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South Northants Premier League Winners, 2015
- first time in 108 years!

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November
2015



From the Editor's desk

Despite the mixed summer weather the village has maintained a cheerful and well cared for appearance. There are several houses up for sale and new residents coming to join the village population. We extend a warm welcome to all new friends and hope that they will enjoy being part of our busy community.

Village clubs and societies offer a wide range of activities for all ages, and engender the supportive and friendly atmosphere that we have come to recognise in the village.

Special congratulations are due to our 1st Eleven Cricketers who for the first time in 108 years have won the South Northants League — well done everyone associated with that very special achievement. Most of the players initially joined the club's Junior Squad when they were just 11 or 12 years old—that was a really successful investment of time and energy!

The Sports and Social Club promotes a good sporting ethic in the local area and Syresham has a fine reputation for its sporting achievements and especially for its Cricket Teas!

An important date in November will see the Planning Inspector preside over the hearing about Abbey Road developments— November 18th is the date at the Forum, Towcester (new SNC Offices).

Family news, happy and sad has as usual been uppermost in many people's minds of late. We give our hearty congratulations to those who have celebrated new births, marriages and coming of age. And as always we hold in our thoughts, those who have lost loved ones.

Ian Draper, November 2015

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THE ASTWELL BENEFICE— FROM THE RECTOR

Christmas is just around the corner! The shops are already full of Christmas cheer and it won't be long before those Christmas songs start blaring out from the Radio and TV.

And we are already preparing for our festive **St Nicholas Fair on December 5th**.

Christmas isn't just a time to fund raise, to sing carols, to re-tell the nativity story in a myriad of ways and to hold candlelit services, although we do a lot of the last three! For us, Christmas is about celebrating the fact that on that night over 2,000 years ago, the birth of a tiny baby changed the world forever.

We talk about "the light coming into the world at Christmas" (*hence all the candles*), but as we look around this Christmas, can we really say that light is still shining? Well I believe it is!

You see, every modern day Greek or Balkan "inn keeper" that finds a bed for a homeless refugee; every modern "shepherd" who leaves their job for one night to help the homeless via Christmas soup kitchens and shelters, or every modern day "King", prepared to travel to bring gifts of aid to others in need, shows me that the light of the world is still shining out this Christmas.

So come along to St James the Great and share in that light. Enjoy our Christmas fair; sing some traditional Christmas carols; hear the magic of the Nativity story; share our wonderfully festive candlelit worship and join with us as we pray that the light that came into the world in that stable will one day blind the whole world with its brightness and that then there truly will be Peace on Earth and goodwill towards all men.

An impossible prayer - well Christmas is the time for miracles – so who knows!

Before we begin our Christmas celebrations we will spend time this month remembering all those who gave their lives for their country.

This year our Village Remembrance Sunday Service will take place at the new War Memorial Stone. (*If it's really wet we will move into the school hall after the two minute silence*).

Please, do join us from 10.45 as we gather along with the whole nation to remember the fallen from our village who fought in the World Wars and the many other conflicts that have taken place since.

As a village, we have also been remembering some very dear friends and neighbours we lost this year. Our All Souls Service earlier this month was a chance for us to give thanks for their lives and the lives of all our departed loved ones.

However, the very recent and tragically sad death of Darren Jeacock our village "Bee Man" has led me to want to remind you that I am always available to talk to you about anything that is troubling you.

Our conversations will be completely confidential and I am a good, non-judgemental listener, so please if there is anything troubling you and you feel you have no one to turn to, remember I am always here.

Reverend Carole

PS: A huge thank you to everyone from the village who came along to help celebrate our wedding in September. It was a wonderful day and for those who are wondering - I'm now Reverend Carole Peters-King!

SERVICES & EVENTS

Please see noticeboard in the church porch for all Astwell Benefice Services.

Remembrance Sunday 8th November 10.45a.m.

Act of Remembrance at the Memorial Stone

Saturday 5th December 2p.m. St Nicholas Fair

Saturday 14th December Nativity in the Barn—

Details to follow

Sunday 13th December – Third Sunday of

Advent 11.15a.m. Parish Communion in Advent,

5.30p.m. Messy Christingle

Tuesday 15th December

2.00 p.m. and 6.00 p.m. Syresham School
Nativity

Sunday 20th December – Fourth Sunday of

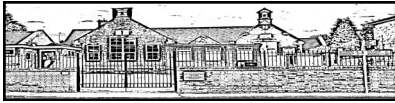
Advent 6p.m. Carols with the Chapel at
Syresham Chapel

Thursday 24th December - Christmas Eve

4.30p.m. Carols by Candlelight for Christmas Eve
with Join-in Nativity & Blessing of the Crib
11.30 p.m. Midnight Mass

Friday 25th December - Christmas Day

10.30 a.m. Christmas Day Service



SYRESHAM CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

It's October half term again, which means it must be time to put pen to paper and update you with the school's news.

