



# Syresham Times

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

## Save our Kings Head!

***Campaign Meeting 7.30pm, Friday 8th June—Please  
come and support us—free drinks available!***



**50p (where sold)**

**May 2018**



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

Well the last few months have seen some interesting weather as well as some fascinating changes in the village. The heavy snowfall disrupted village life for a short time and people were unable to get out of their driveways. The country was brought to an abrupt halt—it is strange that we in the UK don't ever seem to be ready and prepared for the winter weather.

And here we are in April leading into May and it is still not really showing signs of spring yet! OK! Hold fire on that, the May Day weekend is lovely and warm and clear blue skies have appeared—did anyone see that coming? It is so unusual too to have a warm sunny weekend for the May Pole Festival.

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

Potholes? Who has seen any work being done on them? A brief almost unnoticed visit saw some of the major problems covered over, but we hope that the finish will be improved and all the many holes will be dealt with soon.

And soon we hope to see the new Village Hall open!

***Ian Draper, May 2018***

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next issue:-  
30th July 2018***

## **SAVE THE KINGS HEAD!**

As most villagers will be aware the current owners of the village pub have decided to sell it. This is potentially great news for the village as it presents an opportunity for the pub to be revitalised.

The Kings Head has the formal status of an “Asset of Community Value”, which gives our community the opportunity to influence its future before it is offered for sale on the open market. Subsequently, a committee has been formed to review the options available to us.



The committee’s preferred option is for a third party to purchase the pub and invest the time and money required to turn it around. The alternative is for the community to buy the pub through a combination of selling shares, benefactors, grants and if necessary a commercial mortgage. This can be done following a well-established and successful formula that pubs in similar situations have implemented. Locally, the Butchers Arms in Greens Norton is an outstanding example of this plan. Share options are expected to start from around £250 to attract a broad range of investors.

Following a community purchase, the intention would be to appoint a professional tenant with the experience and skills to run the pub as a profitable and successful business benefiting the whole community. There are specialist companies set up to do this, such as The Proper Pub Company. This is considered as a better option to the complexities of enlisting a volunteer workforce from the village to operate the pub. Published data shows the success rate of pubs set up on this basis is very good, so we are confident that, with the support of the community, we can do this.

The committee are currently formulating a detailed business plan for presentation at a public meeting to be held in the on 8th June 2018 at 7.30pm, with another meeting the following week (15th June 2018 at 7.30pm) for anyone interested in joining the investment scheme.

### **CAN YOU HELP?**

If you feel able to help in any capacity (financial, professional or simply with time to work on specific projects), please contact the Chairman Peter Town in confidence on 07970-976524, 01280-850622 or via the email address below or in person at the public meeting.

Email address: [savekingsheadpub@gmail.com](mailto:savekingsheadpub@gmail.com)

**Facebook Group:** Save The Kings Head.

*Peter Town, Chairman*

**RON AND JANET COX OF  
CROWFIELD, RECENTLY  
CELEBRATED THEIR 60TH  
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

Janet started working for Mr and Mrs Ruck-Keen as a nanny at Manor Farm Syresham in 1953, while Ron was Living in Long Meadow (next door) working as a farm labourer.

After a short romance they married in Syresham church on the 5th April 1958. A small wedding compared to today's weddings, with the reception in the school, (now class 3/4 ) as no other venues were available. Wedding food was supplied by Mrs Wilks from the Bell Inn and Muriel Wilks made the cake.

They honeymooned in 'The Brackley Hotel' for one night.

Married life began in a caravan on Freddie Cox's farm in Crowfield, and in 1960 they purchased their first house Rose Cottage, Crowfield for £750.

Two daughters later, 3 granddaughters, 4 great granddaughters, and the family is still growing.

Ron & Janet would like to thank everyone for their kind thoughts and generous donations instead of gifts, for their chosen charities:- Katharine House Hospice and Air Ambulance, they raised £410.55.

