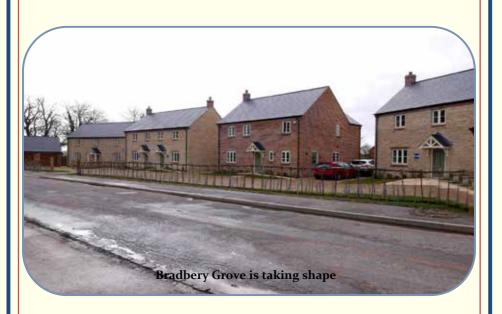


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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

I am not sure if it isn't just imagination, but have the evenings already begun to draw out? I always find this time of the year somewhat depressing when the sun isn't about so much.

I was really disappointed to have missed that huge red moon the other week, despite it being so big and bright before the eclipse. And it seems it maybe ten years before we get to experience that again!

I always marvel at the whole construct of the universe, the stars, the galaxies and planets. It also makes our planet and the environment so precious, and yet mankind seems to find it difficult to look after it?

I spend a lot of time driving and never cease to be horrified at the extent of litter and rubbish that lies beside our roads, even close to our village—the laybys and the grass verges can look really untidy.

With declining local authority funds as our County Council moves towards being broken up as a result of continued austerity, Government underfunding and local mismanagement of funds, and the unknown costs that will befall us all once the new Council Tax levies are announced, we continue to face uncertain times.

Ian Draper, January 2019

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BANKING

FACILITIES IN THE VILLAGE

How lucky we are to have a Village Post Office and



store, where so many other villages do not have this facility. (Ed.)

Following the recent closure of Barclays Bank in Brackley, and with the only other remaining bank being Lloyds, many people will want local access to banking facilities.

The following facilities are available at our Village Post Office.

You can pay in cheques with a completed paying in slip; cash can be deposited using a Debit Card; and of course cash withdrawals can be made also on a Debit Card.

The above service is available for all, no matter which Bank they use.

A new service offered by the Post Office now is the printing of Amazon Parcel Return labels. If you are doing online returns, you will be given a *QP CODE*, either via the computer or the mobile phone or tablet. Take a print copy to the Shop and it can be scanned to produce the printed address label for the return parcel.

OLD MONEY?

Have you still got old £1 coins—those single colour round ones? Have you still got old paper £10 and £5 notes? Search your money boxes, drawers, purses, pockets, handbags etc., and they can be changed through me at the Post Office.

RUTH GROVELL, VILLAGE POST MISTRESS

THANK YOU!

A very big thank you to everyone for the wonderful array of Christmas gifts and cards. I am quite moved by the amount of kind words.

good wishes and generosity from all who feel I do a worthwhile job in helping the village community along.



Bottles of wine, spirits,

flowers, chocolates, biscuits to name but a few generous gifts— all have been so very much appreciated.

I hope you will accept this as my thank you, instead of a personal card—there would be so many to write!

Thanking you for your personal continued support and I wish you all the very best for 2019.

RUTH GROVELL

SYRESHAM AND DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY



After another successful year, the History Society met very early in January to hear about the strategies and

logistics of the battle at Cropredy Bridge in 1644. We were minded to learn more of the battle following our visit to the village of Cropredy a couple of years ago.

In February we have a talk about William Morris, Viscount Nuffield—he of the Morris Motor Company in Oxford, and specifically about his generous support for the Oxford Colleges. In March a county historian and author will talk to us about the

'Spires and Squires' of the county of Northamptonshire. Then in April we will have an account of the development work currently being undertaken by the Buckingham Canal Society.

Membership of the Society is £12.00 for the year, covering 12 monthly meetings and one organised guided walk in August. Each meeting except in August a raffle prize is drawn. Occasional visitors to our meetings pay £3.00. Come and join us, and enjoy some often light-hearted and amusing presentations. This year we plan to hold an exhibition in the Village Hall in October—details will become available in due course.

We also run a number of visits, and this year we are planning a weekend visit to Germany taking in Berlin, Dresden, Meissen and Colditz Castle.

