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The Gate House garden

From the Editor's desk

Once more we are at the May Day Fete when our school plays host to parents, children and visitors. Congratulations to Mrs Clough and her staff as well as the Friends of Syresham School who always give their support generously at this time of the year.

Folklore experts have debated the origins of the Maypole for centuries, most commonly asserted is that it originates in Germanic pagan traditions, when there was long-lasting reverence for sacred trees.

The earliest evidence here in Britain comes from a 14th century poem written by Gryffydd ap Adda ap Dafydd, in which he describes the use of a tall birch pole in mid Wales.

By the 16th century with the rise of Protestantism, there was increasing disapproval of many May Day practices, and during the Reformation many Maypoles were destroyed. However Queen Mary I (daughter of Henry VIII) reinstated Catholicism and the Maypoles re-emerged.

Following the Civil War during which much so-called heathenism was banished, the Restoration of the 1660s saw the erection again of many maypoles. By the 19th century many typically Victorian features of “*Merrie England*” included dance routines involving the intertwining of ribbons.

Ian Draper, May 2017

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FRIENDS OF SYRESHAM SCHOOL

We began 2017 with a fun-filled Ladies' Quiz Night, with eight teams competing. The questions were varied, from history to royalty, perfume to TV, so there was something that everyone could answer. Plenty of nibbles and drinks ensured that no-one went hungry or thirsty! As well as broadening our general knowledge, we also raised a fantastic £265. Thank you to Sarah Eames and Tina Nesbitt for all their hard work.

Hot on the heels of the Quiz Night was the School Disco. This saw another great turn out with over 80 disco dance floor dudes attending! Each received a party bag on arrival and with the tunes ramped up and the glitter ball spinning a great time was had by all. The combination of ticket price and refreshments raised an impressive £240. A big thank you to James Goves for being our DJ.

Then came the Easter Egg Hunt at the Pocket Park on Easter Saturday, where the children enjoyed finding pretty egg-shaped clues. Once the detective work was done and the five clues found, they were exchanged for a chocolate egg! Parents enjoyed hot drinks and homemade Easter-themed cakes. Another big thank you to our Nursery parents Sarah Eames and Tina Nesbitt for organizing the event which raised £100.

A lot of effort goes into these events including door drop invitations, advertising, raffles, party bags, setting up venues, refreshments and tidying away, so we really do appreciate all those that help make them a success. A big thank you too, to everyone who buy tickets and support the School and Friends – it is all very much appreciated.

Now onto May Day – and what a



wonderful time we all had! It was heart warming to see how many people came to enjoy our fabulous Fete. There were plenty of games to entertain everyone, from old favourites like Splat the Rat and the coconut shy, to new ones such as 'Higher and Lower' and 'Panning for Gold'. The bar sold a great selection of wines, beers and soft drinks, while the BBQ quickly sold out of its mouth-watering burgers. And the Tombola provided non-stop entertainment and a chance to increase the contents of the wine cellar!

Despite a brief sprinkling of rain, the atmosphere all afternoon was wonderful, no doubt aided by the very talented *Sasparillas'* beautiful singing. The children's maypole dancing was

great as ever, and we'd like to say a HUGE thank you to everyone who came to support the event. Thank you also for your very generous bottle donations, we were truly touched! THANK YOU.

We will let you know how much we raised once we've added it all up!

The money that Friends has raised over the years has contributed to many purchases for the benefit of the school and its children, and this year is no different. Since the beginning of the year, Friends have paid for a French teacher to teach all pupils weekly; a complete Key Stage 1 set of Oxford University Press reading books; the purchase of library equipment to make our library easier to use and a set of Reading Assessment packs. All of this totalled £4,359.56, a significant amount of money spent on important and valuable resources for our pupils.

Next on our shopping list is support for the Healthy Eating curriculum, new equipment for Home Technology lessons, and in the long term the Friends would like to contribute to the refurbishment of the small kitchen so that cookery and Home Technology can be taught more effectively, efficiently enjoyably. No doubt the fantastic sums that have been raised on May Day will go a long way towards this goal.

Thank you all so much for supporting these events and making our school something very special.

Lisa Dimbleby, Committee member,
Friends of Syresham School

SYRESHAM CHAPEL

Easter was a very special time for us because all our services were led by our own congregation.



Our Passover Meal on Maundy Thursday is always a real inspiration, telling the story of the first Passover, following the traditions and reminding us of Jews still being persecuted for their faith. We are always reminded of the Holocaust' making a very moving start to the weekend.