*Sallie Connery*

Many congratulations to you both! *Ed.*



Here's to 60 more!



**PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL  
MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY 16TH MAY, 7.30 PM.**

**AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

**GUEST SPEAKER TOPICS:-**

***HS2 AND THE IMPLICATIONS FOR  
SYRESHAM AND A43***

***SILVERSTONE CIRCUIT AND BRDC  
DEVELOPMENTS***

## **PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

Last month the Parish Council were very pleased to welcome two new Parish Councillors, Mervyn Williams and Helen McIver. We very much look forward to working with them and we hope that they will enjoy working with us in our efforts to serve the community of Syresham.

As many of you will know, there are strict new rules around protecting the personal data of all individuals that are coming into force on May 25th. This affects all businesses and organisations, including the Parish Council. Three Parish Councillors and the Parish Clerk have now attended a GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) training course so that we can ensure that the Parish Council is compliant by the required date.

You may have seen Parish Councillors out cleaning signs around the village and also taking part in the Village Litter-pick. The latter was originally intended to take place in April, but was *rescheduled for 7<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> May* owing to the inclement weather. If you did not take part in the Litter pick that week, you are still free to do so at your own convenience. The Parish Clerk will give you details on how to obtain litter-pickers, hi-Viz jackets, gloves and sacks.

Following the recent survey on Street Lighting carried out by the Parish Council, it has now been confirmed that the fittings in our present lights will no longer be manufactured and will become obsolete within two years. The Parish Council are therefore consulting with experts and are actively

investigating various lighting systems suitable for a village environment.

All residents are cordially invited to the **Annual Parish Meeting to be held on Wednesday May 16<sup>th</sup> in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.** We will welcome visiting speakers on the developments taking place at Silverstone Circuit and a speaker on the plans for HS2 who will tell us how these will affect us as residents of the parish of Syresham.

If anyone has anything they wish to bring to the attention of the Council, please contact the Parish Clerk on 851178 or [parishclerk@syresham.com](mailto:parishclerk@syresham.com)

***Cllr Christina Munsey***

## **MUMS AND TOTS**

Our art and craft activities have all been linked to flowers this half  term. The children have enjoyed winding wool around tree shapes, scrunching up tissue and sticking them to the tree to look like blossom, creating sun-catchers by painting plates and putting daisies and leaves on sticky plastic, decorating tasty flower biscuits, making May Day garlands and modelling flowers out of clay.

I shall be passing the art and craft apron onto some of the other mums after half term, as a new addition to our family should be arriving soon!

Mums and Tots continues to be a fantastic group where children and mums can all come together and have fun and a chat over a coffee, squash and biscuit. We welcome any newcomers. In July many of the



children will be finishing as they will be going to 'big school' in September. These



children and parents have been coming to Mums and Tots for many years. I want to wish all the children the best in their next new and exciting journey in life

I want to wish all the children the best in their next new and exciting journey in life and thank the mums for all their help supporting the group by setting up with Mrs Palmer and serving refreshments.

**Tina Nesbitt**

*A very big thank you to Tina for keeping the Syresham Times in touch with Mums and Tots! And all the very best with your new baby! Editor*

**Syresham Gems Women's Group**

In March we were very grateful to Ken Maclver from Dogs for Good for stepping in at very short notice and bringing his talk forward a few months when our booked tutor from Camino del Flamenco was unable to join us due to illness.

The charity is celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup>



anniversary this year and we discovered there is much more that it gets involved in these days, hence the

reason for the name change from Dogs for the Disabled to Dogs for Good. As well as supporting disabled adults and children, the dogs can also help children with autism, families and community schools. Ken explained how the dogs are brought up and go through their training – not all the dogs end up being suitable. We watched a number of video clips showing the great work that goes on and raised over £100 for the charity on the night. To find out more visit [www.dogsforgood.org](http://www.dogsforgood.org)

In April Laurin McDonald introduced us to the gentle moving meditation Tai Chi Chih, a series of 19 movements that anyone can do regardless of age or physical ability. Tai Chi helps relax and refresh mind, body and spirit, promoting health and wellbeing. Laurin taught us a few of the movements which all have names, including Daughter on the Mountain Top, Daughter in the Valley, and Around the Platter, most of which involve a gentle rocking backwards and forwards. For more information on classes in the area you can contact Laurin on 07887 404812.