IAN DRAPER, CHAIRMAN

Syresham Gems Women's

GROUP

Here's the latest roundup of our activities for the last few months and plans for the next.



For our November meeting we put the technical equipment available in the 'new' Village Hall to use and gathered to watch a film on the big screen. Unfortunately the projectionist was a little rusty and it took a couple of false starts before we could all sit back and enjoy *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* - an amusing, romantic drama based around the exchange of letters between a London-based writer and residents on the island of Guernsey in 1946. This exchange compelled the writer to visit

the island to get a picture of what it was like to live through the German occupation of the island during WWII. Thanks go to Keith Watts and Mike Maund for putting in so much time and effort to come along to our Christmas Party in December. After everyone had tucked into a tasty buffet, they presented the History of Pantomime from its development in the 16th century to the present day, including a photographic record of Syresham's own history of panto in the

2019 got off to a creative start with Paula Milner, the Crafty Lass - www.craftylass.com from Boddington, showing us how to make origami paper flowers in all different sizes and colours. Everyone was very quiet while they concentrated on folding the paper in the right directions!

Our next few meetings are as follows:

• 13th February – speaker tbc

form of Take Your Seats.

- 13th March Amanda Hudson, Hypnotherapist
- 10th April Working with Powertex, Liz Dixon

We are always on the lookout for speakers so please get in touch if you'd like to get involved.

For more information about the Group, forthcoming events and membership please contact either Judith Shaw (850613) or Maggie Newton (07734 080073). JUDITH SHAW



MUMS AND TOTS

Wednesday mornings in the village hall continue to be well attended by pre-

schoolers, toddlers and babies from the village and surrounding area.

The children enjoy creating with play dough, dressing up, building giant towers or just sitting with their adults reading a book. They all enjoyed their annual visit from the Spotty Chicken Ceramics from Wappenham decorated plates, Christmas decorations and mugs. We have also hosted another lesson which the adults Yoga and children enjoyed. Sue could not believe her eyes when they all lay still and quiet at the end for nearly 5 minutes. Unheard of at Tots!!!

Finally the children loved their visit from Father Christmas at the end of term. Thank you Father Christmas we really appreciate you and your helper visiting at such a busy time!!!

Everyone is welcome... We meet every term time Wednesday between 10-12.

Many thanks,

CLAIRE TURNHAM

WELCOME TO SYRESHAM!

New family, and the first residents in Bradbery Grove:

Having spent much of our lives living in Bicester and the surrounding area our quest to find a new home was never going to be easy. However as luck would have it and numerous house viewings later, we found the perfect property in Bradbery Grove here in Syresham.

It's been a busy few weeks since moving in just before Christmas, but we are

keen to participate in the many events organised throughout the year.

As an avid sports fan, I am eager to learn more about the local Golf Society (I understand their regular outings are quite an event) as well as the Bowls club and of course the Sports and Social Club which is only a stone's throw away.

My wife Amanda is far more artistic and I am sure she along with our daughter Alice, will shortly be attending the regular craft events held in the village.

The final family member is our beloved Jim the Beagle, who many of you will meet on his regular walks around the village.

We are delighted with our new home and I am sure that the families who join us in Bradbery Grove will quickly grow to love and appreciate this great village and its friendly people.

NICK WISE

SYRESHAM VILLAGE HALL



We have now been up and running for just over six months and we hope

that all village residents have had the opportunity to view, if not use the hall. We hope you will agree that it is a fantastic facility for our village. We have received some extremely favourable comments both from within the village and much further afield. The latest one was "This is the best village hall I have ever been in!" -What more can we ask? We have received numerous enquiries from other villages wishing to build a new hall, and we are always pleased to show their representatives around and give them the benefit of our recent experience.

BUY A BRICK

We will very soon be putting up the names of all those who donated to the 'Buy a Brick'



campaign in the foyer of the hall, but before we do that we have one last request.

The names of all contributors are shown on a list in the Post Office – if you have not yet done so, could you please check that the spelling of your name is correct and that your name is there if you donated. THIS IS YOUR VERY LAST CHANCE, so please spare a few moments to look at the list.

