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From the Editor's Desk

How the community spirit fills this village is something to be proud of and thankful that so many people are willing to make their own contributions to improving the lives of others, who are perhaps less fortunate or more needy.

Syresham Times facelift—we have responded to a request from advertisers to spread their material through the magazine, rather than block it all together at the back, as has been the tradition since the magazine was first published. I hope that this helps and welcome any comments on our revamped publication.

As with so many things at present, we face the possibility of increased costs of publication, and have received advice from our printers. Currently we have a good financial platform from which to work, but will monitor any changes that become necessary over the next twelve months.

Sadly, two long-standing residents have passed away in recent days and weeks. We extend to the Hawkins and Hollyoake families the condolences of our community, particularly regarding Derek Hollyoake, the village's founding enthusiast for sports and the Sports and Social Club in Syresham.

IAN DRAPER, EDITOR - AUGUST 2022

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NEWS FROM THE RECTORY

As I write this, I am nearing the end of my second year as Rector, and what a strange period of time we've had over the last couple of years, with pandemic, wars, BREXIT, and now exceedingly hot and dry weather this summer.

It brings to mind that curse: 'may you live in interesting times'. It has certainly been interesting getting to know folks in a new job and also navigating our way through all the changes that have come along. For many this summer, there will still be changes afoot – with moves from primary school to secondary education or on from secondary education to university or work. There may even be changes planned for some of you, if you have to move for work. I know that the recent events countrywide and globally have also caused some to consider their lives and whether changes could be made.

From the point of view of church life, we seem to have reached a place of reasonable stability as a church community, with church services now taking place, singing allowed, and the Communion Service now being celebrated as it should be. However, it seems that we have reached a place where we can review what we are doing as a church community and see if there are new things that we could do, or things that we should be changing.



Change again – but maybe to improve church life rather than as a reaction to events going on around us. If you have any ideas as to how we could help Syresham through church sponsored activities, then we would love to hear from you. We would also be interested to hear if you have any thoughts or suggestions as to worship services we could offer in the future.

Change is unsettling, but even in normal times, it is inevitable, but one thing we can always rely upon and that is the good news that Jesus brought to the world – that we do not have to make all our decisions and live our lives alone, but we have a loving creator God, who cares for us and is with us always.

It is at times like this, that I remember the lovely poem – ***Footprints in the sand:***

One night I dreamed a dream.

As I was walking along the beach with my Lord.

Across the dark sky flashed scenes from my life.

For each scene, I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand,

One belonging to me and one to my Lord.

After the last scene of my life flashed before me,

I looked back at the footprints in the sand.

I noticed that at many times along the path of my life,

especially at the very lowest and saddest times,

there was only one set of footprints.

This really troubled me, so I asked the Lord about it.

"Lord, you said once I decided to follow you,

You'd walk with me all the way.

But I noticed that during the saddest and most troublesome times of my life, there was only one set of footprints.

I don't understand why, when I needed You the most, You would leave me."

He whispered, "My precious child, I love you and will never leave you Never, ever, during your trials and testings.

When you saw only one set of footprints,

It was then that I carried you."

God bless, and have a lovely break this summer. **REVD DIANE**

CARDIAC RISK IN THE YOUNG (CRY)

A massive thank you to all who came along and supported our charity steak BBQ at the Sports and Social Club, in aid of Cardiac Risk in the Young.



Thank you for all the donated cakes and biscuits:-

Jeannette Hawkins, Liz Beecher, Lydia Lowe, Linda Jeskins, and Sheila for helping to serve. Thank you Kath Ayre and Paula Green for selling the raffle tickets. And thanks for the prizes. And to all that came and supported our Charity Night.

Thank you you're all amazing and we raised an amazing £413.16 on the night.

SARAH WHITEHEAD.

[Cardiac Risk in the Young \(c-r-y.org.uk\)](http://c-r-y.org.uk)

SYRESHAM KNITTERS

Despite it not being the "knitting season", Syresham Knitters managed to dispatch 18 of the most wonderfully colourful jumpers, 10 hats and 1 baby blanket to the Queen Elizabeth Children's Home, Bulawayo. They should arrive in time for the Winter there.

Many thanks to all those enthusiastic knitters. **STEPH BRACKPOOL**

BREAKFAST CHURCH

We have been looking at the story of Moses. We have made lots of crafty things linked to the different parts of the story and have learned some songs. We painted a big pyramid, linked chains to make a snake; we created a burning bush collage, made a sea using old cassette tape boxes which opened up like the parting of the Red Sea. We folded paper to make jumping frogs from the plagues and decorated bags for the long journey. We especially liked making and eating the honey cakes.

