham Times as Chair of the Preschool Committee, I would like to take the opportunity to thank the Preschool staff, my fellow committee members and the Syresham community for all their support and encouragement. I will be standing down at the AGM, confident that I am leaving the Preschool in very capable hands.

Clare Powell, Chair of Syresham Preschool Voluntary Management Committee

VILLAGE HALL COFFEE SHOP



The Village Hall Coffee Shop has now been running very successfully for over seven years. It has provided a place where people can meet every Thursday morning for 50 weeks of the year (closing only at Christmas and New Year!) to enjoy a cafetière of fresh coffee or a pot of tea and a delicious piece of home-made cake – all for just £1. But, more than that, it is a great community asset giving all those who come the opportunity to get out of the house to meet other people, to chat and keep up-to-date with what is going on in the village. We also welcome mums with young children and gives new mums the opportunity to meet others and sit and relax for a while. Organisations can advertise their events, people can sell surplus garden produce and essential service providers can provide information and advice to residents.

At least one Coffee Shop a year is dedicated to supporting a national charity, usually Macmillan. This year, however, we have supported Christian Aid.

We welcome Syresham Pre-school at Easter when the children parade in their Easter bonnets and at Christmas entertaining us with Christmas songs and carols and the Pre-school have stalls and games to raise funds for themselves.

We are also very pleased to welcome visitors from outside the village, including cycling clubs from Brackley

and Towcester. It would seem that they enjoy it so much that they come back virtually every week.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who serve on the rota making the delicious cakes and pastries and running the Coffee Shop every three months or so. Without you the Coffee Shop would certainly not have become the great success it is.

However, as people are no longer able to serve on the rota for many different and very valid reasons, we find that we really do need more volunteers in order to ensure that this valued village facility continues to flourish.

We need people who bake, but we would also very much appreciate the help of those who are willing to come along just to serve and wash up. If you feel that you are able to give a little of your time and would like to help, please let me know: or better still, come along to the village hall on a Thursday morning between 10.30 and 12.30 and enjoy a cuppa and a cake. Everyone is most welcome.

Chris Munsey

FRIENDS OF ST. JAMES



The AGM of The Friends of St. James was held on 22nd July.

At the beginning of the meeting we took time to remember Keith McLean and Janet Hughes, both of whom worked hard not only for the Church and the Friends of St. James but also for our community. They are both

deeply missed.

Due to illness Mary Braybrook has found it necessary to resign from the Committee and we would like to take this opportunity to thank Mary for all the years she has diligently worked for the Friends of St. James.

Over the year we have enjoyed a variety of events and we would like to thank everybody who generously attended and helped to make them all such successes. Our Christmas celebrations started with a very enjoyable Members' Evening. The Pancake Lunch in February provided a lovely warming interlude heralding spring. John Braybrook set us yet another very entertaining quiz in March. May brought us to a lovely evening in the form of the Safari Supper and in July we were presented with a wonderful concert by Note-Ability.

Our grateful thanks also go to Sue and Alice Palmer for opening up their home for us at the drop of a hat; Antoinette who co-ordinated the Safari Supper; and the hosts who gave over their homes for the evening and everyone who helped to the set up at the Church.

For our first event of the coming season Brackley Wind Ensemble will be in concert in the Church on 17th October.

Judith Shaw

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

It has been a busy few months for Syresham WI. May saw us



“minding our language” with Shirley Allen who entertained us with many insights into the peculiarities of the English language.

In June we watched in awe as Mirjana (Mim) Rasovic, a professional belly dancer demonstrated different styles of belly dancing and taught us a few of the basic techniques. For those that want to learn more, Mim is offering a 4 week beginners course from September on a Saturday morning at the Village Hall. For details see

<http://mimsbellydance.co.uk/classes/>



We also celebrated the 100 year anniversary of the WI in June with a scarecrow for the annual festival – our very own version of “Jam and Jerusalem meets Calendar Girls” which drew much attention and comment from passers-by!

Our July speaker was Yvonne Bell, who gave a fascinating talk on the challenges of painting on silk. Yvonne bought many of her items, including beautiful church vestments, to show us, as well as a beautiful quilt which will be on show at the Cosgrove Summer Quilt exhibition and craft fayre from 22nd – 23rd August and is being raffled for charity:- <http://>

christian-art.vpweb.co.uk/Talks-----Silk-for-Sundays-.html

July was also a very sad month with the passing away of Joan Payne, an extremely popular, as well long-serving member, of the WI. She will be greatly missed.

