

# Hailey Herald

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## Parish Council News

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## IF YOU NEED SUPPORT DURING COVID RESTRICTIONS

Please contact your Hailey Parish Councillor

### 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

## WHERE TO GET RELIABLE INFORMATION

- [www.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)
- [www.haileywestoxon.org](http://www.haileywestoxon.org)
- Facebook – search for Hailey Village  
[www.westoxon.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.westoxon.gov.uk/coronavirus)

## PLEASE KEEP YOURSELVES AND THE VILLAGE SAFE

### Gigaclear is coming to Hailey to extend the availability of super-fast broadband

Since 2010, Gigaclear have been working closely with rural communities across England to bring fibre-to-the-premise (FTTP) broadband to where it is needed most. As part of their broadband rollout programme Gigaclear are planning their network build to include Hailey. This should make available a much faster and more reliable broadband service. Just like other utilities, building their network involves digging trenches on private land (with permission), the carriageway, verges, and paths.

In the coming weeks, you may see their contractors in the area validating their plans. Validation is when they walk the mapped-out route, identifying details within the plans that may need adjusting to make sure that they can build as planned. They are also in the process of confirming whether Hailey residents and businesses are eligible for the Government's Rural Gigabit Connectivity (RGC) Programme which helps to finance this initiative. Once this has been determined they will provide further details. Gigaclear are writing to all residents included in the build programme asking for expressions of interest. If interested, email them at [vouchers@gigaclear.com](mailto:vouchers@gigaclear.com) and give them your name, address, telephone number and email address. You will not be committing to anything by doing this.

**Contact details for the Gigaclear dedicated Network Build Care team are:**

**Email: [networkbuildcare@gigaclear.com](mailto:networkbuildcare@gigaclear.com), Phone: 01865 591137**

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



## **St John's Church**

Team Vicar: The Rev. Ness Whiffin  
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### **Progress:**

Sadly, due to lockdown, our plans to open our churches for services have had to go on hold for now. However, we are able to open the church for individual prayer for 3 hours on a Thursday from 11- 2pm, starting on November 26th. Masks will need to be worn, social distancing adhered to, and hand sanitiser used on entry and exit. Available seats are marked with a **X**. We do hope you will feel able to visit our wonderful church.

We continue to have a zoom service every Sunday at 10.30am, and on Thursdays at 12 noon, to which all are invited. **All details of services over the Christmas period will be posted on the church notice board and around the village**, when we can be more certain of arrangements. All zoom details and other information are available on the Witney Parish website [www.witneyparish.org.uk](http://www.witneyparish.org.uk)

Please let one of us know if you would like to be included in the weekly benefice bulletin email which contains full details of all services parish-wide.

We hope that when we are out of lock-down we will be able to make plans for some Christmas services, but at present we cannot be specific. Please look out for details on boards around the village, at a later date.

On November 18<sup>th</sup> we held Amalya Noel's funeral service, and what a very special occasion this was. Numbers were sadly limited to 30; we had wonderful music and readings, all chosen by Amalya, Ruth Allington sang so beautifully, and we welcomed a number of Amalya's friends from the Subud community. We shall miss Amalya greatly. She gave so much of herself to Hailey Church, and to all of us.

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

**However..... One thing we can make plans for is .....**

**Our Village Outdoor Nativity Scene.**

**This is to be created in the churchyard on the grass behind the war memorial.**

**Robin is building the stable, and we would love it if anyone would like to create a character to be a part of the tableau.**

**Hailey is renowned for its scarecrows in the summer, so here is an opportunity to create a smaller, simpler variation.**

**Mary and Joseph are being created in Poffley End, but all other characters/animals/angels/birds would be very welcome. If we have 10 shepherds, so much the better!**

**They need to be about 2 or 3 feet high, weather proof and heavy enough, or fixed, so that they don't blow away in wintry weather.**

**Do contact Robin or Elpie, as above, if you want further information.**

## **Parish Council News continued**

### **No rise in next year's Precept**

The Parish Council has confirmed its budget for the financial year 2021-22. The precept will not be raised, meaning no increase in the Parish Council part of your Council Tax. This was achieved by agreeing not to implement any capital projects during the year and putting on hold any further improvements to the playground.

### **News from across the County**

New Fly-tipping service goes live

Residents can now report fly-tips more easily as the District Council has improved its service. A new online form will allow the user to pinpoint the fly-tip on an interactive map. This makes it easier for the Council team to locate, allowing a quicker investigation and clean-up. To report a fly-tip see <https://community.westoxon.gov.uk/s/fly-tip>

### **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 14<sup>th</sup> December. 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](http://www.haileywestoxon.org)

### **Date of Next Parish Council Meeting**

Parish Council meetings are currently being held remotely via Zoom.

The next two (remote) meetings of the Parish Council will take place on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020 and 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 7.30 pm. 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.

