



# *The Syresham Times*

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## *Winter sunrise in Syresham*

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### **From the Editor's desk**

*Happy New Year, if a little late already!*

Possibly the best celebration at Christmas was the near completion of a new road surface in Crowfield. The last time that road was surfaced was way back in 1961!

Well done Mr Pothole—now how about Syresham High Street and Abbey Road!

In November we reported our search for someone to take on the management of our advertising from Malcolm Orr Ewing who hopes to step down. In the absence of any volunteers then, Malcolm has kindly agreed to continue through 2017.

*The Syresham Times cannot function without advertisers. If we lose them we lose the magazine and I hope that you will agree this would be a sad day if it happened.*

The Syresham Times keeps everyone up to date on community activities and developments, and without it, part of the community spirit would be lost.

Please give this important work some thought. It involves booking advertisers, liaising with the Parish Clerk over billing, and with the Editor to ensure that advertising materials are ready for each edition— see page 15 for more information.

*Ian Draper, February 2017*

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**Winter sunrise in Syresham by Keith Watts**

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## **SYRESHAM BROWNIES**

The Spring term is under way and an exciting programme has been arranged for the girls.

We have had a number of new Brownies making their Promise which is wonderful.

The Brownies enjoyed an evening with 'Jelly Babies'. All the activities centred around a pack of Jelly Babies! The last challenge was to make a tower using the Jelly Babies and cocktail sticks. The



girls worked as a team to construct the most stable and tallest tower. The fun came at the end when they could eat their monument!

There seems to be a theme to the activities this term linked to food. We visited Belfair Chocolates in Brackley for a tasting session and watched the chocolate being made. Parents' were also invited to our 'Pancake Cafe' on Shrove Tuesday, enjoying a variety of toppings for their pancakes.

A lady is coming to introduce us to Yoga and we will be making Mothers' Day gifts and holding our annual Easter Egg Hunt at the end of the term.

We are very fortunate that a number of young girls have volunteered to help at Brownies as part of their Duke of Edinburgh service award. A couple of the girls used to be Brownies at Syresham too and their help is invaluable. I really appreciate them giving up their time each week to help. If anyone has a special hobby or

interest and could come and give us a short talk one week, that would be fantastic.

*Paula Green (01280 850382)*

## **CHRISTMAS CARDS AND GIFTS**

A very big thank you to everyone for the wonderful array of Christmas gifts and cards. I do wish I had the time to write 'Thank you' cards to all of you.

Everything was very much appreciated and I find it quite emotional that so many of you are so generous. All my very best wishes for 2017! Good luck and good health.

*Ruth Grovell*

## **MUMS AND TOTS**

This term at Mums and Tots we are imagining to be real and fictional characters. The children have decorated tall white hats with food stickers and pretended to be chefs whilst making themselves delicious sandwiches!

One week the village hall became a 'Little Fairy Kingdom' with the children flying around with glittering wands and sparkly wings which they had made. Another week they constructed pirate hats and created bright coloured parrots which could perch on their arms!

We have lots more fun crafts to complete in the following weeks such as models of brave astronauts on the moon, Leprechauns



with glistening rainbows, mermaids

with magical mirrors and Mother's Day gifts and cards. Come and join us on a Wednesday for mornings of craft, play, fun and friendship

*Tina Nesbitt*

## **FLOODING IN SYRESHAM**

Wappenham Road, Syresham was chosen as one of eight communities to participate in the Defra-funded Small Schemes Pathfinder Project, which aims to investigate ways to improve the development of Flood and Coastal Risk Management (FCRM) schemes in small rural communities.

The project team developed a range of options that could help alleviate flooding in the community, informed by a site visit and the Flood Investigation Report. Out of the seven identified possibilities, one option has been chosen and funding is being made available to complete the project.

In an effort to avoid future flooding the following improvements are to be made:

- The Hill is to be re-surfaced and pipework installed to collect spring water to allow it to run through pipework rather than down The Hill to Wappenham Road.
- The pavement is to be lowered outside the Swingfield and the natural pre-existing swale will be slightly reprofiled to allow any surface water to run off to the brook at the rear of the Swingfield. (The Swingfield will only be used in a flooding event, at all other times it will remain dry.)

- The ditches at the rear of Wappenham Road will need to be dug out to ensure good flow of water from Church End to the brook.

- A new storm gully to be built at the junction of Wappenham Road and Church End to prevent flooding in that area.

The County Council is the lead authority in the project and will be in touch with landowners directly to arrange ditch maintenance works.

*Lesley Sambrook Smith, Parish Clerk*



Syresham Gardening Club meets on the third Tuesday of the month in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. We welcome speakers on a wide variety of garden related topics.

In November last year Andy Hardy a local naturalist and overseas nature tour leader gave a very illuminating talk entitled 'What's Flying Tonight?' – he told us all about moths, their life cycle and how we can differentiate between them and butterflies and he illustrated his talk with some fascinating slides of night visitors to his own garden in Northamptonshire.

In December members enjoyed a Christmas lunch at Buckingham Garden Centre and in January we watched a video of Monte Don's visit to some beautiful Italian gardens. Monte told us how the great gardens of Rome were created by aspiring Popes and the gardens of Florence were created by the illustrious Medici family.

