

The Lamb & Flag

Middletown, Hailey OX29 9UB
Tel 01993 702849

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL PUB USE IT OR LOSE IT!

Food served:

Tuesday - Friday 6.00pm - 9.00pm
Saturday 10.00pm - 9.00pm
Sunday Roast 12.00pm - 5.00pm

SATURDAY BREAKFAST 10am - 2pm
NEW MENU FROM MID FEBRUARY

Pub open:

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday:
5.00pm - Late
Friday 3.00pm - Late
Saturday 10.00am - Late
Sunday 12.00pm - Late

OUTSIDE BARS UNDERTAKEN
Available for Private Parties,
Meetings, Wakes etc.

JUMBLE SALE

Saturday, 17th February
Hailey Village Hall
2-4.30pm

All proceeds to Prostate Cancer
In memory of Nigel and many others

For more information, offers of help or
to donate items please contact Ann on
773744 or Monica on 772969

WANTED

someone to get up, wash
and dress an 84 year old male
Saturday and Sunday, 8 a.m. to
9 a.m.

Phone 01993 702957

Knit and natter

Wool, knitted squares or homemade blankets would be welcome as we will soon be sending two more batches home and abroad. Please contact Ann on 773744.

Christmas fair and jumble sale proceeds

Thank you to everyone who helped raise the wonderful sum of £800 for the Friends of Witney Hospital.

Diary Dates

Feb 2nd	Charity Coffee Morning , Village Hall, 10 -11:30am
Feb 8th	Hailey Singers Witheridge Farm 7.00pm
Feb 12th	Parish Council Meeting Village Hall, 7.00pm
Feb 14th	Play Reading Group The Sidings 7.00pm
Feb 17th	Jumble Sale . Village Hall 2.00-4.30pm
Feb 19th	Gardening Club Talk Village Hall 7.30-9.00pm
Feb 20th	Hailey Singers Witheridge Farm 7.00pm
Feb 21st	Village Lunch,, Village Hall 12-2.00pm
Feb 22nd	Second Tuesday Ladies, Greens Restaurant 7.00pm
Mar 1st	Hailey Singers Witheridge Farm 7.00pm
Mar 6th	Gardener's Question Time Woodgreen School 5.30pm ticket only
Mar 19th	Gardening Club Talk Village Hall 7.30-9.00pm

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Out and about around Hailey

Hailey Neighbourhood Plan: Next Steps

The Neighbourhood Plan consultation has finished, and the exhibition has been held. Lots of responses have been received and a summary of them have been published on the website. Following responses from WODC and the public, the Plan will be amended. It will then be submitted for a health check. It may need an assessment on the sites which have been recommended for housing. Then the Plan is formally submitted to West Oxfordshire District Council. WODC then sends it out for a second consultation. Following further possible changes, it then goes out to referendum to all the voters in the parish. If 50% plus 1 agree with it, then it is adopted.

WODC Local Plan 2031 Inspection

The Inspector, Mr Malcolm Rivett has stated that the above plan is 'likely to be found capable of being found legally-compliant and sound'. The Council has more work to do on Sustainability Appraisal and Habitat Regulations Assessment followed by a full consultation. Once this is completed the plan (which includes 1,400 houses at the North Witney site) will be adopted.

Future of the Village Hall and Sports Pavillion

As you probably know, the Village Hall and Sports Pavillion need refurbishment or replacement. The good news is that an architect has kindly stepped forward and offered to give some advice on the best way forward. Whatever the outcome, it will take several years but this is the start of an exciting project for the village.

Roadworks through Hailey

The roadworks through the village that were planned for June this year have been rearranged for 18th July to 7th September. The road from Chapel Lane to Delly End crossroads will be closed and a diversion put in place. Please note there will be no access along the main road during this time.

Parking on Delly Green

For quite some time now there have been a considerable number of cars that seem to be using Delly Green as a general car park. This is unfortunately causing the grass to wear away and in some areas the edges are turning to mud making it erode completely. Many of these cars have drives or hardstanding so please, please use them. Consider the consequences of your parking. We have a lovely Green. Let's keep it that way please!!

