



The Syresham Times



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

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The brook at Bell Lane and Wappenham Road

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

What a bumpy ride, as the Queen said about her past year! More like a wet and windy one in recent weeks. And certainly a very bumpy Brexit processes, with the country and politicians so divided and bitter between the political parties. Such a lot of new faces on the green benches of Westminster.

So what has happened in February over the years?

- Feb 8th, 1587 Mary Queen of Scots was beheaded
- Feb 16th, 1659, first ever handwritten cheque used to settle a debt
- Feb 6th, 1783 The death of Lancelot 'Capability' Brown the greatest English landscape gardener
- Feb 1st 1901 Queen Victoria, aged 82, died on Jan 22nd, at Osborne House on the Isle of Wight, - her body was brought to Portsmouth
- Feb 15th 1971 Britain moves to decimal currency
- Feb 11th 1975, Margaret Thatcher, elected the first female leader of the Conservative Party

IAN DRAPER, JANUARY 2020

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GRATEFUL THANKS!

I would just like to say a huge thank you for my amazing 50th Birthday present back in December.



I was so overwhelmed at the huge generosity shown by everyone, and it is very much appreciated!

I really enjoy delivering in Syresham and having a good natter with everyone each morning, so long may it continue!

Thanks again and all the best for 2020!

Best wishes,

POSTIE MIKE



This is a heads up for all budding performers in and around Syresham!

Take Your S.E.A.T. in conjunction with the Village Hall Committee, are putting on Syresham's Got Talent ... because we know Syresham HAS GOT talent!

Take Your S.E.A.T. will build a stage, provide lighting, sound and an audience, but we need about 20 acts to provide the entertainment.

So, if you have ever thought, "I fancy performing in front of an audience", this is your chance!

There will be two shows on a Friday and Saturday evening in early Autumn (Dates to be confirmed – watch out for posters).

You can do anything! Form a band, do stand up comedy, sing us a song, play an instrument, perform a dance routine, a funny poem, perform a short sketch using

people from a society or group you belong to (GEMS? Bowls, Church? Cricket Club?) ... the sky's the limit!

We have to say 'NO' to animal acts due to insurance purposes.

Money raised will go to a charity to be announced soon and also to help run the new Village Hall.

If you are interested, email me Keith Watts on keithwatts55@btinternet.com or text 07831 537717

Go on! ... You know you want to! Contact me now!

KEITH WATTS, SHOW DIRECTOR

SYRESHAM GEMS

Bridget Simms, a dog first aider who is passionate about the physical and mental wellbeing of dogs joined us in November to give



us some pointers in looking after our pets. She concentrated on emergency situations telling us what to look out for in emergency situations showing us how to quickly find an animal's pulse points and to assess situations including when CPR is needed and how to carry out the procedure.

In December we went to The Kings Head for our Christmas Meal. Thank you to everyone who attended for a very enjoyable evening and I would also like to extend our thanks to everyone at the Kings Head for the splendid food presented to us.

We joined with The Syresham & District History Society for our January meeting when we watched the film Stan and Ollie, a film based on the later years of the lives of the comedy double act Laurel and Hardy as they toured the UK. Although some of the audience were surprised by the genre of the film the feed back was very good.

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CARD RECYCLING

Thank you to everyone who donated and bought recycled cards last year.

We raised over £120 - quite a lot of cards at 5 for £1!

All the money goes directly through Friends of Bulgaria to disadvantaged children.

If anyone would like to help we meet on Monday afternoons during winter and autumn, at Vine Cottage. **SUE PALMER 850252**

MUMS AND TODDLERS GROUP

As a new parent nearly 8 years ago, I was looking for somewhere I could go with my son so that I could meet other local parents and he could meet other children. With the encouragement of a friend I took the daunting steps into Syresham village hall to the weekly Mums and Tots gathering. I say daunting, looking back although I was nervous not really knowing anyone, it was one of the best decisions I made as a new mother!