AMELIA & IMOGEN NESBITT





TOWCESTER BRIDGE CLUB

Bridge Lessons

Towcester Bridge Club will be starting bridge classes on Thursday 29th September 2022 from 7.15pm at Towcester Sports and Social Club, Swinneyford Road, Towcester, NN12 6HD.

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DOG FOULING IN SYRESHAM



Officers from the local Neighbourhood Policing Team have received reports that some residents continue to allow their dogs to foul in the village without clearing up after them. I would encourage all dog owners to act responsibly please when it comes to this, it isn't difficult to clean up after your dog. If we discover evidence of this happening, it will be forwarded to West Northants Council who will look to issue a £100 fine which rises to £1,000 if not paid – Is it really worth the risk?

I have placed notices around the village but would ask everyone to act correctly with regards to this – Syresham is a lovely village so please help keep it that way and clean up after your dogs.

If you have evidence of residents doing this, please contact a member of the neighbourhood policing team with details.

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BIDDLESDEN BRIDGE REPAIRS

Transport for Buckinghamshire is planning to carry out reconstruction of the recently partially damaged bridge parapet at Biddlesden.



In order to carry out the work in a safe and efficient manner a road closure will be

implemented for motorists, and a fully signed diversion route will be installed.

The road closure will be in place 24-hours a day for approximately 20 days. Pedestrians and cyclists will be provided with access through the site. A scaffolding system will also be installed to span the river here in order to avoid impacting the watercourse.

Work is planned to commence on 5th September 2022 and is anticipated to take 20 working days. Work is planned to be undertaken during weekdays and weekends in order to be completed as promptly as possible.

*Target completion date is 24th
September 2022 pending suitable
weather conditions etc.*

**KEITH DOLAN, TRANSPORT FOR
BUCKINGHAMSHIRE**

FOOTPATH WARDENS REPORT FOR SYRESHAM TIMES AUGUST 2022

We have enjoyed being Syresham PC Path Wardens, but it is now time for us to retire.

We would like to thank all the local landowners for their co-operation in helping to keep the footpaths clear and accessible, particularly during Covid when the paths were walked so much more. Thanks also to all those

local walkers who walked the paths and let us know when there were problems.

A special thank you to Ruth for letting us display the enlarged footpath map in her shop window. Many walkers, especially those new to the village, benefitted from looking at the map and then trying out new footpaths.

We wish the new Footpath Warden(s) many hours of happy walking.

STEPH AND GEOFF BRACKPOOL

SYRESHAM BROWNIES

We have had a fantastic summer with lots of sunny warm evenings! Playing with the parachute is always a favourite. As many of you will have seen outside the Sunday School, we planted up the wooden boxes in red, white and blue and had our pizza street party to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee. The school room was decorated and we all came in party clothes. The girls were given special Guiding Jubilee badges as a memento of the occasion. The streets received their annual sprinkling of flour as we set each group a trail around the village and we ended our summer with an evening at the woods near one of the girl's home. A campfire was lit and we toasted the biggest marshmallows I have ever seen to make s'mores! Hot dogs were provided too. Thank you to Ruby and her Mum. This was the perfect ending to our action packed term. Thank you to Rabbit, Heffalump, Eeyore and Tigger for all their help and support. Looking forward to having lots of fun when we start again in September. Report by **WOL PAULA**



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**SYRESHAM ST JAMES CE
SCHOOL- FOSS**

After an incredibly successful MayDay the FOSS committee all slightly collapsed in a heap! Therefore, things have been a little quieter this summer term. But that doesn't mean it has stopped the children having fun. We purchased a new outdoor table tennis table to go into the garden for the



LUCAS JET

children to enjoy at break times. This has been hugely popular and there is always a queue waiting to have a go. 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. In sports week we organised Lucas Jet, circus performer to come and give a performance to the children in the hall. After seeing him on a screen via zoom in lockdown, the children got to see him live and participate in some incredible circus skills.

At sports day we supplied a much-needed ice lolly to all the boys and girls after an afternoon of competitive competition, and at the Syresham mile we sold tea and coffee and bacon sandwiches to the parents who had come along to cheer on the runners.

After two years of absence the Senior half of the school were able to put on an incredible school theatre production. The boys and girls did a fantastic job and it was lovely to see all their many hidden talents. FOSS ran a successful raffle and supplied tea and coffee to the audience.