August sees our summer outing to Stoke Bruerne followed by a group meeting in September, which will be attended by other local WI's and one of the very first women TV chefs, Zena Skinner.

For more information on Syresham WI please contact either Judith Shaw on 850613 or Maggie Newton on 850324

Maggie Newton

HISTORY SOCIETY



The Society's programme continues apace with visits to four local churches in Buckinghamshire on May 23rd, lead by John Braybrook, this was followed by talks on The Mitford Sisters, Farnborough Hall, and in August a guided walk around Blisworth, visting the canal, various points of interest in the village and finishing up at the Chapel Café where the Millennium Tapestry is on display.

In September we have the return visit of Tim Healey (son of one time Chancellor, Dennis Healey) to talk about the Green Man Trail, and in October the AGM will elect new Committee Members, and confirm the programme for 2016. There will also be some light entertainment to follow the business.

The Annual History Society exhibition in the Village Hall will take place on Saturday October 10th. Everyone is welcome to come along and learn about our local history.

The Society always welcomes new members. Evening meetings are on the 1st Tuesday of the month commencing at 7.30 p.m. and cover a variety of different topics. There is also a raffle prize each month.

Come along and hear about various aspects of history, local and national!

Ian Draper

TAKE YOUR SEAT

12 years ago ... Robin Hood and his Merry Band of Men rode into Syresham appearing in our



Panto. Now they are returning again in next year's show in February!

Robin Hood needs several new members to join his gang. If you think, you have what it takes to plunder the rich to give to the poor, then why not come along to Auditions in September. (Details below)

We last performed Robin Hood back in 2003. It was a funny show that got great reviews. So bearing in mind, nobody will remember it from all those years ago, I have used the same script, but updated it and changed a few things ... so now it's even funnier!

We need new actors to supplement our excellent cast. If you fancy a big part or a chorus part, then come along to Auditions. We are a friendly bunch and never put pressure on anyone who attends auditions. In fact our

philosophy is to put on the best show for miles around and have FUN!! So if you are new to the village (or a regular) and want something to do in the Autumn and Winter evenings, we rehearse on Mondays and Thursdays for a few hours. I guarantee you will make great friends, have lots of laughs and enjoy the fulfilling experience of being part of a great show!
Auditions:- Sports & Social Club, Monday 21st and Thursday 24th September, 7.30 p.m. prompt.

Keith Watts

NORTHANTS ACRE OIL BUYING SCHEME

Our group of oil users continues to grow and to benefit from the reduced prices achieved through the county wide bulk buying scheme. The mid July delivery came in at 34.5 p/litre, a saving on 500 litres of £37.25 on the highest prices quoted at the time.



Dates for the next orders are posted in the diary of events in this edition.

Join the scheme if you want to save money on your heating costs! LPG Gas is also available through the scheme.

Ian Draper

BEE NEWS FROM DARREN

The bees are still working well and still producing honey. I had a stall at the Church Fete which went very well. Brackley Ladies' Circle came to visit and see the hives and how honey is produced. They had a good and



enjoyable time.

Recently I was trained to be a Bee Health Advisor, so if other keepers need help on health and diseases, I can advise and help on any problems.

I am making a swarm collector from an old Hoover, which so far is going well, this is because I have had problems with trying to collect some swarms from hedgerows that can be very dangerous to deal with.

My back has lately prevented me from doing all I need to do. I am catching up now as I get back to full strength.

For more information or would like to see the hives and ask any questions, please contact me on 07974-015139

Darren Jeacock

CRAFTS GROUP

Since the changes to our various activities made earlier in the year, the numbers of our group have increased. We now knit, sew, embroider, make lace, do zentangle, tapestry and all sorts. We have recently been knitting for The Sun newspaper appeal for items for babies and children suffering in the Nepal earthquake disaster. We have sent off one large bag of jumpers, blankets, hats etc. and we are still making more.



New members are always welcome. Pay a quarterly fee and join us on our crafty 2nd, 3rd and 4th Tuesdays each month in the Sunday School rooms. Tea and coffee are available and we have even had birthday cakes for a 90th and a 70th.