At the end of this school year I will



have been visiting Syresham Mums & Tots for 8 years! Wednesday mornings with other parents, grandparents and carers has been a firm fixture for me and firstly our son and now our daughter. Great friends have been made by all of us, even though we are not from the village!

As well as a chance to meet other parents, children from new-born to pre-schoolers have the opportunity to play with new toys, scoot around the hall on cars and have a go at a crafty activity.

Over our time we have made space rockets, very hungry caterpillars,



rainbow rice shakers, Easter baskets, fruit kebabs and decorated biscuits to name but a few.

In the Christmas term we made Christmas cards, had a visit from the Spotted Chicken to paint pottery, had a taster session from Cha Cha Chimps, planted bulbs, made key rings and had a trip out to visit Father Christmas!

This parent run group, runs during



term time on Wednesday mornings from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the village hall with a snack and a drink for the children.

All are

welcome, please come along and join in the play whilst taking the chance to have a hot cup of tea or coffee! **KATY**

COLES

ST JAMES INTERREGNUM UPDATE

On 8th January we interviewed the applicant who had come forward to be Rector of the Astwell Benefice (Syresham, Helmdon, Lois Weedon, Wappenham, Whitfield and Radstone). The interview panel comprised two representatives from each parish, the patrons (from Oxford colleges), the Lay Chair of the Brackley Deanery, the newly appointed Rural Dean, and the day was chaired by the Archdeacon of Northampton, the Venerable Richard Ormston.

The venue was Wappenham Village Hall. The candidate and his wife were very pleasant, but unfortunately we did not feel quite confident enough to be able to offer him the position. Thus

the post will have to be re-advertised, although the Archdeacon did say that he had two curates, who were about to complete their curacies, one or other of whom might be interested in our Benefice.

In the meantime we have been blessed with a number of excellent visiting clergy, not least the former Suffragan Bishop of Ramsbury, the Very Reverend Edward Condry, who took our Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve. We are very grateful to Alice and Wiggly Smith who have led services and we enjoyed a talk on *The Camino* (the



Pilgrims' Path to Santiago de Compostela in Spain) from Martin Brown, who had recently completed the pilgrimage. We had a

successful Autumn Concert with the Brackley Wind Ensemble in November and our St Nicholas Fair on 7th December raised over £800 for church funds. Our thanks to Brenda Faragher for chairing the Fair committee. Going forward we have the Benefice quiz in Helmdon Reading Room on Saturday 21st March and the Church Fete will be held this year at the Priory on Saturday May 30th.

A **FOOD CHALLENGE CONTEST** is due to be held at **HELMDON ON FRIDAY 22ND MAY** at which William Sitwell, the well known food writer, will talk and judge the *Best Starters* and the *Best Desserts* submitted by members of the Benefice.

MALCOLM ORR-EWING.
CHURCHWARDEN

LETTER FROM AMERICA:- SYRESHAM MEMORIES

KATHY FESTIN



I became a Syresham resident in February 1967. My husband at the time was in the United States Air Force, stationed at RAF Upper Heyford. We rented a flat in The Gate House for two years. At the time it was divided into nine flats and all but two were occupied by American GIs. Beatrice Hulme, who I understood had once owned the House, lived in the flat below us. It didn't take long to fall in love with the village and its people. It was charming and the people were all very friendly. The pace of life seemed so much more relaxed. I remarked to my husband when I turned on the faucet (tap) in the kitchen, "Even the water runs slower here."

I have so many treasured memories of The Gate House and the village. I remember milk being delivered every day either in pints or half-pints. You'd set a little dial on the porch post to tell the milkman how much to leave. Sometimes, the neighbourhood children would come by to visit and play with the dial....you'd either get much more milk than you needed or maybe none at all!



I remember the excitement when the travelling carnival would come to town for its annual visit. One year, my sister was visiting and went with us to the carnival. The next year, one of the traveling carnival women asked where my sister was. I was amazed that she remembered!