Our May meeting will take place on 9<sup>th</sup> when we will be joined by Brackley based Keith Fraser who will be sharing tales from his career in amateur dramatics and as an extra. We may be in the new Village Hall by then.

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

**Maggie Newton**

**SNOW WHITE AND THE 7 DWARFS  
PRESENTED BY TAKE YOUR  
S.E.A.T.**

As usual the annual Syresham Panto presented by the cast and crew of Take Your S.E.A.T. did not disappoint and provided a jovial evening for everyone of any age to enjoy. With audience participation (and some light-hearted heckling) the cast provided all the classic ingredients of a really good traditional panto: slapstick, wacky costumes, plenty of “he’s behind you” and “boos” for the baddie, and of course the jokes that are so bad they’re even funny.

The imaginations of the audience were stretched a little in accepting the fact that many of the dwarfs were actually 6ft tall. But the actors’ fine Shakespearean acting skills convinced the skeptical audience they were truly seeing mythical dwarfs of their childhood fairy tales!

This year my two daughters found Muddles and Snivels particularly entertaining – Syresham have their very own Ant and Dec!

The quality of the singing was outstanding. Amanda (Wicked Queen) and Nicole (Snow White) have such beautiful, powerful voices, they really raised the hairs on the backs of our

necks (and well done to the dwarfs and other gentlemen of the cast for trying!!).

My daughters and I agree that the funniest parts were the slapstick baking scene and the Morecambe and Wise-esque kitchen scene performed by the daintiest of the dwarves! And poor Flora the Fairy who just couldn’t get her magic right.

We also enjoyed the performances of the terrifyingly good magic mirror and the hapless Prince George who needed the help of everyone else to realise he should be falling in love with Snow White and not the Wicked Queen.

Well done to the fantastic chorus who danced so beautifully, they had obviously put in a great deal of time and practice to be able to perform the dances so well. And I don’t know how they kept a straight face while Mike was singing the Sound of Music.

We waited a long time for any sign of fluffed lines, but thankfully, eventually we were entertained with a few. They do sometimes make for the funniest parts of the show, especially as the cast is very good at ad-libbing and running with any mistake.

I have to make mention of Mike, in my humble opinion he is one of the best pantomime dames in the business (even rivaling the big theatre professionals) - oh yes indeed Nellie! He had more costume changes than Mr Benn and a huge number of lines to remember – as he kept pointing out!

And last but not least a big round of applause goes to all the crew who were working hard behind the scenes

to make everything go so smoothly. The analogy of a swan on water comes to mind - looking so graceful above and paddling frantically under water! The sets, effects and lighting all looked really professional for such a small venue.

Thank you to everyone at Take Your S.E.A.T. for volunteering so much of your time and effort to entertain the folks of Syresham and surrounds. If I haven't mentioned you all, it's only because I don't have enough space, EVERYONE performed wonderfully.

Finally, a goodbye to the old Village Hall that has now seen its last pantomime – it really is so sad to say farewell to a place in which so many happy memories have been made. The Panto team certainly sent it off with a bang.

Can't wait for the next Panto in the new hall!

### ***Sam Hosking & family***

*See stage photos by Keith Watts, centre pages.*

### ***DO YOU HAVE ANY PHOTOS OF THE VILLAGE HALL?***

I am making a documentary about the new village hall growing from an acorn in an empty field from the embers of the present village hall.

To complete it, I need some photos ... or even better, some old videos, 8mm film of any event at the present village hall that has happened from the 60's to present day.