Our next talk on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February**



we welcome back a very entertaining speaker, Peter Richardson from *Preston Bissett Nursery*, who will tell us how to achieve year round colour in our gardens.

Following a most enjoyable Autumn visit to Thenford Arboretum we will be making a return visit to this wonderful garden in the Spring.

If you would like more information on the Gardening Club please ring 850424 or 850626 or just come along to our meetings. Visitors are always welcome. *Chris Munsey*

### **WHAT HAPPENED TO THE COMMUNITY OIL PURCHASING SCHEME?**



Unlike the original scheme where I as your village co-ordinator collected orders monthly and submitted them for processing, the scheme now works on the basis of online ordering or by calling the ACRE offices.

**So how do I join the scheme?** You can do so by calling ACRE on 01604–765888, and speak to Sarah who will advise you on the scheme. Alternatively you can email via [oil@northantsacre.org.uk](mailto:oil@northantsacre.org.uk) and ask for details or request to be placed on the online system. To register on the system, go to this link: <https://nacre.myolive.co.uk/registration/register>.

On the website home page, enter your details in the section titled '*Register a new account*' including address details.

◆ Tick to confirm that you have read the terms and conditions, and press register to go to your home page.

- ◆ Here you can set up your preferred payment method – either by direct debit or card payment. To do this, click 'My Account' and Select 'payment options'
- ◆ Once your payment instructions have been entered you will be able to place an order for the next deadline, by midnight.
- ◆ Original Scheme members should register ASAP to receive a credit for previous membership fee, this refund expires on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017
- ◆ There is now no annual registration fee, but a small surcharge on each order covers the administrative costs.

If you need any assistance at all, please contact ACRE on 01604 765888. I hope that this is helpful. A list of ordering dates is posted on the Syresham Village website— [www.syreshamvillage.com](http://www.syreshamvillage.com) .

*Ian Draper, Village Co-ordinator*

### **SYRESHAM GEMS WOMEN'S GROUP - JANUARY 2017**



What a difference a year makes! This time last year we were wondering how we could keep a women's group in Syresham going.

A year on and Syresham Gems is going from strength to strength, with new visitors at each meeting. A big thank you to everyone who has supported us and we look forward to continuing to expand the Group in 2017 with a varied programme of activities.

We started our 2017 programme with

a fantastic talk and demonstration by Liz Dixon from Artistic Retreats (<http://www.artisticretreats.co.uk/>). Liz uses a material called Powertex to make sculptures and prints from natural fibre textiles and other recycled materials, giving them new life as art for the home or garden. The fabric is immersed in the Powertex fabric hardener, which comes in a range of colours, and is worked whilst wet to produce a solid, weather resistant sculpture with the form and fluidity of draped fabric. We were all able to have a go at making a small cameo. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the evening and we were all amazed at the range of different things that could be made! Liz will be back in the Spring for a longer workshop so if anyone is interested in attending— let me know. Our next meeting is on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February when Antonia Moore will be here to talk about the great work of Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance (WNAA) who rescued her from a serious car accident a few years ago.

For more information about the Group and membership please contact either Maggie Newton (850324) or Judith Shaw (850613).

### **JUST DANCE 2016**

The Sylvie Essame School of Dance put on their annual dance show in the village hall on Sunday 27th November.

There were performances of Modern Theatre, Tap, Contemporary and Jazz dance, and also Modern Ballet and Latin. 24 items in all. There were also performances by several guest artistes,

ex-students of the school who are now professional dancers. All of which made for two very entertaining shows. The school is very pleased that the show raised £170 for the village hall and £56 for the Starlight Children's Foundation from the raffle. *Picture, centre pages.*

To learn more about the school please contact Sylvie:

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[www.SylvieEssame.co.uk](http://www.SylvieEssame.co.uk)

### **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

So sad to report that two break-ins occurred in Malt Lane on January 4th. At approximately 3.30 p.m. two or three youths were seen getting into a vehicle and speeding off along Abbey Road. In both cases, patio doors at the rear were forced open and cash and jewellery seem to have been the main objective.



A few days earlier a drone with a camera attached was sighted. It might have been a Christmas present, but if in doubt about such incidents, please report anything suspicious to me.

*Ruth Grovell, 01280-850210*

### **SYRESHAM VILLAGE HALL**

The Village Hall Management Committee is pleased and very excited to report that the new village hall is close to becoming a reality in the forthcoming year.

The present hall, endearing though it is to many residents, is actually an old WW2 Nissen Hut that has exceeded its useful life and presents numerous

problems not only for the Management Committee but also for its user groups.

The new hall will address such problems as lack of internal storage for Mums and Toddlers, Take Your SEAT and the History Society, plus lack of space for the Bowls Club and the Coffee Shop.

There will be better insulation and heating and much improved acoustics. It will provide a more desirable venue for celebrations and events and it will be a wonderful facility that will serve the community for many years to come.

We would like to give every person living in the parish the opportunity to help make this happen.

In order to do this we will be launching a **'Buy a Brick' Campaign** in February and all residents will be invited to take part.