COFFEE SHOP

Just a reminder too that we hold our weekly *Coffee Shop from 10.30 till 12.30 every Thursday morning.* This is hugely



popular, but we always welcome more visitors, so please come along to see what wonderful cakes and coffee we provide at a fraction of

the cost of a normal coffee shop.

And whilst on the subject of the Coffee Shop, our stalwart band of volunteers who run it is ever diminishing in number and *WE REALLY DO NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS*. If you could spare a couple of hours every 3 or 4 months to make cakes and serve the tea and coffee, I am sure you will find it very rewarding and sometimes great fun! *PLEASE HELP IF YOU CAN!*

SCARECROW FESTIVAL AND OPEN GARDENS

As many of you are aware, the annual

Scarecrow Festival and Open Gardens Weekend is arranged by the Village Hall Committee of Trustees. Money is raised for the hall, but it also gives



other village organisations and national charities the opportunity to raise fund for themselves too. What is more it is a great community event on the village's annual calendar.

This year it will take place on *Saturday and Sunday* 22nd and 23rd *June* and the theme will be 'MUSIC

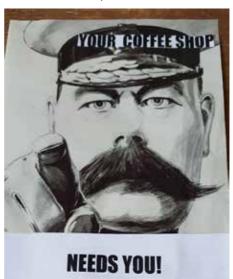


and RHYME'. If you would be willing to open your garden or help during the weekend, please let me or one of

the Village Hall trustees know.

Your help would be very much appreciated.

CHRIS MUNSEY, CHAIR VHMC



If you can help please phone 850424

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LILIAN DOREEN MORELAND 1ST MARCH 1919—1ST FEBRUARY 2019



Regrettably, Doreen did not make her century—we are sure she would be very disappointed having cheered on lots of cricketing centuries here in Syresham and on TV over the years!

She gave up her battle with old age and dementia in the lovely comfort of Juniper House, Brackley where she spent her last week. In the last two to three years, life became a burden and she eventually spent a year at Ridgway House

in Towcester, where she was supported with loving care. However a fall just before Christmas meant she needed surgery at Northampton General Hospital.

Doreen was born in Ystrad Mynach, a coal mining village near Caerphilly, Glamorgan, South Wales into a large working class family (she was one of six children), where she passed her 11+ equivalent but was never able to take up a place as the family could not afford further school. She spent several years in service, first in London, then Wolverhampton and later in Crewe.

She worked at the Ever Ready Factory making batteries, and in the Second World War she worked on wings for Spitfire aircraft. She was for many years employed in the kitchens and canteen at British Rail Engineering works in Crewe. She also worked in a local newsagent shop. Doreen had a wide circle of friends in Crewe where she enjoyed many darts matches (often abroad), and social gatherings.

Moving to Syresham in the early Eighties with her beloved husband Tom, she became a very popular and regular baby-sitter, assembled mailshots for Malcolm Orr-Ewing; and did housework and ironing for several villagers. She and Tom were involved with the village Bowls Club, Friendship Club, and she attended the History Society, and for some years worshipped at St James Church.

Her quality of life deteriorated as dementia took over, yet she was loved by many friends and neighbours as well as carers and of course the family—including grandchildren David and Jane and great granddaughters, Effie and Beau.

We would like to thank those who have expressed condolences. Details of funeral arrangements will be published in the shop in due course.

CHRIS & IAN DRAPER.

PIMLICO LIGHT RAILWAY

I start by thanking everyone from the village who attended one of our six running sessions last year for coming and do come again this year. We are hoping for a better start in April on the 28th, as last year it seemed to catch everyone unawares and numbers attending were very low. Then we had to cancel the running session in

August as it was pouring with rain despite the long hot summer!

There is now an adult membership of 26, six members are 16+ and in Education, there are six junior members below the age of 16 (who when 16 can drive for the public!) and 10 Associate Members. Half of the takings from the rides and the refreshments we send to our chosen

charity, www.sendacow.org the total amount raised in 2018 was £518.77.