We commenced the Walk of Witness at Chapel and followed the Cross to Church. On Good Friday evening Paula led the service and on Easter Sunday David led the service followed by communion. Thank you to everyone for their contribution and we leave with you the following verse: *"For God so loved the World that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life"* – John 3:16

Breakfast Church is a wonderful time for families to get together it is so good to have times with the young people.

George continues to hold his sales, a big thank you to all who support him. We are hoping to have someone working in our Church in the not too distant future, and we hope they will be a familiar person in the village! *Dot*



We have had visits from Chris Day of Buckingham Garden Centre talking about plants for all year round colour, and a whole selection of garden plants from Preston Bissett Nurseries. Both

gentlemen gave loads of advice. The Village Hall looked a riot of colour for both meetings.

The Gardening Club highlight was a visit to Thenford to Michael Heseltine's garden. It was a perfect Saturday afternoon, the sun shone and the magnolias in so many colours were absolutely fabulous. Four of us walked for over an hour before we saw anyone from Syresham at all and we felt we were the only people around. There



were 500 visitors that day! Thank you to Christina for organising this a pity she had to miss out herself – there is always another time! *Dot Dunkley*

SYRESHAM AND DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY



We meet on the 1st Tuesday of the month and have a growing membership with a wide range of interests in historical events and people.

In March we were extremely well entertained by Eric Morecambe's daughter and her attendance attracted a very large audience—thanks to everyone who came. For April we listened to Paul Blinkhorn who used to be an archaeologist on Channel 4's Time Team — Paul talked at length about the many experts involved with the series.

For May we have Laura Malpas coming to tell us about the Secrets and Scandals of Canon's Ashby—we also have a planned visit on June 13th. Join

us if you wish?

And on Saturday 20th May John Braybrook will be leading his very last 'Notable Churches of Northants' visit, in the east of the county. Why not come along—we leave the Village Hall at 10.00 a.m. and lifts are available.

In June we have a talk about the Can Can and in July then some reminiscences about sweets and chocolates that we all remember. In August we will be visiting the old railway town of Woodford Halse—lifts from the Village Hall at a time to be determined.

Ian Draper, Chairman

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Our AGM was held on April 11th following a delicious fish and chip lunch and the committee were re-elected—we welcome Miriam to join us. Sue was re-elected President and we thank her for all her hard work. Winnie Varney was presented with a Planter as a thank you for being Treasurer for many years, this task being taken over by Rosemary Whitehead – thanks to her.

Our first meeting was Keep Fit with Sylvie Essame it was so good to see so many people taking part. From this has come a keep fit class for seniors on a Tuesday at 1.15 before Friendship. If you are interested please let me know.

Tuesday 9th May we are being treated to an exhibition of sweet making and on the 30th May will be on a Treasure Hunt. We have a full and varied programme and welcome new members. *Dot Dunkley*

SYRESHAM GEMS WOMEN'S GROUP

We continue to welcome both new members and visitors which is great news for the Group.



We've had a varied programme over the last 3 months.

In February Antonia Moore came along to talk to us about the great work of the Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance (WNAA) who rescued her from a serious car accident a few years ago. Antonia explained how the service is funded, what the money donated goes towards, and what actually happens when the air ambulance gets called out. We collected a fantastic £63 during the evening which Antonia accepted on the WNAA's behalf.

In March our theme was Thailand and we welcomed Toi Coates who joined us dressed in a beautiful silk traditional outfit. She gave us a great overview of the history, culture and customs of her country and we were able to sample some delicious Thai food that Toi had prepared specially.

Last month member Ronee Goodwin Robinson demonstrated how wearing the right colours can enhance appearance and make us feel more confident. She was ably assisted by her 4 seasonal models - Rachel, Jackie, Wendy and Brenda. It was amazing the difference wearing a different shade of the same colour could make!

Forthcoming meetings:

10th May – creating a floral arrangement with a difference -

Brackley Floral Club

14th June – visit to Steane Park

12th July – speaker tbc

For more information please contact either *Maggie Newton* (850324) or *Judith Shaw* (850613).