It could be a wedding, dance, meeting, theatrical ... anything!



If anyone has in their attic or tucked away in a drawer, any of the above, I would appreciate the offer to add them to my documentary.

When it is complete, I will put my documentary on You Tube and various social media sites for people to enjoy (ok I will do DVD's too ... but I draw the line at VHS!)

Please contact me if you have any ... and I mean ANY material ... so I can copy it. I will of course return your originals.

Email: [keithwatts55@btinternet.com](mailto:keithwatts55@btinternet.com)  
or ring 850564

***Keith Watts***

## **Remembrance Day Concert and Readings**

***Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November St James  
Syresham***

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





SYRESHAM SCHOOL & NURSERY

# Summer Ball

SYRESHAM VILLAGE HALL SATURDAY 16TH JUNE 2018

7.00 PM | CARRIAGES AT MIDNIGHT | BLACK TIE OR LOUNGE SUIT  
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£35.00 PER TICKET (EARLY BIRD OFFER: BOOK BEFORE 11TH MAY £32.50)

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**Fashion Show**

WEDNESDAY  
**13TH JUNE**  
SYRESHAM CHURCH

FIZZ AND CANAPES 7.30PM  
SHOW STARTS 8.00PM

**TICKETS £7.50**

Available to purchase from  
Sallie Connery, Lisa Dimbleby, Paula Green  
or Ruth at Syresham Post Office.  
CALL 07932 765743 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

**JOINT COMMUNITY CHARITY EVENT**

10% of sales being donated to support Syresham Chapel,  
The Friends of Syresham Church & The Friends of Syresham School

**FRIENDS OF ST JAMES CHURCH:-** Safari Supper—Saturday 19th May 2018 7.00 pm

3-course meal at 3 different venues around Syresham.

Ticket price includes sparkling wine with 1st course—*bring your own drinks for the rest of the evening.*

**Tickets £15:-** book in advance from Antoinette 850060—all proceeds to the Friends of St James

### **NEWS FROM THE CHAPEL**

We were so pleased to welcome over 30 people to our Passover meal on Good Friday and had a tea on Easter Sunday before our evening service.



We are looking to welcoming the President of our denomination on 19<sup>th</sup> May and we are having a wedding reception, with everyone dressed appropriately, and he and his wife as our special guests.

We are so pleased the redecoration of the Sunday School has been completed and are hoping all work will be finished next week.

Breakfast Church still continues to grow and we do welcome parents and children to join us. Secret Keepers still meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays in term time.

At present we are all concerned for Julia, Jason and baby George and are praying for them and trust George will soon improve.



### **FRIENDSHIP CLUB**

Our Annual General Meeting

commenced with a fish and chip lunch followed by the committee being re elected en bloc. We have had 2 meetings both well attended and were pleased to welcome Graham Kinnersley who took us on a musical trip to Blackpool and then a representative from The Hope Centre in Northampton who told us of the excellent work they do to aid people who are homeless. They provide training for people to learn how to recycle old tools, pat testing and a catering business all good things to – put on a C.V.

We welcome anyone who wants to



join us on a Tuesday afternoon.

We had a wonderful speaker in March the head gardener at Thenford who showed us so many pictures as to how the gardens have progressed through the past few years. It was wonderful to see places we had walked around on our visits.

April was our A.G.M. followed by a quiz with John Braybook as question master.

In May we are joining Evenley Gardening Club to walk around Bob Cropley's garden.

## **FROM THE RECTORY**

It has been said that the three things English people love to talk about are “their Weather, their Royal Family and their Church”.



Well given the recent extremes in our weather, no wonder that’s a topic of conversation.

And with Harry and Meghan’s wedding later this month it is only natural that we should be talking about our Royal Family.

So, that just leaves the topic of Church.

I am sure for many it isn’t a subject that is your foremost topic of conversation, but maybe I can persuade you to give it a thought and maybe even a visit?

