

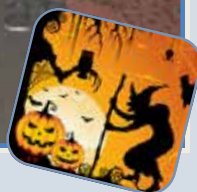


The Syresham Times

Serving the communities of Crowfield, Pimlico and Syresham



Halloween revellers in the village!





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From the Editor's desk

As I write on November 5th and a TV mini series ends telling the story of the Gunpowder Plot, I am reminded of the many decades of unrest in the country over the centuries. The great tensions between Roman Catholicism and Protestantism back in the 15th to 17th Centuries dominated English Politics. Local Warwickshire born Sir Robert Catesby, together with a group of like minded Catholics who hated the persecution and oppression of the first Elizabethan age, joined together in a plot to kill the new King James I.

Guido (Guy) Fawkes was credited with being responsible, but in fact 13 influential landed gentry, several from our own county, allegedly met at Ashby St Legers, near Daventry and plotted to kill the king at the opening of Parliament in 1605.

We shall never know what might have transpired had the plot been successful. It is estimated that the 2,500kg of explosive hidden beneath the houses of parliament would have obliterated some 500 square metres in the surrounding area.

Allegedly it was William Parker (after whom a school in Daventry was named) who wrote to his brother to warn him of the imminent dangers and caused the plot to be discovered.

We remember these events each year with bonfires, fireworks and great fun.

Ian Draper, November 2017

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**Copy Deadline for our next issue:-
Sunday, January 30th 2018**

SYRESHAM CRICKET CLUB

I'm pleased to report that Syresham Cricket Club won the South Northants Premier League for the 2nd time in the club history this season.

It has been a successful season all round for the club - we also won the 20/20

league cup competition to bring home the League and cup double.

After promotion into the SNCL Division 2 our 2nd team finished mid-table in their league. Our thanks go to all involved in the club for making it another very enjoyable and very successful season.

If anybody would like to get involved as a player or in any other aspect at the club please get in touch.

Scott Wilson scott.wilson@faccenda.co.uk

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

As a Club, August is the only month we don't meet, but on September 5th we welcomed back a local group called Large & Larger who entertain many local groups. Our day trip this year was to Frosts Garden Centre at Woburn Sands. And everyone had a wonderful day. Lots of shopping and very good restaurants and so many plants so you can imagine everyone came away with something.



We welcomed back the Bethany Homestead Choir and had a fantastic afternoon with Chris Bazeley enjoying a trip on The Great Central Railway which brought back memories for many.

We are looking ahead to our Birthday party, a film afternoon and Bingo, so do invite anyone who wishes to join us. Alternate weeks to Friendship Club there is a keep fit class at 1.30p.m.in the Village hall for senior person – again everyone welcome

Dot

MARIE CURIE — is appealing for local volunteers to help manage the charity's collection boxes in and around Brackley. To become a Marie Curie Collection Box Co-ordinator you need to be *aged 16 or over*. For more information please contact **Laura Foy** on **01604 442316**

SYRESHAM BOWLS CLUB

Members of the bowls club are passionate about their game. We meet most Thursdays throughout the year, only ousted from the hall by either pantomime or government!

Friends from other clubs regularly join us on club night, we enjoy friendly matches either at home or away and regularly join in tournaments with



other local clubs. Earlier this year one of our teams were runners up in the "Betty Stern/ Bernard Bodily

Memorial Tournament"

We are low on numbers and quite concerned about the future of our club. We would love to see some new faces at our weekly meetings.

What could you get for £2.50 a night?

Exercise, the chance to meet new friends, a good laugh, a cup of tea (or coffee), biscuits and maybe an occasional piece of cake.

You could also have the opportunity to play in tournaments and league matches.

Why not come along to the **Village Hall at 7 o'clock on a Thursday evening** and give it a go. Young or old, male or female, everybody is welcome.

You will never know how much you could enjoy it if you do not give it a try. We would love to see you very soon.

Contact: Barbara – 01280 850562

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SYRESHAM GEMS WOMEN'S GROUP



Our Women's Group has now been up and running for over a year and continues to be well

supported. We celebrated our first birthday in August with cake (of course) and a review of what we had achieved, and participated in, during the last 12 months.