I remember Ruth's Shop and the post office. I still love visiting Ruth's Shop when I come back to Syresham. There was a small grocery shop on Broad Street just across from the driving entrance to the Gate House. I think it was referred to as Mrs. Everill's Shop. That's where I met Rob Green who worked there. We used to tease each other when I'd ask in my best English accent for "po-tah-tos" and



George Summers and Rob Green

he'd reply, "You mean spuds?".

I remember buying 3-penny ice lollies at the shop. George Summers also became a good friend. He worked caring for the lovely gardens at The Gate House and loved to tease.

Archer's had a shop on High Street and Mrs. Archer would arrange all sorts of services on a regular schedule....a beautician, dry cleaning and shoe repair pickup among other things.

My father, mother, sister and two cousins came for a visit and our Gate House flat wasn't big enough for all of them to sleep. I asked Mrs. Archer if she knew anyone in the village who might have a place for three young girls to sleep. She said she might know someone and she'd ask them. Thus began a lasting friendship with Ivy Holyoake that has continued through Derek and Jean and now their son, Gary. Ivy was very kind to the girls and provided a comfortable, sunny bedroom for them.

When our son, Scott, was born she became his English grandmother which was such a blessing as our families were so far away! Many years later when Scott, nine months old when we left, and I returned for a visit he said as we walked around the village, "I don't really remember it, but it feels familiar."

I treasure my memories of Syresham and her people. Thank you all for my "old" memories and "new" ones as I've come back to visit.

Many thanks to Kathy for sharing these fond memories of Syresham with us—we look forward to your next visit, Does anyone else want to share their memories? Editor



SYRESHAM BROWNIES GROUP

This term we have set off following some of the new Brownie Guide

Programme. The programme is designed to develop the girls for the future!

We have already thought about looking after our feet and the leaders gave the girls a pedicure and then they had their toe nails painted and in a few weeks we will be thinking about the importance of a good nights sleep and how to get into a good routine for bedtime.

The girls are hosting a **Curry Night on Wednesday 4th March in the Sunday School, 5.30pm - 8.00pm in aid of Katharine House Hospice.** A range of authentic curry, rice and naan will be served. Posters to advertise are being made as this goes to press!

The Brownies are also hoping that we will go the to the pool at Towcester one evening for the waves and flume session and Wendy the helper is too as she loves it!

As the Spring arrives we hope to be able to get outside and explore and use maps and compasses to locate different places around the village.

If anyone has a special hobby or interest that they would like to share with the pack, please do contact me.

WOL (01280) 850382



COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH PROGRAMME

More than 770 volunteers across Northamptonshire have been helping to improve road safety taking part in the 2019 Community Speed Watch programme. The volunteers from 62 Speed Watch groups gave up their spare time to work alongside the Northamptonshire Safer Roads Alliance to reduce speeding across the county.

Community Speed Watch is an initiative using fully trained residents with speed detection devices to monitor vehicles travelling through their towns and villages on roads with limits of 20, 30 and 40mph.

Warning letters are sent to the registered keeper of any vehicle caught exceeding the speed limit, which aims to increase awareness of the dangers of speeding and encourage drivers to reduce their speed.

The drivers' details are held on record to repeat offenders and anyone caught exceeding the speed limits more than twice can expect a visit from the police as well as targeted enforcement.

Between April and November, a total of 686 Community Speed Watch sessions were carried out by the groups, resulting in 4,875 warning letters being issued.

Safer Roads Operations Manager at Northamptonshire Police, Matthew O'Connell, said: "Our volunteers are

passionate about improving road safety within local communities, and their dedication and commitment makes a real difference.

"Wind, rain or shine, they do a fantastic job not only providing invaluable data but also helping to raise awareness of the dangers of speeding and educating drivers on the importance of sticking to the speed limit.