Just before half term we welcomed back Mrs. Clough after her year of maternity leave. She will be settling back into her role as Head Teacher over the coming weeks. Mrs. Haddy will once again be the Year 5 and 6 class teacher, sharing with Mrs. Hughes.

I have been elected for another year as the Chair of the Friends of Syresham School and we have already held our first fundraising event of the year - a Pizza and Film Night for the children. Dominos Pizza were very kind and gave us a very reduced rate for the pizzas and several mums spent the afternoon popping corn and bagging it up for the children to eat as they watched a choice of two films. We got the timings right this time and everyone got to watch right to the end of their chosen film!

There is an increasing amount of computing in the curriculum and this year we hope to raise funds to purchase some laptops, so that the children will be able to incorporate this into their classroom

learning. We would also like to buy some new reading scheme books for the younger children.

So our next big fundraising is the school's **Christmas Fayre**, which is on **Saturday 28th November, between 2.00 and 4.00 pm.**

The whole school gives itself over to the event and welcomes you all to join their festive afternoon. Every year we invite local businesses to have a 'stall in the hall', so remember to bring your cheque books and get some Christmas shopping done. There will be a secret shopping area for the children to buy presents for their family; the Rainbow Stall; a Lucky Dip; a craft room to make an angel tea-light holder (or maybe an elf, a snowman or Santa – you choose); a raffle for a Christmas hamper full of lovely goodies and much more.

Then, when you're all shopped out, why not pop along to the tea room for a sit-down with a nice Cuppa and a slice of cake? There will also be mince pies and mulled wine (my personal favourite) available in the hall. And finally what fayre would be complete without a visit from that big bearded fellow in red!

We hope you can come along and join us on what promises to be another fantastic, festive, fun-filled afternoon for all.

Dee King, Friends of Syresham School

MUMS AND TOTS

We started off the term with an exciting



visit from the Primary Education Company. Two teachers coached the children in many skills such as throwing,

balancing and travelling in different ways.

They played games and completed an obstacle course. Everyone had a fun morning. We hope they'll be back when the weather is



better.



The children have been involved in art and craft and sensory activities; played a variety of musical instruments, including triangle, drum, recorder and cymbals! They then made and decorated their own rice shakers. We have explored autumn through our senses and experienced crunching leaves, touching conkers, smelling pots of apples and cinnamon, tasting blackberries and looking at the different colours of leaves. The children created collages of autumn trees by using breakfast cereals as leaves. They made clay hedgehogs and completed pictures of them too. For Halloween the children decorated cakes to look like spooky spiders. We were also lucky to have Ed the hearing dog for the deaf come to visit.



We have welcomed many new faces this term and hope to see more in the weeks to come.

Tina Nesbitt

TRAINS AT PIMLICO 2015

It's been a mixed season running the trains this year with several sessions blighted by rain or the threat of it, and July was cancelled because the rain just didn't stop. So overall numbers of passengers carried fell from the 1,000 or so in 2014 to just over 700 this year. We



had some splendid afternoons as well when we carried well over 200 hundred people on anything up to 74 trains and that makes for a busy 2 hours. Several of the engines that we use have mileage totals well in excess of 100 miles

which means that the drivers have severely bent backs from driving them!

What was particularly pleasing was the amount that we are able to donate to our chosen charity "Send a Cow" - the amount this year was £746; in previous years it has been in the high £500s so this was particularly gratifying, thanks to all the hard work that goes on to make the afternoons a success and especially to everyone who has given so generously during the year.

2016 will be the 10th anniversary of the club's formation and several special events are being considered to mark this milestone. Although the railway has existed at Pimlico for a lot longer than that, it was only in 2006 that we became officially "Pimlico Light Railway". We are now officially: "Pimlico Light Railway Ltd—a limited company."

We are always looking for new members, especially folk who live locally, and we do have members as young as 7 and our eldest member is over 80. I would hasten to add that the young members do have to have an adult member of the family joining with them until they move to secondary school. Please get in touch if you are interested.

John Roberts john@pimlicohouse.co.uk



PRESCHOOL GROUP

The children have had a great half term with lots of outdoor play, mud and related fun! This term the focus has been on turn taking and building friendships and independence. No problem with friendships in Syresham!

New 'story sacks' are being handed out intermittently by 'Lola the tiger' - I know

for our family this has meant acting out *Three Billy Goats Gruff* in various different ways (and with resounding roars) every time we happen upon a bridge!

We have welcomed Melanie who has joined our team as the Preschool Deputy Leader; she comes to us with a wealth of experience from a Preschool in Towcester. Marie has also become a permanent member of the team with Alison (Leader) and Sam. We are fortunate to have such an enthusiastic and caring team with excellent staff to child ratios and my son Joel truly loves going to Preschool.

Thanks go to Clare Powell who has been a fantastic Chair of the Committee for the last 2 years. Ilse Berry has now kindly taken over the role. We always welcome new Committee members as Preschool is run by volunteers who are largely the parents of the children attending.