SYRESHAM CRAFTS GROUP

We continue to meet at 7.30 p.m. on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Tuesdays with as many as 12 ladies working on embroidery, lace making, book folding, knitting, crochet and more. Jumpers and hats are knitted for premature babies in Africa and the UK, and our latest venture has been Easter Bunnies, mice, ladybirds and bumble-bees filled with chocolate eggs and sold by Ruth at the shop, (*thank you Ruth!*). We have raised £110.00 for the Katherine House Hospice this way.

We hope to be knitting Christmas goodies containing Ferrero Rocher chocolates! Keep a look out at Ruth's chop from October onwards.

Do come and join our group and bring your craft projects along if you need help or inspiration. If you are unable to join us then donations of Double Knit wool would be welcome for our charity work, or Ferrero Rocher chocolates to help fill the items!

We are a non profit making group and so charges are very reasonable and a free cup of tea or coffee is provided to quench the thirst!

For more information contact Joan Whitehead on 07772-908770 or email joan.whitehead2@btinternet.com

Thanks to Jeannette Williams for the cover photo!
Ed.



SILVERSTONE CIRCUIT NEWS

2017 is shaping up to be one of Silverstone’s busiest and most exciting seasons yet, with events taking place every weekend throughout the summer months. We hope you’ve had a chance to look through our 2017 Event Calendar posted through your door and are able to visit us for some of our meetings this season.

Make sure to come along and watch two-time Brit award winners *Travis*, as they play at Silverstone for the first time on 13 July, the evening before the *British Grand Prix* weekend. At the Grand Prix itself, taking place from 14 – 16 July, we have plenty of entertainment on offer including *Reef and Hoosiers* performing on the main stage on Saturday, air displays each day and lots of entertainment for the family.

We provide specific travel information in advance of the British Grand Prix to make planning your journeys easier.

We hope to welcome you to Silverstone Circuit in the near future.

Carol Watts, Silverstone Circuit

MUMS AND TOTS

Mums and Tots have purchased some new costumes for our role play area. The children have loved dressing up as chefs, tigers, Paw Patrol characters, princesses, doctors and even super heroes!

Our art and craft activities this term are

linked to plants and animals and we are using as many recycled materials as we can. We have created beautiful pictures of blossom on branches by using the bottom of fizzy drinks bottles and planted cress seeds in laundry detergent caps. In the following weeks



to come we will be making egg box turtles and crocodiles, button snails using old CDs, cardboard tube frogs and butterflies, paper plate peacocks and elephants using plastic milk bottles.

We are also hoping to go on a trip and have a couple of guests visiting the group this term. One guest will be Amelia Thorpe from Yogic Theatrical. She will be coming in to do a fun session with our tots which will incorporate a combination of yoga poses with theatre games and stories.



Tina Nesbitt

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FROM THE RECTOR...

I receive a lot of thank you notes, for weddings I've taken, children I've baptized, and sadly all too often for the funerals I've ministered act. But I have to admit, I'm a terrible thank you note writer myself and it's not just the notes of thanks I forget, sometimes I'm so busy I even forget to thank God.

But here in the Astwell Benefice we have a huge amount to say thank you for, not just the very special area we live in, but our schools, our communities and of course our wonderful ancient Churches.

There has been a site of worship here in the village for over 800 years, but it is fair to say that our Church has only survived this long because of the support of its community.

From the buildings works that would have been a real community endeavour, through to all those who attend worship and help support the ministry and mission down the centuries.

The Church has faced some pretty big threats before, the reformation, the commonwealth and even the Victorians, who remodeled the church out of all earlier recognition.

But today we face an even bigger threat. Throughout the country the rural church is in decline. People lead busy lives and coming to Church every Sunday is no longer the norm, but perhaps we can tempt you back?

This summer we are holding a number of services and events across the Benefice that celebrate what our Parish Church is all about and we would love you to come along and join us.

Rogation Sunday is on May 28th when we will be gathering at **Whitfield House Farm**, in Whitfield, to celebrate our Farming Communities. As well as a hog roast and a speaker from the City Farm, we will be holding the annual blessing of the tractors – big and small, old and new. Everyone is welcome.

At all our churches on **Saturday June 24th** we are holding a benefice-wide **Astwell Wedding Fair** show casing all that we can offer potential brides and grooms, from the ceremony, through to reception venues, photographers, beauty, dresses, suits, cakes and flowers. This will be your one-stop shop for everything Wedding. And did you know that a Church Wedding can be a quarter of the price of most hotel packages.