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 Syresham 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
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Roland 'Yolly' Hawkins – 1932-2022



Our Dad, Roland, known only as Yolly to many, lived all his life in Syresham. He left only twice, neither times by choice — the first for national service and the second moving into a nursing home for the last few weeks of his life. He passed away in his sleep on 3rd July 2022, just shy of his 90th birthday.

He was born on 9th July 1932 to John and Alice Hawkins, the 11th of 13 brothers and sisters. In his early years he attended the village school and pumped the organ bellows at St James Church. In January 1951 he joined the Royal Norfolk Regiment and went off to serve in the Korean War. A massive step for an 18-year-old village boy, but he was proud of his contribution and enjoyed the camaraderie of army life. Once retired he joined the British Korean Veterans Association taking part in many Remembrance Sunday marches past the Cenotaph in London.

He worked hard throughout his life, from brick layer, to fencing contractor, steward at Silverstone on race days, and, in his later years a delivery driver for Brackley Sawmills. He also played hard. He was a keen darts player picking up many awards in local pubs, including House Champion at the Kings Head in 1964, the trophy for which took pride of place on his mantel piece until this day. And there's many a tale of escapades on his motorbike and nights out as a young man — best not repeated here! Motor sports were an interest throughout his life. Whilst courting our Mum, Carol, they took part in road rallies in Wales, where once he thought they'd come in first only to find they had not followed the correct route! Whether this was the fault of the driver or

navigator does not matter, as they went on to marry in 1964.

He was married for 19 years, losing our Mum in 1983 after she was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis in 1976. During our Mum's illness he strove to keep family life as normal as possible. Eventually he gave up work to care for her full time. He never remarried and looked back fondly on the all too short time with Mum.

Family was always important to our Dad, from getting lifts on a King's Brewery delivery van as a youngster visiting an older sister who had moved away, to looking after and entertaining his Grandsons, Sharon's two boys George and Edward — he was the proudest of Granddads.

He led a simple life, never wanting for much and occupying his spare time with his lifelong hobbies of growing vegetables and woodworking. He would always be there to lend a helping hand, be it clipping the hedge of a neighbour or doing DIY for us both — my first house was in Newcastle-upon-Tyne and after a long drive up he was fitting a garden gate he had made before the kettle was boiled!

He was never a man of many words, you'd find out that he was proud of your achievements from someone else, but he was very sociable — often we'd meet up in a pub where he'd spend most of the time speaking to others. He will be very much missed by family and friends.

Thank you to all who have expressed their condolences and shared their memories of our Dad. His funeral takes place at *St James Church on Friday 19th August at 1pm* and he will then be laid to rest in the cemetery with our Mum and alongside his Mum and Dad. **STEPHENIE HAWKINS, SHARON BOYLAN**

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You will be aware that some of the trees in the village have preservation orders on them (TPOs). It has been



suggested that the lovely mature trees at the Priory in Wappenham Road also deserve to be preserved and the Parish Council is therefore applying for a TPO on them. If any of you think that there are other trees in the village deserving of a TPO, please contact the Parish Clerk and the Parish Council will consider them.

Preservation and planting of trees is a very important way of combatting Climate Change. The Parish Council has now formed a *Climate Change Committee* who are considering ways that Syresham can become 'greener' and how you, as residents, can play your part.

To that end we are organising a **'CLIMATE CHANGE FAIR' IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 23RD FROM 11 A.M. UNTIL 8.30 P.M.**



I am sure that many people would like to help combat climate change, but sometimes it is difficult to know exactly what we as individuals can do. What exactly do we put in our recycling bins? Which plants should we put in our garden to encourage bees? We are asking various organisations to have a stall at the fair to answer these and many other questions. The children from the school will also play their part, and there will be an exhibition of their work. Light refreshments will be served during the day. Further information will

be on the flyer that the Parish Council will deliver to your house prior to the event.

The Parish Council has a Casual Vacancy. If you feel that this is something you would like to do, please apply to the Parish Clerk by 5 p.m. on Monday 22nd August. The Parish Council is presently in the process of updating the Parish Plan, and if you decide you would like to join us, you could play your part in shaping the future of the village.

You may also have noticed that the Parish Council planted up the Jubilee flowerbed in red, white and blue for this Jubilee year. In addition to this, we planted up the bed at the entrance to the Pocket Park and a new Jubilee Tree (a red maple) was also planted in the park. The tree had to endure high winds and extremely hot weather just after it was planted, but thanks to a bit of t.l.c. it seems to be surviving.

The Parish Council entered the Northamptonshire Village of the Year Awards, which this year was rather different to previous years as it was not considered a competition and all villages got a certificate. Syresham received a Silver Award, and at the ceremony in July we received a special mention for the fact that we have a Climate Change Committee. So once again, please look out for information regarding the Climate Change Fair and ways in which you can help.