"We are very grateful for all their efforts throughout this year, and we would like to thank them for the significant level of commitment they have made to the Force through their volunteering."



Speeding, along with drink/drug driving, seatbelt and mobile phone use, makes up the fatal four offences, which are often recorded as a contributory factors in road collisions in the county.

In 2018, there were 31 deaths on the county's roads. Some 257 were seriously injured and 1,172 sustained slight injuries in road collisions. However, despite this, road safety in Northamptonshire has improved significantly over the last 20 years.

The Northamptonshire Safer Roads Alliance (NSRA) brings together key partnerships with members of the public on such initiatives to help improve road safety across the county.

Chair of NSRA, Chief Superintendent Mick Stamper, said: "Our main priority is to reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured on our roads

by clamping down on the fatal four offences.

“Speed is often recorded as a contributory factor in collisions, and it not only increases the risk of serious injury and fatalities on our roads, but is one of the most common concerns in communities.

Set up last November, the Northamptonshire Safer Roads Alliance is a partnership between the Force, Northamptonshire Fire & Rescue Service, The Office of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner and Northamptonshire Highways, which represents the County Council.

If you're interested in becoming a Community Speed Watch volunteer, please visit www.northants.police.uk/CSW for more information.

In order to set up a speed watch programme in Syresham 10 volunteers would need to come forward as well as someone to coordinate the programme in the village. So that we can get an idea of the number of potential volunteers, if you are interested, please contact the Parish Clerk 01280 851178 parishclerk@syresham.com

SAMANTHA HOSKING, PARISH CLERK

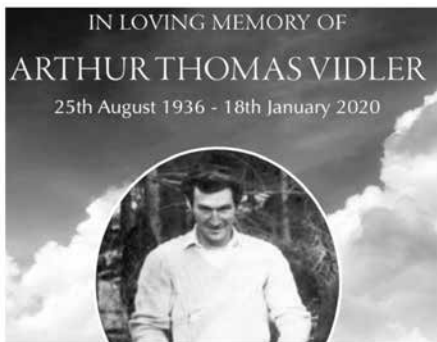
ARTHUR VIDLER 1936-2020

Arthur was born in Greenwich, South East London. He was evacuated to Syresham with his mother during the war to join his siblings who were already here. After the war the family settled in Syresham and Arthur went to the village school and then worked for the forestry commission, until

national service came along and he joined the Life Guards. He spent most of his service in Egypt during the Suez crisis.

Arthur then worked at General Foods, Banbury until retirement but always retained his love of being outside and he spent a lot of his time with his dog, which he loved.

He was a much loved member of his family who knew him to be a kind and generous brother. **SHIRLEY DAVIS**



It's election time at Syresham Parish Council!

Expressions of interest are welcomed from anyone who is over 18 years old.

As a councillor representing your community you can help keep it a great place to live and work.

You will be supported in your role and will be expected to undertake training. You should be comfortable working electronically. You should have a positive outlook and a can-do attitude and be willing to work as part of a team.

If you are interested in joining the council please contact the Clerk Samantha Hosking for more information at parishclerk@syresham.com or 01280 851178.

If you care about your community and would like to help make a real difference then why not

Become a Parish Councillor!

Elections will be held on 7th May 2020

Applications must be submitted by 8th April 2020



SYRESHAM CE ST JAMES SCHOOL

I am pleased to say that the children at Syresham School and Nursery continue to flourish.

The number of children in the Nursery setting is growing every week with 25 children currently accessing our nursery provision with 6 members of staff covering the week.

So much has been the demand that we have now extended the nursery day from 8 O'clock in the morning to 6 O'clock at night. This wrap around care is also available for the children in school, a service that many parents have welcomed to help support working families. Such is the demand that we are looking for another member of staff to support the running of the nursery. If you are interested or know someone that might be, please contact the school. We are always happy to show new members of the village and prospective parents around our school, so please do get in touch.