Because just as Harry and Meghan have given us a fresh perspective on the relevance today of our Royals, maybe a visit to your Parish church might give you a fresh perspective on our relevance today?

So, your conversation starter for ten.....

Did you know that Jesus was never part of the political establishment of his day, nor was he about simply making life better for himself alone?

He was all about creating a community based on the simple principle of love and making sure that the strong care for the weak and that there was justice for all, and peace throughout the world.

And today, as Christians, we try to follow his rule and make all that happen, whether it is locally with our pastoral care and social events or by our campaigning on wider issues for local and national charities?

It is also worth mentioning that in 2017 as a Benefice we were able to raise over £4,000 for charity as well as offering thousands of hours of our time to help local community projects and making sure the homeless of Northampton get one free hot meal every week.

Now if that isn’t something worth talking about, I don’t know what is!

But we would also like everyone in our villages to talk about the constant struggle we have every year to raise the thousands of pounds needed to keep our ancient Church buildings repaired and open for their communities.

And also to mention that as a worshipping community we are duty bound to tithing our own income in fund raising to meet the cost involved in providing a continuity of ministry that means, whether it’s a Sunday service, a Wedding or a Funeral there will be someone on hand day or night to give you what you need from your Church.

Details of all we offer can be found on our website [www.astwellparishes.org.uk](http://www.astwellparishes.org.uk)

**Revd. Carole xx**

The Rector of the Astwell Benefice

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## **HISTORY SOCIETY**

Once again the Syresham and District History Society has a full programme of speakers for the year. We welcomed Professor John Hunter in March to talk to us about forensic archaeology, and learnt a lot about the techniques of identifying how crimes are committed and then solved.

In April we heard from Major David Squibb of the Salvation Army, he told us about the work of the Army as it evolved and the work it currently does in supporting those less well off than the majority.

In May we welcomed 83 year old, retired sailor Bill Davies, a key speaker on behalf of the Mary Rose



Trust. We heard about the French invasion at the time, and subsequent sinking of this favourite vessel of Henry VIII. We will be thinking about an organised visit next year.

This year celebrates the centenary of the award of votes to (some) women, and our June speaker will be from the UK Parliament, to consider the impact of the Suffragette Movement.

Come along on the first Tuesday of the month for an evening of History!

***Ian Draper, Chairman***

## **SYRESHAM SCHOOL**

The warm weather over the bank holiday weekend was



the perfect setting for our May Day

Fete. I was really pleased to be joined by so many children, parents and members of the village as we processed from the church to school, before we crowned Matty and Celia as our May King and Queen. We are very proud to continue the tradition of May Day that has been enjoyed at the school by our children and their parents, aunties, uncles, grandparents and great grandparents.

The Friends of the School worked hard once again to provide a perfect village fete. There were stalls for all to enjoy; with a treasure hunt, coconut shy, splat the rat, face painting, bouncy castle, bottle tombola to name just a few! The bar and BBQ area was a hive of activity all afternoon as children and adults alike went in search of a cold drink or an ice-cream.

The tea room was a popular haven from the sun with tea and cakes to enjoy and all who were there enjoyed listening to The Sasparillas sing during the afternoon. At 3.30 the children took centre stage with their traditional May Pole dancing, joined this year by Nursery who opened proceedings with a short country dance. Congratulations to all of the children who performed so well in the heat and the staff at school who taught them the dances and supported them on the day.

May Day was the first opportunity for the school to show off our new Nursery facility and infant outdoor learning area to the local community. It's hard to believe that this time last year our ideas were only drawn on paper, and

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# May Day Fete 2018



**May King and Queen  
emerging from the Church**



**The 'Royal Party'**

Photographs, Nick Dimbleby

# He's behind you!



**Take Your Seat 2018**



***Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs***



*Thanks to Keith Watts  
for all the fun and the  
lovely pictures!*



## ***OUR NEW VILLAGE HALL***



We will all be very sad to see our old village hall go. It has served the community well and leaves many memories behind - some sad, but mostly very happy ones. We are now - literally - moving on to pastures new. But it is only the field next door! We now look forward to creating more memories in the new hall not only for ourselves but for the generations to come. Please support YOUR new hall.

