



Syresham Times

Has anyone seen the village hall?



The end of an Era!

Village of the year 2008-10, 2012, 2013, 2015 and 2017

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From the Editor's desk

Syresham swelters in the summer heat! Does anyone remember 1959—I was doing my GCE 'O' Levels in very hot conditions! And in 1976—we were expecting our first child also in extreme heat. In 1995 we had GB's 3rd hottest summer since 1659! Does anyone recall the heat-waves of 2003? They hit UK, France and southern Europe with over 15,000 heat related deaths and temperatures of 47°C in Portugal.

Weather patterns such as we are experiencing right now are set to repeat and to intensify over the next 30 years. We need to take care and protect ourselves from extreme heat as well as stop climate change.

At long last the Welsh Lane, B4525 potholes have been done, although it seems to have encouraged the boy racers to play silly dangerous games at the A43 junction again!

We featured the campaign to save the Kings Head Pub, one of our Community Assets. The Group is already working hard to see how this vital element of our community can be saved.

And the new homes are growing at Bradbery Grove, named after Jack Bradbery who gave so much to the village for its sports field and now through his daughter Philippa Taylor we have our new Village Hall and development alongside to help with the housing shortage.

Ian Draper, July 2018

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The Old Village Hall has gone—Keith Watts

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GRAND OPENING OF THE NEW VILLAGE HALL 30TH JUNE 2018



It was with great sadness that we said goodbye to the old hall in the High Street. It has served the village of Syresham well and has left many lasting memories – some sad but

mostly happy ones. For my part, I have in the past turned the hall into a Monte Carlo Casino, a Barn (complete with animals) and an Australian Beach!

But the old hall was tired and way past its useful lifespan. So it is with great delight that we have now moved on to pastures new and to a fantastic new hall. The Grand Opening of the hall took place on Saturday 30th June and we were delighted that many village residents were able to join us on this occasion. Many people have helped in the achievement of this project and we were very pleased to welcome some of them at the opening event. We were especially pleased that Robin Digby agreed to do us the honour of officially opening the hall. The idea of a new hall was first mooted some 21 years ago and Robin has supported us virtually all of that time, first in his role as our District Councillor and then after his retirement he continued to ‘fight our cause’. The opening was followed by bubbly and refreshments and more people came along to view the hall during the course of the afternoon.

There is a small exhibition in the foyer showing how we raised the funds to build it. This will eventually be replaced by a permanent plaque which will also feature the names of everyone who ‘bought a brick’. I am very concerned that there should be no errors on the plaque and to this end a list of all names of ‘brick buyers’ will be put in the Post Office. Please make sure your name is on it and that there are no spelling mistakes. Please tick the list if your details are correct, otherwise please make any necessary amendments. You can also still buy a brick if you so wish.

I am sure you will agree that the hall makes an excellent party/wedding venue. There is also a meeting room available for smaller groups and it is ideal for business meetings. If you wish to enquire about the hall please ring 01280 851178 or go to our new village hall website www.syreshamvillagehall.com Why not just take a look and let us know what you think!

CHRIS MUNSEY, CHAIR, VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Many people will be aware that Northamptonshire County Council has had serious problems with the way it has been run. As a result of this the government has stepped in and declared that the administration of the county of Northamptonshire must change. The proposal is for two unitary authorities in the county – one to cover Daventry, Northampton and South Northamptonshire and the other focussing on Corby, East Northamptonshire, Kettering and Wellingborough. The Parish Council was asked to complete a consultation questionnaire which has been done. Generally speaking the idea has not been favourably received, but as the order has come from the highest echelons it is possible that the government's decision will be inevitable – we wait and see. What we do know is that there will be changes in the way public services are delivered. However, we do not know how all these changes will affect the role of the Parish Council. Again we wait and see. In the meantime it is business as usual and we continue with our statutory duties.

Some residents have recently complained about light aircraft and gyrocopters flying over the village. The Parish Council has approached Turweston Aerodrome and the authorities there will instruct pilots not to fly above us.

The snows of the winter seem a distant memory now, but the snowfall did cause branches to fall from one of

the trees near the High Street junction of the Main Road. Originally purchased by the family of a resident in her memory and the Parish Council intends that the bench and the plaque will be replaced, albeit in a safer location using prize money when we were declared the best small village in the county at last Year's Village of the Year Competition. We entered the contest again in 2018 - unfortunately we did not prove successful. But never mind, it provides us with a challenge for 2019!

