

**Lamb and Flag Tel 01993
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Opening Times

Monday: Closed
Tuesday: 5:00pm – 11:00pm
Wednesday: 5:00pm – 11:00pm
Thursday: 12 – 2:00 pm & 5:00pm – 11:00pm
Friday: 12 – 11:30pm
Saturday: 10am– 11:30pm
Sunday 12 – 11:00pm

Food Times

Wednesday: 6:00pm – 8.00pm
Thursday: 12 - 2:00pm & 6:00pm – 9:00pm
Pie Night: Pie and a Drink £10.00
Friday: 12 – 2:00pm & 6:00pm – 9:00pm
Saturday: 10am – 2:00pm & 6pm –



Scarecrow Launch
Theme: **Celebrities**
Want to **build one?**
Email your choice of **Celebrity along with name, address and tel number to**
info.haileygc@gmail.com
The Scarecrow Trail runs from Saturday 13th June to Sunday 28th June
Part of Hailey Festival

**COFFEE MORNING
POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

Please take care of yourselves

SHINFIELD SHOP, POFFLEY END

I am happy to deliver you a homemade cake
Or any pet, animal or bird feed you might need.
Please give me a call on either: 01993 776471 or 07811310242
Take care and best wishes,
From Dawn

Wildflower meadow in the Burial Ground

With the support of the Parish Council and a group of volunteers, the wildflower meadow in the Burial Ground is getting a new lease of life.
The ground is being prepared ready to sow a wildflower seed mix this Spring.
Let's look forward to seeing some wildlife-friendly flowers growing and the benefits this will bring for all of us.
When you visit, do take a moment to notice and enjoy what you see growing and living in this special place at the heart of Hailey.
Many thanks to all those who are contributing their time, knowledge and skills.
This is an ongoing project, so look out for more news as the meadow develops.
Clare Musson 01993 772403

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Parish Council News

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Parish Council News

Annual Parish Meeting 20th April

Due to the Coronavirus and the associated reduction in social interaction, the Annual Parish Meeting due to be held at the Village Hall on Monday 20th April, is likely to be cancelled. At the time of writing, we are awaiting an announcement from Central Government.

A larger village get-together, based on last year's APM format, will be held in the autumn where we hope to see and hear from all the local organisations.

As events are changing fast, please watch out for any change in these plans on the website and noticeboards. If we are legally allowed to cancel the APM, we will and save it for autumn.

Coronavirus

Everyone should have received a flyer through their door with information on the coronavirus and how to get help or ask for help. There is a lot of information currently circulating. We advise listening to or watching the national news programmes, and using reliable sources such as the Government or NHS websites, for example:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response> or

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

For Hailey-specific information, follow the "Hailey village" Facebook page and check <https://haileywestoxon.org/>.

IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW NEEDS SUPPORT

Please don't hesitate to TELEPHONE the following Parish Councillor/s who will be able to discuss and arrange appropriate support for you:

Middletown & Foxburrow

Graham Knaggs (899125)
Michael Drew (702624)

Delly End & Whiteoak Green

Andy Smith (868796 or 07831 500134)
Tina Rogers (07774 259199)

Poffley End

Ann Gibson (700162 or 07771 711187)
Calvert McGibbon (705301)

New Yatt

Giles Doland (07971 511926)

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St John's Church

Parish Office 01993 779492
 The Rev Toby Wright 704441
 The Rev Ness Whiffin 07774 524756

Churchwardens

Sue Drew 01993 702624
 Elpie Lewis 01993 703070



Firstly, let's just think how lovely the gardens and hedgerows are looking at the moment, with flowers popping up all over the place and birds building nests here and there, and singing a lot. They are unaware of Corona virus and remind us that things do go on.

Then we move on to other things.....

Sadly, for now we have no active church services in any churches. But the church building remains open for individuals to visit, as and when they need it. Do leave messages on the prayer board which is at the back of the church.

There are on-line church services where everyone is welcome to join in.

For those who do not have access to the internet, please phone Sue or Elpie, and we can get some prayer sheets to you, which Toby has created, and are particularly appropriate to this time.

Or there will be services on the radio and TV, where we can feel a part of something bigger.

All our other activities, for now, are on hold too.

But perhaps we could have Virtual Soup Lunches in our own homes each Thursday, to continue to raise funds for Christian Aid. For those who enjoy this sort of thing, we could share soup recipes on line and enhance our repertoire!

If you, or someone you know, needs some help or just wants a chat, please do phone Sue or Elpie, see above. This can be a very lonely time, and may go on for some time, but sometimes just a chat can make all the difference.

Here is a poem which we hope you may find helpful.

