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*From the
Editor's
Desk*

SYRESHAM WELCOMES GUESTS FROM THE UKRAINE

Amongst the wranglings over visas and entry procedures, plus the steady stream of refugees from a brutally war-torn bread basket of Europe, it is so good to welcome a family who have made it all the way via Poland to this corner of our county.

We are proud of the efforts made by the Vorobet family themselves and the kind and generous offers of support from within our community too.

Syresham is indeed a truly welcoming and friendly community, as witness the generous contributions made to ease their arrival.

We applaud the fund raising efforts at our Village Hall by the Moylan Dance School who raised over £1,000 for the Ukrainian Refugee funds, despite the minor inconvenience of cars parked on Main Road during the performances. It is clear that the dancers enjoyed their performances as did those who came to fill the Hall and swell the coffers.

Syresham and around, as usual came to the fore in supporting fund raising and helping those in difficulty.

In early March, residents also responded to the appeal for clothing items, sleeping bags and more which were driven out to the Ukraine.

Well done Syresham!

IAN DRAPER EDITOR - MAY 2022

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GOING ON A JOURNEYFROM



FISH AND CHIPS - TO SYRESHAM.

How many of us can remember, as parents, the stress of travelling, maybe on holiday, with young children? What did you do to keep them busy?

How did you accommodate their constant need for food? How much baggage was needed?

How many of us have moved away from home and family, perhaps to university, when we got married, or moved to a different part of the country for work? Can you remember how you felt about this dramatic change?

Ever been frightened to take the next step in a life changing event, however big or small? What did you do? How did it work out?

By now, you are probably wondering how this is relevant.... Please keep reading.

It would be impossible to miss articles in the news about the war currently raging in Ukraine, and for the people of this country, many difficult decisions have had to be made in a hurry.

The concept of fleeing a country or area to keep safe is nothing new. Our children study the plight of evacuees during the war and try to imagine how it might feel to leave their parents and travel on a bus or train, quite possibly for the first time. There may even be some amongst you who stood on the

train platforms with gas mask and suitcase in hand, or listened to a parent's recollections.

On a larger scale, as a country we have a very chequered history of accepting refugees into our lands. There is no question that without it our world would be a different place. For example, did you know that some of our earliest known refugees in the mid 1600's were Jewish, and of Spanish and Portuguese origin, escaping religious persecution.



With them, they brought our 'ever so British' Fish and Chips. Another iconic symbol of all things British is Marks & Spencer, set up by a Polish refugee named Michael Marks and his colleague.

So, following days of translated and abridged conversations, then weeks of bureaucratic red tape and huge levels of stress, we are now pleased to welcome the Vorobet family, who have joined our village from Ukraine via Poland.

Please say hello to Maik and Tanita, along with their four children, Davyd (8), Marko (6), Anna (5) and Maksym (14 months).

They are very keen to integrate into the village, and Maik and Tanita both speak reasonable English. The three eldest children will hopefully be joining the village school soon and you can expect to see Tanita with Maksym at the Mums and Tots' group before long. If any of the gentlemen out there need a haircut, Maik is a Master Barber by trade, so do get in touch.

This huge undertaking deserves an enormous thank you to so many individuals in the village. Whilst we acted as sponsors and opened our home, so many of you have opened your hearts and helped with toys, clothes and equipment, and kind words of support. We quite simply couldn't have undertaken this without your help.

Whilst neither us or our new extended family are Syresham born and bred, we are extremely proud to live and belong here, and we know that you will continue to make our new guests welcome.

Thank you Syresham, from the bottom of our hearts.