In September we welcomed *Beth Paton from Madame B's boutique* as our guest speaker. Beth designs and produces bespoke millinery pieces for weddings and special occasions. Her unique designs reflect ideas from the 40s to 60s, mixed with a bit of goth, burlesque and boho. She told us how she got started, learning traditional skills at the London College of Fashion, and demonstrated how she makes some of the items and the different kinds of fabrics and techniques she uses. <https://mme-b-boutique.com/>

Last month we held a craft evening for everyone to come and see what some of the talented members of the group get up to in their spare time, and have a go themselves. Gill Fox set up her lace making station, Judith Shaw displayed the range of pottery she has created over the years, Barbara Hawkins showed us how to make simple Christmas decorations and Joan Whitehead helped us to knit/crochet a Christmas bauble. I was delighted to learn how to crochet

again as I'd forgotten how to! It was lovely to see everyone thoroughly enjoying themselves, concentrating hard on mastering a new skill and catching up with friends. Thanks again to everyone who generously shared their knowledge and skills – we will definitely do another craft evening next year.

Our next few meetings are as follows:

8th **November** – chocolate making demonstration and tasting – Shelley Chocolates

13th **December** – Christmas party with professional comedian. Family and friends welcome

10th **January** – speaker tbc

For more information about the Group, forthcoming events and membership please contact either Maggie Newton (850324) or Judith Shaw (850613).

A VERY BIG THANK YOU

In our last edition we reported on the recent marriage of Ronee and John at Gretna Green. They held a big tea party in the Village Hall and raised £776 for charities, who have responded:-



“Thank you so much for your donation of £388 to Alzheimer’s Research UK in lieu of wedding gifts. We are working relentlessly to find new treatments and your donation will help power vital new research that will transform lives.”

Alzheimer’s Research UK, 3 Riverside, Granta Park, Cambridge, CB21 6AD

“Thank you for your much appreciated donation of £388 to

ADSHG given by your families and friends in Syresham as gifts for your wedding earlier this year. ADSHG is a voluntary group run by and for people with Addison’s Disease. We aim to share information and experiences that will help people to manage their condition, and raise awareness of this rare condition.

Addison’s Disease Self-Help Group, P O Box 45445, Sydenham, London SE26 6DN

Ronee and John Robinson

THE FRIENDS OF ST. JAMES CHURCH

18th November, 2017 – 7.30 pm

**St. James the Great Church,
Syresham**

James Hornsby

presents his adaptation of Charles Dickens’ “Oliver Twist”

Performed as a one-man play with a short introductory biography of Charles Dickens' early life, James re-creates Dickens' own legendary public readings of his novels. This versatile actor brings to life a host of well loved characters including Mr. Bumble, Fagin and The Artful Dodger, Sikes and Nancy, the sinister Mr Monks and, of course, Oliver himself in a faithful, funny, thrilling and hard hitting re-telling of this classic novel.

Tickets – £8.00 (members) £9.00 (non-members) £4 (children under 12)

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**ALAN CLUBE,
MAY 1ST 1936 —
SEPTEMBER 19TH
2017**



Following a short illness, Gerard Alan Murray Clube died on the 19th

September 2017 at the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford with his family by his side.

Alan dedicated much of his life to education having taught in Africa and Australia with a 30 year spell in-between at Rossall School in Lancashire where he was, at various times, Head of Mathematics and Housemaster of one of the school's boarding houses.

Alan and his wife Gillian returned from Australia to the UK to be near their three children and eight grandchildren, moving to Syresham 18 years ago. They have both been very happy here making many friends and joining in village life.

Throughout his life Alan made a real effort to keep in touch with people and the Thanksgiving service here in Syresham on the 4th October was testament to this. It was a great celebration of a full and varied life and was attended by many of his ex-pupils and colleagues alongside family and friends from Syresham.