Management Committee members will be allocated a street in the parish; they will knock on your door and invite you to buy a brick for just £10. This is just an indicative figure and if you wish to give more or less, it will be most gratefully accepted. Equally, if you do not wish to take part, the Committee will respect your wishes.

All those who contribute will be acknowledged in the foyer of the new hall, where it is envisaged that we will have a picture bearing the names of everyone who took part in the campaign. We very much hope that



you will wish to support the village hall in this exciting venture and help to provide our community with a facility that will increase the vibrancy and sustainability of our parish for ourselves, our children and the generations to come.

*Chris Munsey, Chair of Village Hall Management Committee*

## **SYRESHAM ST JAMES CE SCHOOL**



The children have all been working hard and getting involved in their new topics this term as they investigate different countries and cultures. We are fortunate that now we have the new broadband in school that research on the internet is possible on all computers and it works at speed (most of the time)! We have welcomed Sydney Grigori and her family into the village and into school life. Sydney joins us in Year 3 and is settling well into life in school.

The Nursery children continue to enjoy their time in school and spent an enjoyable hour being photographed for the new Nursery Website, that we hope will be live very soon. We would like to welcome Alissia Quaterman to Nursery. With her big brother in Reception, we are sure she will enjoy spending time in school!

The staff continue to work hard to plan and prepare lessons that are interesting, fun and promote a love of learning for all of the children. They

also provide a variety of after school clubs from board games, art club, table tennis, netball and jigsaw club to name a few. Many of the children take up the opportunity to stay for these clubs on a weekly basis.

Almost 30% of the children in school learn a musical instrument. We offer brass, woodwind, strings, guitar and piano lessons.

The children will be showcasing their talents at our **Spring Concert on Monday 27th March** at 2.00 p.m. alongside each class from Nursery to Year 6 as they sing songs and entertain us with their musical talents.

We would like to welcome all members of the village community to join us in the school hall for this musical extravaganza!

*Mrs Clough*

### **FRIENDSHIP CLUB**

Our New Year party was a great success and we thank Sarah and her team for the excellent meal.



We were entertained by Mike Gee who kept us amused for an hour and a half with both vocal and comedy.

Our soup lunches continue to be held once a fortnight so please check the Post Office for dates.

We thank everyone who makes soup for these lunches and will be restarting our Tuesday afternoons in the Village hall shortly.

Again please check the village Post Office for dates.

*Dot*

### **FROM YOUR RECTOR...**

It seems we are living through strange new times at the moment. And I know many of you have concerns about what will happen in the months ahead.



It may be a comfort to know that almost every generation thought it was facing “the end of days” from the World Wars that are still in

living memory, right back to the first Christians who believed that Christ’s second coming was literally just around the corner.

To be fair to them, Jesus did tell us his return would be heralded by terrible birth pangs, wars, natural disasters - even the rule of despotic world leaders!

But Jesus also said that he would be with us, not just through the good times, the happy joyous times and the sentimental festive times, but also through the bad times, the worrying times, the sad times. “I am with you always” wasn’t an “alternative fact”, it was a simple and lasting truth. Basically whenever you need him, he’s there and so are we!

So if events in the wider world, (*or closer to home*) seem worrying or sad, our Church offers a still quiet and safe space where you can offer up any and everything that concerns or saddens you.

We are holding a special and simple service of healing for all of the above on **Tuesday April 4<sup>th</sup> at 7.30p.m. in**



## the Parish Church at Helmdon.

The **Service of Healing and Prayer** is open to everyone from the Benefice and will provide a chance for you to come along and receive God's blessing and healing for you, your family or your concerns for the wider world.

And if you would like to explore more about faith and how Christ is with you always, then you are welcome to join us during March and April at our **Lent Courses**. These take place around the Benefice on Monday (at Lois Weedon Rectory) and Wednesday evenings (alternately in Helmdon and Syresham churches). *For more details on the service or courses just email me or give me a call.*

Lent begins on March 1<sup>st</sup> this year and in preparation we will be holding various pancake parties around the Benefice (*see the church notice board for more details*).

Tradition says in preparation for a Lenten fast, you should use up all the rich elements in your larder, to make pancakes with various sweet and savoury fillings. Very few of us now fast for the next five weeks, but that shouldn't stop us enjoying our Shrove Tuesday treats!

Lent itself is all about preparing for Easter and while the idea of a Great Fast for five weeks is long gone in the Church, we still keep some other Lenten traditions.

We begin on **Ash Wednesday** with a special service where we mark ourselves with the sign of the cross made out of the ashes from last year's Palm Sunday crosses – *that's why you'll*

*see people wandering round that day with black crosses on their foreheads!* This may seem a bit medieval, but it reminds us visually that Christ gave his life on the Cross, to allow us all continually to get the chance to try again, and again to be better people.

Lent continues with our range of Sunday services including a special service on **Mothering Sunday (March 26th)**, where we make (*and give*) posies of flowers for our Mums. So after making sure Mum gets her breakfast in bed, why not bring the whole family along to celebrate just how special your Mum is?

Looking ahead if you are thinking of getting married – we holding our **Astwell Benefice Wedding Fayre and Celebration of Marriage on the weekend of June 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>**. Over the weekend there will be a chance to meet cake makers, flower arrangers, photographers, listen to a selection of hymn and music choices and see a selection of local venues for your reception along with a whole host of other wedding related things, all accompanied by a glass of celebratory fizz.