LORNA & CHRIS HAZELBY AND MAIK & TANITA VOROBET (AND DAVYD, MARKO, ANNA & MAKSYM)

NEWS FROM THE RECTORY

I am writing this article after a busy Lent, Holy Week and Easter. It was good to be able to mark the events of

Holy Week and to celebrate Easter in some sort of 'normal' fashion this year. The Easter season for Syresham began



before the end of school term, as all the children were invited to church to discover the Easter story for themselves, following an Experience Easter series of interactive displays around the church. In Holy week itself, on Maundy Thursday, we returned to eating together in church in memory of the last supper with the disciples before Jesus' arrest and crucifixion. We moved away from the Seder meal that we usually had to something approaching a teaching meal where we remembered Jesus' actions during that last meal - interwoven with the meal was a Communion service that culminated in us sharing bread and wine towards the end of the evening. It was a lovely way to bring us all together just before the Easter weekend.

On Good Friday, after a break of a couple of years, we met across the Benefice for an observance of the traditional Stations of the Cross, including two meditations at Syresham church and chapel, and the traditional walk of witness carrying the cross between the two - this year from church to chapel. Then on Easter Day, communion was celebrated in all of the churches across the Benefice, including Radstone, where we began with a dawn service and the lighting of the Easter fire, from which all the Pascal candles in the churches were lit during

the Communion services. A lovely season – made all the more special by the fact that we had been forced to curtail our observance of the most holy time of the year for Christians due to Pandemic restrictions.

So, a wonderful time, and just as most of you are now returning to work and school, I am about to disappear for my holiday! I am planning to walk the West Highland Way, which will allow me plenty of time to reflect and appreciate the world around me. We are so fortunate to live in a peaceful country – especially in the countryside as we do, when everything is so beautifully

coming to life again after the long winter – it is no accident that we celebrate the resurrection life of Jesus at this time of the year – all of the new life around us serves to remind us of the new life that God offers us through his Son, Jesus Christ, who died to break the power of death and evil and to show us the way to God’s love and his Kingdom of love.

So, as you return to a new season of work and look forward to summer, may I wish you all a Happy Easter, and pray that you will sense the presence of God in your lives in all that you do.

God bless **REVD DIANE**

ST JAMES CHURCH GRAVEYARD EXTENSION IS CONSECRATED

The new Church Graveyard extension was consecrated by the Right Reverend John Holbrook, Suffragan Bishop of Brixworth recently. The piece of ground



The Revd. William Adams (retired), The Revd. Diane Whittaker, Rector of the Astwell Benefice, Dorothy Dunkley, Chair of the Parish Council, The Right Revd. John Holbrook, Suffragan Bishop of Brixworth, Malcolm Orr-Ewing (churchwarden), Les Hawkins (donor of the land), The Revd. Canon John Roberts (retired) and James Steward, Deputy Registrar for the Diocese of Peterborough

was donated by Les Hawkins, to whom grateful thanks are expressed. **EDITOR**



SYRESHAM CE ST JAMES SCHOOL

The friends of Syresham School kicked off 2022 fundraising activities with the return of Cakey Friday. Each week 3 willing bakers provide sweet treats, home-bake or bought, these are then sold. This is always a firm favourite with children providing a much-loved treat at

the end of the week.

Cath Clark was very kind to run the six Nations predictions competition for us again, even though her boys have now left the school. We had a fantastic number of entries and congratulations go to Stephanie Wilkie on winning. We raised over £200 that was spent on a new football goal and netball posts for the playground.

We had a great night out at the Dilraj Indian in Towcester, where there was great company, delicious food and lots of laughs. It was great for parents new and old to the school, to be able to meet up again socially and have a good old natter.

With the school celebrating 150 years this year, we wanted to celebrate in true English style with a commemorative mug. A competition was launched within the school to design a logo. We had some amazing entries but the winner was Charlotte Patterson in year six with a fantastic design. These mugs will be on sale throughout the year if anybody would like to purchase one.

The Easter Bunny made a welcome return to the pocket park for the Good Friday Easter Egg hunt. The weather was kind to us and we had a fantastic turnout of children all enjoying themselves in the sunshine. A big thank you to the Pocket Park committee for allowing us to use the park and getting it so well prepared. We raised £214 for school funds.