Joan Whitehead

FROM THE RECTOR—ST JAMES THE GREAT CHURCH, SYRESHAM

Everyone is welcome at any or all of our services. For “Benefice Services” you are invited to join us as we worship in one of our sister churches, and lifts can be arranged to the other churches - just contact Reverend Carole on 01327- 860798



AUGUST - 9th 11.00 a.m. Benefice Communion for the Feast of St Lawrence at Radstone, *Followed by a bring and share feast*

23rd 11.15 a.m. Holy Communion

30th 11.00 a.m. Benefice Communion on a 5th Sunday at St John the Evangelist Whitfield

SEPTEMBER - 6th *As the Rector is away there are Benefice Services for the whole of September*

11.00 a.m. Benefice Communion for the Feast of the Blessed Virgin, at Wappenham *Followed by a bring and share feast*

13th - 11.00 a.m. Benefice Communion, Syresham

20th - 9.30 a.m. Matins, Lois Weedon; 11a.m. Benefice Communion, Radstone

27th – 11.00 a.m. Benefice Communion - Lois Weedon

OCTOBER - 4th 3.30 p.m. Messy Church
11th—11.00 a.m. Harvest Festival followed by Bring and Share Harvest Festival Lunch & Auction of Produce

and flowers

18th October 11.15 a.m. Village Praise and Prayer

22nd 11.15 a.m. Holy Communion

Our church is also always open during the day for quiet prayer and should you need to talk to someone please feel free to contact Reverend Carole, her details are in the church porch.

Carole Peters, The Rectory, Weedon Lois

SCOUTS WORLD JAMBOREE

I just thought that I would update you with my world scout jamboree journey.

Some of you will remember me writing in the Syresham Times over a year ago asking for your support with fundraising for this event. I would like to say a massive thank you to the people who have supported me this last year and a half. It has been a huge help and I am pleased to announce I will be leaving for Japan on July 24th 2015!

I have been really lucky in my journey and have had many different experiences through being selected. I was one of 3 Scouts to be invited to attend a media weekend in Lincolnshire to give me the skills on speaking to the media and using social media as a tool for the jamboree. As a result of the weekends training, I was interviewed on BBC radio about the event and following that, I was selected to escort our chief scout, Bear Grylls around the county scout activity day in May. I was interviewed by BBC

television
and Bear
signed my
Scout shirt
and I now
have many



photos of me and him!

One of our team building camps was a trip to London to work together as Patrol unit to find different landmarks around the capital. This highlighted lots of our group's strengths and gave us confidence to find our way around Tokyo.

While I am at the Jamboree, it will be the 70th Anniversary of the dropping of the bomb on Hiroshima and I will be visiting the Peace Park to pay my respects to the victims of the bomb.

On another note, I have been asked to make an appeal to you, we are **really** short of leaders for our Scout Group and are looking for volunteers who can commit to one evening a week to help out at a meeting. You don't need any skills, just enthusiasm and a willingness to join in and have fun.

Emma Duffield

Well done Emma—we look forward to hearing about how the visit to Japan went! (*Editor*)

SUPERFAST BROADBAND—DO YOU WANT IT?

Earlier in the year, we carried a short item about Tove Valley Superfast Broadband, and the possibility of bringing it into the village.



Brian Miller wrote the first article, extracts from which follow here.

As a result only 26 expressions of interest were received, although it seems that several people did not respond or see the article at all. The current list stands at 24 only—clearly not enough to meet requirements

As Editor I offered to be the collecting point for interest, but am not on the list myself.

In recent weeks the issue has been raised again that we must be able to achieve the numbers required. I am therefore carrying this item once more only in order to establish the real demand in Syresham Parish.

Extract details from article carried in February 2015 Syresham Times:

Tove Valley Superfast Broadband (TVSBb) is established in the Abthorpe area, and can by agreement and certain conditions, be brought into other parishes.

The system does not use existing telephone line connections.

It is capable of delivering 20MB/second of data.