MRS CLOUGH, HEADTEACHER

NEWS ABOUT THE NEW UNITARY AUTHORITIES IN THE COUNTY

The piece of legislation Structural Change Order—SCO, that formalises the creation of two unitary authorities in Northamptonshire was laid before the General Election of December 2019. It was considered by the House of Lords

Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee and was noted as an 'instrument of interest' before purdah started. Then the SCO lay dormant whilst there was no Government in place.

Parliament returned from recess on 7th January 2020 after the Christmas break and The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has informed NCC of the next steps for the SCO.

First, the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments needs to be formed – this is a committee of MPs and Lords and this can take a little bit of time. Once the committee is formed it will start to consider statutory instruments – the expectation is that the Northants SCO would be one of the first that they would consider, given when it was laid before Parliament.

Once the Committee has met and considered the SCO, it will publish a report and then the debates can be scheduled in the House of Commons and the House of Lords.

The whole process usually takes 6-8 weeks and this [webpage](#) will be updated as the SCO continues its passage through Parliament.

CLLR IAN MORRIS, NCC

2020 SCARECROW FESTIVAL

WEEKEND OF JUNE 20TH & 21ST

**THE THEME IS
THE WORLD OF BOOKS AND
FILMS**

SYRESHAM SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB



Here is a digest of the many activities and social events available at the Social and Sports Club on a weekly basis. Sign up and join in all sorts of fun activities and events.

FOOTBALL

Our 1st XI play in Division One of the North Bucks and District League and compete in the Division One Challenge Trophy. Whilst having a difficult time in the league we have been faring better in the Challenge Trophy where following a fine 0 -1 win away at Newport Pagnall Athletic First in January we meet Great Horwood Reserves in the semi-final of the competition on the 29th of February at home - KO 1.30pm. Please come along to support.

FORTHCOMING LEAGUE FIXTURES:

8th Feb - Clean Slate (Home)

- KO 2.00pm

15th Feb - Potterspurvy Reserves (Away)

- KO 2.00pm

Interesting in playing? - Please contact Matt Jeskins c/o the Sports & Social Club.

OTHER FOOTBALL

April 5th - Halse United FC vs Laguna FC
KO 1.00pm. U14 and U18s will take on a touring side from Southern California – Bar and food will be available.

CRICKET

Syresham CC run two adult teams playing in the South Northants Premier League and Division 1 on Saturday afternoons.

We offer competitive cricket with an emphasis on enjoying the game, award winning teas, excellent changing facilities and we can all enjoy a drink in the bar on site. There are nets, professional coaching, tours and club socials and players of all ages are welcome. Winter nets start on the 20th of Feb at Stowe School (6.30pm).

If you're interested **Contact Scott Wilson** @SyreshamCricket 07789-920273.

DOMINOES

Our team play in the Brackley & District Domino League. The league starts in September and runs through until May on Monday evenings. New players always welcome, *please contact Lydia Lowe via the Sports & Social Club for more information.*

OTHER CLUB EVENTS

(check with the club for dates & times)

- ⇒ **Monthly Sunday Carveries, 12.00 to 2.00 p.m.**
- ⇒ **International and British Food nights, 7.00 p.m.**
- ⇒ **Quiz Nights, Race Nights and Entertainment**
- ⇒ **Easter related events in April**
- ⇒ **Friday night meat raffle & lots more**

Contact Adam Jeskins 07711-971709 or Sarah Whitehead 07912-784294

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Wednesdays, 26th February; 25th March; 29th April; Annual Parish Council Meeting 13th May; Annual Parish Assembly 20th May; 24th June; 29th July; 26th August; 30th September, 21st October, 25th November, 16th December

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT



How time flies - another Parish Council election is due in May! If you are interested in serving the community as a Parish Councillor, please contact the Parish Clerk who will be able to give you further information and supply you with nomination papers.