Fireworks

As a courtesy to your neighbours, can you please inform them if you are having a

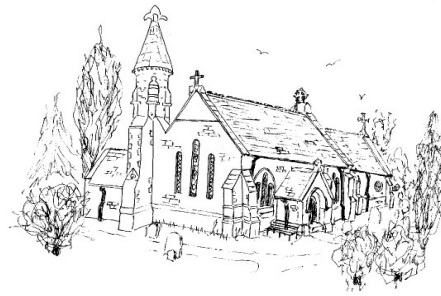
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St John's Church

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Christmas was a great time in Hailey church. We welcomed lots of people to our services – the village carol service, the school carol service, midnight mass, and on Christmas morning, which saw many folk, young and older, dressed in costumes for an ad hoc nativity play. Great fun it was! The extra space at the back of the church has already proved a great asset.

Thank you to everyone who made this time of year so special for us all.

The Thursday Services at Middletown Grange have gone well. We will, for the time being, hold a service there on the first and third Thursday of each month at 10am. All other Thursday services will be in the church at 10am.

The Village Lunch starts a new year. Calendars are available from the church or at the village lunch. It continues to be on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 12 noon in the Village Hall, at a cost of £6, and all are very, very welcome. Just turn up, or contact Elpie Lewis on 703070 for more details.

Soup Lent Lunches begin on Thursday February 15th. These are open to everyone - you don't need an invitation, just come along. They are held weekly in houses around the village, and are popular social occasions. Donations are for Christian Aid. For details of venues see below.

Lent Group in Hailey Church led by Ross Meikle, our curate, on Tuesday evenings at 7.30-9pm, from Feb 20th – March 20th, looking at the Beatitudes, and the three words of the Diocesan Vision – “Contemplative, Compassionate, Courageous”. Open to all.

Fix the Floor: The screed on the new floor is drying out well and soon work will start on re-laying the tiles and completing the rest of the great project.

The Back of the Church is now a wonderful space which we can use for all sorts of activities and events. It has a new kitchen and room for small group meetings and events. We would love to hear from you if you have thoughts and ideas about how we can make the most of it for village activities.

Dates for February

Sunday 4th Feb	: 9.15am Holy Communion, 6pm Evensong
Thursday Feb 8 th	10am Holy Communion at Middletown Grange
Sunday 11 th Feb	: Holy Communion at 9.15am
Wednesday 14 th Feb	Ash Wednesday St Mary's 11am, Curbridge 7.30pm
Thursday 15 th Feb	10am Holy Communion in Hailey Church 12-2pm Soup Lunch c/o Mike and Lizzi Hocken, Ivydene, Delly End
Sunday 18th Feb	Holy Communion at 9.15am
Tuesday 20th Feb	7.30-9pm Lent Group in the church

BREACH WOOD UPDATE Sean Morris **WORK DAY Saturday February 17th 10am onwards**

Please give the Trustees a hand with a variety of rewarding Winter Activities.....everyone welcome.

Come for as little as 30 minutes, or for as many hours as you can spare, getting to grips with helping to manage your own woodland. There is lots to do. Bring suitable clothing, gloves, hand tools, a warm drink. The woodland needs you, your children, even your dogs!

Recent visitors will have noticed a dramatic change in Breach Wood. In the last two months, we have felled approximately 450 (about two thirds) of the oak trees. This is the first of many bouts of thinning that will take place over the next hundred years or so, that will culminate in Breach Wood having just a dozen or so huge mature oak trees! So the change you will see is an important milestone in the unfolding story of Breach Wood. The initial impression is somewhat alarming, with piles of felled trunks, and heaps of trimmed branches, dotting about the woodland.

The remaining oaks will now grow more rapidly, and develop a wider crown of branches, as they will have less competition for nutrients, moisture, and light. Another consequence of the thinning will be more diversity and vigour of the grasses and wildflowers beneath and between the trees.

The Trustees will attempt to find a market for the oak trunks, to replenish the woodland coffers, and to help pay for annual running costs. Meanwhile, the trunks will stay put in the woodland for a few months.