If you wish to contact the Parish Clerk please ring 01280 851178 or email parishclerk@syresham.com

CLL CHRISTINA MUNSEY



**A43
SOUTHBOUND
ROAD CLOSURES**

Over the next few weeks, Highways England will be carrying out road repairs to **A43 SOUTHBOUND** from A5 at Towcester through to Brackley. This will involve overnight closures between 20.00 hrs to 06.00 hours.

Diversions will be put in place and details will be posted on the internet and Facebook Pages.

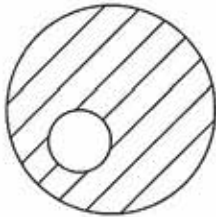
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THANK YOU!

We would both like to thank everyone, especially the Chapel, Bowls Club and all our lovely friends and family for the lovely cards and gifts on the occasion of our Golden Wedding Anniversary, in May.



Special thanks to the Chapel for the lovely afternoon tea they brought to our house. It was all very much appreciated and enjoyed. Thank you one and all!

STAN AND BARBARA HAWKINS

RUTH would like to thank everyone for their recent birthday wishes. As always it is good to be so well supported. **EDITOR**

BLACKBERRY FAYRE

Enjoy an afternoon at the **SYRESHAM CHURCH BLACKBERRY FAYRE AND DOG SHOW** on **Saturday September 10th 1.00 – 3.30pm**. We've got something

for everyone, in particular all you lovely dog owners and dog lovers out there. **THE DOG SHOW** judging will start promptly at 3pm, so make sure you enter the categories for your pooch by 2.50pm! You can keep your energy levels up with our BBQ and bar, cream teas and apple and blackberry crumble.

We've got games, stalls including cakes & preserves, plants and toys and activities such as making your own bird feeder. We'll also have a bouncy castle, miniature garden competition and fun garden trail.

Aston Martin Formula 1 are lending us a show car for you to see. Thanks to everyone who is supporting the Fayre.

MINIATURE GARDEN COMPETITION, if you're feeling creative, design and make a garden, use anything you like, only 50p to enter, judging at 3.20pm.

WHEN & WHERE *The Priory, 36 Wappenham Road, Syresham, NN13 5HH. Saturday 10th September 1.00 – 3.30pm. Parking in the field opposite.*

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LISA DIMBLEBY

SYRESHAM GEMS The Gems have had very good meetings in the last three months. In May Wendy Wesley, with the Jubilee in mind, guided us through some beautiful flower arrangements. In June Will Adams gave us an insight into the time he served working for The Samaritans, and I think we all came away thinking how little we knew about such an amazing organisation. July brought

2022 SCARECROW WEEKEND—ANOTHER FABULOUS SUCCESS!



Photos by
Terry Irwin
Thank you!





JUBILEE WEEKEND, PARTY IN THE POUND



End of a great Party in The Pound



Colin Holyoake's Sculpture



History Society Film Show and Tea



Celish dancing with the Pound Residents

both the sadness and delight, with HogWatch, four babies who definitely had the “ahhhh” factor and one old lady who, by lapping the village hall several times, demonstrated just how she was not going to be beaten by the fact she only had three legs.

In August Keith Watts will be telling us more about his fascinating life behind the camera.

For more information contact judithshaw10@btinternet.com or just come along to one of our meetings on the second Wednesday of each month.

JUDITH SHAW

FROM OUR MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT

I am very pleased to contribute to your village magazine, in recent months I have received a number of email requests from residents in Syresham on various issues.



One of these has been the topic of support for Ukrainian refugees.

A number of residents are hosting Ukraine families and I have been pursuing visas and other documents required for their entry into the UK. To connect Ukrainian families with their hosts, I have set up a new Facebook group called **‘SOUTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE UKRAINE SUPPORT GROUP,’** and I encourage anyone who is hosting a family in our local area to join the group and share ideas, feedback and news. It is a friendly way to connect with other families.

I continue to hold HS2 accountable on issues raised with me by constituents, and more recently about road closures. A number of residents have contacted me concerning the provision of a footway and cycleway on the proposed HS2 structure for the A43 near Brackley. At the present time, a local cycling and walking plan is being produced by West Northamptonshire Council for the A43 to include the following areas:

- * Brackley to Syresham/Silverstone Route
- * Brackley – Croughton to Brackley
- * Brackley – Oxford Road Roundabout – Northampton Road Roundabout

West Northants Council have confirmed that it is their intention to consult on the plan in the coming months. The Department of Transport is also asking HS2 to explore the scope and costs of allowing space for a future walking and cycling route on the new HS2 structure. I am in regular contact with the HS2 Minister and am happy to raise any questions or queries residents may have.

