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Diary Dates

Feb 2nd	Hailey Singers Witheridge Farm 7.00pm
Feb 3rd	Charity Coffee Morning, Village Hall, 10 - 11:30am
Feb 8th	Play Reading Group The Sidings 7.00pm
Feb 9th	Hailey Singers Witheridge Farm 7.00pm
Feb 11th	Grand Jumble Sale Village Hall 2.00pm see ad above
Feb 12th	Farewell lunch for Rev Neil Traynor at the Village Hall see page 3
Feb 13th	Parish Council Meeting Village Hall, 7.30pm
Feb 15th	Village Lunch, Village Hall, 12.00 - 2.00pm
Feb 15th	Hailey Singers Witheridge Farm 7.00pm
Feb 22nd	Hailey Singers Witheridge Farm 7.00pm
Feb 25th	Jazz at the Ritz Turley Farm Barn see ad
March 2nd	Lent lunch (Thurs) at Ivydene, Dolly End 12noon
March 2nd	Hailey Singers Witheridge Farm 7.00pm
March 7th	Lent lunch (Tues) Village Hall 12 noon
March 14th	Hailey Singers Witheridge Farm 7.00pm
March 16th	Lent lunch (Thurs) Vine Farm Hailey 12noon
March 23rd	Lent lunch (Thurs) Winnings Farm House Poffley End 12 noon
March 30th	Lent lunch (Thurs) Witheridge Farm, Hailey, 12noon

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February 2017

A CAUSE for THANKS and CELEBRATION

Michael Drew

In the first issue of the Hailey Herald I posed the question "Is this the first and last or the first of many?"

I think we can claim after 25 years, and 250 issues, (without missing one), that we have well and truly answered that question. This of course is due to the efforts of many people:

Geoff Crompton, and David Burton, who over 25 years have taken all our scraps of paper, photos, adverts, etc., and between them put together all 250 issues,

The Governors and staff of Hailey School who have continued to allow us to use their photocopier without which the whole enterprise would not have been financially viable,

all our sponsors and supporters who have covered our relatively minor costs, without the need to rely on advertising revenue,

David and Doris Burton who have been largely responsible for distributing the Hailey Herald,

and, our deliverers, some of whom can claim to have been doing it since the outset, who have ensured its delivery to every house in our village.

Those are some of the **THANKS** which we as residents owe to those involved,

On the occasion of the 100th issue, in 2002, Geoff Crompton, the then editor, reviewed the amazing progress of desktop publishing during the first 10 years of the Herald's existence and wondered where we would be by issue 200. We are still progressing and an increasing proportion of us garner our information in other forms, but the fact that the Hailey Herald continues to be used and read seems to us to be a cause for

CELEBRATION.

St John's Church

Parish Office 01993 779492
The Rev Toby Wright 704441
The Rev Neil Traynor 705115 until
Feb 12

Churchwarden

Dr Robin Carr 01993 868079

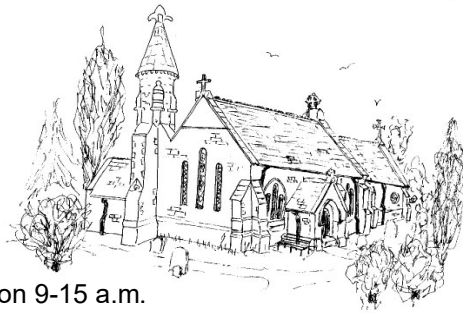
Services for February

Sundays 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th Holy Communion 9-15 a.m.
Sunday 5th Evensong 6-00p.m.

Thursdays 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd 10-00 a.m. Service in the Round at the back of
Church, plus Coffee and Cake after. All very welcome.

Please join us for Neil's Farewell Bring and Share Lunch. See separate note.

In March we shall be holding our usual Lent Lunches in aid of Christian Aid, see
Diary Dates



St John's Church FIX the FLOOR PLUS Michael Drew 702624

It was gratifying to see some 70 parishioners braving a cold January night for the Fish and Quiz Supper and pleasing to report that the Fix the Floor funds were swollen by £600, (which takes the total to over £35,000) due to your support, and to the efforts of John Haskell and helpers.

Continuing our monthly Fund raising efforts, something different for February, please see the advert, / flier for Jazz at the Ritz, February 25th at Turley Farm, Wood Lane, Hailey.

In March, consider volunteering your talents; singing, monologue, musical instrument etc., for a Hailey's Got Talent night in Church, further details to follow

Our Christmas celebrations were somewhat deflated by the news that the Heritage Lottery Fund had rejected our application for the bulk of the funding to replace the floor.