And on the Sunday we will be holding special services to celebrate with brides and grooms past and present, the many weddings that have taken place at our parish churches down the years.

Your parish church is there for you, we are here to serve our community, so if you haven't visited us already, you are more than welcome and should you need someone to talk to, or you want

to find out more details about any of the above or maybe how you can plan your Wedding or a Baptism—my details are below.

I am on the end of the phone or an email away - so do contact me if I can help with anything!

**Reverend Carole**, The Rectory, The Green,  
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## **A BEAST IS COMING TO SYRESHAM!**



**BEAUTY AND THE BEAST** is our Panto this year and it is packed with adventure, fun, laughter and it's worth bringing some tissues for the sad bits!

Based on the Disney animated film (don't tell Mr. Disney!) we have recreated all the well known songs and dances and also all the characters such as Belle, Gaston, Lumiere, Cogsworth and Mrs Potts ... and of course THE BEAST! Plus a Dame called Lotte! NOT in the Disney film!

Get your tickets soon as they will sell out fast. It is the perfect Half-Term entertainment!

Finally, we entrusted our poster with Syresham School, who held a competition to design the perfect one. The pupils created some wonderful posters and we had a hard time choosing, as several could have won.

In the end the winner was ... (dramatic pause!) ... Bailey Santherasakaram! We thought Bailey's design was eye-catching, colourful and well drawn ... all the best qualities for a great poster.

Bailey has the honour of her poster

being shown on the programme front cover and all around Syresham. And in this edition of Syresham Times! Plus she gets two free tickets.

Be there!!! Grrrrrrr! *Keith Watts*

## **HISTORY SOCIETY**



During the last three months the History Society has welcomed some very informative, but also extremely entertaining speakers.

The day after Halloween Kevin Varty told us about the unusual goings on in 19<sup>th</sup> century graveyards in a talk entitled '*Dead and Buried, but not for long!*' He explained how body snatching was used to advance medical research, but he also explained the great lengths people went to in order to allay the fear that they might be buried alive!

At our Christmas meeting we welcomed two well known local theatrical personalities, Keith Watts and Mike Maund, who delighted us with their '*History of Pantomime*' and '*The Story of Take Your SEAT*'. With seasonal fare and a dip into the wassail bowl, it proved a very jovial evening.

The January meeting saw a return visit of the popular speaker, Chris Bazeley, who entertained us with tales about the smallest room inside (or outside) the house in his talk '*The History of the Privy*'. For many of us it certainly brought back memories!!

In late November a group of History Society members spent a few days in the very beautiful Polish city of

Krakow. On a freezing cold day with snow threatening to fall we visited the concentration camps of Auschwitz and



Birkenau where one cannot fail but be moved to tears.

As freezing rain began to fall, we stood between the tracks of the railways that brought thousands of poor souls to their unknown fate in what has been described as 'the darkest and most horrific chapter of German history' - and we remembered them. We were reminded of the words of the Spanish philosopher George Santayana *'Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.'*

That was a very sobering day for all of us, but we were also able to spend time appreciating the beauty and cultural history of the city and to visit the Salt Mines—a not-to-be-missed experience.

The Society is looking forward to a year of varied and interesting speakers and visits.

One of the highlights of the year will be when we give a special Syresham welcome to Gail Stuart who will 'bring us sunshine' when she talks about life with her father the renowned and very talented comedian, **Eric Morecombe**.

This will take place on **Tuesday March 7<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall** and visitors are, as always, invited to come along. There will be a special raffle and a glass of wine on arrival. Please look out for posters advertising this event.

*Chris Munsey*

## **FRIENDS OF ST JAMES CHURCH**



2016 ended on a high note for the Friends of St. James with a lovely Autumn Concert presented by Brackley

Wind Ensemble followed in December by our annual Members 'get together'.

The first event for 2017 will be our **Pancake Lunch** on 28<sup>th</sup> February followed on 3<sup>rd</sup> March with a **Quiz** hosted by John Braybrook.

Later in spring we will be welcoming Anna and Vanessa Murby accompanied by Lincoln Noel in St. James Church for one of their wonderful concerts.

Please look out for further information.

For more details about the Friends of St. James, please contact: Sue Palmer on 01280 850252 or Judith Shaw on 01280 850613

## **PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

The past three months seem to have passed very quickly and, with the Christmas and the New Year holidays, things have been quiet on the planning front. However, the Parish Council has continued to work pro-actively throughout this period and we are very pleased to announce that we have been awarded a grant through the Tesco Bags of Help Scheme (blue tokens) to help replace the bark under the children's play equipment in the Swingfield with 'grassguard', the same as that which is presently under the slide and larger swings.

At the time of going to press we are

unsure of the exact amount, but we know that it will be between £1,000 and £5,000 pounds. We would like to thank all residents of the parish who supported this scheme.

A new dog litter bin is soon to be located where the sports field meets the footpath that runs along the back of The Pound. This path is regularly used by dog walkers, and we ask that you make use of this bin, as well as the other dog litter bins located around the village, for dog waste. Most dog walkers are responsible and clear up after their pets, but a small minority still do not.