The Parish Council would like to say a big 'thank you' to John Braybrook who has been our footpath warden for a number of years. John performed this role very well and often went above and beyond the call of duty. The Parish Council really appreciates the work he has done. We now welcome Steph and Geoff Brackpool who have kindly agreed to jointly take on this role.

Northants County Council remains responsible for highways. If you wish to report any problems with potholes, pavements or trees, please go directly on line to the Northamptonshire County Council Highways Street Doctor. It is very easy to report and track your problem. Please make use of this service if you can.

Cllr C Munsey

**DANCE CLASSES FOR YOUNG
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FROM SEPTEMBER 2018
MODERN THEATRE AND TAP DANCE
MONDAYS
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Numbers are small but we always welcome new members. We have a varied programme and on the **22nd August** we have a visit, together **with the History Society to Broughton Grange Gardens** and then in the afternoon to the castle.

If anyone wishes to join us please let Christina know.

On September 18th we have a return visit from John Gibson who always brings along a wonderful selection of spring bulbs for sale – they really are super.

DOT DUNKLEY

HISTORY SOCIETY



The June meeting proved very interesting when our speaker Kenneth MacInnes from Parliament spoke about the role of women, from the time of the Suffragette movement to the present day, in parliament and politics. His presentation was excellent and we saw many rooms not usually seen by the public. He suggested a tour of the buildings which we hope to do and do hope he would be our guide.

For July we had Tim Healey making a return visit, but we decided to cancel our meeting as England were playing in the semi final of the World Cup. Our speaker appreciated our decision! He will be coming back to us at a later date.

August will see us on a guided tour of Flore and am sure this will prove very

enlightening, as I feel we know little of the history of local villages.

In August too we have a group from Buckingham U3A visiting Syresham for our guided walk. They will be our guests at the Village Hall Coffee morning.

We shall be back in the hall for September when we look forward to an interactive talk on the stories behind local place names. We always look forward to welcoming any visitors to our meetings.

Make a note in your diary for the **AGM on 2nd October** when we will report on the year's programme and will be showing a short film.

DOT DUNKLEY

CYCLING AROUND SOUTH NORTANTS

I enjoy the sights and sounds around this area when I am out on my bike. What's not to like? Fresh air, exercise, time to reflect on the meaning of life.

Recently however I was saddened to discover that the road through Blakesley had been totally resurfaced.



I'm not talking about the odd patch of tarmac. This was a completely new road. Tarmac right up to the edge. Neat and crisp and even.

Where is the fun in that?

No bumps to avoid. No gaping holes to navigate. Before terminal boredom set in, I cycled off to Maidford only to find that the same thing had happened there. Vast sums of our money making the road smooth, even and safe. Fearing that such unchallenging cycling

would send me to sleep I headed back to Syresham's reliably stimulating road network. I was not disappointed here. Potholes a plenty to cycle around, bumps to invigorate, bones to be shaken.

I know that some would like our pot holed roads to be repaired but I think they need to focus on the bigger picture.

Not only do our 3rd world roads provide an interesting challenge to cyclists and motorists, they also provide a stimulus to the local economy via the sums that are having to be spent in garages on repairs to cars and bikes.

WILLIE BENNIE

SYRESHAM GEMS WOMEN'S GROUP -

In May, Keith Fraser came along to regale us with stories of his involvement, together with his wife, in their passion for Amateur Dramatics. Their story started in St. Ann's on Sea and continues in Brackley with numerous societies straggling the country in between. He told how, during the course of their travels, they extended their enthusiasm into the area of film and television extras. It was lovely to hear of their excitement in working relatively closely to some of their heroes.

In June members supported the fashion show at the church. There was a big turnout for a great social evening which raised almost £700 for 3 village groups – Friends of the School, The Chapel and the Friends of St James. It was fun to see members Sallie and Janet modelling



some of the lovely outfits from 'Rock those Frocks' in Towcester complemented by accessories from Jane Docking. Some also had fun trying on the clothes afterwards!

Sadly our July meeting, the first in the new Village Hall had to be cancelled at the last minute so we improvised with a quiz and social evening!

Our next few meetings are as follows:

8th August – outing or meal out—tbc

12th September – AGM and social evening

10th October – details awaited

For more information please contact Maggie Newton (07734 080073) or Judith Shaw (850613).

MAGGIE NEWTON

NEWS FROM THE CHAPEL

We had a wonderful weekend with the President of our denomination over the weekend of 19th and 20th May.