In 2019 we are running on the 4th Sunday in the months of April to September inclusive from 3 - 5 p.m. (April 28th, May 26th, June 23rd, July 28th, August 25th and September 22rd) The cost of rides is £2 for three rides and a single ride is £1. Refreshments - a key part of the afternoon's experience, will be available.

The Light Railway is staffed entirely by the club members who are the drivers and man the station and track as well as set up and pack away before and after every event. Members' wives and mothers provide the refreshments.

MARTIN BROWN (CHAIRMAN PIMLICO LIGHT RAILWAY LTD.)

PARCEL DELIVERIES

A recent complaint from a local resident to the Royal Mail Office in Brackley about parcels being taken in at the Village Post Office and then in



some instances delivered by me often at very unsocial hours, meant the Manager no longer allows parcels to

be left here when being delivered.

If you wish to have parcels left here for collection, please put a signed note on your door "If not in, please take all parcels to the Village Post Office".

For online ordering when you are not sure you will be in for delivery, please put 30 High Street, SYRESHAM NN13 5HL as the alternative delivery address, when placing your order.

This way you can avoid having to drive to Brackley to collect parcels.

Ruth Grovell







Our December meeting took the form of a lunch at Wilton Locks Garden Centre giving everyone a chance to finish off that last little bit Christmas shopping.





Calling all local heroes!

Are you handy with a screwdriver? A dab-hand at painting? Good for a bit of heavy lifting? Or like a spot of gardening?

THEN PLEASE DO JOIN US AT SYRESHAM SCHOOL FOR THE BIG SPRINGTIME DIY & TIDY-UP.

(Even if it's just for an hour or two)

For further information or to pledge your support please contac Caroline Ferguson 07718976221



CAKE, HOT FOOD & DRINK ON TAP ALL DAY

January saw 17 of us watching an excellent film about a group of allotment holders – very enjoyable. February sees us on a snowdrop walk at Evenley Wood Gardens.

Our programme is finalised for the year and we do welcome new members. If you are interested in the walk please contact Chris Munsey.

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Parish Council wishes all residents of the parish a belated but heartfelt Happy New Year!



It is a new year that promises to be busy

and exciting from the Parish Council's point of view. In addition to all the normal and statutory work we carry out during the course of the year we also have two interesting large projects that we will be concentrating on.

The first is our street lighting project. The village has already been consulted on this topic by means of a questionnaire. Now we are moving forward and we are looking at various options for replacing the street lights throughout the village. This is something that has been on the agenda for some time, and we have now been informed that the fittings for our present lights will become obsolete in less than three years and we need to resolve this

issue. We could of course obtain and stockpile fittings, but the Parish Council considers that to be a short-term solution and replacement of the lights is the better option. We will keep the parish informed as we move forward on this.

The second project is the replacement of some of the items of play equipment in the Swingfield.

Our annual inspection by ROSPA highlighted that some of the wooden posts are beginning to show signs of rotting beneath the ground surface. The Parish Council is monitoring this situation very,

very carefully and there is no risk posed at present.

However, again the Council feels that replacement as soon as possible is the best option and we are consulting with various manufacturers and advisors in order to do this. We hope to provide some interesting new play items and we intend to consult with the children of the school to get their ideas and opinions – they are, after all, the users!

Both of the above projects of course have quite large financial implications. The Parish Council has taken account of that in this year's budget. We will, however, also be looking at various sources of grant funding. We are also very conscious that we live in a very rural environment and we are

determined to ensure that all replacements of both street lights and play equipment continue to fit into, or even enhance, that environment.

The Parish Council will be organising the village's Annual Litterpick on Friday and Saturday 29th and 30th March. Please take part if you can, as the more volunteers we have the easier the task becomes for everyone. All equipment needed is supplied by the Parish Council.

Finally, just a reminder to residents



that all highway issues, such as overhanging trees and hedges, damaged pavements and potholes, blocked

footpaths, broken drains, damaged signs – to name but a few issues - should be reported directly to the Northamptonshire Street Doctor at http://

www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/en/ councilservices/Transport/roads/ StreetDoctor/Pages/Step1.aspx as well as the Parish Clerk at parishclerk@syresham.com

Hopefully this will serve to 'get the ball rolling' sooner and the issue dealt with more promptly.