Sarah Eames organised and hosted a very successful tea party at her farm in the Summer. We hope to repeat something similar in 2016. The Mums and Dads are enjoying regular curry nights and you will also be relieved to hear there will be ***Christmas Singing at Coffee Shop on December (10th)***. We do have spaces at the moment for new starters and take children from the age of 2. *Rachel Oleś*



GARDENING CLUB

Owing to lack of interest our August outing had to be cancelled so we spent a very relaxed evening in the garden of Gill and Robert Swinford with Pimms, cream scones etc., – a wonderful relaxing time and a fantastic garden to enjoy so many flowers and interesting nooks and crannies.

September saw us back in the hall to listen to Chris Day from Buckingham Garden Centre sharing his hints and tips to get the best from our garden and plants. October 6

we welcomed Brian Sumpton with pictures of birds bees and butterflies encouraging us to 'Garden for Wildlife'. *Dot Dunkley*

SYRESHAM BROWNIES

The Brownies have once again enjoyed a very packed programme.

We started with fun and games after the summer managing to spend several meetings in the lovely autumn weather. Since then, we made clay Diwali lamps taking several weeks to paint them and make them look really special. We had an evening baking, not quite the British Bake Off but a delicious end product resulted.

Several new Brownies have joined us over the last months. Crystal Burn from Brackley made her promise standing on the parachute and Harriet Pedder made hers at Whistley Woods. It is great to join the Guiding movement and make your promise somewhere unusual. Charlotte Sambrook Smith made her promise a couple of years ago inside a Fire Engine at Brackley Station and I made my Guiders promise in a Swiss ice-cave—something you never forget.

We also enjoyed a traditional Brownie camp fire and sing-song courtesy of Beachborough School, thanks to Verity Sanders a colleague of mine and an old Brownie led an evening of song and toasting marshmallows to make 'Smores'.

Leading up to Christmas we will have party games and spend time making and delivering the Brownie Good Turn. A tradition that Joan Payne started and one that I will endeavour to continue.

Can I thank the parents' for all their support, it is greatly appreciated.

If there is anyone in the village who has a special hobby or pastime that they could share with us please contact me (01280 850382) it would be lovely for you to come and share an hour. Having run Brownies for 16 years I welcome any fresh new ideas.

Paula Green (Wol)



WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

August saw members cruising up the Grand Union Canal from Stoke Bruerne to the Blisworth Tunnel, learning all about its history. This was followed by an enjoyable meal at the Boat Inn.

In September we hosted the Group meeting with a special guest - Zena Skinner, a household name in the 1960's to 80's presenting her TV cookery shows with the BBC and author of many cookery books. She talked to a packed village hall about 'Facing the Camera', sharing her memories and anecdotes of being one of the first TV chefs. At 88 years old she is still very inspiring, full of energy and kept us all amused and entertained for over an hour.



Our AGM was held on 14th October. We are now down to 15 members and were unable to form a Committee which means we will finish

our association with the WI at the end of the year. However, we very much want to continue with a women's group in Syresham and would like to hear your thoughts on what you would like from such a group.

Our penultimate WI meeting will be on **Wednesday 11th November** when Alison Grantham will be coming along to give us some ideas and inspiration on gift wrapping presents – very handy in time for Xmas.

Please contact either Judith Shaw on 850613 or Maggie Newton on 850324 with your thoughts and ideas.

Maggie Newton

FAMILY NEWS AND EVENTS

Congratulations to Jason Rush and Julia Martini on their marriage in Australia on July 18th 2015, also for deciding to make



their home in Broad Street Syresham. Jason's Mum, Sarah (Gibbons), was from Crowfield and his Dad, Steve Rush, from Bell Lane. Julia is a French teacher and Jason a school administrator.



Congratulations also to Rev Carole Peters and Barry King who tied the knot at St James Church on September 12th.

And on the same day Keith Watts and Julie cemented their relationship with a wedding and an evening of celebration.

9TH GRANDCHILD—Nick and Hazel Bullen of Bell Lane were pleased to record the arrival in June of Alice Mary Urquhart, a new daughter to Brian and Jessica. Jessica grew up in the village and has now returned after some time living in the Scottish Highlands. Alice's brother Joseph and sister Emilia love having a new sister!



JEFF DONO, 1944-2015

After a period of illness, Jeff Dono, partner of Wendy Holt passed away at home on 24th September. Born in Surrey but brought up in southern Africa, Jeff spent time in the army, and later moved to Durban working in a variety of industries. Deciding to travel the world, he got no further than back here in UK, and resettled. His son and daughter followed to escape the problems associated with Apartheid. Jeff loved his children, six grandchildren, he also had a great love of animals and the outdoor life. He continued to work till age 70, despite various health problems.

Wendy and family very much appreciated the support that they received during his last weeks, particularly from Macmillan and Hospice@Home nurses, and would like to thank everyone locally for their kind thoughts and support.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Latest information from Towcester Safer Community Team and our Village Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, at the PO/Shop relates to fraudulent activity.