He will be greatly missed and Gillian and her family want to thank everyone who attended the service, sent cards and took time to reach out to Gillian. Special thanks go to The Rector Carole

Peters-King, organist David Wright, Malcolm and Clare Orr-Ewing for their help in arranging the beautiful flowers in the church and setting up the many extra seats that were needed and to Ian Draper for helping to set up the slide show in the village hall at the afternoon tea.

Amanda Aitchison (daughter)



Our next meeting is on November 21st when we welcome Paul Jupp who will talk on "A meadow in my Garden".

Everyone is welcome and for our December Meeting, when we are having lunch at Cherry Lane Garden Centre if you haven't yet given in your name, please see Chris Munsey as soon as possible.

Dot Dunkley

SYRESHAM CHAPEL

As a theme for our harvest services this year we wanted to thank God for his gifts to us but also wanted to realise it is more blessed to give than to receive. We always ask for gifts of tins and dried goods to take to The Hope Centre in Northampton. This year we had so many gifts along with toiletries, warm clothes, old tools which they renew. Paula produced a fantastic Harvest lunch and donations from this went to Katherine House Hospice. At the time of our harvest all the disasters were happening in the Caribbean and we decided to make our



offering of over £300.00 for this work. We searched the internet for a Christian organisation working in the area and found *Samaritans Purse* were there and we received a lovely card last week saying “*Dear Friends, Just wanted to add my thanks for your generous support. I head up our disaster response work. We are currently in 3 islands in the Caribbean rebuilding homes, providing clean water and sharing the good news about our Lord Jesus Christ to thousands of families*”.

We are now collecting shoe boxes filled with goods again to send to Samaritans Purse and if anyone is interested in being involved with this please contact us.

We are of course getting ready for Christmas and our United Carol Service this year is in Chapel on Sunday December 17th at 6.p.m.

Dot

**SYRESHAM
PARISH COUNCIL**



Our Parish Councillors have continued to work for the benefit of the village during the Summer holiday period. You may have noticed that all but one of the benches that are situated in various locations around the village have recently been renovated. The remaining bench in Abbey Road will soon be repaired and a plaque will be attached to the bench to show the provenance of the lime trees in Abbey Road. The Parish Council thanks Syresham History Society for providing the plaque.

There are a few concerns that have recently been brought to the attention of the Council. Firstly the issue of parking on the pavement. This is a very serious matter, as it blocks the pavement, especially for wheelchairs and pushchairs and elderly residents, forcing people to walk in the road and thereby potentially causing a very serious accident. Obviously no-one would wish to cause such an accident, so the Parish Council appeals to all drivers to park safely and sensibly within the village.

Secondly it has been reported that some people have been putting dog litter in other peoples’ domestic bins when these bins have been put out for emptying on Thursdays. There is no excuse for such anti-social behaviour as the village has five dog litter bins in various locations in the village used by dog walkers and it is now also possible to put dog litter in the ordinary litter bins located around the village. If none of these are convenient, please take your litter home and put it in your own bin!

Thirdly there is the matter of obtaining planning permission for alterations or additions to private residences. It would appear that some people are by-passing this process and are only applying for retrospective planning permission when the Enforcement Officer has become involved. We are therefore including a separate article in the next issue of the Syresham Times giving the basic rules of planning.

On a more positive note, one of the

responsibilities of the Parish Council is to make sure that the village has a village hall that is fit for purpose and we are therefore giving our support to the new village hall project. The construction of the new hall, as is evident to see, is now moving on apace. It is anticipated that the hall will be ready to occupy in the Spring and we look forward to the grand opening!

The Parish Council has also begun an initial investigation into the possibility of upgrading street lighting in the village. A questionnaire will soon be delivered to each household and we ask that you take a few minutes to complete this very important survey.

The Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to invite residents to join them at *the memorial stone in Abbey Road at 10.45 a.m. on Saturday 11th November for a short Remembrance event at 11.00 a.m.*

And finally, as 2017 comes to an end, may we be the first to wish all residents of the parish a very Happy Christmas and a Healthy, Happy and Successful New Year!