Let's make dog mess a thing of the past on our village streets and public areas.

Work will shortly begin on a new flood alleviation scheme in the village thanks to Pathfinder. Our Parish Clerk has explained this more fully in a separate article.

One of our Parish Councillors, Brian Lynch, has recently resigned and we would like to thank him for all the work he has done for the parish during his time in office. However, this now leaves a vacancy for a Parish Councillor in Syresham. If you are interested in taking on this very rewarding role helping our parish to run efficiently and successfully, please contact our Parish Clerk at [parishclerk@syresham.com](mailto:parishclerk@syresham.com) or phone 01280 851178.

Although it may not feel like it yet, Spring is just around the corner and it will soon be time for our annual **Village Litterpick**. This will take place during the **week beginning Monday March 27<sup>th</sup>** and the Parish Council would be

very grateful for your help and support. All the necessary equipment will be provided and can be collected from the village hall car park. Filled bags of refuse should be placed in the corner of the village hall car park for collection by South Northants Council.

The Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to wish all residents a belated Happy New Year and remind you that if you have any issues you would like the Parish Council to deal with, you should contact the Parish Clerk as indicated above.

*Cllr Chris Munsey*

**SOUTH NORTHANTS COUNCIL  
REPORT—FROM OUR DISTRICT  
COUNCILLOR**

South Northamptonshire is a great place to live. We have 2 market towns, Brackley and Towcester. We also have Silverstone and its High Performance Technology and Motorsport Engineering sector sitting alongside numerous villages, hamlets and conservation areas in our beautiful countryside. We are also an important tourist attraction.

The Halifax Quality of Life Survey ranks South Northamptonshire as the 16<sup>th</sup> most desirable place to live in the Country.

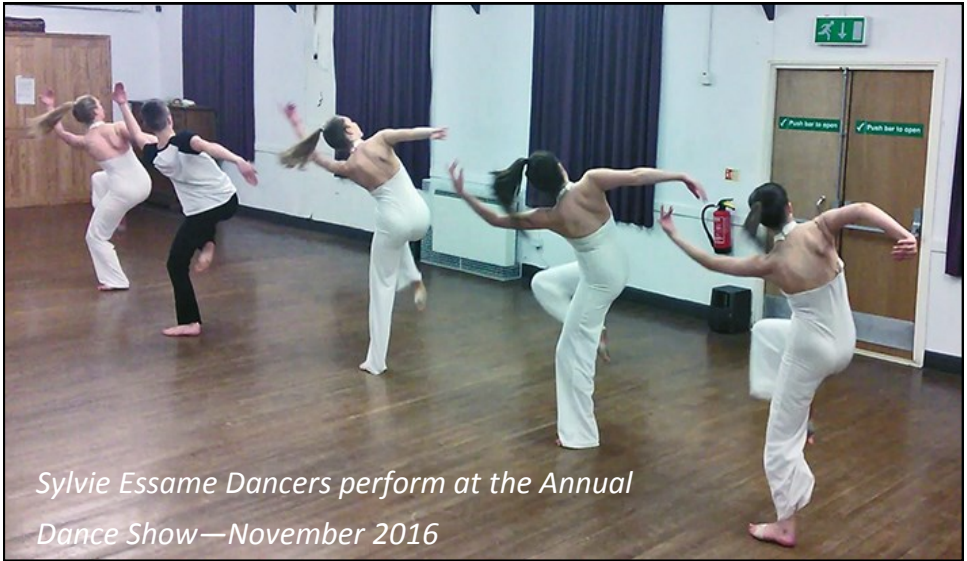
Maintaining a long term planning perspective is critical in order to make provision for suitable future growth but at the same time preserve what is so special about our area.

South Northants Council is currently updating our "Local Plan". This was last done in 1997. The new Plan, once adopted, makes provision for the future





Wed 15<sup>th</sup> to Sat 18<sup>th</sup> February 7.30pm (Sat Matinee 2.30pm)  
Adults £7 Concessions £4 On Sale at Village Shop  
Poster designed by Bailey Santherasakaram, Syresham School



*Sylvie Essame Dancers perform at the Annual Dance Show—November 2016*



*Grace Wyness grows her hair and has it cut for charity.*





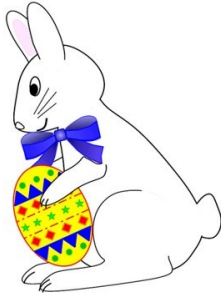
After over 50 years the road surface in Crowfield is transformed by Mr Pothole! Gone are the many potholes and cracks, and a lovely new surface enables residents to enjoy walking along the road! Christmas Eve celebrations were enjoyed by residents who thanked Mark Morrell and his team for such an excellent job! *Editor*

## Crowfield Celebrates





# Easter Egg Hunt



Come and join us on

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April**

**At Syresham Pocket Park**

**10:30am-12:30pm**

Find five hidden eggs and swap them for a yummy Easter treat!