The scheme requires:-

1. **Minimum: 100 households signing up to participate.**
2. **Cost: one off** joining fee £100 per household; followed by **annual fee** of £120 for domestic users, (businesses with more than 5 users, can be quoted for sign up separately from households).
3. **Purchases:** specialist receiver which connects to your router and

SYRESHAM CE ST JAMES SCHOOL—2015

VALUES WEEK

Since I last wrote, our children have been working hard with their learning and there are many things to be thankful for. Back in the Spring Term we held our *Values Week* and over the course of 3 days pupils were able to reflect on our 6 school values of *Courage, Respect, Generosity, Love, Forgiveness and Fairness*. They performed drama, wrote prayers and composed music, followed by community gardening and a litter pick around the village. They also made cakes for and hosted a tea room



for village residents which was enjoyed by all. Each pupil had the opportunity to work with our wonderful visiting artist, Natasha Somers, who supported us in creating 6 unique pieces of artwork (one for each of the values) which are now proudly on display in our school hall. There is no doubt that this project was hard work in the planning stage, but it had a huge positive impact on our children's social, moral, spiritual and cultural development.

Sharon Haddy, Acting Headteacher



Syresham Scarecrow and Ope

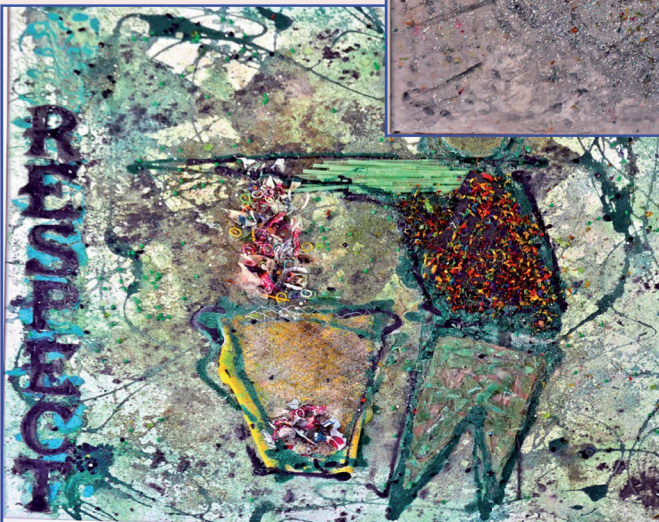


A big thank you to everyone we had some wet weather or crowds, and we raised over £3 18th/19th 2016 when the them

n Gardens Festival, June 2015



who helped to make the weekend another success. Although on the Saturday, the Sunday was lovely and brought out the £100.00. Join us again for the next Scarecrow Weekend, June 10-12. The theme will be "Books and Films".



requires a mains power supply—
at a one-off cost of £75.00

This scheme can only be brought into the village as long as 100 or more households are interested and prepared to pay the fees as outlined above.

It does require a positive commitment if you wish the scheme to be brought to Syresham.

Anyone who wishes to sign up, please confirm to Brian Miller brian.d.miller@btinternet.com, including those who originally signed up if they are still interested.

Closing Date August 31st 2015.

Editor.

SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB



It has been a busy past few months at the Sports Club with a number of parties, themed evenings, the car boot sale and the Syresham Big Bash, along with the Club's Annual Member's Evening where we were joined by Bruce Thompson - a one man band. It's been great to see so many people brought out by the glorious summer weather.

At the time of writing, the cricket season is three-quarters completed, with the first team sitting at the top of the South Northants Premier Division, 12 points clear, with every hope of winning the League. The first team are also in the final of the Premier Division Cup so could even achieve the league and cup double. The second team are currently fourth in Division

3, and look to finish in either third or fourth place. The final game of the season is Saturday 29th August, although we are hosting a charity match on Saturday 5th September.

The Syresham Big Bash was held in June, which, despite the weather was a very successful day raising over £1,200 for the Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance, and seeing the Club take Runner's Up place.

The senior football season is nearly underway, with training taking place on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at the Club. A series of friendlies has been arranged with the season due to commence at the beginning of September. With the Reserve team having won the cup final last season, and promoted for the second consecutive season to the Intermediate Division, this season will be the highest position the Reserves have ever been in, and we hope it will be successful.

As we continue towards the Autumn, our regular events continue to be a success, with the monthly cash bingo on the third Wednesday of the month (eyes down 7.30 p.m.), Sunday carvery on the second Sunday of the month (12.00 p.m. - 2.00 p.m.) and monthly prize quiz generally on the third Friday of the month.

