

Lamb and Flag Tel 01993 700694Opening 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 – 9pm
Breakfast served 10am-2pm
 Sunday: 12 – 4:00pm (Sunday Roast)



A talk by Neil Clennell, CEO
Wednesday 26th February
7:30 pm Village Hall
MEMBERS FREE (Visitors £2)
Refreshments available

Diary Dates

Feb 1st Breach Wood work morning 10-12noon
 Feb 5th DCC Meeting Witheridge Farm House 7.00pm
 Feb 7th Charity Coffee Morning, Village Hall, 10 -11:30am
 Feb 10th Parish Council Meeting Village Hall, 7.30pm
 Feb 12th Board Games. Church 2.00-4.00pm
 Feb 12th Play Reading Group The Sidings 7.00pm
 Feb 17th Hailey Singers Witheridge Farm 7.00pm
 Feb 19th Village Lunch, Village Hall 12 noon- 2.00pm
 Feb 26th Gardening Club talk 'The Wychwood Project see ad above
 Mar 2nd Hailey Singers Witheridge Farm 7.00pm
 Mar 7th Huge Jumble Sale Village Hall 2-4.30pm see ad
 Mar 18th Gardening Club AGM and Talk Village Hall 7.00pm
 Mar 23rd Hailey Singers Witheridge Farm 7.00pm

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

Hailey Village Hall

To book online: www.haileywestoxon.org/village_hall (or search "Hailey Village Hall")
 Email: hvhallox29@hotmail.com

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Parish Council News

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Parish Council News**New Parish Councillor**

Congratulations and welcome to Tina Rogers who has joined the Parish Council. We all look forward to working with her.

New Bus Shelter

You can't have failed to notice the new bus shelter in Middletown, looking very smart. We hope you find it beneficial, especially with the persistent rain that we are experiencing.

The parish noticeboard is now inside the bus shelter. There is space for village notices as well as Parish Council ones so please feel free to advertise your local events there.

Thanks go to Oxfordshire County Council for part funding it.

Fancy growing your own veg?

We have three allotment plots available to rent. If you would like to take on a plot, then please get in touch with Lisa or Ann Gibson.

Hailey Parish Council gives notice as per the Allotments Acts 1908 to 1950: Rules as to Allotment Gardens, that two allotment plots are available to rent at Hemplands and one at Poffley End. The rent for these allotments is currently no more than £7 per annum.

If there are more than two applicants eligible to become tenants and likely to keep the allotment garden in a proper state of cultivation, preference shall be given to an applicant who does not hold an allotment garden or agricultural land either from the Council or otherwise over an applicant who does hold such land, but if these do not apply, allotment plots shall be let to the applicant whose name is received first by the Council.

Hailey Parish residents can apply for an allotment, to the Parish Clerk **by post only** to Wyelands, Upper End, Shipton-u-Wychwood, OX7 6DP. Please state name, address and email address. Applications must be received by 5pm on 20th March 2020.

110 Houses West of Hailey Road (part of the North Witney development of 1,400 houses)

The Parish Council has objected to the planning application for this phase of North Witney (located opposite BP Cannon Pool and adjacent to Witney Community Primary School) on several grounds including building of three 3-storey blocks of

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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



Christmas in Hailey:

The church was beautifully decorated for Christmas; thank you to everyone who helped with this. We had 4 cribs in the church this year, including our big, child friendly crib surrounded by straw bales for seats. This was created from decorated traffic cones and papier mache covered balloons, a stunning angel made by Middletown Grange residents, a beautifully made wooden crib and included some visiting sheep and other livestock.

The Village Carol Service was a very lovely occasion with about 220 people in the church, a theme of kindness, wonderful singing, and traditional readings by all ages, followed by mulled wine and mince pies. The retiring collection raised £264 for the Thames Valley Air Ambulance.

The Christingle Service in early January in support of the Children's Society raised £124, and smiling faces created lovely orange, sweet laden Christingles.

The Christmas Village Lunch attracted about 60 people, with carols sung, crackers popped and a good time had by all.

Our regular Sunday services are:

- Holy Communion 9.15am.

Everyone is welcome to all our services, all ages; there are lots of activities for children to do in their own area at the back of the church, and a chance for them to be involved in the service if they would like to be. We have coffee after the service which is an opportunity for introductions or a good catch-up.

- Evensong is on the first Sunday of the month at 6pm.

- Thursday services at 10am alternate between Middletown Grange on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month, and in the church on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Thursdays. Everyone is welcome to these services. They provide a time to strengthen our links with Middletown Grange, and really get to know our friends there.

- **A Peaceful Place**, the church is always open during the day for anyone to visit for a time of peace and quiet. But on Thursday afternoons it is lit, and the kitchen is available to make yourself a cuppa, so do feel free to pop in for a quiet moment of reflection and refreshment.

- **Home Communions:** If anyone is unable to get to church and would like to receive Communion at home please contact Elpie or Sue to arrange this.

- **Pastoral Visits:** Ness, our vicar is on sabbatical at the moment. If you need to speak to a member of the clergy please phone the parish office on 01993 779492, or speak to one of the wardens, Sue or Elpie..