So come along, enjoy a free glass of bubbly and if you want to chat to couples who have already got married here, then on the Sunday we are holding a Special celebration of Marriage Service. This service is open to everyone, whether you got married in our churches or not, so come along and receive a blessing on your lives together, young or old.

Our Church Fete is back on June 10th and while our Family service is taking a break over the summer (returning in September), we are holding our last

Messy Church before the summer break on May 7th.

Finally our **Saints Day Service** with a bring and share lunch is on **July 30th** and our speaker is the Rt. Hon. Sir William Gage QC KCVO.

Confirmation classes are on offer in June and we welcome Bishop John Flack here on **July 10th for our Benefice Confirmation Service.**

And don't forget you are always welcome at any or all of our regular services:

1st Sunday of the Month 3.30pm - Messy Church May 7th, and after a summer break will be back on Oct 1st.

2nd Sunday of the Month 11.15am - Parish Communion followed by coffee and chat May 14th, June 11th, July 9th

August 10th – 11am Outdoor service at the historic Church of St Lawrence Radstone

3rd Sunday of the month

May 21st – 11am Benefice Communion at Wappenham

11.15am – Village Praise at Prayer followed by coffee and chat June 18th July 16th Aug 17th

4th Sunday of the Month

May 28th – 11am Rogation Service and blessing of the tractors with Hog Roast at Whitfield

June 25th – 11.15am Celebration of Marriage Service

July 23rd - 11am Saints Feast Day at St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon

August 27th – 11am Bank Holiday Communion at St John the Evangelist, Whitfield

11.15am “Families always Welcome” interactive service Starting with coffee and cake from 11am, September 24th

Your parish church is here for you, we are here to serve our community, so if you haven't visited us already, you are more than welcome and should you need someone to talk to, or you want to find out more details about any of the above or maybe how you can plan your Wedding or a Baptism—my details are below.

For further details just give me a ring or contact me by email.

Reverend Carole

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DRONES



In recent months radio controlled drones have been seen around the village. Some concerns have been raised about privacy and more importantly about safety in the air. With a lot of low-flying aircraft around the Syresham and Whitfield area, it is most important that drones are flown with great care and safety, following the guidance that is available from specialist providers.

At present there is no law that prevents the flying of drones over residential areas, but advice can be obtained from the Internet. <http://www.caa.co.uk/Consumers/Mo-del-aircraft-and-drones/Flying-drones/>

Editor

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE POLICE IN THE BRACKLEY AREA

With cuts to funding in the county's Police Service, making contact for urgent matters or for general advice can sometimes be difficult in rural areas such as ours.

There are various numbers and means of contact:

- ◆ 999 for all emergency needs
- ◆ 101 for non-urgent matters and to be connected to the Northants Police Service
- ◆ 03000-111222 is the direct number to Northants Police but you will get there via 101 above

The above numbers will take callers to local response teams where a prioritisation exercise is applied to assess the urgency of a response required. Community Response teams are smaller in numbers but still have the skills to handle ongoing matters in the neighbourhood.

Community Teams still operate from Brackley and Towcester Police Stations, with Towcester providing 24/7 coverage for the whole of South Northants area. Daventry Police Station still has an active front desk, Monday to Saturday 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. and can be reached via 101 Ext 341010.

Alternatively you can email non-urgent matters and enquiries to the Brackley team via Sgt Michaela Simons:-

micki.simons@northants.police.uk

Sgt Micki Simons, Northants Police

IAN MORRIS, COUNTY COUNCILLOR SILVERSTONE WARD



In this, my 4th annual report I want to highlight the activities of the County Council, my role and the current plans that the new Council will be following.

Since last May I have held Cabinet responsibility for the Environment, Development and Transport from last May. This role includes Street Lighting, Waste, Highways, Broadband and potholes amongst other things ... so not much of a challenge there then!

Since 2013 we have provided safety for 3,100 of the most vulnerable children in the county.

Since 2012 we have created 13,474 new school places, and our Library Plus centres are being used more than ever reaching over 3,000,000 visits this year.

We have repaired 40,000 potholes this year alone.

We continue to focus on innovative ways of maintaining and improving the roads, while maximising value for money, against a backdrop of budgets that are under increased pressure. The public recognises that the roads require a great deal of attention, as surfaces have suffered due to underinvestment and the cumulative effects of severe winters. In recent years we have received additional 'windfall' money from the government for potholes.