Our next entertainment programme is in the process of being finalised and will be circulated shortly, and we always welcome new members to come along. Our function room is available for hire for events, functions and parties and we are able to offer a full entertainment/catering package if required.

SSC EVENTS COMING SOON

Carvery Sundays—13th Sept and 11th October

Cash Bingo —16th September and 21st October

Monthly Quiz Night— 21st August, 25th September, 23rd October

Charity Steak BBQ supporting Motor Neurone Disease—15th August

Cheese and Wine Night—29th August

Charlie Law and Cocktails Bar—30th August

Cricket Presentations—26th August

Adam Jeskins, Club Secretary on 07711 -971709 for further information.

MUMS AND TOTS

I have been attending Mums and Tots with my little girl Amelia Rose for about a year now. She really loves it! I have watched my daughter develop from a small baby playing in the special designated area to a confident toddler chasing around after the boys in the cars! The group has such a friendly atmosphere and it is a great place to share experiences and to chat to other mums, grandparents and child minders.



Our group is run by the mums who take it in turns to organise the sessions and by volunteers who help set up and put away the equipment. A small charge is made to cover refreshments and materials. We are based in the Village Hall and run every Wednesday during term time from 10.00 a.m.—12.00 noon. We have many activities available for the children; these include

playdough, puzzles, cars, Duplo, role play clothes, slide, craft table and many more.

During the Summer Term we had some little chicks come to visit us. The children had a chance to hold and feed them. Another week we made a clown scarecrow for the village festival.



One of the highlights of the term was to visit the Pimlico Light Railway. We all had fun zooming around the garden on the trains.

We have many exciting things planned for the Autumn Term. I will be putting my years of teaching experience into setting up the art, craft, sensory and cooking activities and we have a Tots Sporting Coach coming in to do some fun skills and games with the children.

We look forward to seeing old and new faces in September.

Tina Nesbitt

WESLEYAN CHAPEL

Gardeners all over the village seemed very busy before scarecrow weekend you could hear mowers and walking around so many people were tidying gardens and as one lady said even if you don't open your garden it should look good for people passing by.

Gardens are full of lessons for living. Jesus, himself once was mistaken for a gardener, spoke of planting seeds, growing and reaping a harvest as a vivid picture of his Kingdom. We should recall the parable of the sower where seed fell in various places but some fell on good ground – may that be our prayer for the future .

Looking ahead our Harvest Thanksgiving services will be held on Sunday September 20th led by Rev. Will Adams and everyone is welcome to join us. It is wonderful to see the gifts of the garden displayed as a thank you to God for all the good things he has supplied us with.

Sunday 19th July during our evening service gifts were presented to Ed Hornby and Callum Brown as a thank you and wishing them well as they move on with their lives. They have been members and helpers with Youth Club over a number of years and have proved great supporters of holiday clubs. We shall look forward to hearing more from them from time to time.

We shall miss Joan Payne as Joan ran the ladies meeting and was a great supporter of this for many years. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Liz, Lydia and Miriam and families at this time.

Dot

GARDENING CLUB

May was our Annual General Meeting when it was good to see members re-join. We watched a film which everyone thoroughly enjoyed and served coffee and biscuits with this. A

very relaxed evening. June we had a visit to Preston Bisset Nurseries – a very interesting and in formative evening and July saw a good number walking through the woods led by John Braybrook. We shall be back in the hall in September and look forward to more people joining us.

Dot

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Meetings cease for August but prior to that we have had strawberry tea at Vine Cottage, and an afternoon at The Priory, and last week a treasure hunt arranged by Paula and David—thanks to everyone who works so hard to keep the club going.

We are looking forward to November 10th when we are celebrating the Club's 50th birthday. We would like you to join us for this celebration but need an idea of numbers so if you are interested please let Sue (850252) or Dot (850626) know as soon as possible. We have our first minute book and this and as many photographs as possible will be on display.

Dot

GYTTE LANE GOLFERS



If anyone is interested in joining our golfing society we normally suggest they

- come to one of our days out (4 standard venues a year + captain's day + one over night venue) as a guest. After 3 attendances they are invited to join, this is to establish their handicap and suitability. The annual membership

fee is £10.00, and it is hoped you will purchase a Gytte tie when becoming a full member—formal dress please on the 4 official outings!