A number of residents have raised concerns about lack of transport in the village and although there is no daily bus service, I am happy to see that Ability Community Buses are providing a service on Monday and Wednesday mornings to Brackley for shopping and other local conveniences.

I wish you an enjoyable summer and as ever, if you need my assistance please email andrea.leadson.mp@parliament.uk or constituency office 01327 353124.

SYRESHAM SCHOOL REPORT

We have had a lot to celebrate at Syresham this year after another busy year in school. At the end of term I wanted the children to know how important they are, how clever they are, what amazing friends they are to each other and how proud I am of them, how proud their teachers are of them and how proud their families are of them.

We celebrated the achievements of all the children but had some special awards to celebrate the children who have gone the extra mile, made outstanding progress, or tried their best despite setbacks.

AWARDS FOR PROGRESS were given to *Oscar, Keely, Eloise, Evie, Abigail, Callum and Oliver.*

Other awards given were;

Sports Progress - *Seth and Charlotte;*

Maths - *Oliver; English – Jacob;*

History – *Jack; RE – William; Music*

– *Toby; Eddie Palmer Singing Award – Charlotte;*

Values – *Scarlett; Will Adams*

Strivers Award – *James*

Governor's Award – *James;*

Endeavour Award – *Emilia*

At Syresham School and nursery, we strive for the best; whether it is a child working as hard as they can, a teacher teaching their best lesson or a teaching assistant working hard to support a child with their emotional needs. We all go that extra mile and that is what makes Syresham School and Nursery so special.

Our school runs so successfully as a result of many cogs working

together. As we come to the end of the term it is important to say thank you. Thank you to all parents for your continued support for the school. Many of you wear extra hats as Governors or Friends of the school. Your contribution to life at Syresham, supports not only myself and the staff but you help us to provide many opportunities for our children. I am so pleased that as restrictions have lifted we have been able to get back to some sort of normality. Someone said to me the other day, We have the Special Syreshamy bits back into school life – I couldn't have put it better, so thank you to everyone for all the extras! Thank you to the Governors, who under the leadership of Debbie Power have supported the school team. I enjoy working with them and I know that they really enjoy coming into school to see what is going on! Thank you to the amazing team of staff who I work alongside, together we really are a force to be reckoned with! We rely on one another, we trust one another and have a strong rapport. We are all dedicated to reaching goals and accomplishing the school vision, we combine our strengths to work more effectively and efficiently together. Our staff who go above and beyond for all of your children in their care. Finally thank you to an amazing bunch of children! I LOVE coming to work each day because I never know what is going to happen!

Finally, a message to the Year 6 children as they leave Syresham school. This extract is taken from a

book called **'Only One You'**, written by Linda Kranz.

Always be on the lookout for a new friend,

Look for the beauty wherever you are and keep a memory of it with you. Blend in when you need to and stand out when you have the chance.

Find your own way, you don't always have to follow the crowd.

Know when to speak, know when to listen.

No matter how you look at it, there is so much to discover.

If you make a wrong turn, circle back.

If something gets in your way, move around it. Set aside some quiet time to relax and reflect each day.

Appreciate art, it is all around you!

Make wishes on the stars in the night time sky.

There is only one you in this great big world.

Make it a better place.

MRS CLOUGH, HEADTEACHER

CALL FOR BELLRINGERS

Consider a skill which you can learn at any age from about 12 upwards and improve over a lifetime; a skill where mental agility combines with gentle physical exercise; a skill which has been practiced for at least 400 years in some of the most beautiful and important buildings in the country.



You can learn this skill locally, tuition is free of charge and as a practitioner you would be helping to provide a service to the local community.

SYRESHAM NEEDS MORE BELLRINGERS!

St. James' church, has 5 bells, the heaviest ('the tenor') weighing 462kg. Three of the Syresham bells were cast in 1624, one in 1687 and the tenor in 1867. They sit in an oak frame which is said to date to 1799. From the lightest to heaviest their notes are D#, C#, B#, A# and G#.

Although many churches have 6 or 8 bells and cathedrals have 10 to 12; nevertheless, our 5 bells sound superb and provide plenty of challenge to new ringers.

The accessibility of ringing chambers does vary – an important consideration for anyone with mobility issues. In Syresham there is a short, static ladder to a trap door.