Saturday evening we held a wedding reception in the Sunday School room, he was our special guest. Some 35 people attended all dressed very appropriately lots of hats and fascinators and lovely dresses from the ladies and all the gentlemen very smart in their suits. A fantastic evening and we all met



again for tea on Sunday before our evening service.

Thanks to everyone for all their hard work and effort to make this a special weekend.

The Sunday School looks excellent after

re-decoration and thanks to the team who cleaned up, hung curtains etc. We were very pleased to host the Art Exhibition during Scarecrow Weekend and trust many people enjoyed their visit to the Chapel.

Teas during that weekend were also served in the Sunday School rooms. Talking to visitors it is amazing how far they travel and they all comment what a wonderful community spirit there is here in the village.

We were thrilled recently to get pictures from our twinned church in India. We had sent money to them and they had bought book bags for the children. These bags were piled up and the queue was very lengthy! Our preacher last weekend reminded us that we are commanded to hold those in need in our thoughts and to share what we have. It is so good to hear news from them and what a difference a little help can achieve.

Our **Harvest Thanksgiving** service will be held on **Sunday September 16th at 6.00 pm**. And we extend a warm welcome to everyone to join to thank God for his provision for us.

DOT DUNKLEY

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Our programme has been a little difficult for a couple of meetings but Barbara Hawkins supplied quizzes for one afternoon and we had an excellent enjoyable



afternoon with a musical quiz set by Nina and thanks to Greg for being question master giving John Braybrook a chance to take part.

We spent an enjoyable afternoon in Nina and Greg's garden – thanks to them and again thanks to Sue Palmer for hosting our annual strawberry tea. It is very enjoyable looking at other gardens and on the 31st July we enjoyed Claire and Malcolm Orr-Ewing's lovely rose garden.

We meet Tuesday 4th September for a talk entitled *Dancing Bust to Bust*. If you wish to join us you are welcome.

DOT DUNKLEY

SYRESHAM SCARECROW FESTIVAL



I am so pleased to report that this year's Scarecrow Festival and Open Gardens Weekend proved yet another great success. This event is organised annually by the Village Hall Committee and money raised therefore goes to village hall funds.

This year we raised £3,500, which is just slightly down on last year, probably due to the England World Cup game on the Sunday when the festival seemed to go quiet!

However, there is also a lot more money raised in the village during the course of the weekend by village organisations and local charities. In addition to this village businesses were able to boost their profits. It is indeed a great community event which we are proud to show off to many people who visit us from the surrounding area and even much further afield.

I would therefore like to thank the many people who helped to make this event such a success. If you helped during the weekend, sponsored a scarecrow, gave a raffle prize or bought ticket, opened your garden, provided space for advertising or parking, ran a stall, made a scarecrow or walked round the village and enjoyed the occasion, then you were part of the team that made this event such a great success and we, the Village Hall Trustees, thank you all for your support.

CHRIS MUNSEY

SYRESHAM BOWLS CLUB

Syresham Bowls Club meets at 7.00 pm every Thursday evening throughout the year, depending on the availability of the Village Hall. During the winter months, we also take part in a Charity Triples League playing home and away matches against our opposing teams. Each club puts out two teams of three players whose points are amalgamated to determine the winning club.

This year we put out really strong teams but we had to wait for the final match for the winner to be determined. Syresham won and we were extremely proud to bring home the cup. We were also very pleased to have contributed to a donation of over £400 to a local charity.

Why not come along on Thursday evenings and give it a try, our new venue is fabulous, lots of exercise, tea/coffee and biscuits at the break and lots fun. Really good value for



£1.75 a night. We have recently recruited new members who recommend Thursday night bowls.

JUDITH SHAW

PIMLICO LIGHT RAILWAY

We're half way through our 'Running Season' and have so far had 4 dry Sundays and we can't believe that it will last. So far this year we have managed to raise in excess of £350 for our chosen charity 'Send a Cow'.

It has been good to see new people coming and enjoying the afternoons when we run, and we have also welcomed some new members to the club which is based here—we now number 37 from 8 to 80+! As there are always a minimum of 15 people 'on duty' every time we run the trains for the public, it is always good to have enough members in reserve especially at holiday times.

One of the very popular locomotive designs is called 'Sweet Pea' which has been built in many different styles. We have 7 in the club, owned by different members, and we hope to have them running or on display at our last public running events of the year:- September 23rd.