£3.50 per child

Tea, coffee, drinks and cakes



*Please support the Friends  
of Syresham School*

## Ladies Quiz Night

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March

Syresham Village Hall

Doors open at 7:30 pm-First question 8:00pm



£9 per ticket

To include a platter of delicious nibbles, two bottles of wine and soft drinks per table. Bring your own additional drinks

Teams of 6-prize for the winning table

Raffle with pampering prizes

Tickets available from a committee member, Ruth at the Post Office or on the night





needs in the District up to 2029.

The plan sets out a vision and objective for the area including, for example, Housing, Employment and Connections policies and proposals. It will also cover Town and Village confines, Heritage and Environmental policies.



It is a chance to reassess our overall housing needs for the next 12 years and to ensure enough are either being built or are in the pipeline. The Plan allows for considered development in South Northants, but within a framework which is sympathetic to our surroundings.

Syresham is currently classified as a “secondary service village” in the general hierarchy of communities. These are villages that have a more limited range of services, but still provide scope to meet local needs for housing, employment and service provision.

Following the recent planning approval for 26 new homes I do not expect the new Local Plan will propose any more large scale housing development in Syresham.

There will be a further consultation period from June 2017. This will cover important issues such as determining Housing policies, Village Confines and the opportunity to recommend an area within the village to be designated as Local Green Space.

The Plan is still in its draft stage and through this consultation process there is still time to influence and

amend the Local Plan for Syresham before it will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for examination later in 2017 and for adoption in 2018.

*Cllr Simon Marinker, Astwell Ward*



### **SYRESHAM CHAPEL**

We would like to thank everyone who contributed to our carol singing Christmas Eve when we raised £300.00 for Action for Children. Our Christmas craft session on Christmas Eve was a wonderful time with children from 2 years and upwards enjoying making so many items including their Christingle which they held in our Christingle service led by Paula. We thank everyone who led the services and who attended over the Christmas period and thanks to David and George for our Christmas tree outside the Chapel.

I was reading an article recently of a tradition in Germany where letters and numbers are put above a door by Christians on January 6<sup>th</sup>. The numbers denote the year and the letters are always C. M. and B. The names of the three wise men and also the abbreviations for the Latin words *Christus mansionem benedicat* meaning *may Christ bless this House*. What a wonderful way to start a new year inviting Jesus to be a daily guest. Jesus not only wants to live in our homes but in our hearts.

Breakfast church is normally the second Sunday of the month at 9.30.a.m.and we do invite the family to come and share with us. Secret

Keepers continue to meet on the last Wednesday of the month in term time.

*Dot*

### **THE SYRESHAM CORINTHIANS FC**

For many, the word Corinthians conjures images of biblical scripture, the port town of Corinth in Greece or perhaps ornate Roman architecture still visible in towns and cities across Europe. But for the members of the *Syresham Corinthians Football Club*, it's so much more than all of those things. It's a camaraderie, a family, a state of mind. It's also the chance to go out on a Thursday evening, play football and then relive the experience in the comfort of the local pub or club for a couple of hours afterwards before meandering home at midnight.

The team was founded by a small group of middle aged men that should know better, back in early 2016. Risen from the ashes of the former team, known as Dads Army which had disbanded, primarily due to the axing of the Buckingham based league they were in, there was now a vacuum in the lives of those creaking old codgers. It needed to be filled.

The ideas of a new name and a new home we couldn't ignore. We did the things that men do. We talked about it, nodded agreement that we should sort something, went for a curry, waited 3 months, went for a few beers, chatted some more, got distracted, put the bins out. Left it to each other.

But, there was one who wouldn't leave it alone, or let it drift aimlessly into nothing. That man was Gerry Power. He stepped up. He went to work. Ironically

at the same time that he actually didn't go to work ... but I digress.

A What's App Group was created. Names and numbers began filling the group. Discussions became plans. Plans became actions. But we needed a home. A place where our long since dormant and much faded skills could flourish once again.

Winchester House in Brackley, and a state of the art, floodlit pitch. Mr Power did a deal. The What's App Group stopped being a group. It became a team. The team had a home. Legends were about to be reborn.

That first game, back in late summer 2016 was something special. And by special, I mean it was a collective shambles. Eighteen of Syresham's finest took to the pitch. With a collective age of about 800, it was like watching mushrooms learn Kung Fu. Nobody could run, few could kick a ball in a desired direction, one or two clearly needed medical attention just getting out of the car before the game. We all agreed that St Johns Ambulance should have been there.

But we survived. We went again the following week. We were almost imperceptibly better. But better we were. Two games, and no fatalities. We called that success and had a four-pint celebration after that one.

Today, we are 26 strong, with regular turnouts of 16-20 players for each match and guaranteed turnouts of 6-10 players for the post match drinks.

If you would like to join, you need to meet the strict standards now set out in our charter. You have to be alive,

own a pair of football boots and be outside the School for pick-up at 8.10 p.m. on a Thursday night. If you meet those requirements, you are in.

*James Goves,*

Contact Gerry on 07712 208250

### **CHARITY HAIR DONATION**

Hello Mr Draper,

My name is Grace Wyness, I am 14 years old and I live in Blenheim Place, Syresham.

