

Hailey Herald

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Updates on Parish Council work

Playground:

The new agility trail has been put in to replace the old one which had started to rot and the zipwire has been fixed.

Remember social distancing still applies whilst using the play equipment. Please stay safe.

Burial Ground:

SSE has cut back and crown lifted PC trees in the Burial Ground which were overhanging Church Lane and causing problems with delivery vehicles and waste collection lorries.

Defibrillator:

This is due to be installed in New Yatt in the near future. The process of establishing an electricity connection with SSE is well under way and it has been part funded by Oxfordshire County Council.

Perennial issue of dog poo!!

It is **ESSENTIAL** that if your dog makes a mess in a public place, that you clear it up. The PC continues to receive complaints about this. Currently the complaints are centred on the pavements through the village. This is unacceptable. Anyone who fails to **clear up** after their **dog** can be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice of **up** to £100.

Another message for dog owners

Please can dog owners keep their dogs on the lead on Breach Lane. Two lambs have recently been attacked and wounded by a dog in one of the adjacent fields. There are sheep in most of the fields along Breach Lane so please be responsible and keep your dog under control.

News from across the County

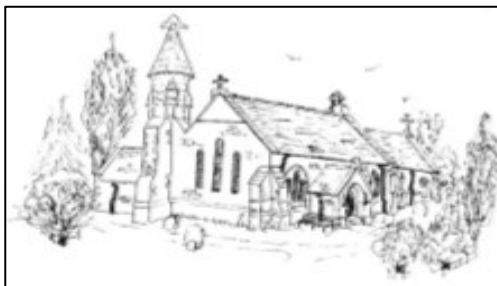
Oxfordshire residents are being urged to take on some 'super' powers to help enable faster fixing of potholes, damaged kerbing and drains through a county council initiative that is now being more widely rolled out following many successfully pilots.

For a number of years Oxfordshire County Council has been using Fix My Street to enable residents to report problems on the roads and to give updates on progress.

Anything added to Fix My Street by members of the public results in a council highways inspector visiting the site and assessing each problem to see if a repair is needed according to set criteria. If it is, they then place an order for the work to be done.

Parish Council News

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Chairman Graham Knaggs	T: 01993 899125 Email knaggsgraham@gmail.com



St John's Church

Team Vicar: The Rev. Ness Whiffin

Contact: ness@witneyparish.org.uk, 07774 524765

Church warden: Elpie Lewis

Contact: elpielewis99@aol.com, 0791 9424605, 01993 703070.

Progress:

We are beginning to see some small steps towards the reopening of our churches in some small way. This is a slow and painstaking task, and I know lots of us are finding it very hard. By the time you read this we will have held our **Hailey Harvest Festival on Sunday September 27th** out of doors this year, so we hope for good weather.

Services in Hailey this month are:

Sunday October 4th 9.15am

Wednesday October 28th 11am

If you would like to attend any services it is necessary to register with the Parish Office for track and trace purposes – office@witneyparish.org.uk or 01993 704441

There are other services throughout the benefice and details are on the posters on the boards around the village and in the bus shelter. We shall continue to have a zoom service every Sunday at 10.30am, and Thursday at 12noon.

Please let me know if you would like to be included in the weekly benefice bulletin email which contains all details of these.

Produce and Cake Stall - Saturday October 3rd in the churchyard from 10-11.30am.

We hope, current restrictions permitting, to hold a produce and cake stall on tables dotted around the churchyard. This will be in aid of our church funds. All offerings will be gratefully received, whether it be the largest marrow in the village, some delicious scones, bramble and apple jelly, or perhaps some of the young amongst us might like to make a birthday card or some other crafty thing to sell.

Churchyard Clean up: Saturday October 17th 10-12noon.

Clare Musson will be supervising this event when we hope to give the churchyards an autumn tidy-up. Further details in Clare's notice.

We are missing the Village Lunches and the Board Games afternoons, but look forward to the time when we can all meet up again.

Finally, if anyone feels the need for a chat there are contact numbers at the top of this info.

Parish Council News continued:

The county council is calling on residents to put themselves forward to train and volunteer as “super users” who will be able to help speed the process up. Our very own vice- chairman, Andy Smith, has stepped forward to be a ‘super-user’.

Under the scheme people will be given training in identifying and assessing things like potholes, blocked drains and damaged signs along with guidance on working safely on the roads, they will be authorised not only to make reports but also to order repairs to be carried out.