Never daunted we are exploring ways of doing the work in stages, obviously starting at the West End of the church where the problems and risks to ourselves are greatest. We believe that considerable savings can be made by taking on the work as a Hailey Community Project, hopefully this Autumn.

Watch This Space for how you can help.

News from the Gardening Club

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Lots of good news from the Gardening Club this month. 2017 will be the 60th village show organised by the Gardening club in its various forms. To celebrate, the club will be extending this year's membership by 6 months to run until September 2018 (instead of March 18). Look out for other celebratory events during the year. Our first event of 2017 will be our Spring Talk – The Wonders of Westonbirt – on Monday 20 March at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Member free, visitors £2. April's talk will aim to give inspiration for new ideas in the garden for the coming season. Watch next month for more details. A copy of the full programme will be included in next month's Hailey Herald. At the AGM we were asked for updates from Wood Green School gardening group. We have now been supporting them for 3 years which has allowed them to finish and plant up the Reading Garden, a new project which was underway as we started our support. Recently the group has been planting up seasonal containers to put around the school. Alan Bailey has received a new donation of gardening tools (always welcome) which will be passed on to the school. The Village Show is still ages away yet but there are some classes that you may want to think about. An extra subject has been added to the Photography class so this year's selection is Queues, Rain, Shadow, Trees and Upside Down. In response to rapidly increasing interest, we have extended the number of craft classes which now include crochet, quilting, woodwork, metalwork and jewellery. Full details of all classes will be published in the schedule next month.

And finally, as part of the Gardening Club's annual donations, a new bench and plaque has been installed on the Recreation Ground. The new bench replaces a damaged bench originally installed to the memory of Bill Pratley. Members of the Committee attended a short dedication ceremony conducted by the Rev Neil Traynor, at the request of Mrs Peggy Pratley, Bill's widow.

Play Reading Group

David Burton

On December 14th we met at The Sidings and read a play by Bettine Manktelow called The White Cliffs which was first performed in 2003 but was set in 1948. It was a psychological mystery.

On January 11th we met at Southdown House and read a play by J.B.Priestly called I Have Been Here Before written in 1937 which was also psychological but with a dash of mysticism.

Both plays had a small cast which suited our rather reduced number over the holiday season

Our next meeting will be on February 8th at 7.00pm at The Sidings.

To advertise or send an article

**Copy for the March issue is
required by 20th February**

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Charity Coffee Morning

Friday 3rd February, 10.00- 11.30 village hall.

.We have donated £89.45 to Hailey school from Dec/ Jan coffee mornings.
February coffee morning will be in aid of 'Help the Heroes' charity.

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Thank you Neil

Robin Carr Churchwarden

Why is it always so difficult to say goodbye to a friend? I think that it is because you grieve over it. We were sad when Elizabeth left and we thought that it wouldn't be possible to find somebody who would be as gracious and as sensitive as she was. How could we possibly believe that the young history teacher turned vicar, who turned up in our midst and was pitched straight into a rounders match, would be taken into our hearts from the outset.

Neil and I would repeatedly ask one another how long we thought he had been here and judging by the hundreds of events that he had attended, the fundraising, the pint pulling, school visiting or cake selling, it was obvious that he had been here forever and was clearly a part of the furniture.

Was it the interesting and thought-provoking sermons on Sundays or his uncontrollable fits of laughter on any occasion? Certainly, when you talk to him, you know that not far under the surface is a twinkle in his eye and a chuckle in his voice, the happiness is contagious.

As an academic and a "finisher completer", he has proved invaluable to the Parish re-drafting dozens of documents; and for Hailey providing our HLF bid with all sorts of historical and academic facts. I'm sure there will have been times when he was awake at night wondering how on earth he was going to fill the 37 pages for our Statement of Significance.

We will miss him, but we will also miss Jill and the irrepressible Harriet, without whose charm and award winning smile I am certain that our collection plate would have been a great deal less.

So, whether it be your friendship, your smile, your ability to take on work, from marrying and burying to comforting and christening; the pulling pints in the Lamb and Flag or helping Fixing the Floor we will miss you.

May you go on to good and happy times in your new role, with the warmth and congratulations from Hailey ringing in your ears.

Hailey send off for Rev. Neil Traynor Robin Carr - Churchwarden

Hailey will say goodbye and thank you to Neil Traynor after three years as our team Vicar. He has had a wonderful time with us and enjoyed every moment, from pulling pints in the Lamb and Flag to joining in all our village events.

We are having a lunchtime send off in the **Village Hall on Sunday 12th February 12:30-14:00**

It will be a bring and share lunch, please bring your own drinks.

His last service will be our 9:15 service on the same day. Do come.