Bells are rung from below. A single rope turns a large wheel to which the bell is fixed. The wheel is swung backwards and forwards and a clapper in the bell strikes as the bell moves in each direction. Controlled ringing is possible when the mouth of the bell is swung round to face upwards; the bell can then be held at balance before it swings down in the opposite direction and its momentum takes it round full circle.

Bellringing is about timing and technique rather than strength.

Learning bell handling is really about

understanding how to manage a length of moving rope to ensure that the right amount of tension is applied at the right time and in the right direction to keep full control.

But learning to handle a bell is just the start. Sounding your bell in exactly the right place as the other bells constantly shift their position according to a predetermined formula or 'method' requires analytical skills as well as those of listening, observation and memory. There will always be more complicated methods to ring and untried churches or cathedrals to ring them in.

Because bell-ringing takes place in church, people wonder whether you have to be religious to take part. Most ringers think of ringing as a community rather than a faith activity. It is 'good manners' to ring, at least some of the time, prior to Sunday church services, but staying for the service itself is optional. Ringing to mark national events is important.

Practices tend to be weekly on a set evening, from around 7.30 to 9.00 p.m. with local churches practicing on different nights so ringers can go to whichever best matches their availability and ringing preferences.

So, if you are interested in learning (or returning) to ring church bells let me know andrew.north@btinternet.com

ANDREW NORTH, BRADBERY CLOSE

REMEMBERING VICTOR BROOKS

Jo Brooks, family and friends would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Collection for Blind Veterans UK, following the recent passing of Victor. It

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has been such a long time due to the impact of Covid, but we are pleased to record that over £1,000 was raised.

The *Blind Veterans UK Charity* said:

“we believe no-one who has served their country should battle blindness alone. We commit to providing our beneficiaries with support for life, no matter when their military service took place, or how they lost their sight. “Your support has helped us achieve this.” Victor would have been amazed and so very pleased.

Thank you all, so very much - **JO
BROOKS**



ABILITY BUS SERVICE

The sun was shining, it was a glorious day and we were on the ABILITY bus travelling to

Bicester for a look around the market.

We might even go to the garden centre and even have a cuppa with a slice of cake as a treat! Having picked up a passenger in Wappenham we were travelling through the beautiful village of Syresham to collect our next passengers, how surprising that there were only two passengers to pick up. I was sure there must be other people in Syresham who would love to go on one of the ABILITY outings.

The ladies who joined us from Syresham spoke about the service and said, *“It’s a very friendly service, other passengers on the bus are very friendly and the driver always has a laugh with us. We love going out on the bus, it’s really good value for money. We go to Banbury on the first Wednesday of the month and Bicester at the end of the month”.*

ABILITY runs community buses all around the West Northamptonshire area, operating as a demand response service. So you call us, let us know when you would like to travel and we will pick you up and take you home again 2 to 3 hours later.

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SHOPPER BUS – We can give you a hand, and the driver will stow your

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ABILITY TRIPS – we provide day trips to places such as garden centres, retail shopping parks and local tourist attractions.

GROUP TRAVEL – if your local group needs to hire a bus with a driver, just let us know where and when you would like to travel and we will give you a price.

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604123**

Call 01327 604123 to reserve your seat, or book a trip, just let us know where and when you would like to travel

GOLD MEMBERSHIP— Pick up and drop off at home:- **£45.00**

SILVER MEMBERSHIP— Pick up near to home:-**£30.00**

BRONZE MEMBERSHIP— Pick up from the Bus Stop **FREE**

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We run trips to a wide variety of destinations, including

- ⇒ Bicester Village and Garden Centre;
- ⇒ Burford Centre and Cotswold Wildlife Centre
- ⇒ Witney Town Centre, Cogges Farm
- ⇒ Stony Stratford, Milton Keynes and Bletchley
- ⇒ Oxford centre
- ⇒ Bourton on the Water
- ⇒ Crocodiles of the World
- ⇒ Buckingham Centre

- ⇒ Northampton VUE Cinema and Sixfields retail park
- ⇒ Yarnton Garden Centre
- ⇒ Canons Ashby House and Gardens (National Trust)

For visits outside the West Northamptonshire area, a charge is levied.

LYNN HINCH, MANAGER

THE FRIENDS OF ST. JAMES CHURCH - (FOSJ)

Our church has looked over the village for more than 800 hundred years. Generations have worshipped there; hundreds of villagers and travellers alike have sat alone, taking refuge in the church to think or to pray in its wonderful atmosphere of peace and tranquillity.