MAY DAY FESTIVAL 2022

A HUGE SHOUT OUT AND THANK YOU to everyone who came out today in

support of Syresham School!!



To all the cake bakers, the bottle and sweetie jar donators; the burger flippers, the raffle ticket sellers and all the volunteers out there ... we simply couldn't do it without the support of this tremendous community.

Charlie and Grace made fabulous king and queen, and all the school children looked fantastic in their traditional May Day outfits.

It was a really lovely afternoon enjoyed by everyone, and we were blown away by the numbers who came out in support. The children rounded off the day with their wonderful display of Maypole Dancing and as the school was celebrating 150 years, we had a past pupils dance. I think it's fair to say that they enjoyed reliving their youth.

IF YOU CAN HELP PLEASE CONTACT SARAH PATERSON ON 07971 979034



MUMS AND TOTS GROUP

Over the past few months, we have introduced the children to many nursery rhymes, songs and stories. They've had fun completing activities, such as making shark masks (*Baby Shark*), decorating mice biscuits (*Hickory, Dickory Dock*) and playing in the jelly with frogs (*Five Little Speckled Frogs*).

One of my favourite story characters is Elmer the Elephant. The children made fantastic models using tissue and an old milk bottle. They especially enjoyed acting out the story of *Goldilocks and the Three Bears* using



props and decorating bear cakes.

In the weeks to come, we will be looking at books such as *The Hungry Caterpillar*, *Oliver's Vegetables* and *The Gruffalo*, as well as having our own royal tea party to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee.

TINA NESBITT

BREAKFAST CHURCH

My sister and I really enjoy going to Breakfast Church.

We have a delicious breakfast, sometimes it is sausages and bacon and other times it is



croissants and fresh fruit. The past few months we have been looking at Joseph. Cathy tells us part of the story and then we have fun activities to do.

We very often go to the Chapel to search for hidden objects. Then we do some craft and baking, usually with chocolate! We have made a colourful coat collage using ribbon, decorated glasses and crowns with gems and made a scene of Joseph in prison using gingerbread men, icing and chocolate sticks. **AMELIA NESBITT**

60s/COUNTRY MUSIC DANCE –

SATURDAY 2ND APRIL 2022

A great evening was enjoyed at the dance where we were entertained by singer/guitarist, Chris "The Hombre" at

Syresham Village Hall.

We would like to thank everyone who helped to make the evening a success – those who bought entry and raffle tickets and those who very

kindly donated generous raffle prizes.



We were very grateful to everyone who helped set up and dismantle the stage, clear away the tables & chairs and appreciated the young people who sold and folded raffle tickets. Thank you all so much

A grand total of £540 was raised from the event, which included donations from people who could not attend. I completed a gift aid declaration which boosted the sum to £668.75.

The evening was held in memory of Elizabeth Harris and other past residents who were taken by cancer and assisted by the excellent work at Katherine House Hospice.

A letter of acknowledgement and receipt was received from Katharine House Hospice.

VERONICA (RONEE) AND JOHN ROBINSON

SYRESHAM BROWNIES

We have been very busy since the start of 2022 and all the new Brownies have made their promise which was on the 1st February. This coincided with Chinese New Year, so parents came along to the ceremony and sampled Chinese food. Some of the girls were able to attend the service in the Church for Mothering Sunday. It was good to be back on parade with the flag again.

The girls took an active part in the service with



singing and leading prayers. The girls have gained badges in Painting, Communications and lastly their Charities badge. For this they had to design posters advertising the event, lay the tables, serve at tables and clear up! We were delighted to be able to have our 'Care for a Curry night' in aid of Katharine House at the end of March.

Covid did get in the way a bit but we served 16 people in house and did 28 takeaways!

We were able to send them a cheque for £200.

I was pleased with this and very proud of

the girls. Thank you also to those who supported us. We look forward to getting outside during the summer months.