Volunteers are vital

County Councillor Liam Walker, Cabinet member for Highways Delivery and Operations, said: “People see things in their local community and want them to be fixed. For a long time, there has been a perception that only the council can do certain things, but that’s not the case anymore.

With training, support and some minimal resources we can unleash a great deal of enthusiasm in Oxfordshire with people helping to make a huge difference.

Find out more

To find out more visit: <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/community-and-living/our-work-communities/oxfordshire-together/volunteer-highways> and follow the link to contact the Volunteer Coordination Team.

Date of Next Parish Council Meeting

The next (remote) meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday 12th October 2020 at 7.30 pm on Zoom. Joining instructions can be found on the agenda. Members of the public are welcome to attend remotely. Any items for the agenda must be received in writing by the Clerk at least seven clear days before a meeting, and a short time is allowed at the start of each meeting for comments from the public.

Hailey / Aggressive Dogs - Diane Poulter

Hailey is a beautiful village for dog walking with a variety of footpaths to choose from. Unfortunately, it is marred by dogs who are supposedly contained in their own fields/gardens escaping and attacking passing dogs. Most dog owners are responsible but there is a minority that aren't. My elderly dog was attacked only yesterday. Fortunately, she has survived but it could have been very nasty. Please keep you dogs under control

Editorial - Michael Drew

The good news this month is that as a result of our appeal in September, two volunteers, Hannah Plumbe and Caroline Collingridge have offered to help Graham Knaggs in the production of the Hailey Herald.

I am also pleased to have this belated opportunity to add Monica and Ray Hester to the list of thanks for their years, and years of delivery of the Hailey Herald in Giernalls, Towns End and Fishers Close. Thank you to them and all who help in various ways.

Items for the next Hailey Herald should be e-mailed to thehaileyherald@gmail.com by **20th October** or delivered to Hayesfield, Middletown, Hailey (next to school car park).

North Leigh Roman – Mathew Lee, volunteer

Over 1,000 Visitors to Villa Mosaics in 2020

Set within a peaceful landscape on the banks of the River Evenlode, North Leigh Roman Villa is considered to be one of the largest villas in Roman Britain with a 500 year history of occupation. At its most extensive in the early 4th century AD it included 3 bath suites, 16 mosaic floors and 11 rooms with under-floor heating.

Today visitors can imagine the villa's former richness as they walk through the rectangular footprint of its walls – but the mosaic house hides the real gem of a near complete mosaic floor. The mosaics form the floor of villa's winter dining room and, as the only example in Oxfordshire still found in their original location, they give a powerful sense of the Villa's original opulence.

The mosaics have not been on regular display to the public since the early 1990s. A one-off weekend opening last September proved popular with hundreds of visitors on site in some glorious weather.

The North Leigh Roman Villa Volunteers were established last summer, to work with English Heritage to improve access to the 3rd century AD mosaics housed at the Villa. So it is very heartening to report that the third and final Open Weekend of a covid-truncated summer season saw the 1,000th visitor to the mosaics this year.

The weather over the weekend of September 12 & 13 was beautiful, as it had been for the two previous open weekends in August. Families with children were much in evidence, exploring the Roman remains and picnicking in the sunshine.

Everything was organised in a safe socially-distanced fashion, with valuable professional input from English Heritage, indeed one visitor remarked:

“This is one of the most safe and well thought out set of procedures I have met since this virus situation began so have every confidence all will go well. Thank you for your hard work on this.”

There was a first at September's open days, as Mary Luckhurst of English Heritage led volunteers, some fortunate Friends of North Leigh Roman Villa, and even a few visiting children, in a thorough cleaning of the mosaics with badger-hair brushes, dabbing with de-ionised water on cotton wool and an awful lot of kneeling. This was probably the first “deep clean” of the mosaics in over a decade. Perhaps the timing is appropriate!

These are the finest Roman mosaics in Oxfordshire still in their original location and were last regularly open to visitors about 30 years ago. Clearly this initiative has been appreciated, as visitor donations at these free events have topped £700 in 2020. Thank you.

The site is entirely free and large enough for safe social distancing during any visit.

It is a pleasant cycle ride from the village to the villa, so please consider leaving your car at home.

It is free to become a Friend of North Leigh Roman Villa, and allows you to keep up with future developments and events (including cleaning) on the site, to join simply email: NLRVvols@gmail.com.