On the 10th of January 2017 I had 19 inches of my hair cut off. I had been growing it for three years. I donated my hair to a charity called Banbury Postiche which makes hair into wigs for people with cancer. I also raised money for Katherine House Hospice through sponsorship. I have raised approximately £500. Three years ago I also donated my hair to Banbury Postiche and had 91 grams cut off.

Sallie Connery cut my hair both times and took it to Banbury Postiche. I would like to say a big thank you to Sallie Connery and to everyone who donated.

I hope this is not too late to put into the Syresham Times.

Thank you.

*Grace Wyness*

*Well done Grace—see photos in centre pages—  
Editor*

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The printer is helpful with design, so a degree in Desktop Publishing or Graphic Design is not needed!

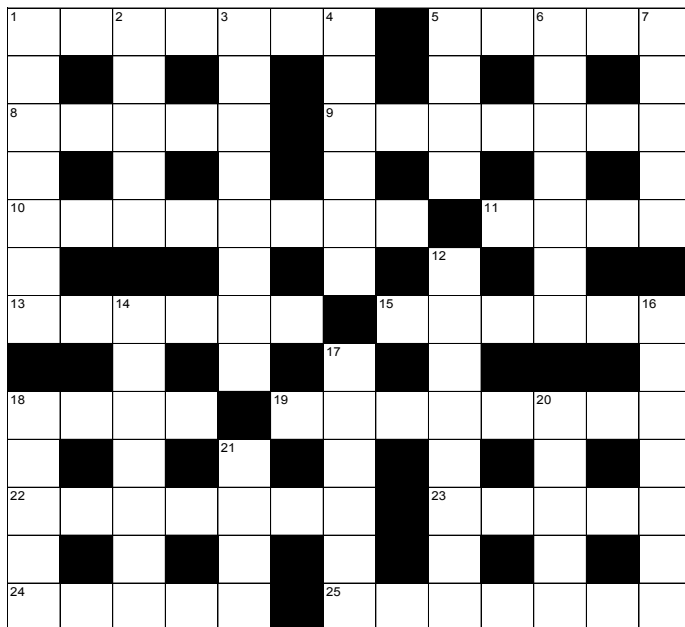
The Editorial Committee meets 4 times a year in the village. It would be helpful for the advertising manager to attend at least some of those discussions.

Reasonable expenses available.

Further info from Malcolm on 01280 850218, who will be on hand for guidance in the first year.

*Malcolm Orr-Ewing*

**Crossword — thanks to Vintage Port**



**ACROSS**

- 1 Former Welsh Lane users (7)
- 5 Type of transfer (5)
- 8 Web footed birds (5)
- 9 Natural environment (7)
- 10 Prose writer (8)
- 11 Eruption on the skin (4)
- 13 Inform on (6)
- 15 Leisured walker (6)
- 18 Local Great Ouse tributary (4)
- 19 Home of local Saints FC (8)
- 22 Dexterity (7)
- 23 Shore line (5)
- 24 Hurry (5)
- 25 Blood sucking worms (7)

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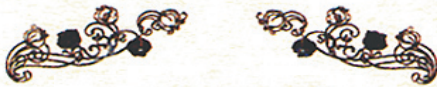
- 1 Short pointed weapons (7)
- 2 Complies (5)
- 3 Commonplace (8)
- 4 Doctrinal division (7)
- 5 Knights (4)
- 6 Whistle of disapproval (7)
- 7 Attach yourself onto (5)
- 12 Friendly (8)
- 14 Reveals (7)
- 16 Harmonious pulsations (7)
- 17 Multi-coloured diamond pattern (6)
- 18 Instruct (5)
- 20 Drain away slowly (5)
- 21 Personal Assistant (4)

**ANSWERS—ACROSS** 1 Drivers; 5 Decal; 8 Geese; 9 Habitat; 10 Essayist; 11 Rash; 13 Squal; 15 Rambler; 18 Tove; 19 Brackley; 22 Agility; 23 Beach; 24 Haste; 25 Leeches  
**DOWN** 1 Dagger; 2 Obey; 3 Everyday; 4 Schism; 5 Dubs; 6 Catcall; 7 Latch; 12 Amicable; 14 Unveil; 16 Rhythms; 17 Argyle; 18 Teach; 20 Leach; 21 Aide