Cllr C Munsey

FROM OUR MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT

I was delighted in January to officially launch the construction of the new Brackley



Medical Centre. It is a fantastic

project that will deliver huge benefits for the residents of Brackley and the surrounding area, including Syresham, villagers in serving registered patients at GPs Towcester, Silverstone, Banbury, Middleton Cheney and Bicester, much as the old Brackley Cottage Hospital used to do. Since the closure of the Cottage Hospital, a significant imbalance in provision of community step-down beds had arisen between what is available in the north of the county and what is available here in the south. The new facility will include pharmacy, services, a intermediate 'step-down' care beds, x-ray facilities, a minor injuries unit and other services across three storeys, and will be a huge asset to the town.

You may have read in the papers that I have been continuing to raise concerns about HS2 on behalf of people in Syresham and the wider community. Most recently, I have challenged Mark Thurston, HS2 Ltd's Chief Executive, over his comments that, in order for the project to remain on time and on budget, the number of trains per hour may have to reduced and the speed of the line lowered. Clearly, this is not what was approved by the Commons when HS2 was voted through, and I am pressing him for clear answers on behalf of local taxpayers. At time of writing the former Chairman of HS2 Ltd, Terry Morgan, has just appeared before the House of Lords Economic Affairs Committee and has made a number of alarming comments, including that the link to Euston may have to be delayed and that HS2 Ltd may have to look at scaling back the entire project. I am looking into this as a priority matter, and will report back via my website in the usual way. Read my latest update here: https://www.andrealeadsom.com/news/2019011/hs2-concerns

We're also celebrating a number of local businesses which have qualified of for the regional finals the Countryside Alliance's Rural Oscars. These include Brackley Butchers, the New Inn in Abthorpe, Sulgrave Village Shop and Post Office, and Pastures Poultry Farm Shop and Café in Yardley Hastings. If you get the chance, do stop by the contenders and wish them luck and offer your support; I am sure it would be well received. Find out more Rural about the Oscars:

https:// www.andrealeadsom.com/ news/20190127/rural-oscars

Finally, on the big issue of Brexit, which I know will be of interest to many people in the community, I would like to reassure you that am absolutely committed to delivering on the result of the June 2016 referendum, and ensuring that we leave the EU. Given how rapidly events are moving in Westminster as we approach the 29th March, keep following my website updates. If you have any specific concerns or questions, do touch get in

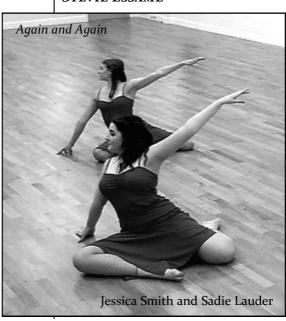
(andrea.leadsom.mp@parliament.uk or 01327 353124); I am holding a series of public meetings in the coming weeks to hear directly from residents, and will be uploading videos to the website for those unable to attend.

RT HON ANDREA LEADSOM MP

JUST DANCE 2018

The Sylvie Essame School of Dance had their annual showcase in the Village Hall on November 24th. There were two shows during which a wide variety of dance styles - modern theatre, tap, contemporary, ballet and ballroom - were performed by the school, with guests from Brackley Ballet School and Step By Step Dance. The school was delighted to have raised £380 for the village hall and a further £128 for Katharine House Hospice from the raffle.

SYLVIE ESSAME





THE FRIENDS OF SYRESHAM SCHOOL have had a successful end of year fundraising effort and we are busy planning for the year ahead.

On 24th November we held our annual Christmas Fayre— a hugely successful day with children enjoying their visit to Father Christmas in his grotto and grown-ups buying some gifts at our amazing choice of stalls. Teas and coffees were available with some scrumptious homemade cakes in the tea room and mulled wine and sparkling wine flowed at the bar! A big thanks, as always, to everyone who came and helped to make it such an enjoyable and successful occasion.