The Friends of St. James are a non-denominational group of people who live in the village and value its heritage, or those who no longer live here but love this church, and of those who remember it as the setting for important family occasions, perhaps a marriage, a child's baptism or the funeral of a family member or friend.

Too much of our history is swamped by housing and commercialism and is eventually lost between the covers of

books. Looking back, rather than adding too, the village has lost a lot.

The Friends of St. James assist in very practical ways and by financial support help with projects outside the scope of Bequests made to the church, which are dedicated to the upkeep and preservation of the fabric of the church, or by that of donations and collections made by members of the Church.

Not only do the FOSJ collect funds to help the church but just as importantly we keep in touch with everyone in the village by organising a variety of social functions over the year. Musical evenings, Theatre, Films, Pancake Lunches, Quizzes, Safari Suppers to name a few of our ventures.

As happens over the years our Group and our Committee has become somewhat depleted.

Can you help? We are looking for new blood for help and inspiration to keep this lovely group alive.

For more information contact Antoinette Hornby

(antoinetehornby@gmail.com)

or Sallie Connery

(sallie.connery@btopenworld.com)

Or come along to our "informal" AGM in Sue and Alice Palmer's Garden nibbles on 19th August 2022, at 7.00 pm You will be very welcome. **JUDITH SHAW**



DEREK HOLLYOAKE

5/7/1935 - 19/7/2022

Derek was born in Syresham and was happy to live in the village all his life. He attended the village school and enjoyed a lifelong friendship with his best friends Aubrey Green and Stan Hawkins.



On reaching 11 years of age his parents chose to send him to Brackley Secondary Modern School. He went on to Brackley Technical College to study plumbing, where he was apprenticed to Blencowe Brothers in Brackley and had his National Service deferred until his apprenticeship was completed.

Derek returned and worked in Brackley until Blencowe Brothers closed and then spent many years working for himself. He married Jean and they lived in The Pound and raised their two sons. Derek was a devoted father and made a wonderful train layout in his loft for the boys - a replica and exact model of Brackley Top Station. I often wondered who had more enjoyment from this, Derek, Mark or Gary. We can recall him making a wooden boat and this was tried out on the canal at Stoke Bruerne - all went well until it got stuck in the weeds and a single stone managed to sink it! The boys both inherited one of their father's passions, one enjoying music and the other sport. He supported them fully and was very proud of them both.

Derek was a keen sportsman playing both football and cricket not only for Syresham but for other teams. He coached the

boys under 16s team with great success. He then went on to umpiring cricket and refereeing football. He supported both regularly and in earlier years marked the pitches for both football and cricket. He regularly and passionately supported both teams.

He worked hard for the Sports Club and became Chairman and worked tirelessly in this role. He enjoyed holidays away with the Club and always enjoyed their Produce Show. In later years he could be seen encouraging wives and parents of players to serve cricket teas. He supported Northants County Cricket Club and attended many Gillette Cup Matches and remembered seeing Northants win this cup at Lords.

Derek was a member and Trustee of the Chapel and everyone has fond memories of Derek leading the carol singers on Christmas Eve. He was a regular attendee and served as President for a time. He was a Trustee of The George Timms Charity and undertook this role very seriously.

Derek loved music and had an excellent voice. He joined Brackley Male Voice choir and made many new friends whilst enjoying Monday evening rehearsals and the concerts they gave. He encouraged others to reform the Syresham Singers to keep the songs alive that are part of the village history. When his grandchildren came along Derek had a wonderful time with

them all and was thrilled when he became a great grandparent. He supported them in all their interests and was always there for them.

Derek was a Syresham true village person and would try and support everything. He was among the first people working on the pocket park, helped paint the exterior of the old village hall, and tried to support so many activities. He even had a role in the very first pantomime. He became a member of The Bowls Club and spent many breaks away playing bowls.

Sadly after Jean passed away Derek was very lonely but was so well cared for in his latter years and will be remembered fondly by so many of us. **DOT DUNKLEY**

MUMS AND TOTS

We have been very busy at Mums and Tots sharing well known stories and completing fun activities linked to the books. The children enjoyed having a tea party with a rather large tiger (*The Tiger that came to Tea*),



made a playdough model of a *Gruffalo*, created chalk pictures of *Mog the Cat*, made a 'lift the flap' storyboard of the story *Dear Zoo* and printed pictures using a variety of vegetables (*Oliver's Vegetables*).

Our final session before



the summer holidays was held down at Pimlico Light Railway. It was extremely well attended, and everyone had lots of fun riding on the carriages around the tracks. Thank you to John Roberts and his team of volunteers for making our morning so special.