# Events and Diary Dates

<b>HAPPENING SOON</b>	<b>WEEKLY DIARY</b>	<b>FORTNIGHTLY DIARY</b>
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	<p><b>SUNDAYS:- Chapel Service</b> 6.00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Church Services</b>—<i>please check the Astwell Benefice Diary</i></p> <p><b>MONDAYS:-</b> Walking Group 10.00 a.m. <i>meet at Shop</i></p> <p><b>CARD RECYCLING GROUP</b> 7.00 p.m. <i>contact Sue Palmer</i></p> <p><b>DANCING CLASSES</b> Village Hall—various 4.00 to 8.30 p.m.</p> <p><b>TUESDAYS:-</b> Adult Ballet, <i>Village Hall</i>, 11.00 a.m. to 12.00</p> <p><b>PILATES</b> <i>Village Hall</i>, 12.00 noon to 1.00 p.m.</p> <p><b>BROWNIES</b>, 5.45 to 7.00 p.m. Sunday School <i>Term time only</i></p> <p><b>CRAFT</b>, 2nd, 3rd &amp; 4th Tuesday, Sunday School, 7.30 p.m.</p> <p><b>CIRCUIT TRAINING</b>, <i>Sports Club</i> 7.15 p.m.</p> <p><b>WEDNESDAYS:-</b> Mums and Tots, Village Hall 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon <i>Term Time only</i></p> <p><b>THURSDAYS:-</b> Village Hall Coffee Shop, 10.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.</p> <p><b>BOWLS CLUB</b>, <i>Village Hall</i>, 7.00 p.m.</p> <p><b>FOOTBALL OR CRICKET</b> Matches in season—<i>Check Sports Club details</i></p>	<p><b>THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB</b> Second Tuesdays, usually Village Hall 2.30 p.m. <i>not August</i></p> <p><b>WEDNESDAYS (1ST &amp; 3RD)</b> Secret Keepers, 7-11 yr. olds 7.00 p.m. till 8.00 p.m. <i>Term time only</i></p> <p><b>FRIDAYS, YOUTH CLUB</b> 11yrs + Sunday School rooms 7.30 p.m. <i>Term Time only</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>MONTHLY DIARY</b></p> <p><b>2ND SUNDAY</b>, Sunday School &amp; Breakfast Church 9.30 a.m.</p> <p><b>2ND SUNDAY</b>—Sports Club Carvery lunch 12.00 noon till 2.00 p.m.</p> <p><b>1ST TUESDAY</b>, History Society, <i>Village Hall</i> 7.30 p.m.</p> <p><b>3RD TUESDAY</b>, Gardening Club, <i>Village Hall</i>, 7.30 p.m.</p> <p><b>2ND WEDNESDAY</b> GEMS Women's Group, <i>Village Hall</i> 7.30 p.m.</p> <p><b>3RD WEDNESDAY</b> Sports Club Cash Bingo Night, 7.30 p.m.</p> <p><b>LAST WEDNESDAY</b>, Parish Council Meetings , <i>Village Hall</i> 7.30 p.m.</p> <p><b>3RD FRIDAY</b>, Sports Club Quiz Nights</p> <p><b>2ND SATURDAY</b>, Friends of the Churchyard, 10.00 a.m.</p> <p><b>LIBRARY VAN</b> Village Hall, 11.30a.m. specified dates only</p>
<p>4th— Astwell Benefice Car Boot Sale, Lois Weedon School</p> <p>8th—ACRE Oil Orders due by midnight</p> <p>15th—18th Take your Seat: <i>Beauty and the Beast</i> Village Hall</p> <p>26th Family Service and Baptism, at the Church 11.15 a.m.</p> <p>28th Friends of St James Pancake Lunch</p>		
<b>MARCH</b>		
<p>8th ACRE Oil orders due by midnight</p> <p>10th Friends of the School Ladies Quiz night Village Hall</p> <p>26th Mothering Sunday with Chapel at the Church 11.15a.m.</p>		
<b>APRIL</b>		
<p>5th—ACRE Oil orders due by midnight</p> <p>9th—Palm Sunday Service at the Church 11.15 a.m.</p> <p>15th Friends of the School Easter Egg Hunt Pocket Park 10.30 a.m.</p> <p>13th to 16th Easter Services at the Church</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>June 24-25th Scarecrow Festival weekend</b></p>		



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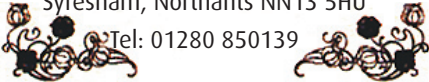
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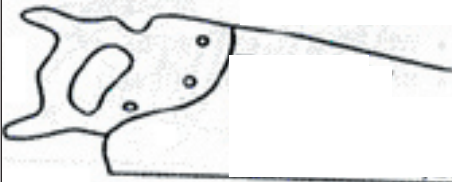
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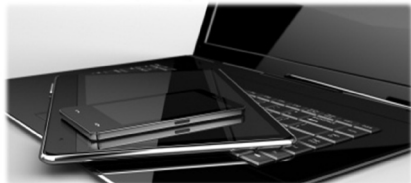
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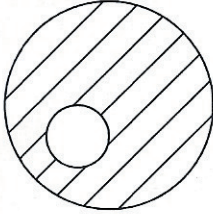
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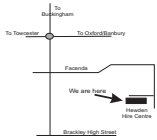


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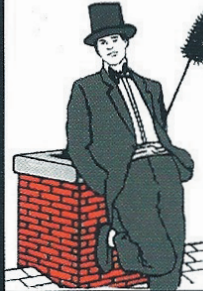
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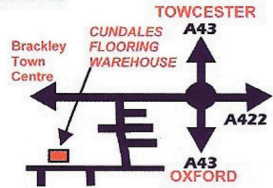
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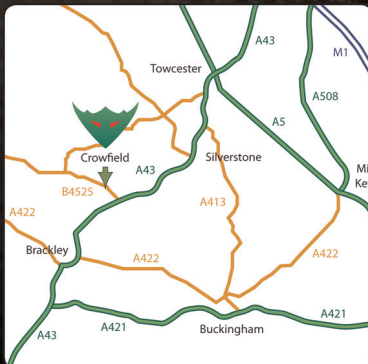


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