JOHN ROBERTS

FOND FAREWELL FROM THE RECTOR



It is with very mixed emotions of sadness and excitement that I announce that I have been called by the Lord to a new post. It was after much prayer that I made this decision and I make it strong in the knowledge that this is God's will for all of us.

In September we will be moving to The Diocese of Salisbury, where I have been invited to become the Diocesan Director of Communications and Media Advisor to the Bishop of Salisbury.

It's been a true honour and joy to serve here in Syresham and Crowfield as Rector of the Astwell Benefice, to work closely with the school and be a part of the community on so many occasions.

And over the past five years I have been extremely lucky to work alongside all our parishes to create a truly united Benefice, where each church and community is valued, while we truly now work together collaboratively to create a Benefice that leads the way in rural Ministry and Mission. I leave you safe in the knowledge that, whomever God sends to walk alongside you in the years to come, they will be blessed because they will be working with a wonderful group of people in welcoming Churches, where lay involvement is in every aspect of church life and this is always to the fore. And I can tell them that being the Rector of the Astwell Benefice is one of the best roles they will have!

In keeping with church rules and

practice, I will not be able to return to the Parishes for at least a year. But I am sure I will be in touch with many friends via email and Facebook.

My last service with you will be on September 23rd at 10.30am at Helmdon Church and I do hope as many of you as are able will come along to say goodbye. I have loved serving you and will miss you all terribly.

After September 23rd the Benefice will go into what the Church calls an interregnum, a time for the parishes to interview for a new Rector.

During this period the Churchwardens will be responsible for the day to day running of the Churches, with the continued help of the BRICC committees, whilst our Benefice PCC will look after the ministry and mission until a new Rector arrives.

And, as you might imagine our normal service pattern may be a little disrupted as we try to find priests to cover our communion services. So please do look on the church notice board, check the banners and our website: www.astwellparishes.org.uk for the latest information.

After September 23rd, should you wish to make enquires about a Wedding, baptism or funeral during this time, please contact Malcolm Orr Ewing on 01280 850218, or email our parishes administrator Sarah at rectorastwellbenefice@aol.co.uk.

Revd. Carole xx

The Rector of the Astwell Benefice

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NEW COUNCILLOR—ASTWELL WARD

Thank you for this opportunity to introduce myself. To begin, I will pay tribute to Simon Marinker, your previous district councillor, who resigned



when he moved house into a different council area. He served the ward well and I wish him the best for the future.

As to myself, I live in Brackley with my wife, Elaine, who is also a Councillor on SNC. We have lived in the town for 22 years, moving around various locations from Germany to Berkshire and Oxfordshire with my time in the RAF and then Thames Valley Police. I retired from the police in 2000 and we became engaged in local politics soon afterwards.

I will do my best to make use of my wife's knowledge and experience to do the best for the people of Astwell Ward. It will take a little time to 'get up to speed' with procedures and local issues that are brought to my notice. If I seem a little slow in getting answers, it'll be because I want them to be the right answers and not a knee-jerk reaction that I might have to amend or explain away later. I hope that my apprenticeship will not be too long.

My tenure as your Councillor may not be very long due to the changes to local government being forced upon us by the government. As you are aware the decision has been made to abolish the County Council and replace it with unitary authorities.

The number and make up of those new councils has not yet been officially

decided and I hope you took the opportunity to complete the **Future Northants** consultation document that was available during July. It was intended to show the support (or lack of) that

people had for the proposed councils and, I hope, will lead to the creation of a really efficient all-purpose local authority for the people of South Northamptonshire. It will not be easy; the amount of debt the county council will leave is currently running at £1.2 billion.

I'm starting my role with a clean sheet and an open mind. Bring me your concerns and difficulties and I will deal with them without the stock answers and political stonewalling.

I look forward to working with you and for you in the future.

CLLR PAUL WILTSHIRE

paul.wiltshire@southnorthants.gov.uk

FRIENDS OF ST JAMES CE SCHOOL



Calling Paris, Milan, London and Syresham...

The red carpet was rolled out in the church on 13th June for a great evening of bubbles, canapés and a fabulous fashion show. The clothes provided by Fashion Rocks and the models looked amazing strutting their stuff. After the show the guests were given the opportunity to purchase the clothes and bags and many a new outfit was seen out and about in Syresham. It was a very

successful evening that supported the church, chapel and school, raising £699 shared amongst the three charities.