Many of you will already have seen that new equipment has been installed by Wicksteed in the Swingfield. This replaces the wooden items that were showing signs of rot and in 2018 were given a future life of just 3 years. We very much hope that the children will now be able to enjoy the exciting new equipment for many years to come.

As we reported last year, it is the intention of the Parish Council to replace the street lighting in the village with more efficient and environmentally friendly LED lights. This is necessitated by the fact that spares for the present equipment will soon become unavailable.

This remains our major project for 2020. We did, in fact, put in what

turned out to be an unsuccessful application for funding from HS2. However, we are now exploring other sources of funding to top up the sums we have already set aside for this project. We hope to have some further positive news in the next edition of the Syresham Times.

We know that many residents enjoy walking to the Pocket Park and it is used by Brownies, Cubs and Scouts, Mums and Tots and the School for leisure and educational purposes. However, it is now looking a bit tired and the Parish Council has devised a programme to spruce it up in 2020.

Any offers of help with this project would be most gratefully received by the Parish Council via the Parish Clerk, whose telephone number is 851178 and email parishclerk@syresham.com We look forward to hearing from you.

CLL R CHRIS MUNSEY

SULGRAVE MANOR – LEARNING ENGAGEMENT VOLUNTEER

Our Learning and Engagement Team delivers learning programmes to approximately 5,000 school children a year, as well as offering family activities during school holidays. We're looking for volunteers to help us bring Sulgrave Manor to life and provide a fun experience for our school and family audiences.



The role is suitable for anyone over the age of 18 with an

interest in history, no experience necessary, all training given. Roles are flexible so you can fit volunteering around your commitments. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Leonie Gardner on education@sulgravemanor.org.uk or call 01295 760205 (option 2).

Find out more about this role at <https://sulgravemanor.org.uk/work-for-us>

If possible, may we also include the above link to our website, where people will be able to download a role profile. If you require any further information please let me know.

LEONIE GARDNER Learning Engagement Officer

JUST DANCE 2019

The Sylvie Essame School of Dance had their annual showcase in the Village Hall, on November 24th.

There were two shows with a wide range of ages, abilities and dance styles - modern theatre, tap, contemporary, ballet and ballroom. There was an enthusiastic response from both audiences. The school was delighted to have raised £440 for the village hall and a further £93 for the Starlight Children's Foundation for terminally ill children



in Northants from the raffle.

Sylvie Essame School of Dance

Brackley, Northants 01280 850293
www.sylvieessame.co.uk

The Village Hall Trustees are very grateful to Sylvie and her students for their excellent regular fund raising. Thank you! Editor.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB



We commenced this year with our New Year Party being well attended and Sarah and her team of helpers providing a lovely meal and excellent service. Entertainment was provided by Lincoln Noel an amazing talented pianist who got everyone toes tapping and provided a wonderful hour of music which passed by too quickly.

Soup lunches are being held in the Sunday school on Tuesdays the 11th February, 10th March and 24th March at 12.30pm.

The Annual Meeting of the Club will be held after a lunch on Wednesday April 15th at 1.p.m. and Club meetings will commence On Tuesday afternoons the first one on April 28th.

We would welcome new friends to join us and for more details please contact Sue (850252) or Dot (850626)



In the last three months the Gardening Club has continued its varied programme of activities and visits. In November, we welcomed Wendy Wesley who demonstrated how to make a Christmas door hanging with a difference. Then we all had a go at making one of our own! Although it was a bit of a squash and a squeeze with 19 people in the meeting room and lots of spruce branches and Christmas decorations, everyone agreed it was huge fun. So much so that Wendy has agreed to come back again in November 2020.

In December we had our annual Christmas lunch. We made a return visit to the Garden Centre at Wilton Locks. The food was good and members had the opportunity to do some Christmas Shopping.