If you are approached over the internet, by phone or at the door, about winning lotteries, sweepstakes etc., and that you have to send them money first—**DO NOT AGREE TO DO SO!**

Other examples include apparent inheritances in your name, secret deals to make you rich, clairvoyants who can stop bad luck and much more. If you receive suspect emails then delete them without opening any attachments.

If you have any suspicions about activity in the village on the part of strangers, contact Ruth at the shop on 850210.

Ruth Grovell

PARISH SPECIAL CONSTABLES

Northants Police are looking for Parish Special Constables, to work as volunteers alongside regular Police Officers and PCSOs. There would be training, advice and support for anyone who was interested in volunteering.



If you would like any further information please phone 01604 888113 or contact

SpecialsRecruitment@northants.pnn.police.uk

From the Office of the Northants Police Commissioner

PARCELS, PARCELS, PARCELS



It is getting close to Christmas already, a time when parcel deliveries are on the increase.

At times I get over 20 a day and if they cannot be delivered they often end up here

in the shop and a card is dropped through your door to collect from me. If this happens *do come along as soon as you can* to collect, even if out of hours till 9.00 p.m., including weekends. Just knock on the back door! The sooner I can make sure you receive them, the better and the more space we will have in the shop! Thank you.

Ruth

WESLEYAN CHAPEL

A stable, a manger, a baby wrapped in strips of cloth – from Christmas carols to nativity plays such details are intimately associated with the birth of Jesus. Together with Mary and Joseph travelling to Bethlehem, shepherds hurrying from their fields by night and magi following a star, they are part of the magic of the forthcoming season. But behind the romance of the story, what do they have to say to you and me today: about life now, the people we are and lives we lead?

In the hustle and bustle associated with this time of year – writing cards, buying presents, stocking up with food, hanging decorations and so forth, are we really prepared to meet Jesus. Are we ready to honour him in our hearts and serve him with our lives, to hear his call and glimpse his presence in the world around us.

Jesus was God's gift to all mankind over 2,000 years ago. We all love receiving presents from family and friends but are you ready to accept this free gift from God.

In Matthew chapter 1 v 21 we read that '*He will save his people from their sins.*' More than anything else you need someone to save you from your sins. Secondly in Matthew Ch1 v 23 we find out that '*He shall be called Emmanuel, which means God with us.*' More than anything else you need God to be with you all the time. Jesus is perfect for each one of us. Our two greatest needs can be met in him: be forgiven by God, and to be with him

forever.

Will you accept his gift or put it once again in the cupboard with all the other unwanted presents.

Paula Green

MORE CHAPEL NEWS

Thank you to everyone who filled shoe boxes for us this year we have collected 34 and hope these get to their destinations by Christmas. This year for the first time we are having a **Christingle service on Christmas Eve**. We are inviting parents to drop off their children at 2.00 p.m. in the Sunday school where we are making our Christingles and other crafts and join us in the Chapel for a short service at 4.00 p.m. when we are inviting everyone to come with us to Church for the crib service. Once again we shall be carol singing for charity Christmas Eve The **combined carol service** will be held in Chapel this year on **Sunday December 20th** and we look forward to seeing you. Our Christmas morning service will be at 10.00 a.m.

STEPTOE SALES

Very special thanks go to Christine and George for all their hard work with the Steptoe Sales—they have raised an impressive £1,357 for the Chapel.

BERNARD GREEN

Bernard was brought up in Syresham, worked for local builders and at Brackley Sawmills. Latterly he lived in Brackley but always kept up to date with Syresham and was often seen in the village. His funeral service was held in the Chapel.

Dot Dunkley

A VALUED FIND?



You never know when you might come across treasure trove! At one of George's recent village sales, Jason Rush came across a WW2 Army Issue fork related to The Black Watch regiment. Does anyone

recognise it? Does anyone have information about a relative who may have served in the Black Watch in the 1940s?

Editor

SYRESHAM AND DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY



Our September meeting was to have been addressed by Tim Healey, son of the recently deceased Dennis Healey, Labour

Chancellor of the Exchequer. As it turned out Tim was at the bedside of his father who had suffered two falls sustaining a broken ankle and pneumonia—we extended our sympathies to Tim on the loss of his father.

In October John Nash stood down as Chairman after several years as Vice Chairman and then most recently two years leading the Society. We thank John for his many contributions to the work of the Society, and we look forward to his continued support.

A new committee was installed and a programme of talks for 2016 was agreed. We have a History Society page on the village website and full details of those talks and visits will be posted there.

In December we have Martin Sirot Smith from Sulgrave coming to tell us about Tudor Christmases. And I am sure we'll enjoy some festive fare!

I hope you have already noticed that the village Memorial Stone in Abbey Road has been enhanced by the addition of a new bench also a plaque listing the names of

the men of this village who perished in two world wars. We are especially grateful to Heritage Lottery



Fund for their support, and to Les and Robert Hawkins for installing them.