Cllr Christina Munsey

PIMLICO LIGHT RAILWAY

Our running season – when we open to the public – closed at the end of September and we now go into ‘hibernation mode’ when we beaver away in our various workshops making sure that everything is ready for next year’s running season! I have already turned the wheels of the engine that was slipping badly when we ran in September.

It has been a very successful year with none of our sessions being rained off and we look set to be able to send a substantial cheque to our chosen charity *Send-a Cow*; very grateful thanks to all of you who have supported us during the year, whether it was simply coming and watching, having a cup of tea and a piece of cake or even having a ride!

The membership of the club has grown and now stands at 39 with 10 of those still at school, and it is especially for these younger members that we have our Junior mornings throughout the year when they all have the opportunity to come and drive the engines. We have a very structured Award Scheme, and you may have seen that the caps that they wear sport different coloured cap badges which are awarded to them when they achieve a particular level.

They are rightly proud of their achievements and this all leads to the time when at the age of 16 they are permitted to drive for the public, and you may have noticed that the age of our driver is getting lower. This is much to the relief of the older drivers who find their backs are playing up a bit after bending over a hot steam engine for a couple of hours !

We all look forward to 2018 and our new season will start again next April.

John Roberts

BE SAFE NOT SORRY WITH OIL TANK SECURITY

Imagine having your oil stolen, your

tank damaged and then being faced with a hefty clean up cost, which is unlikely to be covered by your insurance. This is the reality if you don't maintain the security of your tank.

In recent years, the Environment Agency has seen an increase in the number of oil thefts and pollution incidents in early Autumn, as the nights draw in and people start to re-fill their oil tanks for winter heating.

Please check that your oil tank is secure and that it has not become damaged over the summer. It is a good idea to have your tank within a secondary bund to collect any spills or leaks.

This will prevent pollution into the local stream and reduce the impact on water quality and wildlife. If you do have an incident or see any pollution then please call the **Environment Agency 24hour incident hotline on 0800-80-70-60**

Liz Robinson, Senior Environment Officer,



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

In recent weeks there have been several attempted break-ins in the village by a youth or youths, and that despite the fact that residents are at home. It seems that the person is often seen climbing over walls and fences on the pretext of getting a football back. Laptops, Mobile Phones and other similar valuables are the target, so please keep them safely hidden. Lock your doors

when you are out and even when you are in. Report anything suspicious to Ruth at the shop and to the Police.

NORTHANTS POLICE are appealing for information regarding an attempted break in on Main Road on 2nd November between 12.30 and 1.00 p.m. If you saw anything suspicious please call 101 quoting crime reference number 17000477194 or visit www.northants.police.uk



NEW BUS ROUTES IN PLACE

From Monday 6th November, 2017 two bus route changes are introduced. These are being paid for by Section 106 contributions in Brackley, Silverstone and Towcester and mark a strategic improvement for the area.

Service 88—will be extended to Brackley to provide a restored hourly bus service between Brackley and Northampton, six days a week. *BUT not via Syresham!*

Service 91—A brand new express bus service from Brackley, Silverstone and parts of Towcester directly in to Milton Keynes, every hour six days a week.

The timetables for these services along with a summary of what it will mean for villages along the route are in the shop and on the village website.

Editor

MUMS AND TOTS



The Autumn term has been full of the usual toddler fun with lots of dressing up, modelling with play-dough, constructing with Stickle Bricks, climbing, sliding, and babies zooming around in walkers! The craft activities were linked to Fairy Tales.

The children have decorated gingerbread men with colourful icing and sweets, glued different materials to make a bed with lots of mattresses for *Princess and the Pea* and printed Autumn trees using apples to create a forest for *Snow White*.



They have created models of Rapunzel with dazzling gem combs, filled jars with rainbow rice and made Emerald City glasses.

We have lots planned in the run up to Christmas. The children will be making *When you wish upon a Star* tree decoration, *Frozen* tea light lanterns and much more. We are having another visit from the Spotted Chicken Ceramics Studio, where the children will be painting Christmassy decorations and using their hand or footprints to make treasured keepsakes.