### **Amazon shoppers your Village Hall needs you!!**

Karl Franklin

Amazon has set up Amazon Smile, a brilliant way to donate money to charity by paying 0.5% of your order to your chosen charity. The Village Hall Committee have signed up to be one of those charities.

In order to donate, next time you go to shop at Amazon go onto Amazon Smile instead. Sign in like you're signing into Amazon and then select Hailey Village Hall as your chosen charity. This doesn't add any extra cost to your order, the money is donated by Amazon. It may only be a small amount but every little helps!

Thank you so much from the Hailey Village Hall Committee.

For enquiries about the Village Hall email [\*\*HaileyVillageHall@gmail.com\*\*](mailto:HaileyVillageHall@gmail.com)

To book online go to [\*\*www.haileywestoxon.org/villagehall\*\*](http://www.haileywestoxon.org/villagehall) and follow the link

**What's on in the Village Hall?** [www.haileywestoxon.org/village\\_hall](http://www.haileywestoxon.org/village_hall) Judith Knaggs  
HaileyVillageHall@gmail.com

With the current lockdown still in place, the Village Hall is once again closed to all bookings until 2 December. Although we have been running one very small group, the restrictions on people meeting currently make it almost impossible for most other groups to meet safely. We do not yet know what restrictions will be in place at the end of lockdown. However, with encouraging news coming almost daily, we are hopeful that spring will see us being able to offer general bookings again.

Unfortunately **Carols in the Car Park** has now also joined the long list of cancelled events around Christmas. Although lockdown would have ended, we decided it would be irresponsible to encourage a crowd to gather – even outside – in the current circumstances, when we are all trying to keep safe and well for Christmas.

However, you may hear a **cornet player and friends** serenading round the village, weather permitting. Keep your ears open.

We will have a permanent new facility in the Village Hall from January. **Dawn's Shop** will be relocating from Shinfield, offering all the same features (and probably a few new ones). Good luck to the new venture. For full details, see separate advert.

### **Street Tag**

Street Tag is a new family-friendly game that rewards primary schools, families, individuals and communities for physical activities such as walking, running, and cycling.

Street Tag is turning streets and parks in Oxfordshire into a giant virtual playground. You can play to win rewards for your child's primary school, or as an individual or team of up to six people in Oxfordshire's community league.

Watch your total distance accumulate and see how far you climb up the local leader board. Get ready to push yourself and start your journey to a healthy lifestyle with Street Tag.

For more info on how to play, head to [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/streettag](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/streettag)

### **Akeman Solar Park**

Ben Brown

Please be aware of this proposed new development. A planning application is due to be submitted for a 140-acre solar park on land between St. Johns Lane – Singe Wood and Akeman Street, Ramsden. In recent months many of you will have been enjoying the countryside exercising around this area.

The cost of solar panels and therefore construction of solar farms has decreased hugely over recent years. This has allowed large landowning businesses to see solar park installations as a more profitable alternative to conventional farming. With current planning policy very much in favour, it is especially important that planners should be made to give good consideration to the location of all proposed new solar parks. This can only be achieved through a collective voice.

We are all aware that green energy is key to all our futures. This is not the same as the community involved Southill Solar at Charlbury. This is big business interested in big profits and ultimately represents industrialisation of the countryside.

To stay up to date please email [stopakemansolarpark@gmail.com](mailto:stopakemansolarpark@gmail.com)

## **North Leigh Roman Villa Volunteers feature on English Heritage's main website**

The work of North Leigh's Roman Villa volunteers has been singled out by English Heritage to feature on their main website, as a prime example of volunteering in a time of covid:

<https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/support-us/Volunteer/meet-our-volunteers/supporting-our-visitors/>

We are a new group of volunteers, only beginning last summer, so it has been quite a first year to get going in. Our aim is a simple one: to help as many people as possible safely to enjoy North Leigh's mosaic again.

Once restrictions started to ease in July, English Heritage adapted their risk assessment for Covid safety, turning our site into a "Covid secure venue" - we still called it "the villa". We quickly agreed a simple system for access to the mosaics: timed slots, family groups, and numbered raffle tickets to monitor admissions!

We got very fortunate with the weather: every one of our 3 Open Weekends, and handful of Special Openings for local Primary Schools and clubs and societies, have been sunny and dry. So at least the libations to the weather gods worked.

The results speak for themselves: over 1,250 people have seen the mosaics this year (nearly double what we managed last year); donations up six-fold on 2019 to nearly £950; and our "Friends of the Villa" are up 50% too.

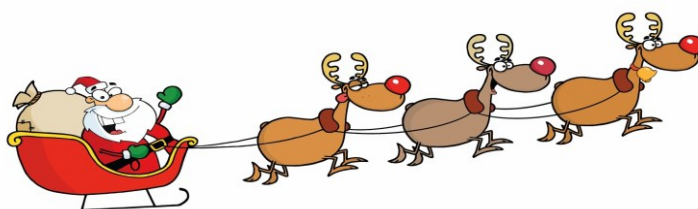
Happiness was in short supply this year and we helped provide some and reaped a little ourselves. North Leigh Roman Villa has its own website, provided by English Heritage:

<https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/north-leigh-roman-villa/>

This is the place to look for information about 2021's mosaic openings and more on site in coming months.