PAULA GREEN

SYRESHAM GEMS

We regrouped in March, starting off with a very successful social evening with a good mix of new and standing members, who shared drinks, nibbles and quite a few laughs whilst introducing ourselves and discussing the origin and framework of the club and what we are look for from the club in the future.

Our second meeting, although a little depleted due to covid and holidays,



was very good. Keith Westcott, with the aid of a host of projected photographs, told us about his passion for History, Archaeology and Detecting, all based around him finding The Broughton Castle Hoard and subsequently discovering the nationally important Roman Villa at Broughton Castle.

Next month Wendy Wesley will be returning to help us produce our own stunning flower arrangements, followed by many more interesting and active events. Watch out for details posted in the shop.

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

JUDITH SHAW

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

As reported in the last Parish Council report, the village has again been entered into the annual *Northamptonshire Best Village Competition*. We now know that judging will take place on Thursday 26th May after the Coffee Shop and we hope that as many residents as possible will come along to meet the judges and promote our village in this exciting competition.

Recently the Parish Council organised the Annual Village Litter-pick. We sincerely thank those villagers who took part. Unfortunately we did not



have enough volunteers to complete all areas, especially the slip roads on and off the A43 that always seem to attract litter – it is surprising what items have been found there in previous years! Hopefully, next year more residents will be able to take part.

Members of the Parish Council and helpers carried out the annual spring clean of the Swingfield. It is lovely to see children enjoying the great equipment we have been able to provide and we are keen to make sure that it is cleaned and disinfected at regular intervals. Members of the Parish Council have also cleared the Jubilee flowerbed in preparation for planting it up for the summer in Jubilee colours.

This year we will witness an event that none of us will in all probability experience again, namely Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee. The Parish Council initiated the formation of a committee to put together a programme to celebrate this very special occasion in Syresham. The resulting programme is published in this edition and arrangements are well in hand for the weekend of celebrations, which will culminate with a *picnic in the Pocket Park on Sunday 5th June* starting at midday after the Church and Chapel united service. People are asked to bring their own food and drink, picnic blankets, seats etc. There will be a treasure hunt and crafts for the children, followed by a presentation of Jubilee mugs by the Parish Council and the planting of a tree to commemorate the occasion.

The flowerbed in the Pocket Park will also be planted up in Jubilee colours with flowers to attract insects and bees by the village Brownies.

During the last three months, members of the Parish Council have continued to attend meetings on important issues that affect our village and its residents. These include liaising with Northamptonshire Police, HS2, the proposed Brackley and surrounding area Active Travel Route, Climate Change and Homes for Ukraine.

The **Annual Parish Meeting** will take place on Friday 13th May at 7.30 p.m. in the village hall with invited speakers. All residents are most welcome to attend. (See page 21)

CLLR CHRISTINA MUNSEY

HELPING THE REFUGEE SITUATION IN THE UKRAINE

In early March once it became clear about the atrocities being carried out in The Ukraine, appeals spread for help for the many thousands of refugees as they made their way in bitter weather across the steppe lands to the Polish border.

The UK responded in a variety of ways and Syresham as always did its little bit, by contributing to the appeals for clothing and bedding as well as many other items. Anchor Freight based in Ipswich undertook to provide help and support and drove the many generous gifts. Syresham CE School became our local hub for many generous donations for a day, courtesy of Headteacher Mrs Clough. The collection was quickly loaded aboard a truck. And was

gratefully received at the refugee clearing centres on the Polish Ukrainian borders.