In the last week we will be having a fancy dress Christmas party with a visit from a very special guest!

So, if you are a mum, a dad,

grandparent or child-minder with a baby or toddler, why not come and join the fun!

Tina Nesbitt

FROM THE RECTOR.....



“Remember, remember the fifth of November
“...the old rhyme goes;
But it is not just the Gunpowder Plot we remember this month.

November is also the time to remember all those who have laid down their lives for their country.

Originally two minutes of silence was observed “in all public spaces on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month” to commemorate all those who had died in the First World War. But less than 30 years later, Armistice Day had been renamed Remembrance Day and in the silence all those men and women who had died in the planet’s Second World War were added to the list of those recalled.

Sadly, as the death toll in the “War against Terror” continues to rise, this year in the two minutes silence at our new Village War Memorial we will also be remembering all those who have given up their lives in the many conflicts that have occurred since the “War to end all wars.”

Elsewhere it seems that the countdown to the Festive season has begun again already and before the lights from our firework celebrations have even completely faded from our night skies they are replaced with the twinkling of Christmas lights.

For many that signals the start of the traditional planning, buying and wrapping of presents for family and friends, and of course Christmas itself started with a present from God.

The gift of a baby - born in a manger, destined to change the world. Jesus Christ.

While on earth Jesus actually gave few material things to people, instead he gave gifts that were treasures of the heart; such as belief in self, inner healing, peace of mind, compassion, forgiveness, dignity and justice.

This loving presence lives on in each and every one of us, but it seems that it only really gets truly tapped into at Christmas, when we dedicate a whole season to "Peace on Earth and goodwill to all".

So why not make the most of it!

Christmas preparations start at St James the Great on **December 3rd** with our **St Nicholas Fair**. In the morning you are invited to join us at St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon as we begin our countdown to Christmas Night by blessing and lighting of all six of our Benefice Advent wreaths.

- ◆ **December 9th "Nativity in the Barn" at 3pm** at Manor Barn, Wappenham.
- ◆ **December 10th Candlelit Children's Christingle service at 5.30pm.**
- ◆ **12th and 13th of December** we will be welcoming Syresham School back into Church for their Christmas Nativity.
- ◆ **December 17th** we will be joining

with the Chapel and the School for a special **Village Carol Service at 6pm.**

- ◆ **Christmas Eve** we have our **Candlelit Family join in Nativity at 5pm**, followed by **Midnight Mass** at the slightly earlier time of **11.00pm**
- ◆ **Christmas Morning** we will be holding our traditional **11.15am Family Christmas Day Service**

Well I'm off to dust off my Christmas Boots and twinkly lights, but I'm also off to pray that this year we may get a step closer to Peace on Earth and that more of us will come to realise that Christ's gifts isn't just for Christmas but can be used again and again, and these batteries never run out!

Reverend Carole is your Parish

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SYRESHAM TIMES ADVERTISING

Over recent editions we have been advertising for a new Advertising Manager, and I am pleased to report that Russell Woolley of High Street has kindly agreed to support our magazine—thank you Russell!

He will work alongside Malcolm Orr-Ewing until the new year and then take over.

I am very grateful to Malcolm for his support over all the years of publication of this magazine, and now to Russell for his very kind offer.

Editor



Aerial Photo:- Adam Jeskins

Steve Dimmer about the life and times of Agatha Christie. He had us all guessing who the actors were who played various characters in the television or film versions of Poirot or Miss Marple.

The AGM took place in October. It was

Our new Village Hall is gradually taking shape and making progress for the community. **Editor**

SYRESHAM AND DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY

The society meets at the village hall on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm



Our August meeting is normally a visit to one of the local villages for a guided walk, this year we were kindly invited to walk around Woodford Halse. We met at the Dryden hall and were taken to the church where the vicar gave us a short introduction. From there we were taken around the village to the old railway yard where a member of the Woodford Halse railway group then took over to explain to us the vast marshalling yards that once occupied the area. We then walked around the railwaymen's houses and back to the meeting point for refreshments. A very enjoyable evening was had by all.