We try to keep outing costs to a maximum of £50.00. Recently we have been having coaches from SMS in Towcester, if we consider that there will be sufficient interest. This can mean that £10.00 travel is charged on the day.

Our membership is normally around 35 people, and we have been running now for 21 years.

Our next scheduled outing is at Studley Wood on 16th October.

If you would like to join, visit our website, 'Golfsociety.com'. The site invites you to enter the members area and asks for the society name where you enter 'gyttesgolf' and the password is 'syresham'. Using this site you can get all details and enter your name.

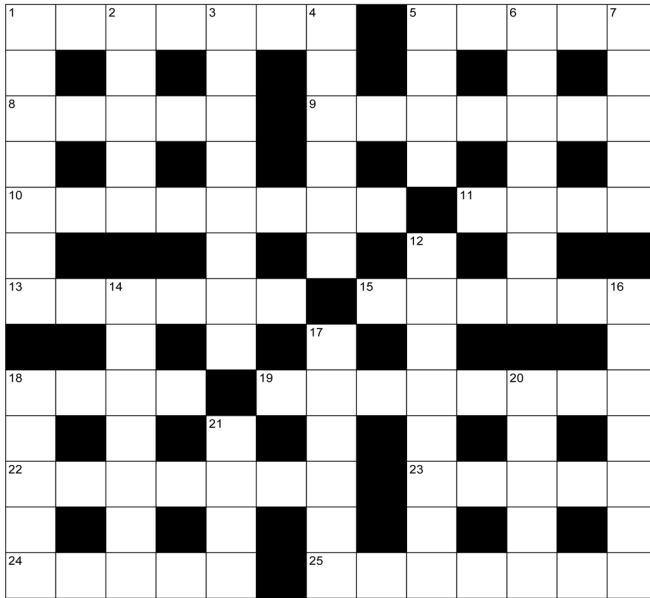
Roger Inwood, Vice Chairman 07774 740499

DID YOU KNOW? – JULY, 2015

World's Hottest Place?	Death Valley , California at 134°F (56.6°C)
World's Colest Place?	East Antarctic Plateau at -135.8°F (-93°C)
World's Most Populated City?	Shanghai 24.2million people
World's Least Populated City?	Vatican City 842 people
World's Wealthiest City?	Tokyo GDP of \$1,520 billion, compared with New York only \$310billion
World's Poorest City?	Kinshasa , Democratic Republic of Congo with many living on less than \$1 a day
World's Highest Point ?	Mount Everest 29,029ft
World's Lowest Point ?	The Challenger Deep Trench 35,797ft below sea level
World's Wettest Spot ?	Mawsynram , India rainfall: 467.35in per annum
World's Driest Spot ?	Atacama Desert , Chile/Argentina 4in of rain every 100 years
World's Most Expensive City To Live In?	Singapore , loaf of bread \$3.36
World's Least Expensive City To Live In?	Mumbai , loaf of bread \$0.91
World's Most Visited City?	London with 19 million international visitors per annum
World's Most Stressed Country?	Nigeria in terms of inequality, homicide rate, corruption, unemployment
World's City with Highest I.Q. ?	Hong Kong

Alan Clube

Crossword —thanks to Vintage Port



ACROSS

- 1 Kitchen appliance (7)
- 5 Mankind’s groupings (5)
- 8 Indian currency (5)
- 9 A mathematical rule (7)
- 10 Voter (8)
- 11 Up roar (4)
- 13 Strabismus (6)
- 15 Biked (6)
- 18 Middle Eastern flat bread (4)
- 19 Faint hearted (8)
- 22 Bambi’s House (7)
- 23 Japanese dish (5)
- 24 Strangely enough (5)
- 25 Amphibian’s larva (7)

DOWN

- 1 Male Hawks (7)
- 2 Sufficient (5)
- 3 Negotiating terms (8)
- 4 Change to improve (7)
- 5 Scarce (4)
- 6 Critical (7)
- 7 Jerking movement (5)
- 12 Avoided (8)
- 14 Inexperienced (7)
- 16 From sunrise to sunset (7)
- 17 Active songbird (6)
- 18 Paved area (5)
- 20 Palais de danse (abbreviation) (5)
- 21 All correct (4)