As remarked in the last Update, many of our ash trees are infected with Ash Dieback disease. Most will perish in the next few years, changing the look of the woodland. We will remove the dead ash from time to time. We hope that one or two will prove to have a natural immunity to the fungal disease. Seedlings from these survivors will eventually repopulate Breach Wood with ash. For the last three winters, we have been planting other species to fill in the spaces left by the dying ash, and another 30 or so new trees will be planted this winter...probably on the work day. **Saturday 17th February.**

See you there.

If you wish to become involved in our community woodland, and /or hear about future plans etc., please contact the chair of Trustees, David Musson - davidmusson@gmail.com 01993-772403

Play Reading Group

David Burton

Our December meeting was a bit short on numbers due to the bad weather etc but we enjoyed reading a play by Norman Robbins, who died in 2016. He was a prolific writer of pantomime scripts and other plays. This one was called “And Evermore shall be so” written in 2009. It was a murder mystery and by the end most of the cast were dead or dying.

At our January meeting we read a short play by Tom Stoppard called “The Real Inspector Hound” This was a play within a play featuring two theatre critics watching a murder mystery and making comments but eventually getting drawn into it and both getting murdered themselves. Stoppard apparently hated theatre critics! Our next meeting will be on Feb 14th at The Sidings at 7.00pm

BBC Gardeners' Question Time comes to Wood Green School

As part of our 70th anniversary celebrations (and GQT's coincidentally) we have invited Gardeners' Question Time to record a programme at Wood Green School on Tuesday 6th March at 5.30pm. Hailey Gardening Club has been supporting the students at Wood Green School for the last 4 years so we thought it was a most suitable venue to host a very exciting and, for us, unique occasion. Members will already have received their invitation, to which they have hopefully replied. Seats are limited so it's first come, first served. Neighbouring gardening clubs plus students and parents at Wood Green School will also be invited so we expect demand for tickets to be high. If you would like to attend the recording, email nfo.haileygc@gmail.com NOW. **GQT at Wood Green School on Tuesday 6th March at 5.30pm. Admission by ticket only £4.50 (refreshments included).** Back in the real world, HGC's new year is starting in February **with a talk by Timothy Walker entitled "On top but never in control" on Monday 19th February at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.** A cryptic title but I'm sure that he will have some answers – or at least make us laugh when we realise there aren't any! Free to members, visitors £2. Refreshments included.

Our next event will be GQT at Wood Green School on Tuesday 6th March and by a stroke of genius in the planning department, our talk in March features a snapshot of the work done by the students on the Horticulture course at Wood Green School.

Jamie Bunting will tell us about "Gardening at Wood Green School" on Monday 19th March at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Full details next month.

Please note our new email address nfo.haileygc@gmail.com where you can contact us with any suggestions or questions. We have also created a Facebook page. The full year's programme details are on the Hailey village website www.haileywestoxon.org or find us on Facebook - Hailey Gardening Club.

Hailey Football Club**Martin Friend**

The last two months have seen Hailey's form improve with a win against Kirtlington 3-2 after being two goals down. In the first game after Christmas Hailey drew with the same opposition. The revival came to an abrupt end with a 4-0 defeat to Carterton Rangers. The weather has caused problems for both teams. A game against Chipping Norton Town was postponed due to a frozen pitch.

The reserve team continue to struggle with defeats against Moreton Rangers 1-0 and Bletchington 3-2. However the first game in January they gained revenge on Bourton Rovers with an 8-1 thumping. The strange thing was that we had already played them at home but they surrendered home advantage because their pitch was not fit. The game against Moreton was a replay after the first game was abandoned after eight minutes when a Moreton player was injured and needed an ambulance. The injured player had to wait an hour and a half before it arrived from Didcot.

HAILEY SINGERS

"Bubbling of the highest quality, simply irresistible!" (New York Times)
Jan 30, Feb 8, 20, March 1, 15, 27
All welcome,
Jeremywlewis@aol.com, Witheridge Farm. 01993 703070

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firework display. This way plans can be put in place for any local veterans with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, pets and other animals.

Website

The PC would like to post photos of any community events that were held over Christmas on the website. If you have any you would like to share (and have permission from the others in the photo) please send them to the clerk.