While this is very welcome – it

represents a drop in the ocean compared to required funds to bring roads up to a 'good' standard – more than **£350 million!** Any highways issues can be reported through Street Doctor at www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/streetdoctor. The more a problem is reported the higher up the priority list it goes so do persevere.

Gritting happened 63 times during the recent unusually wet winter, this combined with the rain caused further damage to our roads. We should all see a marked improvement over the summer with a new programme of repairs.

The local bus services remain under pressure and where services are underused they are unlikely to remain. Innovative work like our Total Transport Plan for the entire community will see the County, University of Northampton and the Northamptonshire Healthcare Foundation Trust, combining in a project to make use of spare vehicles providing transport for Schools the Health Trust and the University. This could be expanded to include Park and Ride and eventually new bus routes into rural areas. This is a government funded project with much interest from elsewhere.

We were one of the first councils to accelerate rural broadband connectivity. This year 65,000 more premises have been connected. Phase 3 of the county's Superfast Broadband will see further rollout to the rural areas and by the end of 2017 we

should see 98% of properties connected.

The county still has the lowest Council Tax in the country despite increases by 4.99%, including the 3% extra we have been allowed to charge for adult social care (£11.7 million) and a 1.9% increase, saving the taxpayer at least £102 a year compared to the national average.

Despite the ongoing pressures a range of key services and unprecedented growth in demand we have once again balanced our budget and will do so going forward.

This county currently has nine local authorities with over 400 elected Councillors. We will be looking at some form of unitary authority under the next administration. To be very clear this is not a takeover of the Boroughs, Districts and Towns, but redesigning the entire system. The savings to be made and spent on front line services cannot be ignored. The people of Northamptonshire would be fully consulted on any such change, and ultimately it would be your decision.

I wanted to finish with a mention of the Councillors Empowerment Fund. Many if not all of the villages within my division have benefited over the last four years from the annual amount of this fund. It has been reduced this year and next to £5k a year. It is something I will fight to retain in the future.

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Cllr Ian Morris Twitter @aussielover100

SYRESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Oh dear! I am afraid that I must begin this report with a moan.

The Parish Council were greatly disappointed with the village reaction to the annual litter-pick held at the end of March. Only a handful of people actually took part! We all expect the village to look spick and span, but we must remember that the approaches to the village are the first thing that visitors see. Unfortunately it is on the approaches to the village that a vast amount of litter is deposited and it is up to us, the residents, to make sure that this is removed.

It is not a pleasant job, but the more people who take part, the easier it is for everyone! Having said that, congratulations must go to Ann and Terry Irwin, who put in a sterling effort and collected well over 20 bags of rubbish. Well done Ann and Terry!

Another bane of village life is dog litter. There are now products available to make it much easier for dog owners to clean up after their pets. If you Google '*dog waste scoops*' you will see that there are several items on the market at reasonable prices to help owners remove their dog waste without even having to bend down! Do take a look.

On a more positive note, the Parish Council would like to thank Sam Collins of CDS Garden Services for very kindly painting and replanting the Jubilee Flowerbed in Abbey Road. We feel sure you will agree that it is now looking most attractive.

Residents will also have noticed that

the play-bark around the equipment in the Swingfield has been replaced with grass-guard, thanks in part to a Tesco '*Bags of Help*' grant. Grass-guard is more practical and cheaper to maintain. Sadly the grass seems to be taking its time to grow; however once it becomes established the whole area will look far better.

Work has been in progress on the flood alleviation scheme in Wappenham Road financed through a Pilot Scheme primarily by the County Council. We are very fortunate that we have been chosen to have this work done.



Unfortunately the road had to be closed during working hours in order for the work to be done safely. We apologise for any temporary inconvenience caused, but the whole village will benefit in the end.

The village has once again entered the Northamptonshire Best Village Competition. Judging will take place on the morning of *Thursday May 18th*, when everyone is invited to come along to the Coffee Shop to meet the judges.

The **Annual Parish Meeting** will take place at 7.30 p.m. on *Wednesday May 17th* when residents are invited to find out what the Parish Council

have been doing during the past year. We will also be welcoming Mr Pothole who played a great part in helping to get the road in Crowfield resurfaced and Nick King from South Northants Volunteer Bureau who will talk about the Village Networks Project.