The September meeting was a talk by

established that we still need an additional member of the committee — any takers?

After the AGM the village film was shown and Ian also showed an Audio Visual presentation of the trip that the society made to Ypres and the first world war battlefields back in 2011.

On 13th October we held a quiz night, very well organised as usual by John Braybrook to whom we give many grateful thanks. This raised much needed funds — speakers are much more expensive nowadays.

On November 7th Gillian Cane gave a talk "*It's a girl's life in the army*". Gillian was among the first women to go through Sandhurst Officer Training.

For the December meeting we will have the annual wassail cup and food plus the entertainment by David Wornham who will play on a selection of his musical various instruments.

Free admission for members, £3.00 for non members but for the December meeting it will be £5.00 for non members to include refreshments.

John Gibbins

SYRESHAM VILLAGE HALL REPORT AND A HEARTFELT APPEAL

First the Good News - I am sure that no-one in the village has failed to notice that the construction of a brand new village hall is now well under way. This project was first mooted in 1997 when it was intended to be our 'Millennium Project'.

For various reasons this was thwarted, and at least two other attempts to build a hall during the intervening years also failed to reach fruition. Finally, some twenty years later, we have been successful! I personally have been involved in all the attempts and I have to say that I am thrilled, not only for myself, but more especially for everyone in the village of Syresham, that the new hall is now a reality. If everything progresses according to plan we will be moving into the hall in the Spring of 2018 and believe you me, we will be celebrating!

BUY A BRICK

Many people in the village have already supported the new hall by 'buying a brick'. If you would like to take part and have not yet done so, you can still make a donation by speaking to Ruth in the Post Office, or by contacting me directly. Although we have raised the money to build the hall itself, there are still items that we will need to purchase – new curtains and all the signage to mention just two - so your support will be most gratefully appreciated. The trustees would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the people who

DONATE NOW!

have supported us thus far.

NOW FOR THE HEARTFELT APPEAL - the village hall not only provides a vital facility for the people of the village and its environs to enjoy recreational and educational activities, but its trustees are also responsible for arranging the annual Scarecrow Festival and the weekly Coffee Shop.

We intend that both of these important community events will continue when the new hall is built. However, I do now need to make an appeal – **WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEER SUPPORT FOR THE COFFEE SHOP.**

Believe it or not, the Coffee Shop will be 10 years old in 2018.

Many of those who worked on the rota in the first few years are now no longer able to do so – although we do still have several octogenarians and even a ninety year old running the coffee shop on a regular basis! I am sure there are people who can give just 2 or 3 hours of their time every 2 or 3 months to help keep this weekly event going.



If you can make cakes, all the better – but if not, then you can buy them. All helpers are welcome to claim reimbursement if they so wish. The number of helpers has been dwindling for some time now, and the situation is becoming serious.

PLEASE, PLEASE HELP IF YOU CAN!

Thank you.

Chris Munsey, Village Hall Chairman



FRIENDS OF SYRESHAM SCHOOL AGM

We held our AGM in early October reviewing both the wide variety of events we put on (an average of one a month!) and the wonderful fundraising we achieve, an impressive £6,416. We spent nearly £10k on products and services for our school children, including; library furniture, playground markings, French lessons, KS1 reading books and sports coaching, plus lots more! So a big thank you to everyone who comes and supports these events, especially our wider community with our big fundraisers at May Day and the Christmas Fayre – we couldn't do it without you! We have some wonderful ideas for what we might want to buy this year, including revamping the vegetable garden and providing folding lunchtime table and chair sets.

**Christmas Fayre – Saturday November
25th 1.45pm – 4.00pm**

We have a great event planned this year, with so much to do, from visiting Father Christmas in his Grotto, to a Festive Fizz Filled bar, with our traditional Raffle and Rainbow stall, the wonderful North Pole Shop, games and craft for the children, to name but a few. In addition we have 11 exciting external stallholders offering an array of wonderful gifts. Please do come along and enjoy a festive afternoon with us, starting at 1.45pm with the choir singing next to the Christmas tree

in the playground. See you there!