Well done Syresham! It is so



heartening to know that we can always respond to such a calamitous situation and send our thoughts to those in need. **EDITOR**

VILLAGE QUIZ —see page 17

- 1) The new village hall was completed in 2018, and opened by Robin Digby
- 2) Bradbery Close has 21 houses
- 3) Bradbery Close was named after Phillip (Jack) Bradbery
- 4) When was the Sports and Social Club opened and who opened it? 1982, Phillip (Jack) Bradbery
- 5) Where was the original entrance to the Pound? (clue: the name has something to do with animals) The Chase
- 6) At which house in the High Street can birds build their nests? Hedgerows
- 7) The Pound has 3 bungalows
- 8) Which house is named after Queen Victoria's consort? Albert House
- 9) Which Mord football commentator once lived at No 29 High St? John Roder
- 10) When was the Chapel built? 1846
- 11) Who was the Syresham Martyr and where and how did he die? John Kurde, burnt at the stake in Northampton
- 12) How many names are there on the SUNDAY SCHOOL wall? 24
- 13) First Aid Point in WW2? - On the Sunday School wall, Bell Lane



Syresham

JUBILEE WEEKEND 2022

***PLEASE DECORATE YOUR HOUSES, GARDENS AND
SURROUNDING AREAS WITH LOTS OF
JUBILEE BUNTING***

WEEKEND PROGRAMME

Thursday June 2nd Free Jubilee Coffee Shop

10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. at the Village Hall

**Friday June 3rd Host your own parties in your homes,
gardens or street, with friends and neighbours**

Saturday June 4th

**2.00p.m. for 2.30pm History Society Film Show, Exhibition
and Afternoon Tea at the village hall**

**Beer Festival 12.00 till 10.30pm at the Sports Club –
live entertainment from 6.00pm**

Sunday June 5th

**11.00am Church and Chapel Service, Family Picnic
at Pocket Park—treasure hunt, crafts, commemorative
tree planting, presentation to children by Parish Council**

Beer Festival Sports Club 12.00 till 7.00p.m.

***During the preceding week, Brownies and Mums and Tots
will hold their own celebrations***

ALADDIN: TYS PANTOMIME 2022

This year I decided to take my girls to see the village pantomime as an end of half term holiday treat, and what a treat it was! The cast and crew did a fantastic job. I wasn't sure how my youngest daughter Imogen



(3), would cope, however, she had a wonderful time. She joined in with the *booing* when she saw the baddie (Troy Bryan) and shouted 'rhubarb' at Kung (Mike Maund). She loved the enthusiastic dancing and singing by the chorus, but especially liked the little routine from the Spirit of the Ring (Jessica Powell). She couldn't stop laughing in the scene where Foo (Kieron Darby) licked elephant poo! My eldest daughter, Amelia, thought Aladdin (Cameron Bull) in the flying carpet scene was amazing as special lighting effects were used. She found the laundry scene very



funny, especially when Wishee Washee (Shona Tarratt) went through the mangle! Amelia liked seeing one of her teachers (Miss Whitehouse) as a sand dancer and some of the older pupils from school in the chorus. We

enjoyed the performances by Widow Twankey (Amanda Bull), Empress of China (Ruth Harris), So Shy (Nicole

Read) and Princess Jasmine (Hannah Godwin). My personal favourite part of the panto was the portrayal of the Genie of the Lamp by Matt Powell, he especially made me laugh when he changed his booming powerful voice to one akin to Julian Clary!

I know how much hard work goes into producing such a great pantomime. I was a part of Take Your S.E.A.T many years ago and performed in six pantomimes. One of my favourite roles I played was Aladdin, which we performed back in 2001. Being involved is a great experience and you make many friends. Actors must be



committed, have good memories and a stage presence to perform, but without the dedication of the director and crew, then the pantomime would not be successful. So firstly, well done to all those people who are behind the scenes. Some like, Julie Watts, Adam Jenkins, Sharon Evans, Wayne Gee, Steph Mitchell and Stephen Coy have been assisting with the pantomime for many years and deserve recognition for their time and hard work.

However, the biggest well done goes to Keith Watts. He has been directing



Syresham Take Your Seat:- Aladdin February 2022





our village pantomimes since 1998. It is a huge task to take on under normal circumstances, but Covid this year made it even more difficult. With Keith's hard work, perseverance, passion and guidance, his cast and crew managed to pull off an amazing and polished performance.

I look forward to next year's pantomime and you never know, maybe one day I might be tempted to tread the boards again!