Lockdown

Yes there is fear.
 Yes there is isolation.
 Yes there is panic buying.
 Yes there is sickness.
 Yes there is even death.
 But,
 They say that in Wuhan after so many years of noise
 You can hear the birds again.
 They say that after just a few weeks of quiet
 The sky is no longer thick with fumes,
 but blue and grey and clear.
 They say that in the streets of Assisi
 People are singing to each other
 across the empty squares,
 keeping their windows open,

The Lamb and Flag

Matt Cantwell

Over the last couple of weeks, life as we know it has completely changed. While writing this on 18th March the pub is still open for business as usual, however we will obviously abide by any Government decisions so may have to close our doors for a while.

To help the community, we have created a Takeaway Menu with reduced prices, which you can collect or can be delivered in Hailey while the current situation continues. We will put the menu on our website, lambandflaghailey.co.uk and we will also put details outside the pub.

We hope you all stay safe and well over the next few weeks.

Hailey F.C.

Martin Friend

It looks as though the football season is over due to Covid 19. Normally it would have ended by the last Saturday in April

Results wise, the first team have played two league games, both against Spartan Rangers home and away. Spartan Rangers have been unable to play any home games on their traditional home, the Leys, after the Town Council deemed the pitch dangerous and the changing facilities inadequate. I am surprised this decision was not taken years ago. As someone who umpires cricket I have seen members of the public wandering on to the outfield and in one case even a lady with a pram walking across the actual square while a game was in progress.

Spartan Rangers now play their home games on the all-weather pitch off Station Lane. Hailey won their away game 7-2 and the home game 4-2 in what could be the last game of the season. In the Oxfordshire Charity Cup, Hailey played Watlington, losing in a marathon penalty shoot out 19-18 after normal time ended 3-3 in spite of being reduced to ten men with a player sent off.

The reserves have played two games, losing to Enstone Sports 7-0 in the Junior Challenge Cup and beating Witney Royals in the league despite being reduced to ten men. The A team (third team) beat Sherborne Rovers 4-2 and Ascott 5-0

Jumble Sale thanks

Thank you to so many people for all their help in raising much needed funds for the Village Hall. A wonderful total of around £1000 was raised. The next sale, whenever that is likely to be, will be for Help for Heroes.

Looking forward to the Christmas sale I have lots of wool and material for making things. If you can help then please contact me. Funds for the Christmas sale will be for Witney Hospital.

Many thanks.

Ann Evans 773744

PS A special thank you to Ann from all her helpers. You are a star!

HAILEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Hailey, Witney, Oxon, OX29 9UB Tel: 01993 703802

Are you interested in education in our community?

Would you consider being a school governor?

Hailey Primary School is looking to recruit new members of its Governing Body from the Hailey parish. Being a governor is a challenging but rewarding role – not only is it a vital part of our school community, ensuring a safe, caring and effective education for our pupils, but it also gives a personal opportunity to develop your own skills and experience with a group of people all similarly committed to our lovely school.

All skills and experience are welcome, but if people have finance or data skills and/or previous committee expertise, then this would be very helpful. If you are interested, but want to know more, then please call the school. We are happy to provide more detail on the responsibilities and time commitment involved. More information about the governing body is also on the school website: <http://www.hailey.oxon.sch.uk/>

Playreading Group

David Burton

At our last meeting, on March 11th, we read "When We Are Married" by J.B. Priestly. First staged in London in 1938 it is a Yorkshire farcical comedy about three couples who were holding a joint Silver Wedding party as they had all been married in the same chapel at the same time. During the party they learned that the cleric who had married them had confessed that at the time he had not been properly qualified to conduct weddings. When the men eventually found a solution to the problem the wives found various reasons to question whether they really wanted their marriages to continue!

Meetings will now be suspended until further notice

Hailey Singers

With singing suspended like so many other things we are indeed in strange times. The Hailey Singers have however been set a rigorous schedule of practice and should you stroll past the abode of any member of our group I can guarantee you will hear a solo voice, (or exceptionally a duet) performing many of the classics of world music.

I am however also keen to collect from anyone a list of your five favourite musical recordings and with it, if possible, a brief note as to the reason and we'll see if we can create an event out of it later in the year.

Keep safe everyone and drop me a note!

Items for the Herald should be e-mailed to daburton@btinternet.com by April 20th or delivered to The Sidings, Middletown

so that those who are alone
 may hear the sounds of family around them.
 They say that a hotel in the West of Ireland
 is offering free meals and delivery to the housebound.
 Today a young woman I know
 is busy spreading fliers with her number
 through the neighbourhood
 So that the elders may have someone to call on.
 Today Churches, Synagogues, Mosques and Temples
 are preparing to welcome
 and shelter the homeless, the sick, the weary
 All over the world people are slowing down and reflecting
 All over the world people are looking at their neighbours in a new way
 All over the world people are waking up to a new reality
 To how big we really are.
 To how little control we really have.
 To what really matters.
 To Love.
 So we pray and we remember that
 Yes there is fear.
 But there does not have to be hate.
 Yes there is isolation.
 But there does not have to be loneliness.
 Yes there is panic buying.
 But there does not have to be meanness.
 Yes there is sickness.
 But there does not have to be disease of the soul
 Yes there is even death.
 But there can always be a rebirth of love.
 Wake to the choices you make as to how to live now.
 Today, breathe.
 Listen, behind the factory noises of your panic
 The birds are singing again
 The sky is clearing,
 Spring is coming,
 And we are always encompassed by Love.
 Open the windows of your soul
 And though you may not be able
 to touch across the empty square,
 Sing.