This year the Friends chose to donate some of its Christmas Fayre takings to a charity close to the heart of the Blue committee: Skye Thinking, which supports research into treatment of childhood brain tumours. Between the school and the Friends. it raised £200 which purchased two 'cogs' in the interactive art installation at the John Radcliffe more hospital. You can see information about the charity and 'cogs' on www.loomstallation.com.

In addition to this, the Friends managed to raise the magnificent sum of £1972.03 for the school with match funding from Barclays Bank of £500. An incredible achievement from all involved!

On 11th and 12th December the children performed their nativity in the

church. It was a sell out for both performances!

Thank you to those who bought raffle tickets for Christmas Hampers before each performance and enjoyed teas, coffees and mince pies afterwards. Donations to refreshments and the raffle totalled a fantastic £278.20.

Looking forward to 2019 – we have several other events in the calendar.

Following the huge success of our Syresham School DIY SOS in March 2018, where much of the school grounds and outdoor nursery area were totally transformed, thanks to the hard work and determination of parents, teachers and members of the local community, we would very much like to make this an annual event (although perhaps not on quite such an epic scale as before, and not quite as many sheds to shift!)

Last year really did highlight how much can be achieved in a relatively small amount of time with enough willingness and bodies behind it. An annual tidy up and general TLC of the school grounds to make ready for the summer months, so that the children can fully utilise all the outdoors areas, does make a significant difference to their learning and overall experience in school. As ever we would all be extremely grateful of any additional help we receive from the wider community!

CAN YOU HELP?

Are you handy with a screwdriver or saw?

A dab-hand at painting? Good for a bit of heavy lifting? Or like a spot of gardening? THEN PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR SPRING TIDY UP—SATURDAY 23RD MARCH 2019 9.30AM - 5PM

(Bacon butties for early birds, soup and sausage rolls, tea/coffee and cake on tap all day for workers).

For further information please contact Caroline Ferguson on 07718-976221 caroline.ferguson280@gmail.com or via our Facebook page @thefriendsofsyreshamschool

OTHER DATES FOR THE DIARY INCLUDE:

- ◆ 1ST MARCH 2019 FIZZ AND QUIZ Ladies Night at Syresham Village Hall. Doors open 7.30pm – First question 8pm ** ALL WELCOME **
- ♦ 6TH MAY 2019 MAY DAY FETE at Syresham School, 2-4pm.
- ◆ 6TH JULY 2019 SUMMER BALL (early bird tickets will be available soon and will be on sale until the Easter weekend)

ILSE BERRY, Committee Member

SYRESHAM WESLEYAN CHAPEL



Having read the following words on the first day of this year I felt it would be good to share them. Henry James was talking about writing to other writers

when he said: 'We work in the dark, we do what we can, and we give what we have. Our doubt is our passion and our passion is our task.'

But given how our best efforts at doing good often work out in such surprising ways, with results we could never have anticipated when we first began, he might as well have been talking about the life of faith and service. His one complaint was that writers spend their lives perfecting their art, but sadly, they have no second time around to put what they learned into practice. For those of us working in the dark of this world, doing what we can, giving what we have, there is, thankfully, another life waiting where we will understand more clearly, and more joyfully, how it all worked out.

Shortly before Christmas, in conjunction with Cathy's office, we asked everyone to donate coats for the homeless.

We thank everyone who joined us in this project and took 12 black sacks and many boxes to The Hope Centre in Northampton. Whilst we were there we asked if there were any other items they needed – hats, scarves and gloves. We have ladies already busy knitting and if anyone else would like to contribute, Rosemary Whitehead has copied patterns and we hope to deliver these sometime in February.

We had a very busy all age craft afternoon with four year to ninety year olds taking part but the most enthusiastic were some gentlemen who really entered into it, so hopefully another one is planned before Easter.

Our Christmas services were really well attended and we thank everyone who took part decorating trees etc.

It was great to enjoy each other's company and we are now looking ahead to planning our Easter services.

Parents and children are invited to join us at Breakfast Church the next one is February 10th 9.30.a.m. in the Sunday school.