The new village hall is now nearing completion and should be fully in use by the week beginning Monday 4th June. This fantastic new village venue is available to hire for special events - please contact 01280 851178.

There will be a Grand Opening when the whole village will be able to come along and enjoy a celebratory glass of bubbly with us - date to be announced very soon.



We have over 24 children attending the setting, enjoying the space that the two rooms provide.

Our staff work hard to provide a continuous learning experience for the children both indoors and out on a daily basis. The children are happy and enjoying their time at Nursery!

With the new nursery built, we were left with a lot of work to restore the school grounds and gardens. Despite the disappointment of missing out on the Aviva Community Funding, we did not let this stop us fulfilling our ideas and so with the help and support from The Friends plans were put in place. Sheds have been built, sheds have been shifted, the kitchen pod painstakingly demolished, fences put up, turf (both real and artificial) laid, flower beds created, a whole new learning area built, raised beds made for the revamped kitchen garden, the playground and paths pressure washed... and oh so much "stuff" removed! It's been a whirlwind of activity but I'm sure everyone will agree the results look amazing! None of this would have been possible without the team of people who have volunteered their time free of charge and donated materials as well as the financial support of The Friends to help us achieve our goal. We would like to say an enormous thank you to all the parents, grandparents and members of the village community who have helped along the way, we have been truly overwhelmed by your generosity and the numbers of

volunteers who have turned up, in some frankly diabolical weather conditions! There are too many people involved to thank everybody individually here, however there are a few members of our community that have simply gone "above and beyond", that we feel should receive a special mention ...

So thank you to Stuart Webster and The BTB Contracts Team; Oliver Gregory; Mike Maund; Peter and Liz Townsend; Janet Morley; Steph & Geoff Brackpool ... you have all made a significant and positive difference to the children of Syresham School that will impact upon their lives now and for many years to come.

As a school we continue to grow and evolve thanks to the hard work of all the staff and the continued enthusiasm of the children. With the government focus on standards being high on the educational agenda, we work hard with the children to ensure that they all achieve the best that they can. This is done by providing a curriculum that is purposeful and meaningful to the children, allowing them to work both inside and out, sometimes with their friends, other times as an individual. We pride ourselves on supporting the children to grow an inner confidence that enables them to achieve in all aspects of their life. This term as part of their 'care for the community' topic children will be out and about in the village taking part in litter picks, joining the rota for cleaning the church and helping to run the coffee

shop. Please keep an eye out for them and encourage them in their work!

We are all very lucky to live and work in such a close, friendly and supportive village; who come together at events such as our May Day fete. Events such as this, organised by the 'Friends of the school' with the support of the local community, provide so many 'extras' for the children in our school and community. This year alone, without you, the outdoor learning spaces, play spaces and gardens would not look as they do today. The children would not have new dining tables allowing them to all eat together in the hall and our children wouldn't be as proficient as they are in speaking French.

Today the BBQ was packed away and learning resumes for us at school, but we look forward to joining other village events during the summer months ahead.

**MRS CLOUGH, HEADTEACHER**

**POSTSCRIPT—THE SCHOOL FETE  
ON 7TH MAY RAISED £2,615 FOR  
THE SCHOOL. WELL DONE  
EVERYONE WHO CONTRIBUTED!  
THIS IS A 30% INCREASE ON LAST  
YEAR.**

### **DEFIBRILLATOR IN THE VILLAGE!**

Daily passers-by at the Sunday School cannot fail to have noticed a new innovation in the village—we have a Defibrillator for use in emergency when someone is ill with cardiac problems. The Parish Council was

approached by the East Midlands Ambulance Service to have a defibrillator installed in Syresham, and after a lengthy time finding a suitable location to be central to the bulk of the village, the installation went ahead.