Fix-my-Street

Report local problems like graffiti, fly-tipping, broken paving slabs, potholes or street lighting to Fix-my-Street. It's a one-stop street reporting service for councils and it does work. Find it at fixmystreet.com

Date of Next Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday 12th February at 7.30pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Church News continued

Wednesday 21 st Feb	Village Lunch 12 noon Village Hall
Thursday 22nd Feb	10am Holy Communion in Middletown Grange
	12-2pm Soup Lunch c/o Jane and Robin Carr, 1, Wood Lane, Dolly End
Sunday 25 th Feb	9.15am Holy Communion
Tuesday 27th Feb	7.30-9pm Lent Group in the church
Thursday 28th Feb	10am Holy Communion in church
Thursday 1st March	10am Holy Communion at Middletown Grange
	12-2pm Soup lunch c/o Jeremy and Elpie Lewis, Witheridge Farm
Sunday 4th March	9.15am Holy Communion

Charity Coffee Morning**Friday 2nd February 10.00- 11.30 village hall.**

Tea, coffee, homemade cake ! Everyone welcome.
We donated £151 to Hailey School from the December/January coffee mornings.

February will go towards the Hailey Herald.
Thank you all very much for your continued support

Second Tuesday Ladies**Doris Burton 702433**

Our next meeting is the annual dinner which will be at Greens,(Witney Lakes Resort) on Thursday 22nd Feb at 7.00pm. Please book by 14th Feb

To Book Hailey Village Hall Please Ring 07873242063

Or Email HVHALLOX29@HOTMAIL.COM

Christmas 2017 at Hailey CE Primary School

Christmas at Hailey School was as busy as ever with lots of activities being enjoyed by the children and staff. At the beginning of December the whole school walked to Gigley Farm in Hailey to collect our Christmas tree and we held a service, led by Rev Ross in the woodland to bless the tree. We all thoroughly enjoyed our visit to Jack and the Beanstalk at The Playhouse and our Upper Junior class visited Middletown Grange to sing carols with the residents. The heavy snowfall meant we had to reschedule performances but everyone rallied round and they were a great success. We were very proud of the children. Christmas dinner was delicious, Christmas parties were enjoyed by all classes and our Christmas Fayre was well attended by parents. After all of that we all had a well-earned Christmas holiday.



HAILEY GARDENING CLUB Programme of Events 2018



- Mon 19 Feb** "On top - but never in control" - A Talk by Timothy Walker Village Hall 7.30 – 9.00 pm
- Tue 6 Mar** BBC Gardeners' Question Time comes to Wood Green School
As part of our 70th Anniversary we have invited GQT to join our celebrations at Wood Green School - 5.30pm. Ticket only
- Mon 19 Mar** "Gardening at Wood Green school" - A talk by Jamie Bunting Village Hall 7.30 – 9.00 pm
- Sun 8 April** Scarecrow launch Theme - "Sport"
Lamb & Flag 7.00 – 8.00 pm
- Mon 30 Apr** "Successful fruit growing" - A talk by Philip Aubury Village Hall 7.30 – 9.00 pm
- Sat 26 May** Spring Plant Sale
Village Hall 10.00 am - 12.00 noon
- Sat 9 - 24 June** 'The Hailey Scarecrow Trail'
Hailey Gardening Club's event to celebrate the 2018 Hailey Festival. Identify all the scarecrows and choose the best one.
- Sun 24 June** Open Gardens - explore gardens in Hailey, Delly End and Poffley End from 1.30 - 5pm
- Sun 15 July** Gardening Club 70th Anniversary Garden Party
Hayesfield, Middletown 2pm to 4.30 pm
- Sun 19 Aug** Gardening Club visit to Waddesdon Manor - Details to follow
- Sat 1 Sept** Hailey Village Show
Village Hall & Recreation Ground 2.00 pm - 4.30 pm
- Fri 5 Oct** Quiz and Pizza Evening in aid of Oxford Children's Hospital
Bring you own drinks. Village Hall 7.30 – 9.00 pm
- Sun Oct 21** Apple Day - including apple pressing
Village Hall from 1.00 pm
- Mon 26 Nov** Deck the Halls
Village Hall 7.30 – 9.00 pm

Further details of all Gardening Club events will appear in the Hailey Herald