TINA NESBITT

THE LONGEST REIGNING MONARCH



Various thoughts come to mind over the past 70 years and in particular of the life of the Queen and her

family.

There may be those of an age who can remember the funeral of King George VI, and the sad figure of the new Queen descending the steps of that aircraft on her return to the country from East Africa.

Being a historian at heart, I cast my mind back to February 1952, and remember standing in Assembly, and hearing the broadcast news. And I recall on June 2nd 1953, being a family guest with neighbours where we lived. They were the only people in the close that we knew who had a TV, (black and white of course). We all sat neighbours and friends together to watch the ceremonial as Elizabeth II was inducted into that life of service to which she has dedicated herself so willingly.

SOME KEY EVENTS IN THE LAST 70 YEARS

- * January and February 1953 North Sea floods kill hundreds of people on the east coast
- * February 1953 end of wartime rationing of sweets
- * February DNA Molecule structures discovered
- * March: 10 Rillington Place murders are discovered in London
- * BBC TV introduces with *Watch with Mother*
- * Ian Fleming publishes *Casino Royale*, the first Bond novel
- * The Royal Yacht, *Britannia* is launched
- * Winston Churchill is knighted as recognition of his Premiership
- * Mount Everest is climbed and conquered
- * Roger Bannister beats the 4 minute mile
- * 1954 The First McDonalds opened in the USA
- * 1959 first Barbie doll
- * Aberfan coal mine disaster 1966
- * Margaret Thatcher the first woman Prime Minister 1979
- * Concorde was launched to fly supersonic 1969
- * First Man in Space – Yuri Gagarin 1961
- * US land men on the Moon 1969
- * Mobile phones, email and personal computers
- * The European Union—In and Out!

And so much more!



A BRIEF LOOK BACK AT VILLAGE LIFE

This photograph has recently come to light, we believe it to be of the Queen's coronation celebrations in the village.

Does anyone know of any background to it? Do you recognise any of the children or can you shed any light on its history? **EDITOR**

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW SYRESHAM?

- 1) In which year was the new village hall completed and who opened it?
- 2) How many houses are there in Bradbery Close
- 3) Who is the Close named after (name or nickname accepted)?
- 4) When was the Sports and Social Club opened and who opened it?
- 5) Where was the original entrance to the Pound? (clue: the name has something to do with animals)
- 6) At which house in the High Street can birds build their nests?
- 7) How many bungalows are there in The Pound?
- 8) Which house is named after Queen

Victoria's consort?

- 9) Which MotD football commentator once lived at No 29 High St?
- 10) When was the Chapel built?
- 11) Who was the Syresham Martyr and when and how did he die?
- 12) How many names are there on the SUNDAY SCHOOL wall?
- 13) Where was Syresham's First Aid Point in WW2?
- 14) What is the phone number of the Parish Clerk? (*answers page 11*)

CHRIS MUNSEY— Great Quiz!

SYRESHAM ST JAMES CHURCH BLACKBERRY FAYRE AND DOG SHOW

**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 10TH
1PM - 3.30PM**

**JOIN US FOR AN
AFTERNOON OF
FAMILY FUN AT THE PRIORY**



Chapel is still open every day for anyone who wishes to go in to spend time in the quiet.

During Lent we joined with the Church for a joint bible study and joined the Walk of Witness from the Church to the Chapel on Good Friday morning, and in the evening our service was have a wonderful of led by Paula.

We held a coffee morning and thanks to everyone who supported us in aid of the crisis in Ukraine. Our Sunday evening offering was sent to Samaritans Purse who had already opened a fully equipped hospital and pharmacy in Ukraine

We have received a wonderful video of our shoe boxes which were taken to Ecuador to a remote village and shows children so happy as it's the first present they have ever received. Hopefully by next issue, we will be appealing to more people to take part in this year's call for more boxes.