The very first **Syresham Ball** was held on the 16th June in the brand-new Village Hall – a wonderful venue. The ladies donned on their glad rags and the gentlemen brushed off their suits for what turned out

to be a fabulous evening. With drinks and cocktails served up by “Joe’s bar” and a delicious feast from “Crispy Crackling Pig” the



night kicked off with a great start. Certainly this showed on the dance floor with everyone pulling some spectacular moves. I am sure there were a few soreheads in the village the following day but a great evening was had by all. The evening raised £583 for the school and we are already making plans for next year.

We’re having a **get together at the Kings Head Public House on Wednesday 26th September 2018 at 8pm** to welcome any new families to the school – please do join us for a drink and natter, all are welcome!

The Friends of Syresham School AGM will take place Tuesday 2nd October 7.30p.m. in the school hall. Everyone is invited to attend.

Saturday 24th November – School Christmas Fayre – you can never start advertising too early!

If you’re interested in being one of our stall-holders at the Christmas Fayre

(2pm-4pm), please email paula.whitehouse1@googlemail.com .

Thank you for all your support over the year, enjoy the summer!

Sarah Eames Committee Member



SAVE OUR KINGS HEAD!

We have been informed that there are 2 interested parties (excluding us) and an offer has been accepted (subject to valuation).

Due to confidentiality, the Sales Agent will not disclose who the buyer is. Therefore, at this stage, we do not know any more detail, but are clearly hopeful that it is a credible offer which will benefit the community.

In light of the above, the steering group has agreed to take a less active role in pursuing the community purchase of the pub until we get further information.

Thanks again for your continued support to date and we will keep you posted with the progress.

SAVE THE KINGS HEAD STEERING GROUP

Remembrance Day Concert and Readings

Saturday 10th November St James Syresham

Brackley Wind Ensemble, St James Church, and Syresham History Society will mark the Centenary of the Great War Armistice

2018 Scarecrow Festival



Same time, same place next year!
June 22nd and 23rd, 2019



Congratulations to everyone for yet another successful weekend!

Photographs, Terry Irwin—thank you Terry!

Grand Opening of the Village Hall—June 30th 2018



Cllr Richard Dallyn, Chair S Northants Council, and Cllr Paul Wiltshire, Astwell Ward, with Dot Dunkley and Mrs Wiltshire



Retired Cllr, Robin Digby declares the hall open!



Robin Digby has supported the project throughout



Mr & Mrs Taylor, Andrew Mobley



Congratulations to the Village Hall Management Committee.



**QUIZ NIGHTS WITH
JOHN BRAYBROOK**



Many thanks to all who attended the Quiz nights. While raising money for charities it also brings the community together.

We raised a grand total of £881 for the following charities.

- ◆ Brackley Hogwatch £150
- ◆ Air Ambulance £210
- ◆ Medical Dogs £235
- ◆ Marie Curie £176
- ◆ Alzheimers £55
- ◆ Stroke Association £55

All prizes & raffles were donated.

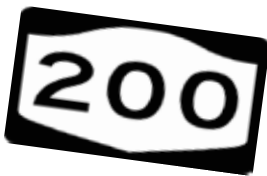
PROPOSED FUTURE DATES

7th September, a date in October, 2nd November 2018

JOHN BRAYBROOK & SALLIE CONNERY

**CHURCH 200
CLUB**

Many thanks to all who have signed up to the Church 200 club. We now have 172 members, which means the prize money has increased to 1st £90, 2nd £35, 3rd £20.



This has allowed us to give the Friends of the Church £1,700 towards the running costs of the Church.

Good luck with your new numbers. Don't forget the draw takes place on the last Thursday of each month in the village hall coffee morning.

SALLIE CONNERY



**NORTHANTS CC REPORT
FROM CLLR IAN MORRIS**

The County Council underwent a Best Value Inspection examining the financial management arrangements in place at the request of the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government. The Government's Inspector identified a number of areas that required improvement and found the County Council to be failing in its Best Value Duty.

The County Council has for a long time been under severe pressure from the growth in population and the costs of social care that have been increasing year on year. Northamptonshire has one of the lowest Council Tax Rates of any county and an historically low level of reserves. As a Council we have always ensured that the most vulnerable in society are protected. Almost 60% of what we spend each year goes on social care to support the vulnerable. This is a national issue but with the county council having low reserves and income, the transformation and savings that were required to deliver a sustainable budget position in many ways overtook us.