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Breach Wood – Winter 2019-20

David Musson

It must be the wettest winter – Breach Lane has been under water, and much of the woodland is waterlogged. But this has not deterred either determined regular walkers or some ongoing winter activities. The Wychwood Project hedge-laying group have been laying the hedge on the ride down to Whittings Lane, doing a bit every other Sunday; and the Cotswold volunteers came in the autumn to do some pruning and tidying.

We are also collaborating with the Wychwood Project's Bird Aid group and providing supplementary food for small farm birds through the winter. Feeding began on 1st January and is being done on a daily basis through the cold winter months. We will be monitoring from time to time to record the presence of linnets, yellowhammers, finches etc.

Ash dieback is a fungal disease that is gradually killing near all ash trees in Europe and the UK. When Breach Wood was planted in 2002 a significant proportion of the trees planted were ash. These are now affected by the disease, and we will be taking some of these down, and continue to replace them with other species – oak, alder, beech and cherry.

We do still have some logs for sale – oak and ash cut to 5-foot lengths – though at present it is far too wet for a vehicle to access the woodland.

The Trustees and friends will be having a work morning on Saturday 1st February between 10 and 12 noon - checking tree guards, planting some trees, and generally tidying up. All are welcome to join us.

A key has been found on the path by the field that leads down to Delly End. If you think this may be yours, and for details of the work morning on Saturday 1st February, please contact David Musson – davidstmusson@gmail.com - 01993-772403

HUGE JUMBLE & BRIC A BRAC SALE

Saturday, 7th March
Hailey Village Hall
2-4.30pm

Raising funds for our village hall for an electricity update

Please contact Ann on 773744 if you have any items for the sale or can help on the day. Plants also required for the plant stall.

Knit & natter

We will be having an exhibition of over 40 comfort blankets. This will be at the coffee morning in the village hall on 3rd April. Everyone welcome. Contact Ann on 773744 if you have any donations of wool. It is always wanted. Thank you.

Donations for the Foodbank

Many thanks to all those people who have donated items for the Foodbank in Witney. Please continue to help us by dropping your non-perishable items in to the box in St John's Church. The church is open during the day if you want to call in.

**What's on in the Village Hall? www.haileywestoxon.org/villagehall
hvhallox29@hotmail.com**

Hope you were able to join in some of the Christmas activities in the Village Hall. The Band Concert was a sell-out with lots of new faces, including most of Kestrel Cub Pack, all enjoying a good carol sing. Spring activities start again **in March with Quiz Night** and **April for our next Bingo session**. More details next month. The online booking system is the best way to check availability and book the hall. Either simply search for "Hailey Village Hall" or go to www.haileywestoxon.org/villagehall and follow the link. There is no direct booking facility via Facebook. For all general enquiries, email the address above.

Playreading Group

The group met on Jan 8th. Unfortunately the play which we had ordered was not suitable and also the winter bugs had decimated our attendance. However those who did attend had a pleasant evening reading miscellaneous pieces of poetry and text and discussing them. Our next meeting will be at our regular venue, The Sidings, Middletown on Weds 12th February at 7.00 pm and as always we welcome newcomers. Enquiries to Alan Bailey 704271

David Burton

Christmas Lottery 2019

Prize	Winner
1 Luxury Christmas Hamper	Sarah Bailey
2 Sainsbury's Mystery prize	Pete Newbold
3 Crystal decanter, glasses and malt whisky	Chloe Poulter
4 Sprouts Play Barn - Millets Farm Centre - 4 people	Julie Clifford
5 Cotswold Wildlife Park voucher - 1 adult + 1 child	Mavis Loyeau
6 Blenheim - 2 adults, 2 children admission with audio guide	Monica Hester
7 Lamb & Flag - meal for two	Ruth Gorton
8 Shakenoak box of preserves	Emma Cox
9 JAG timber - £40 of logs	Joy Black
10 Simpsons Subaru - an interim car service	Daphne Rose
11 The Lamb at Crawley voucher - £30	Paula Stockhill
12 Budgens - Chocolates & biscuits	K Jones
13 2 bottles of Cava	Hartwells



Thank you to the following companies who donated prizes this year:
 Blenheim Palace
 Budgens
 Cotswold Wildlife Park
 JAG Timber
 Lamb & Flag
 Millets Farm Centre
 The Lamb, Crawley
 Sainsburys
 Shaken Oak
 Simpsons Subaru
 AND
 many thanks to everyone in the Village who contributed items towards the Christmas hamper

Parish Council News continued

apartments on rising ground (as they will dominate the school and adjacent housing), the absence of an overall agreed plan for the whole development and impact on air quality and traffic in Bridge Street.

Blocked ditches

Another reminder to clear ditches. With the vast amount of rainfall we have had recently, flooding is happening all over the place. Don't add to it with a blocked ditch!

Joan Smith Educational Charity 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, music lessons, tools, specialised clothing, etc. Requests for grants are NOT means tested. Grants will only be awarded with proof of payment. The next meeting will take place following the Parish Council meeting on Monday 9th March. If you would like to find out more, please contact the Parish Clerk or download an application form from the Parish Council section of www.haileywestoxon.org

Annual Parish Meeting

Following the success of the APM last year, the PC will be following the same format this year. Invites to talk or display will go out in February. However, if you have something to share with the village then please get in touch with Lisa and she may be able to add you to the guest list.