Grateful thanks are due to the Chapel for agreeing to the use of their premises, and also for providing that



little bit of extra light to illuminate the box!

Some training has already been provided for villagers, and further training

on its use can be arranged—please contact the Parish Clerk for dates.

Sudden Cardiac Arrest can happen to anyone at any age. The Department of Health says that just 10% of people survive Sudden Cardiac Arrest, and for every minute wasted the chance of survival falls by 10% from a high of 80% at the moment of the arrest.

**Chain of Survival**— To maximise chance of survival:-

1. Early recognition and call for help
2. Early CPR (resuscitation)
3. Early Defibrillation
4. Early advance life support

In the event that you need to help someone in arrest, or there is potential for the defibrillator to be needed, Call 999 for the Ambulance Service. They will know we have a defibrillator in the village and will give you the code and instructions, and the defibrillator will guide you through its use.—*Editor*

## SOME OF THE UKS RAREST BUTTERFLIES LIVE RIGHT ON OUR DOORSTEP!

The ancient woodlands of the Yardley Whittlewood Ridge in Northamptonshire are home to beautiful and increasingly rare butterflies and moths. Woods near Syresham are part of this and are one of the few areas in the country where the rare Wood White butterfly can be found.



Thanks to a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) and support from Beds & Northants branch of Butterfly Conservation, the Woodland Wings Project in partnership with the Forestry Commission has been launched.

The three year (Nov 2017 – Nov 2020) project will inspire people living near this ancient forest and parkland to care for and protect butterflies like the Wood White, Black Hairstreak and Dingy Skipper, and rare moths including the Heart Moth and False Mocha.

The project will inspire and enable local people to conserve their precious natural heritage, demonstrating that local action can achieve real impact. Through conservation, Woodland Wings will help to ensure current and future generations continue to enjoy the beauty and wonder of these fascinating insects.

These species are all associated with open spaces within woodlands, which require regular maintenance. The project will restore open sunny woodland rides and undertake ditch

and bank management to create a diversity of habitats which will not only enable the target butterflies and moths to thrive, but will also benefit a number of other species, including: Slow-worm, Grass Snake, Common Lizard, Barbastelle Bat and Hazel Dormouse.

Guided woodland walks, practical conservation days, public talks and free training courses will be held throughout the project duration, so members of the public are being invited to get involved. The project is also looking for volunteers to help with surveys and practical work parties.

If you would like more information or to find out how to get involved, please contact:

***Caroline Temple,***

Woodland Wings Project Officer

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Butterfly Conservation, Manor Yard, East Lulworth, Wareham, Dorset BH20 5QP

### **QUIZZES AND RAISING MONEY**

The last quiz night in April, raised £176 for Marie Curie, many thanks to all who took part.