DOT

SNATRA UPDATE

It is hoped that the Active Travel Route proposed by SNATRA and Greenways and Cycle routes Ltd will be in the Brackley LCWIP.



Also, the design for the Active Travel Route on the over bridge at the intersection of the A43 and HS2 should be available to view at the beginning of May. SNATRA are now busy encouraging WNC to apply for grants from National Highways for this off road path, parallel to the A43 from Silverstone, along Main Road, through

Pimlico onto the overbridge to Brackley.

At the moment SNATRA are waiting to find out where on the LCWIP priority list the Crowfield to High Cross path is placed before it plans any further action on this path to Whistley Woods and Crowfield.

If you would like more information, then do please get in touch.

STEPH BRACKPOOL



ALICE PALMER DECLARES OPEN THE LATEST ADDITION TO THE SCHOOL'S ACCOMMODATION.





NORTHANTS POLICE SERVING OUR AREA

SOUTH NORTHANTS - YOU SAID, WE DID

You, our Community chose your Local Policing Priorities for the period January to March 2022 as *Road Safety, Drugs and Acquisitive crime*.

During this period, we have worked with Parish Councils, Town Council, Highways, Housing Agencies, Safer Roads Team, Neighbourhood Watch, and other partner agencies in order to identify issues and concerns and tackle these.



We have trained all of our officers in the use of speed detection devices and are conducting regular road safety days of action where we work with other departments including volunteers, the Special Constabulary, and the Safer Roads Team. During a recent day of action we focussed on Towcester and conducted static speed checks, vehicle inspections and other enforcement activities which resulted in the detection of a number of offences (speeding, vehicle condition, use of seatbelts etc).

We will be continuing these across South focussing on ‘Fatal 4’ offences – the issues which statistically contribute to serious injury and fatal road traffic collisions – *speeding, distraction* (especially using a mobile phone while driving), *use of seatbelts* and *impairment* (drink and drug driving).

We actively utilise social media to promote results or appeal for public support in providing information about unlicensed or intoxicated drivers and we have seen a recent upsurge in responses to this.

CRIME SUSPICIONS IN THE VILLAGE?
 Report to Ruth at the shop, for Neighbourhood Watch. For the Parish Council Police Liaison link—contact Cllr Ian Draper.



SYRESHAM & DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY

After two years of the pandemic, we are so pleased now to be welcoming back many members to our meetings. It did feel rather lonely at times with only a handful of people supporting us, thanks to everyone for their dedication to keep us running. We are very grateful to the Parish Council for its generous support which will keep us running.

It is good now to see over 25 turning up to enjoy the programme. If you are new to the village or have not been along before, please do come and introduce yourself at 7.30 on a first Wednesday!

The April meeting was about *Off-beat travels around the Cotswolds* with an amusing and interesting tour by Sean Callery, a Blue Badge guide and writer from Hook Norton. He took us on a fascinating trail from Chipping Camden to Tetbury back again. There is so much beauty and history in those Cotswold buildings and settlements.

In May we look forward to a talk about the development of the Birmingham to London Railway which passed through Wolverton, the home of major railway works, and of the Royal Trains.



ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

***Village Hall, 7.30 p.m. Friday
May 13th 2022***

***Guest speakers from West Northants
and MEPC at Silverstone Circuit***

For June, we are suspending our regular 1st Wednesday meeting and instead will have a free film show, covering the 70 years of the Queen's reign; plus an exhibition and afternoon teas in the village hall. 2.00p.m for 2.30. **Yes, ALL FREE**, for the Royal Jubilee festival weekend!

In August we plan a trip to Birmingham's Jewellery Quarter. If you are interested in joining us, please contact myself or Christina Munsey.

IAN DRAPER, CHAIRMAN

GARDENING CLUB

Following a welcome increase in our membership numbers, we now meet in the main hall on the third WEDNESDAY of each month at 2.30 p.m.