Please note the APM will be held on Monday 20th April this year.

Date of Next Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on Mon 10th February 2020 at 7.30 pm. .

Church News continued

Board Games Afternoon: will be on Wednesday Feb 12th 2-4pm in the church.

- **Village Lunch:** Wednesday February 19th, 12noon in the Village Hall.

- **DCC meeting:** Wednesday February 5th at Witheridge Farm at 7pm. If anyone would like to join the DCC we would love to hear from you.

Hailey F.C

Martin Friend

The first team have played only one game since early in December, due to waterlogged pitches, non allocation of fixtures and Christmas. The first game in the new year came against Carterton Rangers which they lost 3-1 and also lost their 100 per cent record. The long break had affected fitness and must have played a part in an error strewn performance. The next game had to be postponed due to a waterlogged pitch. It should have been a Fred Ford Memorial Cup quarter final against Carterton Town A

The reserve team remain in Division One following three wins, 3-1 against Kingham All Blacks, 2-1 against Chadlington and 1-0 against Bourton Rovers.

The third team continues to do well, beating Bampton United Reserves 6-0, Ascott 7-0 and losing to North Oxford 6-0 In the Supplementary Cup they won a two legged fixture 9-2 on aggregate against Brize Norton Reservesto reach the semi-final. Hopefully we shall get some dry weather so the first team can deal with the fixture backlog

The Lamb and Flag**Matt Cantwell**

We hope you all enjoyed the festive period; it was nice to see so many of you at the Lamb and Flag.

We are introducing a few new offers in addition to our normal menu. On Wednesdays we are running a Curry Night deal of a curry, rice, naan bread and poppadoms along with a bottle of lager or cider for £10.

We are also doing a Fish and Chip Night on Fridays. This will be Fish or homemade Fish Cakes and hand-cut chips with peas/mushy peas to eat in or takeaway: £10 to eat in, £7 to takeaway.

For now, we are running a 2 for 1 offer on our lunch menu which is served on Thursday, Friday and Saturday 12.00 – 2.00 pm.

Please don't forget that we still serve Sunday lunch, which is between 12.00 and 4.00 pm.

We look forward to seeing you.

Charity Coffee Morning

for Friday 7th March. 10.00-11.30 in the village hall

Last month we donated £28.50 to the Children's society.

The March coffee morning will be in aid of Oxfordshire Mind.

Everyone welcome for cake and a cuppa, still great value at only £1.50!

Thank you to all the regulars for your continued support. We always welcome new faces so do come along and give it a try!!

Hailey Singers

Approach your diary with india rubber and after rigorous application here is a new list, free I hope of unholy clashes!

JAN 27 FEB 17 MARCH 2 AND 23 APRIL 6 at 7.00pm

I am afraid there are some quite long gaps but time surely for personal rehearsal, after all "Anything you can do I can do better!"

Jeremy Lewis, Witheridge Farm 703070

Joe Eeles

I am a newly ofsted registered childminder living in Hailey, I have over 10 years experience working with early year children. I have places available each day. Activities include toddler groups, parks, walks and forest school at Blenheim palace to name a few. Please feel free to get in contact for more info at 07480149053 or email at _joeeles71@gmail.com.

A thank you to Hailey Relief Trust and to all the ladies and gents that give their time to buy, wrap and deliver the lovely Xmas hampers.

Happy New year from Mrs June Holifield & Mrs Rosemary Warner.

News from the Gardening Club

Judith.Knaggs@gmail.com 899126

As mentioned previously Gardening Club Chair, Ann Gibson, is stepping down from the committee at the AGM in March. We shall miss her for



Your Gardening Club needs

YOU

many reasons but particularly for the planning and organisation of our talks and visits, the Scarecrow trail and competition, and Open Gardens amongst many others. We are already a small committee and we have reluctantly decided that we cannot simply absorb the extra workload without additional help. We organise many of the social events that contribute to the active social life of the village **so if you would like to join us and help keep the Gardening Club going, ring Ann on 700162.**

In the meantime, the 2020 programme starts again on **Wednesday 26 February with a talk by Neil Clennell, CEO of the Wychwood Project at 7.30pm in the Village**

Hall. Details of the full programme are given below:

Wed 18 Mar	AGM—7.00pm followed by “National Allotments” - A talk by Jenny Crawford
Sun 29 March	Scarecrow Trail Launch Theme - “Celebrities” - Register your choice.
Wed 22 Apr	“Can Americans Garden?” - A talk by Timothy Walker
Sat 23 May	Spring Plant Sale
Tbc June	‘The Hailey Scarecrow Trail’
Sun 28 June	Open Gardens
Sun 16 Aug	Gardening Club visit to Sezincote House and Garden
Sat 5 Sept	Hailey Village Show
Wed 14 Oct	“Practical Propagation - Seed, cuttings and beyond”
Sun 25 Oct	Apple Day