Our first talk of 2020 was by the highly recommended Chris Woods, a Wildlife Photographer, entitled '101 Things You Never Knew About Garden Birds'. Chris's talk was interesting and informative and was illustrated by some fantastic photographs he had taken himself. Do you know the name of the smallest garden bird? The answer is at the end. When the talk and

presentation ended we had the opportunity to purchase some of his pictures and lovely cards and notelets – all half price!

The rest of the programme for 2020 is available if you contact Dot or myself. It contains a film, more exciting talks and some great garden visits.

New members are always welcome. Again please contact either Dot or myself.

CHRIS MUNSEY

Answer – the Goldcrest

A large, black and white poster for the Cinderella pantomime. At the top, a banner reads "TICKETS NOW ON SALE IN VILLAGE SHOP!". Below this is a clock face with a lit candle on top. The word "Cinderella" is written in a large, stylized font. Underneath the title, it says "Take Your S.E.A.T. Panto 2020" and "by Brian Herring & Ian Adams". A glass slipper is shown in the center. The bottom section of the poster lists "5 GREAT SHOWS! at Syresham Village Hall", "Wed 19th Feb - Sat 22nd Feb, 7.30pm", "Sat Matinee 2.30pm", "Adults £8 Concessions £5", and "Perfect Half-Term Entertainment!". At the very bottom, it says "Proudly Sponsored by FRANCIS JACKSON HOMES".



SYRESHAM & DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY

The History Society completed 2019 with the usual Wassail Evening and some excellent musical and comedy

entertainment by Alan Tumber, who came on to Syresham following an afternoon session in Brixworth.

His repertoire was wide and varied, and kept everyone amused.

For the January meeting we joined forces with Gems Women's Group since the 1st Wednesday was New Year's Day. We shared a film evening of Laurel and Hardy.

For February, we are looking forward to Ian Keable, from London with recommendation from John Braybrook to detail the life and work of the 18thC



political cartoonist James Gillray. Our March speaker will be telling us about Churchill's Toy Shop—exploring the secretive and strange arms race between Britain and the Nazis during WW2. Convinced that the path to victory lay in out-gunning the Nazis but faced with limited resources, British weapon manufactures were forced to improvise. To combat the problem, Winston Churchill himself set-up a secret clandestine research institute, dedicated to coming up with super weapons that would give troops the edge in battle.

In April we welcome back Anthony Poulton-Smith who will discuss the

significance of the Watling Street, our local Roman Way.

IAN DRAPER, CHAIRMAN

SYRESHAM CHAPEL

Our Christmas celebrations were extremely busy, a great all age Craft afternoon, lunch, the



Village Carol service (thanks to David for leading this) and carols and cake on Christmas Eve which again proved extremely popular and great to welcome new faces. At breakfast church the children had made a huge model of Bethlehem so this was a focal point during the Christmas season.

We do thank everyone who contributed to our shoe box appeal and it's great to hear details of children being so thrilled with their gifts which to children in this country would seem very mean

Our twinned Church in India contacted us last week to thank us for our latest gift which was used to supply blankets to the old and families with young children.

At present we are looking ahead planning for Easter when we celebrate that Jesus Christ is risen from his death on the cross.

We do thank everyone who leads services for us and it's amazing how so many new friendships arise from these contacts. Our Sunday evening service is held weekly at 6, pm. And everyone is welcome to join us. Dot



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SYRESHAM TIMES SUDOKU PRODUCED BY KEITH FRIDAY

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SUDOKU ANSWERS FEBRUARY 2020