Fr. Richard Hendrick, OFM

Parish Council News continued

IF YOU CAN OFFER SUPPORT

Firstly, THANK YOU

Support might include doing the shopping, collecting prescriptions, dog walking, agreeing regular phone calls, putting the bins out, providing information, etc.

Please TELEPHONE the relevant Parish Councillor/s as shown in the box above so that a list of helpers can be drawn up. We will then agree with you how best to communicate and coordinate efforts.

Helpers will need to follow government advice on social distancing, etc.

North Witney And the Community Infrastructure Charge (CIL)

We had lots of plans to provide a set of Community facilities for the new N Witney development, such as a Community Centre, Health Centre, children's play areas, playing pitches and changing facilities, new footpaths and upgrading existing footpaths etc. These plans are now under threat and we run the risk of acquiring a huge sterile housing estate with significantly reduced facilities.

The above CIL charge on developers was planned to raise over£10 million for North Witney infrastructure BUT, WODC is now recommending that this levy be set to zero for N Witney and four other sites (including East Witney, Eynsham and Chipping Norton).

There will be a six-week consultation on this proposal. Once the consultation begins, we will let you know and ask you to object.

If you, your children or grandchildren eventually live in North Witney, wouldn't you expect decent facilities?

CORONA VIRUS

A fantastic response from Day 1 after the Parish Council's appeal for good neighbours.

THANK YOU to everyone who has rung in to volunteer so far.
Community spirit is alive and well in Hailey.

Hailey Festival - Unfortunately we won't be able to hold a festival this year. Although we had lots of great things planned, we'll have to save them all for 2021! However, there is some good news - the Scarecrows will still go ahead (see advert). This should help to keep you all busy over the next few weeks - the theme is CELEBRITIES!

News from the Gardening Club Judith.knaggs@gmail.com 899125

Not surprisingly, the social side of the Gardening Club has come to a halt for the time being. Talks scheduled for March and April, as well as the AGM, have been postponed. We will try and book them again later in the year. The geraniums and begonias for May's plant sale are already growing. We are currently planning on how to make these safely available for everyone towards the end of May. More details next month. Our gardens are going to become important areas for activity, creativity, respite from concerns and creating a sense of achievement in a society which is going to seem very small for a few months. Good job geraniums come in such bright colours. We shall need some cheering up by then!

The launch of the Scarecrow Trail has changed from "in person" on 29 March to email (see ad for details).

The cancellation of the AGM on 18 March has meant that we said goodbye and thank you to our Chair, Ann Gibson, at the committee meeting held the previous week. Her leadership (and occasional forbearance) has meant that the Club has been able to grow and expand its programme of events over the last decade and we as a committee will miss her input very much.

In addition, the Treasurer and Secretary have also announced that they will step down at the end of 2020. This leaves the Club with several openings to join the committee to kickstart activities after our enforced "rest" and bring in some fresh ideas.

In spite of cancelling the AGM, members can still view the Chair's report and the audited accounts on the website. The Secretary and Treasurer have agreed to stay in post until the end of the calendar year, at which time there will only be 2 active committee members without additional volunteers.

What's on in the Village Hall? [www.haileywestoxon.org/village hall hvhallox29@hotmail.com](http://www.haileywestoxon.org/village_hall_hvhallox29@hotmail.com)

Unfortunately, the short answer is – nothing, for the foreseeable future. After receiving advice from our umbrella organisation Community First Oxfordshire, **the Village Hall closed on 18 March until the end of May initially**. The time period will remain under review but may have to be extended. Any events and bookings scheduled for this period have been cancelled and fees will be refunded. As well as classes and social events, this also included long-standing fixtures such as the Village Lunch and Coffee Mornings. These events attract many of our older residents, providing a regular contact opportunity for most. Without putting anyone at risk, now might be a good time to make sure your neighbour knows there's help available if needed.

Nobody knows when this will end. If we can, the Management Committee will take the opportunity to upgrade and refresh some of our fixtures. All emergency and outside lighting has already been upgraded. A new kitchen floor covering is scheduled, as is a coat of paint in the main hall (circumstances permitting). So when the doors open again, your hall will look a lot smarter inside, ready to cater for all your postponed celebrations. See you then.