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Interregnum Update

The post of Rector of the Astwell Benefice (Helmdon, Whitfield, Lois Weedon with

Radstone, Syresham and Weston, Wappenham) was advertised in the Church Times and on its website in November 2018. Sadly there were no applicants this time around but this was also the situation in 2013 when we last advertised the position. The advertisement will run again, slightly adapted, in February. Last time we had uptake from the second advertisement. So let us hope this will be the case again in 2019.

There is some local competition with five current vacancies in the Brackley Deanery. Kings Sutton and Brackley have had applicants and Aynho has filled its vacancy.

Meanwhile our Church has not rested due to the lack of a Rector. Visiting priests have helped with Communion services and we have had 'Communion by Extension' with pre-consecrated wine. Alice continues to lead our lay-led services. The Church was full for two fundraising activities: an Armistice Evening Concert by the Brackley Wind Ensemble with Readings and a Poppy Drop on November 10th and a Christmas Concertos Concert by Fiori Musicali on December 7th. Our Christingle service returned to its traditional slot on Christmas Eve and was well supported with 300 in attendance, enabling us to send over £300 to the Children's Society. Let's hope this date is now firmly established so that families can enjoy Christmas in our church. Carol

services, 'Midnight' Mass and Christmas Day services were also well supported.

Going forward, we have continuing Benefice Bingo Evenings. The Syresham heat is on Wednesday Feb 13th 7.30 at the Sports and Social Club. Syresham is currently lying second, behind Helmdon, in the Inter-Village Quiz. Further rounds are at Lois Weedon on February 16th and Helmdon on March 16th. As well as the Village Teams, the audience can form itself into teams, take part and win prizes!

In Syresham, the Friends of St James are planning a Medieval Banquet in Church in March. Again, if anyone needs a priest or would like a visit during the interregnum, please feel free to contact me.

MALCOLM ORR-EWING. CHURCHWARDEN- 01280 850218



FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Our last meeting of the year was held on December 4th when we were pleased to welcome children from the School singing to us followed by a talk from Chris Bazeley on Christmas Customs which provoked lots of questions.

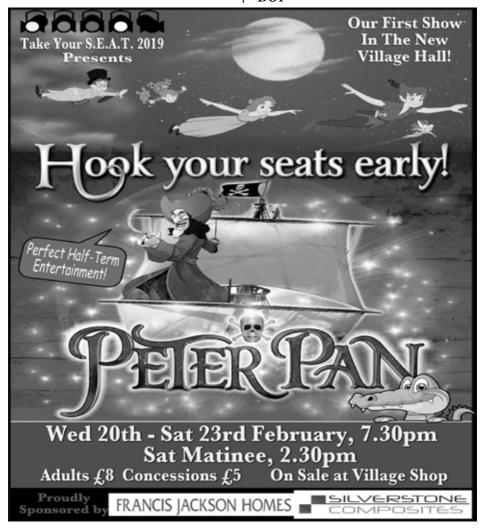
We started the New Year on 5th January with a lovely meal prepared and cooked by Sarah and served by her helpers.

Soup lunches are held once a fortnight in the Sunday School the next one is on 12th February.

Our meetings in the Hall will start in April with lunch followed by the A.G.M. Our new programme will be available at this meeting.

New members are always welcome.