Community Fund – we need your help

I am extremely excited to report that The Friends have entered Syresham School into the 2017 Aviva Community Fund bidding for £10k to develop a new outdoor learning area for nursery, reception and Year 1&2.

The construction of the new nursery has lead to a number of changes outside at school with the moving of the timber trail and the demolition of the old mobile and catering pod. This in turn has created an excellent opportunity for us to create an amazing new outdoor learning area that will engage and inspire our Early Years and KS1 children.

£10k is a huge amount of money for our little school and it is difficult to overstate what a massive impact an injection of cash like this could have for the whole school.

BUT WE NEED YOUR VOTES TO MAKE IT HAPPEN!!

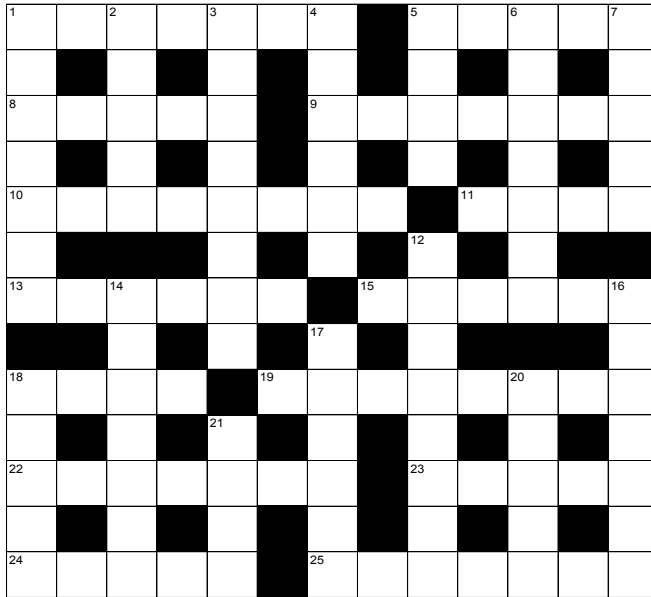
In order to get through to the final judging stage and win our bid we will need everyone on board. We are a small school so every vote will count! Voting has opened and will close on 21st November. To cast your votes (each person is allowed to vote up to 10 times) you will need to register at www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk it will only take a few minutes of your time but could impact of the lives of children in our village.