In February we visited Evenley Wood Gardens to see the snowdrops. Then in March we watched a film entitled 'A Little Chaos' about the creation of the gardens of the Palace of Versailles, followed in April by a visit to Barn Farm Plants for an informal demonstration of 'Making Hanging Baskets' with an opportunity to purchase some plants.

At the time of writing this report, we are looking forward to another visit to the Malvern Spring Show at the beginning of May and then a talk by Martin Catt at the May meeting when we will learn about 'Herbs and their Uses'. We have a full programme organised for the rest of the year and would welcome new members to join us. We would also like to thank the Parish Council for all the support they have given us which has most certainly enabled us to keep going during recent uncertain times. **CHRIS MUNSEY**



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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE VILLAGE HALL THESE DAYS?

<p align="center">MONDAYS</p>	<p align="center">DANCE CLASSES 6.00PM TO 8.30PM (<i>Term time</i>)</p>	<p align="center">TUESDAYS</p> <p align="center">2nd Tuesday</p> <p align="center">2nd 3rd & 4th Tuesdays</p>	<p>11.00am to 2.30pm BALLET/PILATES/SEATED PILATES (<i>Term Time</i>)</p> <p>5.30PM TO 7.00P.M. DANCE (<i>Term Time</i>)</p> <p>6.00PM TILL 7.15PM BROWNIES, <u>Sunday School Room</u>,</p> <p>TAEKWANDO 7.30PM TO 9.00PM</p> <p>PERSONAL TRAINING 7.30PM TO 8.30PM</p> <p>FRIENDSHIP CLUB (29/03) 2.15PM TO 4.00 PM <i>FROM APRIL 1ST 2022</i></p> <p>CRAFT GROUP, <u>Sunday School</u> 7.30-10.00PM</p>
<p align="center">WEDNESDAYS</p> <p>1ST WEDNESDAY</p> <p>2ND WEDNESDAY</p> <p>LAST WEDNESDAY</p>	<p>10.00AM TO 11.45AM MUMS & TOTS (<i>TERM-TIME</i>)</p> <p>12.15 TO 1.15PM PILATES (<i>TERM TIME</i>)</p> <p>2.30 TO 4.30PM GARDENING CLUB (<i>FROM JANUARY</i>)</p> <p>DANCE 5.00PM TO 7.00PM</p> <p>BALLET 7.15PM TO 9.00PM</p> <p>HISTORY SOCIETY 7.30PM TO 9.30PM</p> <p>GEMS WOMEN'S GROUP 7.30PM TO 9.30PM</p> <p>7.30PM PARISH COUNCIL</p>	<p align="center">THURSDAYS</p>	<p align="center">COFFEE SHOP 10.30AM to 12.30pm</p> <p align="center">BOWLS CLUB 7.15PM TO 9.15PM</p>
<p align="center">FRIDAYS</p>	<p>Various activities</p> <p>SPORTS CLUB QUIZ (3RD FRIDAY) SPORTS CLUB)</p>	<p align="center">SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS</p>	<p>SEIDOKAN 2ND & 4TH SUNDAYS 10.00AM - 12.00PM</p> <p>SOCIAL EVENTS SPORTS CLUB</p>
<p align="center">SUNDAYS</p>	<p>ST JAMES CHURCH 11.00AM</p> <p>1ST & 3RD SUNDAY</p> <p>2ND SUNDAY</p>	<p align="center">HOLY COMMUNION</p> <p align="center">MORNING WORSHIP</p> <p align="center">PRaise AND PRAYER</p>	<p align="center">SYRESHAM CHAPEL</p> <p align="center">WEEKLY SUNDAY SERVICE 6.00 P.M.</p>

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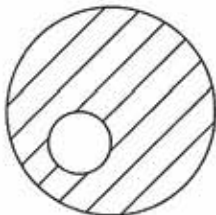
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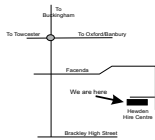
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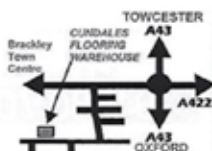
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