For more details about the site (including access if you have mobility issues), please visit: <https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/north-leigh-roman-villa/> or Facebook: @northleighromanvilla or Twitter: @villa_north.

2020 Fund Raising Campaign – new Village Hall

Graham Knaggs

As you will see from the flyer insert, Project Hailey is launching its 2020 new Village Hall appeal. The aim is to demonstrate to potential grant-awarding bodies (such as the National Lottery) that the community is providing financial support. The Parish Council has also been setting aside some funds for the last few years.

Please donate, and remember – “Every Little Helps” (with apologies to Tesco)
You can make a donation to Project Hailey – the nominated fundraising-body with charitable status - either:

BY BACS to Project Hailey, Account 51761153, Sort Code 40-47-07 or

BY CHEQUE (payable to Project Hailey, to the address below).

Gift Aid

If you want to Gift Aid your donation (which will add 25% to your donation), we need some of your details. Please complete the Gift Aid form and return it to:

Project Hailey, Hayesfield, Middletown, Hailey, OX29 9TA

Thank you for your support

HAILEY SINGERS – JeremyLewis@aol.com

I have been working on some new material over the last few months so that when we are finally released from this grim situation we can burst forth with merry melody, second to none.

Meanwhile I have been continuing my occasional reflections on the music we sing and the characters behind them and I have been heartened by your responses, especially "sang that in the garden with my gardener!"

Recent gems include:

"Rule Britannia" Thomas Arne 1740 (there was a crisis, you'll remember)

"Just one of those things" Cole Porter 1935

"I could have danced all night" Lerner and Lowe 1956

"A foggy day in London Town" the Gershwins 1937 and finally
with harvest in mind

"God whose farm is all creation" by John Arlott.

If you feel the urge to dance melodically around your garden with
or without your gardener and who doesn't

I shall be pleased to add you to my list.

But please, no tangos.

The Lamb and Flag - Matt Cantwell Tel:01993 700694

We would like to say a big thank you to all our loyal customers who have supported us so well since we reopened in July. However, with the Darts and Bar Billiards leagues not running this winter, we will be losing a big source of income which we would normally rely on at this time of year.

While we appreciate that people are anxious about going out at the moment, we can assure you that the tables are well spaced and we have put many safety measures in place. We would welcome the support from the local residents to help us through this difficult period to keep the pub going. Just pop in for a quick drink or treat yourself to a meal out. As they say 'every little helps', please support your Village Pub. **Thank you.**

News from the Gardening Club - Judith Knaggs info.haileygc@gmail.com

At last, the Gardening Club is announcing an event which *can* take place (if somewhat scaled down). We shall be offering **Apple Pressing on Sunday 18th October in the Village Hall car park from 1.30pm to 4.00pm.** Admission free.

LAST PRESSING WILL BE AT 3.45PM.

Please bring plenty of containers for juice as this year, we cannot provide any. Our mincer and press are very efficient so start saving bottles now. The event will be exclusively outdoors with no refreshments or children's games. It may be cancelled in the event of bad weather.

Circumstances have not been kind for village events for many months and the Gardening Club is no exception. The autumn talk booked for 14th October has been cancelled, likewise Deck the Halls in December. As previously announced, by the end of the year four members of the organising committee will have stood down and so far, have not been replaced. This leaves only 2 remaining members. As conditions are unlikely to improve during the winter months, we have decided to suspend all Gardening Club activities for the foreseeable future. Hopefully in the Spring, conditions will improve and the Gardening Club can be picked up again with a new and enthusiastic committee. As there are no more planned events, this will be the last "News from the Gardening Club".

What's on in the Village Hall? – Judith Knaggs

www.haileywestoxon.org/villagehall

HaileyVillageHall@gmail.com

The Village Hall Committee has been slowly opening the hall on an experimental basis to test out the safety measures we have put in place to deal with COVID-19. We currently have only one small group for one session per week but have been considering inviting another small group to return on a different day. Owing to a total lack of income for almost 6 months, we are currently unable to offer a paid cleaning service and are totally reliant on our volunteers and the cooperation of our hirers to keep the hall safe. The new "Rule of 6" means that many of our popular social events still cannot take place. The village hall is not accepting general bookings at the moment.

However, the situation seems to be worsening by the day so all this could be subject to rapid change again if circumstances or the law alters significantly in the near future.