LISA DIMBLEBY, CHAIR, FRIENDS OF SYRESHAM SCHOOL

Events and Diary Dates

HAPPENING SOON	WEEKLY DIARY	FORTNIGHTLY DIARY
NOVEMBER	SUNDAYS:- Chapel Service 6.00 p.m.	THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB Second Tuesdays, usually Village Hall 2.30 p.m. <i>not August</i>
1 st and 29 th Oil Orders due in to Acre—no orders then till 2018	Church Services — <i>please check the Astwell Benefice Diary</i>	WEDNESDAYS (1ST & 3RD) Secret Keepers , 7-11 yr. olds 7.00 p.m. till 8.00 p.m. <i>Term time only</i>
Saturday 11th, 10.45 a.m. Memorial Stone Remembrance	MONDAYS:- Walking Group 10.00 a.m. <i>meet at Shop</i>	MONTHLY DIARY
17 th - Brackley Hog watch Quiz Night, Village Hall	CARD RECYCLING GROUP <i>contact Sue Palmer for details</i>	2ND SUNDAY , Sunday School & Breakfast Church 9.30 a.m.— <i>Not December</i>
25 th , School Christmas Fayre 1.45 to 4.00 p.m.	DANCING CLASSES Village Hall— various 4.00 to 8.30 p.m.	2ND SUNDAY —Sports Club Carvery lunch 12.00 noon till 2.00 p.m.
DECEMBER	TUESDAYS:- Adult Ballet, <i>Village Hall</i> , 11.00 a.m. to 12.00	1ST TUESDAY , History Society, <i>Village Hall 7.30 p.m.</i>
3rd St Nicholas Fair, St James Church	PILATES <i>Village Hall</i> , 12.00 noon to 1.00 p.m.	3RD TUESDAY , Gardening Club, <i>Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.</i>
8 th - Northants & Warwick Air Ambulance Quiz Night	BROWNIES , 6.00 till 7.15p.m. <i>Sunday School Term time only</i>	2ND WEDNESDAY GEMS Women's Group, <i>Village Hall 7.30 p.m.</i>
12 th and 13 th School Nativity at the Church	CRAFTS GROUP , 2nd, 3rd & 4th Tuesday, Sunday School, 7.30 p.m.	3RD WEDNESDAY Sports Club Cash Bingo Night, 7.30 p.m.
JANUARY 2018	CIRCUIT TRAINING , <i>Sports Club 7.15 p.m.</i>	LAST WEDNESDAY , Parish Council Meetings , <i>Village Hall 7.30 p.m.</i>
4 th —ACRE Oil orders due by midnight	WEDNESDAYS:- Mums and Tots, <i>Village Hall 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon Term Time only</i>	3RD FRIDAY , Sports Club Quiz Nights
	THURSDAYS:- Village Hall Coffee Shop, 10.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.	2ND SATURDAY , Friends of the Churchyard, 10.00 a.m.
Scarecrows 2018 June 23rd and 24th	BOWLS CLUB , <i>Village Hall, 7.00 p.m.</i>	LIBRARY VAN High Street, 2nd Wednesday 11.30a.m. 13 Dec; 10 Jan; 14 Feb; 14 Mar
	CRICKET Matches in season— <i>Check Sports Club details</i>	

Crossword —thanks to Vintage Port



ACROSS

- 1 Called on (7)
- 5 Its Capital, Lhasa (5)
- 8 Beneath (5)
- 9 Formerly Peking (7)
- 10 Guardianship (8)
- 11 Let the original stand (4)
- 13 Wrecked (6)
- 15 Streisand’s 1st big hit (6)
- 18 The track of a deer (4)
- 19 Engines, Motors (8)
- 22 Canoodled (7)
- 23 Rivalling(5)
- 24 Cary Grant’s real surname (5)
- 25 Gamblers (7)

DOWN

- 1 Track and Field athlete (7)
- 2 Murdered Egyptian leader (5)
- 3 Michael Jackson video (8)
- 4 Removes defects(7)
- 5 Arrange sails to suit the winds (4)
- 6 Fully occupied by houses (7)
- 7 Tipsy (5)
- 12 East Sussex port (8)
- 14 Plants of genus ‘morning glory’ (7)
- 16 Low ranking officers (7)
- 17 Impecunious (6)
- 18 Spiny leaved fibre (5)
- 20 Artless (5)
- 21 Unit of rainfall (4)

ANSWERS—ACROSS 1 Visited; 5 Tibet; 8 Under; 9 Beijing; 10 Tutelage; 11 Stey; 13 Ruined; 15 People; 18 Slot; 19 Machines; 22 Spooned; 23 Vying; 24 Leach; 25 Punters
DOWN—1 Vaulter; 2 Sadat; 3 Thriller; 4 Debugs; 5 Trim; 6 Built-up; 7 Tight; 12 Newhaven; 14 Ipomoea; 16 Ensigns; 17 Hard-up; 18 Sisal; 20 Naive; 21 Inch



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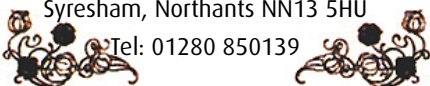
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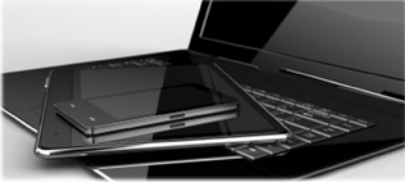
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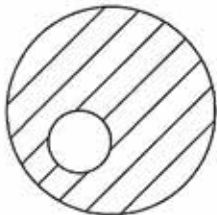
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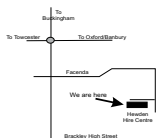


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