We thank everyone for supporting our Annual Exhibition and for taking time to come along. The day raised £130 for the Society funds. If you are interested in history, do please come along and join us on a first Tuesday at 7.30 p.m.

Ian Draper, Chairman

MESOTHELIOMA COFFEE MORNING IN MEMORY OF BRUCE COATES

Thank you to everyone that came to our Coffee Morning on Saturday 10th October in memory of Bruce Coates and in aid of Mesothelioma. We managed to raise £765. Thank you also to all the helpers, everyone that made cakes and everyone that donated and with special thanks to Toy, Danny, Grace, Lydia, Lavinia and Ferida.

Pat & Nadine

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

I am delighted to have been elected in May to represent Astwell Ward as your District Councillor and look forward to supporting you during the next 4 years. I would like to pay tribute to my predecessor, Robin Digby who served on the Council for 16 years before retiring earlier this year. Robin made an enormous contribution whilst on the Council representing your views and concerns.



Since the elections the Council has continued to operate seamlessly. Councillor Ian McCord was elected as Leader of the Council. Ian has been a member of the SNC Cabinet since 2010, he brings a wealth of expertise and experience to the role.

County Councillor Ian Morris, for Silverstone Ward, which includes Syresham, now chairs the Development Control Committee for the County. They are responsible for approving developments including, infrastructure, schools and mineral extraction.

Towcester is expanding and more housing being built, so it is clear that more car parking is essential. Planning permission has been granted for a new public car park off the Northampton Road. Up to 60 spaces will initially be created and works will start soon. This should help alleviate some of the major parking issues in Towcester. There is soon to be a second review of car parking with a particular focus on Brackley.

SNC Heritage Team are reviewing current Conservation Areas as well as a few new ones. As of October 2015 there are 60 reviewed and adopted Conservation Areas in South Northants. Work will commence on assessing and considering for inclusion those settlements currently not benefiting from a Conservation status. Syresham is on this list. Conservation Areas recognise and identify buildings, land, streets and even trees worthy of preservation and offer some protection from unsympathetic developments.

The Council intends to encourage the recycling of food. This will be supported by a sticker campaign to get more food waste recycled and out of the black bins which then goes to expensive and non environmentally friendly land fill sites.

Cllr Simon Marinker, Astwell Ward

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS



The Parish Council has continued to work throughout the summer dealing with village and planning issues. We met the Police Commissioner and walked around the village discussing problems such as parking and speeding; councillors also attended meetings and seminars on various topics including future developments at Silverstone, Emergency Planning and the AGM of Northamptonshire County Association of Local Councils (NCALC).

You will notice that the white gates at the

Brackley entrance to the village are now bright and clean, thanks to the efforts of some of the Parish Councillors who spent several hours cleaning and painting them. The flower boxes at all entrances to the village will also soon be renovated and planted up with winter blooms. The Parish Council are also keeping a close eye on the horse chestnut trees at the High Street entrance to the village as at least one of them has started to show signs of bleeding canker.

The Chairman of the Parish Council was very pleased to be asked to cut the ribbon at the lovely sensory garden that has recently been created by local schoolchildren at the Red House Nursing Home at Pimlico.

Village residents might be interested to know that the County Council operates a **Street Doctor** scheme, allowing you to tell NCC directly about problems such as street signs, pot holes, cracked pavements etc., and then to track what the Council is doing about it. This service can be accessed on:-

www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/streetdoctor

The Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to thank the History Society for all the work that they did to obtain a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund to create the memorial in Abbey Road, including the bench and a plaque detailing the names of men from the village who sacrificed their lives in the two World Wars. It is a lovely place where people can spend a few moments to sit in quiet reflection.

Remembrance Day Service will be held at the stone on Sunday 8th November at 10.45 a.m. and residents are invited to join with members of the Parish Council at 11.00 a.m on Wednesday 11th November for the official Act of Remembrance.

Just a final reminder that the hearing of the appeal against the refusal of planning permission for a development of new houses in Abbey Road will take place on the first floor of the Forum the offices of South

Northamptonshire Council from 10.00 a.m. on **Tuesday 17th November**. All members of the public are welcome to attend.

South Northamptonshire Council has moved to new offices at **The Forum, Moat Lane, Towcester, NN12 6AD (Tel 01327-322322)** - just over the traffic lights towards Northampton.

Clr Christina Munsey

THE SYLVIE ESSAME SCHOOL OF DANCE



We will be presenting our annual show "*Just Dance 2015*" on **Sunday 29th November** to raise funds for the village hall. Performances will be in the hall at 3.00 pm and 7.00 pm.

A wide variety of dance styles will be on display, as well as guest performances - an entertaining show for all. Tickets £5 (£4 concessions).

Tickets and further details from 01280 850293 or www.sylvieessame.co.uk

SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB

It has been a busy past few months at the Sports Club with a number of parties, themed evenings, the car boot sale and the Syresham Big Bash, along with the our Annual Member's Evening where we were joined by Bruce Thompson - a one man band. It's been great to see so many people brought out by the glorious summer weather.