The National Audit Office confirmed our view that social care is underfunded, with estimates of £2BN being cited. Government has recently announced its intention to publish a Green Paper on the future of social care by the summer. It will be interesting to see if they set out any intention to address this significant

national issue.

Cllr Matt Golby, our new leader has acted quickly to acknowledge our failures and has written to the Secretary of State setting out our intention to comply fully with the Commissioners.

UNITARY COUNCILS

A key recommendation is reorganisation of local government into two unitary authorities. What this may mean is all 8 councils in the county being dissolved and replaced by two new Unitary Councils delivering all services currently split across county council and district and borough councils responsibility.

The vital role of parish councils will continue but you would only be dealing with one tier council above rather than two.

We believe that residents and central government alike want to see efficient and cost effective services. Council is doing what it can to ensure that local people get the best they deserve.

Cllr Matt Golby our new leader has acted quickly to acknowledge our failures and has written to the Secretary of State setting out our intention to comply fully with the Commissioners.

Despite these issues, the county remains committed to supporting the Oxford/Milton Keynes/Cambridge growth corridor, given that the National Infrastructure Commission incorporates parts of the county.

As this magazine goes to press, news from the County Council is that further major cuts are required, and the possibility of a minimal service is likely.

CLLR IAN MORRIS

NEW ADDITION TO THE FAMILY

John, Tina and Amelia are proud to announce the arrival of Imogen Mea Nesbitt, born Saturday 2nd June at 11:05pm, weighing 6lbs 2oz.

Congratulations, Editor





Be Part of Our First Magical Panto In The NEW Village Hall!

AUDITIONS

MONDAY 17TH &
THURSDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER
SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB 7.30 pm

We need a large cast for our biggest production in our 20 year history! So if you have ever fancied treading the boards ... come along to our Auditions. (Don't worry, we don't take them seriously!)

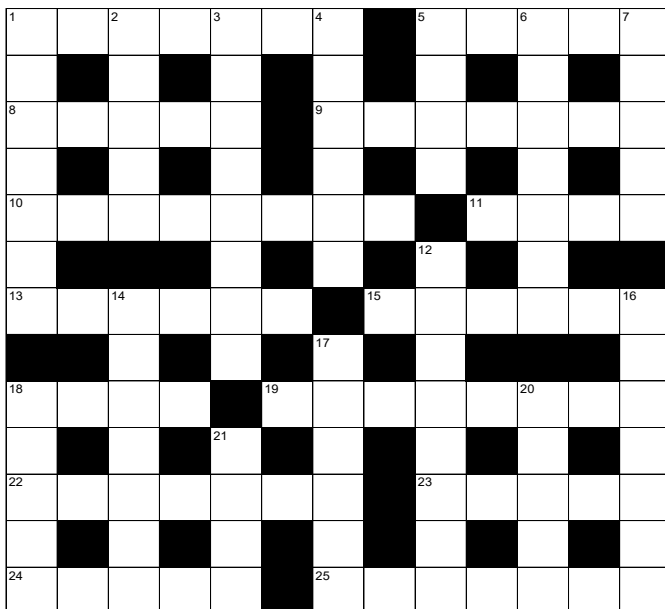
This is a great way to meet new friends and we have a fun time every Monday & Thursday rehearsing for our show in mid-February 2019