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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. <i>not</i>
11th Friendship Soup Lunch, Sunday School	Church Services — <i>please check the Astwell Benefice Diary</i>	CHAIR PILATES ALTERNATE TUESDAYS, 1.30PM TO 2.30 PM
19th to 22nd —TYS Pantomime, Cinderella	Village Hall Seidokan Martial Arts, 10.00 till 12.00	
	MONDAYS:- Walking Group 10.00a.m. <i>meet at the Village Shop</i>	WEDNESDAYS (1ST & 3RD) Secret Keepers , 7-11 yr. olds 7.00 p.m. till 8.00 p.m. <i>Term time</i>
	CARD RECYCLING GROUP <i>contact</i>	MONTHLY DIARY
26TH FEB PARISH COUNCIL VILLAGE HALL 7.30PM	DANCING CLASSES Village Hall—various 5.00 to 7.30 p.m. TUESDAYS:- ADULT BALLET , 11.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon <i>Village Hall</i> ,	2ND SUNDAY , Sunday School & Breakfast Church 9.30 a.m.— <i>Not Dec</i>
MARCH	PILATES Village Hall, 12.00 noon to 1.00 p.m. YOUTH DANCE, VILLAGE HALL	2ND SUNDAY —Sports Club Carvery lunch 12.00 noon till 2.00 p.m.
10TH, FRIENDSHIP SOUP	TAEKWON-DO 7.30 to 9.00 pm	3RD TUESDAY , Gardening Club, Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.
	BROWNIES , 6.00 till 7.15p.m. Sunday School <i>Term time only</i>	1ST WEDNESDAY History Society, Village Hall 7.30 p.m.
	CRAFTS GROUP , 2nd, 3rd & 4th Tuesday, Sunday School, 7.30	2ND WEDNESDAY GEMS Women's Group, Village Hall 7.30 p.m.
25TH MAR PARISH COUNCIL	CIRCUIT TRAINING , Sports Club 7.15 p.m.	3RD WEDNESDAY Sports Club Cash Bingo 7.30 p.m.
APRIL	WEDNESDAYS:- Mums and Tots, Village Hall 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon <i>Term Time only</i>	LAST WEDNESDAY , Parish Council Meetings , Village Hall 7.30 p.m.
	THURSDAYS:- Village Hall Coffee Shop, 10.30a.m. - 12.30 p.m.	LAST THURSDAY , Church 200 club drawn at the VH coffee morning
28TH FRIENDSHIP CLUB OPENS	BOWLS CLUB , Village Hall, 7.15 pm to 9.15pm	3RD OR 4TH FRIDAY , Sports Club Quiz Nights
29TH APRIL PARISH COUNCIL	SPORTS CLUB CRICKET MATCHES IN SEASON	2ND SATURDAY , Friends of the Churchyard, 10.00 a.m.

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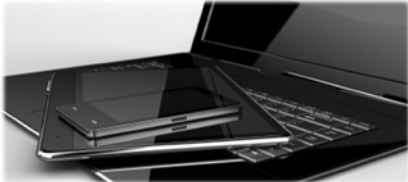
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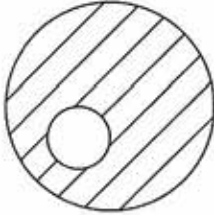
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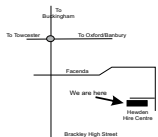


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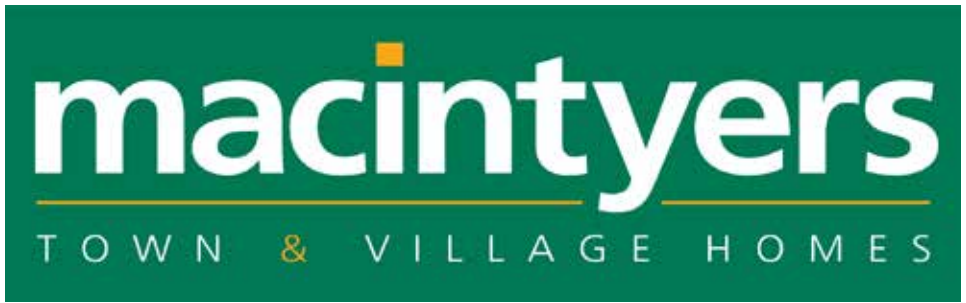
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