The cricket season is now completed, with the first team finishing their South Northants Premier League campaign in pole position for the first time ever in the Club's history, and the second team finishing mid-table. The Club were also runner's up of the Premier Division Knockout Cup. A fantastic season was had and the presentation evening was through enjoyed in early October.

The senior football season is now

underway, with training taking place on a Tuesday evening at the Club. We have had some unlucky results thus far in the season but are positive that we will get some good results in the next month or so.

We were open for most of the Rugby World Cup, and thanks to all our members for coming up and creating a very sporting atmosphere.

As we continue towards the Winter our regular events remain a success, with the *Monthly Cash Bingo* on the third Wednesday of the month (eyes down at 7.30 p.m.); *Sunday Carvery* on the second Sunday of the month (12.00 p.m. - 2.00 p.m.); and *Monthly Prize Quiz* generally on the third Friday of the month.

Our next entertainment programme has been finalised and we always welcome new members to come along.

Our function room is available for hire for events, functions and parties and we are able to offer a full entertainment/catering package if required.

COMING SOON

Carvery: Sundays, 8th Nov., 10th Jan., 7th Feb

Bingo: Wednesdays 18th Nov and 20th Jan

Quiz: Friday 20th Nov and 18th Dec

Christmas:

Children's Party: Sunday 20th December

Prize Bingo: Wednesday 23rd December

Christmas Dinner Party: Saturday 19th Dec

Christmas Eve: Carols and Mulled Wine

Boxing Day: Charity Football Match Under 30s v Over 30s

New Year's Eve: Disco and party

For more information on hiring the club function room etc., or becoming a member, please contact Adam Jeskins, Club Secretary on 07711-971709



NEWS FROM SILVERSTONE CIRCUIT

The 2015 season has been a great success with record crowds and superb racing at both the Formula 1 British Grand Prix and MotoGP events. Over 350,000 fans came to Silverstone over the weekend of 2 – 5 July and many of them were supporting Lewis Hamilton who won a thrilling race taking him another step towards winning his third championship title. Valentino Rossi delighted fans as he claimed a fabulous win in the rain in front of what was Silverstone's biggest two-wheel crowd for many years.

The provisional date for the 2016 Formula 1 British Grand Prix weekend is 8/9/10 July. Moto-GP dates are yet to be fixed. Check out the Silverstone Website for details of up coming events and attractions at the circuit. These include driving experiences at the track.

The Coffee Shop at Silverstone Circuit re-opened earlier this year under new management. ***The Coffee Shop will be open every weekday up until 24 December and all local residents will receive a 20% discount when presenting a copy of this article (excludes meal deals).***

The support that the circuit receives from the local community is much appreciated by all at Silverstone and the BRDC and we hope to welcome you to the venue in 2016.

Katie Tyler, Silverstone Circuit

MY WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE EXPERIENCE

During my trip to Japan, every day was different, bringing new experiences and

friends, not only on the jamboree site, but in Tokyo and with my host family. After the 18 hour flight with a quick stop in Doha, we arrived in Tokyo, were checked into our youth hostel by 11.00pm and were up again at 6.00am to begin sightseeing. We spent 3 days in Tokyo visiting places such as Tokyo Skytree-the tallest building in Japan (638m), which gave amazing views over the city despite being overcast. The earthquake centre prepared us on what to do if an earthquake hit.

Getting used to humidity and temperature was probably the hardest bit



of the trip. Some days the temperature hit 50 degrees.

We later boarded the bullet train to Yamaguchi City which was where the Jamboree Site was situated (we had more than the allotted 90 seconds to board). We all took part in many different activities on and off site, including visiting a local school, a day on the beach, learning about different religions, meeting the local mayor, and spending free time during the day and evenings to make many friends from around the world.

Visiting Hiroshima for the 70th anniversary of the dropping of the bomb was very moving. Everyone knows that it was the first atomic bomb, but to see the place in it's preserved state and visit the exhibition was amazing and quite emotional.

After the closing ceremony we travelled 6 hours by bus to the Tottori Prefecture, where we met our host families. My family consisted of parents and 2 sons (7 and 14.) We spent 2 nights and a day with the families. They took me to the local sand dunes which are well known in their area. The rest of the day was spent sightseeing and then going for a meal in a

Japanese restaurant. In the evening, they held a street party with fireworks as all the neighbours wanted to meet us English scouts!

Thank you to everyone who supported me on this trip of a lifetime and thank you to scouts for giving me the opportunity.

Emma Duffield



BEES' NEWS

It was with very great sadness that we learned in mid October of the sudden, tragic and untimely death of Darren Jeacock. He was a well known contributor to village life, to this magazine and with his fascinating interest in bees and his expertise, he was well respected in the immediate community and further afield. His passing is a great loss to us all.

His interest in the History Society and its speakers and visits was also well known. Darren always had thoughts and knowledge to contribute, and time for anyone who cared to talk.