**NEXT QUIZ:-** Friday May 11th, 2018  
Stroke Association and Alzheimer's Society.

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***Sallie Connery***

# Events and Diary Dates

<b>HAPPENING SOON</b>	<b>WEEKLY DIARY</b>	<b>FORTNIGHTLY DIARY</b>
<b>MAY</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> <i>contact Sue Palmer for details</i></p> <p><b>DANCING CLASSES</b> Village Hall— various 6.00 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>THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB</b> Second Tuesdays, usually Village Hall 2.30 p.m. <i>not August—beginning in April</i></p> <p><b>TUESDAYS (ALTERNATE) —</b> <i>Armchair Keep fit</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 style="text-align: center;"><b>MONTHLY DIARY</b></p> <p><b>2ND SUNDAY</b>, Sunday School &amp; Breakfast Church 9.30 a.m.—<i>Not December</i></p> <p><b>2ND SUNDAY</b>—Sports Club Carvery lunch 12.00 noon till 2.00 p.m.</p>
<p><b>16<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY</b>, Village Hall 7.30 P.M.</p> <p><b>19TH FRIENDS OF ST JAMES</b> Safari Supper – £15 Call Antoinette Tel: 850060</p> <p><b>23RD PARISH COUNCIL</b> Annual Meeting, Village Hall 7.30pm</p>	<p><b>PILATES</b> <i>Village Hall</i>, 12.00 noon to 1.00 p.m.</p> <p><b>BROWNIES</b>, 6.00 till 7.15p.m. Sunday School <i>Term time only</i></p> <p><b>CRAFTS GROUP</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>SPORTS CLUB—CRICKET MATCHES IN SEASON</b></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 OR 4TH FRIDAY</b>, Sports Club Quiz Nights</p> <p><b>2ND SATURDAY</b>, Friends of the Churchyard, 10.00 a.m.</p>
<b>JUNE</b>		
<p><b>2<sup>ND</sup> CHURCH FETE</b>, 2.00 TILL 4.00 THE PRIORY</p> <p><b>8TH KINGS HEAD MEETING</b>, 7.30</p> <p><b>13TH SCHOOL FASHION SHOW</b> 7.30 The Church</p> <p><b>17<sup>TH</sup> KINGS HEAD</b> Financial Surgery</p> <p><b>Scarecrows Weekend</b> <b>June 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p><b>Fiori Musicali at The Church</b>, Friday 7th December</p>		

**Crossword —thanks to Vin-**

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**ACROSS**

- 1 Village Scourge (7)
- 5 Problem (5)
- 8 Reasoning (5)
- 9 Intentionally disregards (7)
- 10 Round (8)
- 11 Informal eatery (4)
- 13 Times; lists (6)
- 15 Summer weather (6)
- 18 Dull witted (4)
- 19 Another village scourge (8)
- 22 Affectedly solemn (7)
- 23 In front (5)
- 24 Bitterly pungent (5)
- 25 Hang (7)

**DOWN**

- 1 Norman Tebbit nickname (7)
- 2 Jessica Rabbit's furry friend (5)
- 3 Assimilated (8)
- 4 Stringed instrument (7)
- 5 Syresham Parish has two (4)
- 6 Wounding language (7)
- 7 To happen later (5)
- 12 Via these to the new hall (8)
- 14 Long loaf (7)
- 16 Dwelt (7)
- 17 Places where fowls sleep (6)
- 18 Reddish brown colour (5)
- 20 Receiver of feudal allegiance (5)
- 21 Via this to the new hall (4)

**ANSWERS—ACROSS** 1 Parking; 5 Issue; 8 Logic; 9 Ignore; 10 Circular; 11 Cafe; 13 Tables; 15 Warmer; 18 Slow; 19 Potholes; 22 Pompons; 23 Ahead; 24 Acid; 25 Suspend  
**DOWN**—1 Polcat; 2 Roger; 3 Included; 4 Guitar; 5 Inns; 6 Sarcasm; 7 Ensur; 12 Pathways; 14 Bloomer; 16 Resident; 17 Roosts; 18 Sepia; 20 Liege; 21 Road



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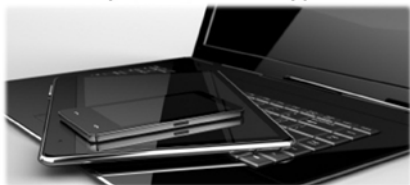
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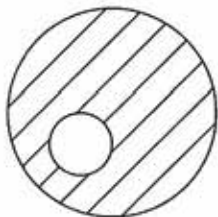
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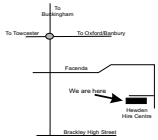
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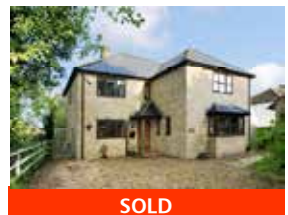
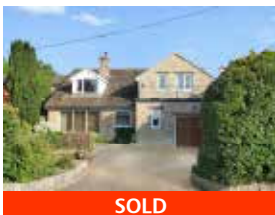
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