Finally, just a reminder that if you have any issues or concerns you wish to Parish Council to discuss, you should contact the Parish Clerk on 851178 or email parishclerk@syresham.com

Cllr Christina Munsey

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST 2017

“Plenty of time,” we said, “there are usually seats to spare on the first night!” so we strolled up to the village hall at ten past the hour



confident of finding good seats. But no – word had got around. That extraordinary machine: the bush telegraph had been working overtime and the hall was nearly full and buzzing with anticipation.

The show started in slick style where many a good show has started, in Hollywood. After a short taster of the soon to be released Disney version of the Take Your Seat production, the curtains opened to a gasp and applause from the audience, revealing a brilliant set where we met our characters in quick succession. We all fell in love with Belle, played with conviction and sympathy by Steph Mitchell, marvelled at the chorus, so engaged and more

polished than we have ever seen them. We laughed with Lumière, chortled with Cogsworth and Charlie, marvelled at Marcel and Maurice, guffawed at Gaston and thoroughly enjoyed our Potts of tea, while Mike Maund as Dame Lotte created his usual sensation of helpless buffoonery, a masterly performance. Among a number of fine cameo roles, we must mention the excellent D’Arques (presumably Cristal to his friends!)

Despite a minor incident with the bars of the cell (a mere nothing next to recent events in HM Prisons, and fixed in the twinkling of an eye) the entire performance moved smoothly to the climax when Amanda Bull as the Beast proved that losing her voice was no barrier to giving drama to her performance. At the moment when we have to change sides and learn to love the Beast, her performance was altogether more poignant.

Our three grandsons enjoyed the whole performance enormously, but with varying degrees of understanding:

Edward, 5 years old, commented “*I really liked Gaston because he tried to kill the beast and wouldn’t let the girl help.*”

For William, “*the best character was the beast because he became good,*” but watching Marcel’s make-over machine topped the comedy element of the panto.

Leon’s favourite was Maurice “*because he’s crazy!*” but he also appreciated the set and scenery, enjoyed the dancing and, like the rest of us, found “the beast’s croaky voice”

made him all the more convincing!
Well done to the entire cast and crew!
We are so lucky to have such talent
and to be able to enjoy it every year.
Roll on the next one!

Brian Lynch and the family



Pantomime photos Keith Watts



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SYRESHAM CRICKET CLUB

As I write, the 2017 cricket has just got underway. There was a successful start to the season for both the 1st team in the SNCL Premier division beating Marston St Lawrence and the 2nd team in their first game after being promoted to SNCL Division 2, also beating Marston St Lawrence 'A' in the reverse fixture.

If anyone is interested in joining the club in any aspect please come along or get in touch. Matches are on Saturdays and practice is on Thursday evenings up at the sports field.

Scott Wilson 07789-920273

Crossword —thanks to Vintage Port

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ACROSS

- 1 Voter (7)
- 5 Reverses (5)
- 8 Nobles (5)
- 9 Ends a debate (7)
- 10 Collected (8)
- 11 Poll (4)
- 13 A thorough look (6)
- 15 Prominent Jeremy (6)
- 18 Emolument (4)
- 19 Shot up (8)
- 22 Ambitious Andrea (7)
- 23 Official document cases (5)
- 24 Two in every story (5)
- 25 Believers (7)

DOWN

- 1 Short pastoral poem (7)
- 2 Mistake (5)
- 3 Good aesthetic judgment (8)
- 4 Wealth (7)
- 5 Opposite of bust (4)
- 6 SI unit of electric charge(7)
- 7 Grab (5)
- 12 Feasible (8)
- 14 Did those feet tread here? (7)
- 16 Ecdysiasts (7)
- 17 Dedicate (6)
- 18 Cymru (5)
- 20 As inevitable as death (5)
- 21 Enquires (4)

ANSWERS—ACROSS 1 Elector; 5 Backs ; 8 Lords; 9 Closure; 10 Garnered; 11 Vote; 13 Eyeful; 15 Corbyn; 18 Wage; 19 Rocketed; 22 Leadsm; 23 Boxes; 24 Sides; 25 Theists
DOWN—1 Eclogue; 2 Error; 3 Tasteful; 4 Riches; 5 Boom; 6 Coulomb; 7 Seize; 12 Workable; 14 England; 16 Nudists; 17 Commit; 18 Wales; 20 Taxes; 21 Asks