He was also recognised for his knowledge of horticulture and presented well for the Gardening Club.

Our deepest sympathies go to George, Jill and especially to Donna at this very sad time. They are greatly heartened by so many expressions of sympathy and thank everyone for their kind thoughts.

Editor

ACRE OIL SCHEME

<http://northantsacre.org.uk/latest-prices/>. Or call 01604-765888 or local co-ordinator, Ian Draper on 01280-850388.



Time to top up your tank for the winter?

Next top up deadline Monday, November 23rd.

GRUMPY OLD MAN

Am I alone in finding my fellow motorists hard to take on occasions?



The number of times I give way to someone on a narrow stretch of road only for them to sweep past with no sign of acknowledgement let alone gratefulness. Another pet hate is coming back to the car to find someone has parked a huge 4x4 right next to it and so very close. Coming out of your space is very tricky, especially in reverse because you cannot see anything past the offending vehicle.

As a dog-owner too I am upset to see people driving along with their dog's head out of the side window. This is not kind to the dogs, does them no good, and in fact can cause injury!

What I hate most is motorists driving along with the music playing so loudly at full volume, usually with the windows wide open or the roof down. I gave up going to Discos years ago now.

Many people dislike having to pay exorbitant parking fees at hospitals. Men it seems especially dislike going to hospitals, so this one is a double whammy!

Oh, and those personalised number plates! What are they about? They mean little unless you actually know the owner of course. It could be argued that some drivers have more money than sense.

That's enough for now, so happy motoring!

GOM

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Our speaker had to cancel for the first meeting after our August break so we had a games afternoon playing scrabble, cards, dominoes etc.

An enjoyable day was spent in Stow-on-

the-Wold and at Burford Garden Centre.

The weather was very kind to us until we were on the coach coming home. The Rev Will Adams talked to us about his work with the Samaritans which proved extremely interesting and our Fish and Chip lunch and Harvest Sale went off really well. Thanks to Alan and Gillian Clube for leading the service and to Bruce Smith for auctioning the goods—we raised £100.00 for the Air Ambulance.

John Braybrook brought along his choice of music for an afternoon which proved very entertaining and he had problems with his assistant and his variety of stereo equipment.

Just a reminder the Club will be celebrating 50 years of existence on November 10th.



Dot Dunkley

SUPERFAST BROADBAND

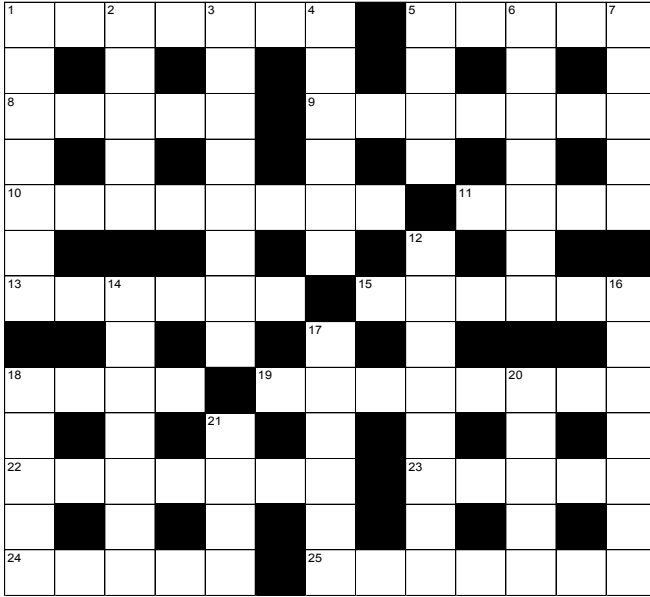
We have reported previously the progress or otherwise of the bid to bring Superfast Broadband to the village. Many of you may have seen BT workers examining the footpath and underground access in High Street. This indicates that BT Openreach will be bringing the technological hardware to the village probably early next year.

The Parish Council has considered whether it can support a bid for an alternative option, but yet again insufficient numbers of households have expressed a willingness to pay for Tove ValleyBb to extend their service here. The Parish precept, raised through Council Tax is unable to add anywhere near enough to cover the costs, and in any case with less than 15% of residents showing an interest, it would be difficult to justify increasing the parish precept in this way.