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Events and Diary Dates										
Happening Soon	WEEKLY DIARY	FORTNIGHTLY DIARY								
FEBRUARY	SUNDAYS:- Chapel Service 6.00 p.m.	THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB 2nd Tuesday, usually Village Hall 2.30 p.m. not August- beginning in April								
20TH TO 23RD—TAKE YOUR SEAT PANTOMIME	Church Services—please check the Astwell Benefice Diary	TUESDAYS (ALTERNATE) — Armchair Keep fit								
27TH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, Village Hall 7.30	MONDAYS:- Walking Group 10.00 a.m. meet at the Shop	WEDNESDAYS (1ST & 3RD) Secret Keepers, 7-11 yr. olds 7.00 p.m. till 8.00 p.m. Term time only								
	CARD RECYCLING GROUP contact Sue Palmer for details	MONTHLY DIARY								
	DANCING CLASSES Village Hall— various 5.00 to 7.30 p.m.	2ND SUNDAY , Sunday School & Breakfast Church 9.30 a.m.—Not December								
	TUESDAYS:- HATHA YOGA 9.00 till 10.30a.m. ADULT BALLET, 11.00 a.m. to 12.00 Village Hall,	2ND SUNDAY —Sports Club Carvery lunch 12.00 noon till 2.00 p.m.								
Максн	PILATES Village Hall, 12.00 noon to 1.00 p.m. 7.30 to 9.00 TAEKWON-DO 7.30 to 9.00 p.m.	3RD TUESDAY, Gardening Club, Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.								
1ST LADIES FIZZ AND QUIZ NIGHT VILLAGE HALL 7.300P.M.	BROWNIES, 6.00 till 7.15p.m. Sunday School Term time only	IST WEDNESDAY History Society, Village Hall 7.30 p.m.								
23RD SCHOOL WORKING PARTY	CRAFTS GROUP, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Tuesday, Sunday School, 7.30 p.m.	2ND WEDNESDAY GEMS Women's Group, Village Hall 7.30								
27TH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, VILLAGE	CIRCUIT TRAINING, Sports Club 7.15 p.m.	3RD WEDNESDAY Sports Club Cash Bingo Night, 7.30 p.m.								
30TH CHURCH MEDIEVAL BANQUET 7.30	WEDNESDAYS:- Mums and Tots, Village Hall 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon Term Time only	LAST WEDNESDAY, Parish Council Meetings , Village Hall 7.30 p.m.								
April	THURSDAYS:- Village Hall Coffee Shop, 10.30 a.m 12.30 p.m.	LAST THURSDAY, Church 200 club at the VH coffee morning								
	BOWLS CLUB, Village Hall, 7.00 p.m.	3RD OR 4TH FRIDAY, Sports Club Quiz Nights								
24TH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, VILLAGE HALL, 7.30	SPORTS CLUB—CRICKET MATCHES IN SEASON	2ND SATURDAY , Friends of the Churchyard, 10.00 a.m.								

Crossword—thanks to Vintage Port

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ACROSS

- 1 Achievers rest on these (7)
- 5 Feeble Minded (5)
- 8 I see. (Latin) (5)
- 9 Richly flavoured dish (7)
- 10 State of inactivity (8)
- 11 Express disapproval(4)
- 13 Foolish Person (6)
- 15 Strongly oxidising acid (6)
- 18 Edge of a cup (4)
- 19 Fragrant (8)
- 22 Thick red spicy sauce (7)
- 23 Prohibited (5)
- 24 Long narrow hill-top(5)
- 25 Strives against (7)

DOWN

- 1 Northants 1605 Plotter's lair (7)
- 2 Beneath (5)
- 3 Obsessive self-centredness (8)
- 4 Not plentiful (7)
- 5 Strong linen cloth (4)
- 6 Organism's reaction to a stimulus (7)
- 7 Toys which rise and fall (5)
- 12 Christian hermits (8)
- 14 Infected (7)
- 16 Nest squatters (7)
- 17 Retailer of cloth (6)
- 18 Bread maker (5)
- 20 Pipes (5)
- 21 Clarified butter (4)

ANSWERS—ACROSS; 1 Laurels; 5 Dotty; 8 Video; 9 Anchovy; 10 Dormancy; 11 Hiss; 13 Nitwit; 15 Bromic; 18 Brim; 19 Aromatic: 22 Ketchup; 23 Taboo; 24 Ridge; 25 Resists DOWN—1 Lyveden; 2 Under; 3 Egomania; 4 Scarce; 5 Duck; 6 Tropism; 7 Yo-Yos; 12 Eremites; 14 Tainted; 16 Cuckoos; 17 Draper; 18 Baker; 20 Tubes; 21 Ghee

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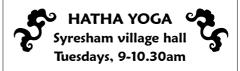
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