We presented a book and said goodbye to four of our members this term. Imogen, Mollie and Roman will be joining Miss Pavan's Reception class at Syresham School in September and Megan will be starting at Bracken Leas, Brackley.

I'd like to thank Hazel and Cathy for all their help with Mums and Tots. Without them, the group would not run as smoothly and as effectively as it does. I'd also like to thank Nick, Rosemary and Beryl for their help setting up and supporting us.

I've had a fun year organising and running Mums and Tots. It has grown in numbers and is hugely successful at bringing parents, grandparents and children together. Have a great summer!

TINA NESBITT



Auditions

Monday 19th September

Thursday 22nd September

7.00pm Sports & Social Club

If you are new to Syresham, this is the perfect way to get involved with the village by joining the Panto group.

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

We are a friendly lot!



THE EMERALD CITY IS COMING TO SYRESHAM!

Yes, this year Take Your SEAT is starting rehearsals for The Wizard of Oz!

Last September we managed to get some semblance of normality back after the break for Covid, and this year we are coming back better than ever. With the production team already in full swing we are very much looking forward to welcoming all you lovely lot back to rehearsals in September.

With that said, we have a few changes to implement this year in the audition process; we always audition the 'main' cast to find the best and brightest in the local area but this year and moving forward we are also going to be

auditioning the chorus members. This is purely due to the demand for cast member space, we've had buster years recently (despite Covid!) and in the interests of safety we cannot continue to allow the chorus numbers to keep growing exponentially.

We now have a cap on the number of chorus members we can have in the production which has been determined by the space we have available to us both in the rehearsal room and on the stage, and also by the number of volunteers we have available to teach and supervise.

Please don't panic, these are not professional auditions; these will be group auditions aimed at demonstrating the abilities of everyone at the same time, so nobody is made to feel isolated or intimidated. The auditions for the chorus are also not about natural acting talent, we want to see fun and a keenness to entertain us!

We need a superstar singer Dorothy, a Cowardly Lion, a Brainless Scarecrow, a Heartless Tin Man and a very Wicked Witch!! So, if any of these roles tickle your fancy please come along and join us for auditions in September. Incidentally, the show relies on the chorus of Munchkins heavily and they are on stage more than some of the main roles, so we can't emphasize enough how important this year's chorus is! Previous cast members look out for an email from us if you haven't seen it already, for anyone newly interested in joining us please get in touch (tyssyresham@gmail.com) and we will be more than happy to have a chat with you. **KEITH WATTS, DIRECTOR**

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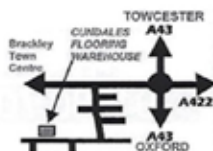
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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE VILLAGE HALL THESE DAYS?

MON-DAYS	DANCE CLASSES 6.00PM TO 8.30PM (<i>Term time</i>)	TUESDAYS 2 nd Tuesday 2 nd 3 rd & 4 th Tuesdays	11.00am to 2.30pm BALLET/PILATES/ SEATED PILATES (<i>Term Time</i>) 5.30PM TO 7.00P.M. DANCE (<i>Term Time</i>) 6.00PM TILL 7.15PM BROWNIES, <u>Sunday School Room</u> , TAEKWANDO 7.30PM TO 9.00PM PERSONAL TRAINING 7.30PM TO 8.30PM FRIENDSHIP CLUB (29/03) 2.15PM TO 4.00 PM FROM APRIL 1ST 2022 CRAFT GROUP, <u>Sunday School</u> 7.30-10.00PM
WEDNES-DAYS	10.00AM TO 11.45AM MUMS & TOTS (<i>TERM-TIME</i>) 12.15 TO 1.15PM PILATES (<i>TERM TIME</i>) 2.30 TO 4.30PM GARDENING CLUB (<i>FROM JANUARY</i>) DANCE 5.00PM TO 7.00PM BALLET 7.15PM TO 9.00PM	THURSDAYS	COFFEE SHOP 10.30AM to 12.30pm BOWLS CLUB 7.15PM TO 9.15PM
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FRIDAYS	Various activities SPORTS CLUB QUIZ (3RD FRIDAY) SPORTS CLUB)	SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS	SEIDOKAN 2ND & 4TH SUNDAYS 10.00AM - 12.00PM SOCIAL EVENTS SPORTS CLUB
SUNDAYS	ST JAMES CHURCH 11.00AM 1ST & 3RD SUNDAY 2ND SUNDAY 4TH SUNDAY	HOLY COMMUNION MORNING WORSHIP PRaise AND PRAYER	SYRESHAM CHAPEL WEEKLY SUNDAY SERVICE 6.00 P.M.



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