Matthew - North Leigh Roman Villa Volunteer

## **HAILEY MERRY CHRISTMAS WALKING TRAIL**



A big' thank you' to all the residents who have agreed to take part in the Hailey Merry Christmas Walking Trail.

Over thirty households (so far) have agreed to hide their own 'secret word' within their Christmas decorations this year.

If you want to take part in the Walking Trail, just follow or map and note down as many of the secret words as you can spot on your travels.

You can find maps on Facebook's Hailey Village page, request one from [andy@adbsmith.com](mailto:andy@adbsmith.com) or pick up a printed map at the main bus stop.

Ho .....ho ..... hope you have a fun-filled festive time..!

**Project Hailey 2020 Fund Raising Campaign – New Village Hall** Graham Knaggs

The contributions are still coming in.

Many thanks for the enthusiasm and generosity you have shown for this campaign to help in the financing of the new Village Hall.

You can of course still make a donation to Project Hailey 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 (available from Hayesfield) and return it to **Project Hailey, Hayesfield, Middletown, Hailey, OX29 9TA**

**Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year**

**HAILEY SINGERS – [JeremyLewis@aol.com](mailto:JeremyLewis@aol.com)**

Well, itinerant songsters and makers of merry,  
did I hear you ask what have you been doing since you last wrote?  
Good! 'cause I'm gonna tell you!

We began with some reflections on the Jerome Kern's classic "A fine Romance", particularly poignant because of the loss of Geoffrey Palmer whose "As time goes by" used this song,

Then I was asked to reflect on the local talent in Kalamazoo (ooh sorry not adequately PC?) courtesy of the Glen Miller orchestra, then I got completely deflected into Jack Warner and the police series Dixon of Dock Green, great music, remember it?

A Sunday afternoon had me deep in Casablanca and its haunting Herman Huppfield song "As time goes by" and then that zany routine from Singin' in the rain, "Good Morning" which makes Strictly look like an elegant shuffle at a supernumerarys' seaside ballroom (Not us far far older!)

but the song for today is surely  
"Put on a happy face" from the musical "Bye Bye Birdie"

Or if that is too American, "I'm a cockeyed optimist" from South Pacific?

Finally we marked our own private Act of Remembrance with "Sunset" played by the Band of the Coldstream Guards.

And so as I approach 100 of these pieces, ED "You must be mad!, SELF Quite possibly,

I hope you will all "Put on a happy face" and display that "Cockeyed Optimism," for which we Brits are known!



## **The Lamb and Flag - Matt Cantwell Tel: 01993 700694**

After a lot of thought and discussion I have made the decision not to reopen the Lamb and Flag after lockdown, due to the restrictions placed upon Tier 2 pubs. It has not been an easy decision to make but we hope to reopen as soon as rules allow. Please look out for any changes on the boards outside the pub.

We will still be carrying on our **takeaway service** on Thursday and also on Saturday 6.00 – 9.00 pm; menus are on our front door or on the notice board in the bus shelter. Just phone us on 01993 700694 to order or we can run through the menu with you.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Stay safe and we look forward to seeing you when we reopen.

**Matt Cantwell and Staff at the Lamb and Flag.**

## **Fires and Bonfires**

Complaints are coming in from Delly End about the burning of manure (it's illegal) – at least that's what it smells like and poor use of log burning stoves. Do's and don'ts are here:

[https://uk-air.defra.gov.uk/assets/documents/reports/cat09/1901291307\\_Ready\\_to\\_Burn\\_Web.pdf](https://uk-air.defra.gov.uk/assets/documents/reports/cat09/1901291307_Ready_to_Burn_Web.pdf)

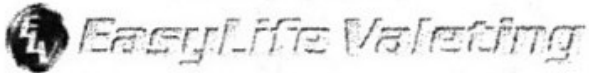
Please take care and be considerate to your neighbours.



**Carols in the Car Park  
Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December**



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**Thank you.**

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I look forward to seeing you!

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Email: [dandgfranklin@gmail.com](mailto:dandgfranklin@gmail.com)

## Diary Dates

All month **Christmas Walking Trail** – see ad

14<sup>th</sup> Dec **Parish Council meeting** – remote on Zoom – 7.30pm

Every Sunday at 10.30am and Thursday at 12 noon – **Zoom church service**

Every Thursday 11.00am – 2.00pm **Church open for individual prayer**

Please register with Parish office on 01993 704441 or [office@witneyparish.org.uk](mailto:office@witneyparish.org.uk) to attend church services.

7<sup>th</sup> Jan **Opening of Dawn's Shop** 12 noon – see ad

11<sup>th</sup> Jan **Parish Council meeting** – remote on Zoom – 7.30pm

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