Events and Diary Dates

HAPPENING SOON	WEEKLY DIARY	FORTNIGHTLY DIARY
MAY	<p>SUNDAYS:- Chapel Service 6.00 p.m.</p> <p>Church Services—<i>please check the Astwell Benefice Diary</i></p> <p>MONDAYS:- Walking Group 10.00 a.m. <i>meet at Shop</i></p> <p>CARD RECYCLING GROUP <i>contact Sue Palmer for details</i></p> <p>DANCING CLASSES Village Hall— various 4.00 to 8.30 p.m.</p> <p>TUESDAYS:- Adult Ballet, <i>Village Hall</i>, 11.00 a.m. to 12.00</p> <p>PILATES <i>Village Hall</i>, 12.00 noon to 1.00 p.m.</p> <p>BROWNIES, 5.45 to 7.00 p.m. Sunday School <i>Term time only</i></p> <p>CRAFTS GROUP, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Tuesday, Sunday School, 7.30 p.m.</p> <p>CIRCUIT TRAINING, <i>Sports Club</i> 7.15 p.m.</p> <p>WEDNESDAYS:- Mums and Tots, Village Hall 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon <i>Term Time only</i></p> <p>THURSDAYS:- Village Hall Coffee Shop, 10.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.</p> <p>BOWLS CLUB, <i>Village Hall</i>, 7.00 p.m.</p> <p>CRICKET Matches in season— <i>Check Sports Club details</i></p>	<p>THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB Second Tuesdays, usually Village Hall 2.30 p.m. <i>not August</i></p> <p>WEDNESDAYS (1ST & 3RD) 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;">MONTHLY DIARY</p> <p>2ND SUNDAY, Sunday School & Breakfast Church 9.30 a.m.</p> <p>2ND SUNDAY—Sports Club Carvery lunch 12.00 noon till 2.00 p.m.</p> <p>1ST TUESDAY, History Society, <i>Village Hall</i> 7.30 p.m.</p> <p>3RD TUESDAY, Gardening Club, <i>Village Hall</i>, 7.30 p.m.</p> <p>2ND WEDNESDAY GEMS Women's Group, <i>Village Hall</i> 7.30 p.m.</p> <p>3RD WEDNESDAY Sports Club Cash Bingo Night, 7.30 p.m.</p> <p>LAST WEDNESDAY, Parish Council Meetings , <i>Village Hall</i> 7.30 p.m.</p> <p>3RD FRIDAY, Sports Club Quiz Nights</p> <p>2ND SATURDAY, Friends of the Churchyard, 10.00 a.m.</p> <p>LIBRARY VAN High Street, 2nd Wednesday 11.30a.m.</p>
<p>17th Annual Parish Meeting</p> <p>31st —ACRE Oil Orders due by midnight</p> <p>28th Rogation Sunday</p> <p>28th Pimlico Light Railway public open running day</p>		
JUNE		
<p>10th St James Church Fete</p> <p>24th Astwell Benefice Wedding Fairs</p> <p>25th Pimlico Light Railway public open running day</p> <p>28th ACRE Oil orders due by midnight</p>		
JULY		
<p>23rd Pimlico Light Railway public open running day</p> <p>26th —ACRE Oil orders due by midnight</p> <p style="text-align: center;">June 24-25th Scarecrow Festival weekend</p>		



**PIMLICO LIGHT
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DAYS**

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June 24-25th Scarecrow Festival weekend and Open Gardens
<http://syreshamscarecrowfestival.co.uk>

people do, and they will need to be exchanged for the nice shiny new bi-metal ones with the 12 sides.

Again if you want to change to the new ones, see Ruth.

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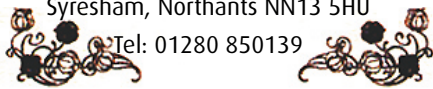
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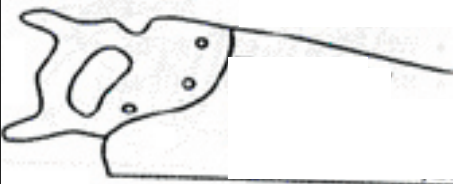
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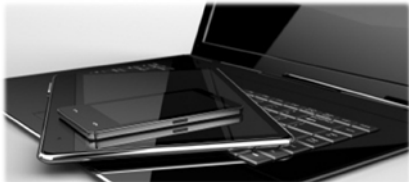
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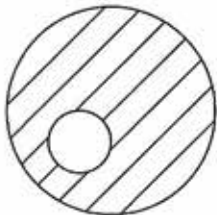
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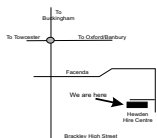


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