ANSWERS—ACROSS 1 Toaster; 5 Races; 8 Rupee; 9 Formula; 10 Electors; 11 Riot; 13 Squint; 15 Cycled; 18 Pita; 19 Cowardly; 22 Thicket; 23 Sushi; 24 Oddly; 25 Tadpole
DOWN—1 Terns; 2 Ample; 3 Treating; 4 Reform; 5 Rare; 6 Crucial; 7 Start; 8 Untried; 16 Daytime; 17 Tomtit; 18 Pato; 20 Disco; 21 Okay

Events & Diary Dates

HAPPENING SOON	WEEKLY DIARY	FORTNIGHTLY DIARY
AUGUST	SUNDAYS:- Chapel Service 6.00 p.m.	THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB Alternate Tuesdays, usually Village Hall 2.30 p.m. <i>not August</i>
Oil Orders deadline— Weds 5 th Aug <i>by 6.00 p.m.</i>	Church Services — <i>please check the Astwell Benefice Diary</i>	WEDNESDAYS (1ST & 3RD) Secret Keepers, 7-11 yr. olds 7.00 p.m. till 8.00 p.m. <i>Term time only</i>
August 21st Sports Club Quiz night	MONDAYS:- Walking Group 10.00 a.m. <i>meet at Shop</i>	FRIDAYS, Youth Club 11yrs + Sunday School rooms 7.30 p.m. <i>Term Time only</i>
August 23rd Sports Club Horticultural show	Card recycling group 7.00 p.m. <i>contact Sue Palmer</i>	MONTHLY DIARY
SEPTEMBER	Dancing Classes Village Hall—various 4.00 to 8.30 p.m.	2ND SUNDAY , Sunday School & Breakfast Church 9.30 a.m.
Oil Orders Weds 2 nd Sept <i>by 6.00 p.m.</i>	TUESDAYS:- Adult Ballet, <i>Village Hall</i> , 11.00 a.m. to 12.00	2ND SUNDAY —Sports Club Carvery lunch 12.00 noon till 2.00 p.m.
Saturday 19 th Sept —Garage Sale 10.00 till 4.00 p.m. <i>Refreshments in VH</i>	Pilates <i>Village Hall</i> , 12.00 noon to 1.00 p.m.	1ST TUESDAY , History Society, <i>Village Hall</i> 7.30 p.m.
Sept 25 th Sports Club Quiz Night	Brownies , 5.45 to 7.00 p.m. Sunday School <i>Term time only</i>	3RD TUESDAY:- Gardening Club, <i>Village Hall</i> , 7.30 p.m.
Saturday 26 th Sept— <i>Cricket Club Presentations Evening</i>	Craft , 2nd, 3rd & 4th Tuesdays, Sunday School, 7.30 p.m.	2ND WEDNESDAY , W.I., <i>Village Hall</i> 7.30 p.m.
Sept 26 th —Pocket Park BBQ and Dog show	Circuit Training , <i>Sports Club</i> 7.15 p.m.	2ND WEDNESDAY , Library Van, 12.00—12.20p.m. <i>Church End</i>
OCTOBER	WEDNESDAYS:- Mums and Tots, <i>Village Hall</i> 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon <i>Term Time only</i>	3RD WEDNESDAY Sports Club Cash Bingo Night, 7.30 p.m.
Oil Orders deadline— Wednesday 4 th <i>by 6.00 p.m.</i>	THURSDAYS:- <i>Village Hall</i> Coffee Shop, 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.	LAST WEDNESDAY , Parish Council Meetings, <i>Village Hall</i> 7.30 p.m.
October 10 th History Society exhibition, VH	Bowls Club, <i>Village Hall</i> , 7.00 p.m.	3RD FRIDAY , Sports Club Quiz Nights
October 23 rd Sports Club Quiz Night	SATURDAYS:- Boys' Football, <i>Sports Club</i> , 10.00 a.m.	2ND SATURDAY , Friends of the Churchyard, 10.00 a.m.
EARLY NOVEMBER	Football or Cricket Matches in season— <i>Check Sports Club details</i>	2ND SATURDAY —NCC Library Van visits 2.00 —2.40 p.m. <i>Primary School</i>
Oil Orders deadline— Wednesday 1 st — <i>by 6.00 pm.</i>		

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SATURDAY, SEPT 19th 10.00 a.m. till 4.00 p.m.

£5.00 per table

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