It has been suggested that a small Action

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Crossword —thanks to Vintage Port



ACROSS

- 1 'Land of the free' (7)
- 5 Compass Point (5)
- 8 Sounds like a cold country (5)
- 9 Capsicums (7)
- 10 Native of Spain (8)
- 11 To honour lavishly (4)
- 13 Frying noise (6)
- 15 Long tiresome harangue (6)
- 18 Equips with weapons (4)
- 19 A festival (8)
- 22 One who believes objects have souls (7)
- 23 Religious garment (5)
- 24 Boredom (5)
- 25 Refuses to comply (7)

DOWN

- 1 Solicits (7)
- 2 Heather plant (5)
- 3 Unfit for human consumption (8)
- 4 Unit of electrical current (7)
- 5 Drinks slowly (4)
- 6 Hawaiian guitar (7)
- 7 Hurry (5)
- 12 Plant with prickly leaves (8)
- 14 Native of Lusaka (7)
- 16 Expunges (7)
- 17 Precentor of Synagogue (6)
- 18 Proverb (5)
- 20 Instinctive feelings (coll)(5)
- 21 New Zealander (coll)(4)

ANSWERS—ACROSS 1 America; 5 South; 8 Chile; 9 Peppers; 10 Spantard; 11 Fete; 13 Sizzle; 15 Screed; 18 Arms; 19 Carnival; 22 Animist; 23 Habit; 24 Ennu; 25 Resists
DOWN—1 Accosts; 2 Erica; 3 Inedible; 4 Ampere; 5 Sups; 6 Ukelele; 7 Dream; 12 Acanthus; 14 Zambian; 16 Deletes; 17 Cantor; 18 Adage; 20 Vibes; 21 Kiwi

Events & Diary Dates

HAPPENING SOON	WEEKLY DIARY	FORTNIGHTLY DIARY
<p>NOVEMBER</p> <p>OIL ORDERS deadline— 23rd by 6.00 p.m. (No orders in December)</p> <p>SUNDAY 8TH —Remembrance Service at Memorial Stone 10.45</p> <p>WEDNESDAY, 11TH 10.55, Re- membrance Ceremony at the stone</p> <p>FRIDAY 20TH 7.30 p.m. CAFÉ Quiz (Creative Arts for the Elderly) Village Hall</p> <p>SATURDAY 21ST, James Hornby performing Christmas Carol— at St James Church</p> <p>SATURDAY 28TH School Fete 2.00 p.m.</p> <p>SUNDAY 29TH Essame Dance School performance VH</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DECEMBER</p> <p>SATURDAY 5TH St Nicholas Fair, Village Hall</p> <p>SCHOOL NATIVITY Tuesday 15th afternoon; and 16th evening</p> <p>DEC 24TH CHRISTINGLE— Wesleyan Chapel</p> <p style="text-align: center;">JANUARY 2016</p> <p>6th Oil Orders deadline 6.00 p.m.</p>	<p>SUNDAYS:- Chapel Service 6.00 p.m.</p> <p>Church Services—please check the Astwell Benefice Diary</p> <p>MONDAYS:- Walking Group 10.00 a.m. <i>meet at Shop</i></p> <p>Card recycling group 7.00 p.m. <i>con- tact Sue Palmer</i></p> <p>Dancing Classes Village Hall— various 4.00 to 8.30 p.m.</p> <p>Yoga Classes Village Hall, 10.00-11.00 a.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 Rooms <i>Term time only</i></p> <p>Craft, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Tuesdays, Sun- day 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. to 12.30 p.m.</p> <p>Bowls Club, <i>Village Hall</i>, 7.00 p.m.</p> <p>SATURDAYS:- Boys' Football, <i>Sports Club</i>, 10.00 a.m. in season</p> <p>Football or Cricket Matches in sea- son—<i>Check Sports Club details</i></p>	<p>THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB Alternate 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>FRIDAYS, Youth Club 11yrs+ Sunday School rooms 7.30 p.m. <i>Term Time only</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">MONTHLY DIARY</p> <p>2ND SUNDAY, Sunday School & Break- fast 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, W.I., <i>Village Hall</i> 7.30 p.m.</p> <p>2ND WEDNESDAY, Library Van, 12.00—12.20p.m. <i>Church End</i></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 Church- yard, 10.00 a.m.</p> <p>2ND SATURDAY—NCC Library Van visits 2.00 —2.40 p.m. <i>Primary School</i></p>

Group be formed to take matters further forward. *Contact Brian Miller if you are interested.* Further details about the County/BT scheme can be found at www.superfastnorthamptonshire.net.

Editor

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that children, especially 8 year olds, are very perceptive? The following notes about their Grandparents were taken from a class of 8-year-old pupils.

Grandparents are a lady and man who have no little children of their own. They always like other people but they are so old they shouldn't play hard or run. It's good if they drive us to the shops and give us money to spend!

They show us and talk to us about the colours of flowers and also tell us why we shouldn't step on 'cracks'. They don't say 'Hurry up' all the time!

Usually grandmothers are fat but not too fat to tie your shoes. They wear glasses and funny underwear and can take their teeth out.

Grandparents don't have to be smart. When they read to us they don't skip things and don't mind if we ask them to read the same story over again. Everybody should try to have a grandmother, especially when you are not allowed the television, because they are the only grown-ups who like to spend time with us.

Grandparents know we should have a snack before bedtime and they say prayers with us and give us a kiss even when we have misbehaved. It's funny when they bend over, you hear gas leaks and they blame the dog!

Grandpa is the smartest man on Earth! He teaches me good things but I don't see him often enough to get as smart as him! Grandma is the kindest lady on Earth – wish she were here always!

Alan Clube