The Wychwood Project is a registered charity working with local communities and other partners to **conserve and restore this area's rich variety of landscapes, habitats and wildlife**. We own **Foxburrow Wood** community woodland near Hailey, where we have planted over **10,000 trees and shrubs** since 2012 – come and see it and support our work there.

Tree planting continued elsewhere in West Oxfordshire during **January** - in Asthall Leigh; Ascott-under-Wychwood; and Long

Hanborough. Our fish conservation work in Woodstock featured prominently in the *Witney Gazette* and *Oxford Mail*; and we held a training course in hedgelaying a traditional craft that improves hedges' structure and their value to wildlife.

The Wychwood Project relies on great efforts by our volunteers. **Why not come along this month?**

Sunday 5th February 9:30am & **Thursday 16th February** 9:30am **coppicing trees** (pruning that stimulates healthy growth) on Beevis Farm, Charlbury OX7 3EX.

Saturday 26th February 9:30am **hedgelaying** continues at Saltway, Ditchley Park, Charlbury

Boots, gloves and suitable clothes are all you need – we provide the tools and any training. Sessions run 9:30am – 3:00 pm, but you are welcome just to do a morning with us.

On the **1st Sunday** and **3rd Thursday** of **every month** there will be a variety of **FREE outdoor volunteering opportunities throughout 2017**

Whether you volunteer with us or not I hope you will enjoy exploring Foxburrow Wood in the month ahead.

More details at: <http://www.wychwoodproject.org/volunteer>

Hailey Football Club

Martin Friend

The first team's results are mixed. In the tail end of last year Hailey have lost games in the Oxfordshire Junior Shield to Banbury league side Sinclair United by 3-2, in the league a loss to Witney and District Premier Division leaders Charlbury by 2-1. The previous league game saw Hailey gain a draw with a last gasp goal against Spartan Rangers 2-2. In the first game of the new year Hailey beat Witney Royals by 4-0. The following week's game against Eynsam Sports was controversially postponed due to a frozen pitch. Our team's management went to inspect the pitch and thought it was playable. This game against Eynsam was a winnable one. Our most recent game was against Carterton Town A and we suffered a heavy defeat by 8-0. The result was not a true reflection of the game. Hailey created enough chances to score ten. Carterton's man of the match was not surprisingly their goalkeeper who made four top quality saves.

The reserves are in another relegation dog-fight after losing against Middle Barton and Kingham

HAILEY SINGERS

As spring approaches regular chirruping can be heard at Witheridge Farm
January 25 Feb 2 9 15 22 Mar 2 14 all at 7.00pm

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Parish Council News

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Website www.haileywestoxon.org	

Proposed Sharba Homes development

On Monday 16th January, Sharba Homes held a consultation event at Hailey Village Hall about their emerging proposals to build up to 85 homes on land south west of Charlbury Road. This land actually falls within Crawley Parish. Hailey Parish Council requested that the event was delayed as not every resident had been made aware of it. However, the consultation proceeded as planned.

Bonfires

Recently, there has been smoke from a bonfire through the centre of Hailey, causing very limited visibility on a very foggy evening. The Fire service were called but the source of the bonfire could not be found. Please desist from lighting bonfires when it is misty. There is a page on the WODC website with guidelines about bonfires:

<https://www.westoxon.gov.uk/media/120637/Bonfires-burning.pdf>

Vacancies for Parish Councillor

Hailey Parish Council currently has two vacancies on the Parish Council. If you are interested in the role of Parish Councillor, please contact the Clerk or Councillor Graham Knaggs (chairman) for more information. Any nominations to be received by the Parish Clerk by 6th February 2017.

Saddlers Arms, New Yatt

A motion recommending the Parish Council to request the removal of WODC's Asset of Community Value (ACV) order on the pub was defeated. An ACV provides any community organisation with the right to request a 6-month period to prepare a bid if the owner decides to sell the pub. During this period the owner cannot sell the pub. The owner does not have to accept a bid from any community organisation.

Preparing for Winter

In case of bad weather this winter, there are full salt bins at the following locations: Hatfield Pitts Lane Priest Hill Lane Village Hall car park Bottom of Dolly Hill Farm Road. Please note this is not for use on private land.

Parking outside Hailey Primary School

Concern has again been raised about parking outside the school, on pavements and opposite junctions. People are welcome to park at the Village Hall on the school run which will ease congestion at these busy times.

Joan Smith Educational Trust meeting

This charity exists to help young people under the age of 25 who live in the Parish (or a parent does) with the costs of educational expenses or to assist with entry into a profession, trade or calling. Examples of help previously provided include contributions towards computer equipment, musical instruments, expeditions, field trips, music lessons, tools, specialised clothing, etc. Requests for grants are NOT means tested. The next meeting will take place following the Parish Council meeting on Monday 13th March.