For enquiries about the Village Hall email HaileyVillageHall@gmail.com

To book online go to www.haileywestoxon.org/villagehall and follow the link

Hailey F.C. – Martin Friend

The new season has arrived, a couple of weeks later than planned. The Club has three teams and all have had pre-season friendlies. The league season has now begun (19th September). The delay was due to a Hailey player allegedly showing signs of the virus. With the national Covid-19 situation this report may be the last for some time, especially with the constantly evolving situation as I expect football at our level could be banned again and a national lockdown implemented. Hailey have three teams again this season. The first team are in the Witney & District F.A. Premier Division, the reserve team in Division One and the third team in Division Three.

The first team's opening game was at home with Tower Hill where Hailey won 9 – 0.

The reserve team's opening fixture is at Chadlington on 26th September.

The third team also won - Aston Reserves 1 – 5 Hailey A

Wildflower meadow in the Burial Ground – Clare Musson - 01993 772403

If you visited the burial ground this summer you may have seen the wildflowers growing there. Some common wildflowers have now become well established and on the many warm days we've enjoyed this summer there were plenty of bees, butterflies and other insects feeding there. Other regular visitors were the now familiar red kites circling overhead as well as songbirds and woodpeckers. In the evenings bats could be seen swooping over the area and the tawny owls which roost in the old churchyard must have had some good hunting there, as well as the Church Lane cats!

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.

A survey of flowers was conducted in June and at least 20 species were identified. Many different grasses are growing there as well. The meadow was cut in late summer and we are now getting ready to plant Yellow Rattle seed, the 'Meadow Maker' to encourage more wildflowers next summer.

We look forward to seeing some wildlife-friendly flowers growing again in 2021 and the benefits this will bring for all of us.

Even as the days get shorter and we move into the quiet of winter, do take a moment to notice and enjoy what you see when you visit or pass through 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 and if you'd like to get involved, do get in touch.

Churchyard Clear up

The Churchyard needs an Autumn tidy up and any help would be much appreciated

Do join us on Saturday October 17th from 10.00am -12noon

Please bring your own refreshments. Please also bring your own gardening tools e.g. gloves, secateurs, trowel, rake, loppers, pruning saw, wheelbarrow. If you have a hedge trimmer or strimmer (plus necessary safety gear), this would also be most welcome

Your reward – good company (if socially distanced) and grateful thanks!

If you would like to come along, please contact Clare Musson beforehand on 772403

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Wednesday: 5:00pm – 10:00pm

Thursday: 5:00pm – 10:00pm

Friday: 3:00pm – 11:00pm

Saturday: 10am – 11:00pm

Sunday 12 – 10:00pm

Food Times

Wednesday: 6:00pm – 9:00pm

Thursday: 6:00pm – 9:00pm

Pie Night: Pie and a Drink £10.00

Friday: 6:00pm – 9:00pm

Saturday: 10am – 2:00pm & 6pm – 9pm

Breakfast served 10am-2pm

Sunday: 12 – 4:00pm (Sunday Roast)

Tel: 01993 700694

HAILEY
Gardening Club

Hailey Apple Pressing

Sunday 18th October

Village Hall

1.30pm – 4pm

We will squeeze them!

Bring your own containers

Last pressing 3.45pm

Free admission

All welcome

Diary Dates

September 27th **Harvest Festival** – St John's churchyard – 9.15am

October 3rd **Produce and Cake Stall** – St John's churchyard 10.00 – 11.30am

October 4th **Church Service** St John's 9.15am

October 12th **Hailey Parish Council** meeting – remote on Zoom – 7.30pm

October 17th **Churchyard Clean up** – St John's 10.00 – 12noon

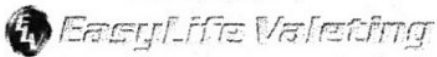
October 25th Hailey Gardening Club **Apple Pressing** Village Hall 1.30 - 4.00pm

October 28th **Church Service** St John's church 11.00am

Every Sunday at 10.00am and Thursday at 12 noon – **Zoom church service**

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Thank you.

VACANCY

Job Description

Summary - Edwards and Ward are looking for a Cook in Charge/Chef Manager for one of our schools, Hailey CofE Primary School in Witney

The position is term-time only Monday to Friday based around 08:00 - 14:00 cooking for approximately 70-80 children a day, this is a great position in a small village. The position is term-time only, paying 43 weeks per year averaged over 12 months. We are a fresh food company.

For full details, contact: 01993 703802 or email head.3123@hailey.oxon.sch.uk