Events and Diary Dates

HAPPENING SOON	WEEKLY DIARY	FORTNIGHTLY DIARY
AUGUST	<p>SUNDAYS:- Chapel Service 6.00 p.m.</p> <p>Church Services—<i>please check the Astwell Benefice Diary</i></p> <p>MONDAYS:- Walking Group 10.00 a.m. <i>meet at Shop</i></p> <p>CARD RECYCLING GROUP <i>contact Sue Palmer for details</i></p> <p>DANCING CLASSES Village Hall— various 6.00 to 8.30 p.m.</p> <p>TUESDAYS:- Adult Ballet, <i>Village Hall</i>, 11.00 a.m. to 12.00</p>	<p>THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB Second Tuesdays, usually Village Hall 2.30 p.m. <i>not August—beginning in April</i></p> <p>TUESDAYS (ALTERNATE) — <i>Armchair Keep fit</i></p> <p>WEDNESDAYS (1ST & 3RD) Secret Keepers, 7-11 yr. olds 7.00 p.m. till 8.00 p.m. <i>Term time only</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">MONTHLY DIARY</p> <p>2ND SUNDAY, Sunday School & Breakfast Church 9.30 a.m.—<i>Not December</i></p> <p>2ND SUNDAY—Sports Club Carvery lunch 12.00 noon till 2.00 p.m.</p>
SEPTEMBER	<p>PILATES <i>Village Hall</i>, 12.00 noon to 1.00 p.m.</p> <p>BROWNIES, 6.00 till 7.15p.m. Sunday School <i>Term time only</i></p> <p>CRAFTS GROUP, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Tuesday, Sunday School, 7.30 p.m.</p> <p>CIRCUIT TRAINING, <i>Sports Club</i> 7.15 p.m.</p> <p>WEDNESDAYS:- Mums and Tots, Village Hall 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon <i>Term Time only</i></p>	<p>1ST TUESDAY, History Society, <i>Village Hall</i> 7.30 p.m.</p> <p>3RD TUESDAY, Gardening Club, <i>Village Hall</i>, 7.30 p.m.</p> <p>2ND WEDNESDAY GEMS Women's Group, <i>Village Hall</i> 7.30 p.m.</p> <p>3RD WEDNESDAY Sports Club Cash Bingo Night, 7.30 p.m.</p> <p>LAST WEDNESDAY, Parish Council Meetings , <i>Village Hall</i> 7.30 p.m.</p>
OCTOBER	<p>THURSDAYS:- Village Hall Coffee Shop, 10.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.</p> <p>BOWLS CLUB, <i>Village Hall</i>, 7.00 p.m.</p> <p>SPORTS CLUB—CRICKET MATCHES IN SEASON</p>	<p>LAST THURSDAY, Church 200 club at the VH coffee morning</p> <p>3RD OR 4TH FRIDAY, Sports Club Quiz Nights</p> <p>2ND SATURDAY, Friends of the Churchyard, 10.00 a.m.</p>

Crossword — thanks to Vintage Port



ACROSS

- 1 Vehicle’s frame (7)
- 5 Stringed instrument (5)
- 8 Suggest (5)
- 9 Vision specialist (7)
- 10 Unit of electrical power (8)
- 11 Fair (4)
- 13 Popular village actor (6)
- 15 Associate (6)
- 18 Vessel (4)
- 19 Popular French holiday area (8)
- 22 Community Club (7)
- 23 When lovers flee (5)
- 24 Is defeated (5)
- 25 Bashful (7)

DOWN

- 1 Syresham’s winning team game (7)
- 2 Very bad (5)
- 3 Lounged (8)
- 4 Physical games (7)
- 5 Popular sandwich (4)
- 6 Enjoyable free time (7)
- 7 Eight musicians (5)
- 12 (and 20) Upcoming address (8 & 5)
- 14 George and Louis (7)
- 16 Goes further down (7)
- 17 Small growths (6)
- 18 Agave leaf fibre (5)
- 20 See 12 (5)
- 21 Village Ladies group (4)

ANSWERS—ACROSS : 1 Chassis; 5 Cello; 8 Infer; 9 Oculist; 10 Kilo watt; 11 Just; 13 Topper; 15 Friend; 18 Ship; 19 Dordogne; 22 Society; 23 Elope; 24 Loses; 25 Shyness
DOWN—1 Cricket; 2 Awful; 3 Sprawled; 4 Sports; 5 Club; 6 Leisure; 7 Octet; 12 Bradbery; 14 Princes; 16 Deepens; 17 Polyps; 18 Sisal; Grove; 21 Gems



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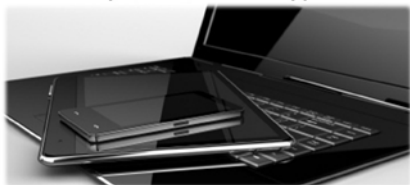
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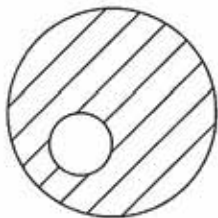
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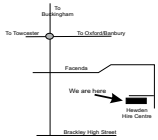


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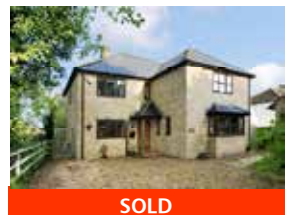
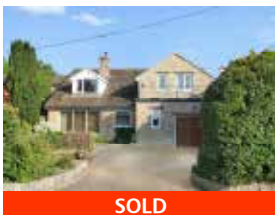
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