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Parish Council News

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Safeguarding of children

There have been recent reports - both in Hailey and near some Witney schools - of some worrying behaviour where children have been approached by strangers in vehicles. All the children involved have done the right thing in getting themselves away from the situation as quickly and as safely as possible before reporting it. Thankfully, this is a rare occurrence, but nonetheless it is of great concern. Please remember to ensure children are always supervised when using the recreation ground and facilities. If you have any information that you think may be useful, please do share it with the police by calling 101.

Updates on Parish Council work

Work at the Council continues with plans for parts of Hemplands allotments to be brought back into use and the sowing of yellow rattle seed at the wildflower meadow in the Burial Ground. Speedwatch will also be back up and running soon. A lot of work is being carried out behind the scenes on the North Witney development, replying to consultations, flagging up concerns and inputting infrastructure requests to the District Council.

News from across the County

Flu vaccine – help us help you

Parents in Oxfordshire are being urged to have their young children vaccinated against the flu this winter. Children aged two and three can have a free, quick and painless nasal spray vaccine at their GP surgery. In addition, children in primary school and those in year seven can have the nasal spray vaccine via the school nurse service. By ensuring that young children get their vaccinations, our older and more vulnerable friends and family members are protected by reducing the risk of transmission.

Date of Next Parish Council Meeting

Parish Council meetings are currently being held remotely via Zoom.

The next (remote) meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday 9th November 2020 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.

Items for the next Hailey Herald should be e-mailed to thehaileyherald@gmail.com by **20th November** 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:

We continue cautiously to open the churches of the benefice for services. There are notices of these, and all other services, around the village, in the bus shelter, and on the benefice website. We continue to have a zoom service every Sunday at 10.30am and Thursday at 12 noon to which all are invited.

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.

The services in Hailey this coming month are:

Wednesday October 28th 11am

Sunday November 8th 9.15am Act of Remembrance and short service in the churchyard

Sunday November 22nd 9.15am

Wednesday November 25th 11am

Sunday 6th December 9.15am

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

We had a very useful socially distanced churchyard clean up recently, removing lots of undergrowth and branches. Thank you so much to those who helped with this.

We look forward to a very “cut back” Lights of Remembrance occasion in the churchyard on Friday 23rd October 5:30 to 7:30pm.

You may notice at the top of the church news that Robin Carr has become a churchwarden for Hailey. This is very good news and we thank Robin very much for taking on this role. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our recently retired churchwarden Sue Drew for the AMAZING job she has done over so many years as warden in the village. I know she is going to be carrying on with lots of activities for the church but we all want to say a huge THANKYOU for everything you have done both for the church and for lots of

us as individuals. You are a complete star!! And I know we will find you a very hard act to follow!

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



The Act of remembrance, including the last post – courtesy of Caryl Lansley – will be held on Sunday 8th November at 9:15am at the War Memorial and in St John's churchyard.

Elizabeth Ann Evans BEM

Ann Evans has been awarded the British Empire Medal in recognition of her charity work over the last 40+ years.

Ann, who lives in Middletown, Hailey has been raising money for a variety of charities for over 40 years and her efforts have **finally** been recognised. Thank you, Ann, for all you have done for us, and your continued hard work.

The charities Ann has supported are wide ranging, from RSPB, Cancer Research, Help for Heroes, Witney Hospital, Hailey School, Hailey Village Hall, Freedom From Torture to name but a few – too many for me to mention here, but well in excess of 24 and still counting! I calculate that over the years, Ann's fundraising must have exceeded many, many thousands of pounds.

Phil her husband, has been in the background but **not forgotten!** so thank you Phil. I have known Ann for over 45 years... more years than either of us care to remember and it is with great pleasure that I was able to nominate her to 'The Cabinet Office' for this National Award. Others supported my application for which I was very grateful.

Ann, you are a Star – and thank you again from us all in Hailey and the surrounding district for your tremendous effort over the years.
My very best wishes and renewed thanks.

Pam Simpkins

Hailey F.C. – Martin Friend

The season has made it into October, for the first team and the third team (nicknamed "The Heavies") – both remain with 100% records.

The first team backed up their victory against Tower Hill, with two further wins against Milton-under-Wychwood 4 – 0 and Stonesfield 3 – 1.

In the Fred Ford Memorial Cup Hailey beat F.C. Mills 3 – 0

The reserve team have played three games and lost all three. Chadlington 2 -1, Hook Norton 4 – 3 and Carterton Reserves 1 – 0.

The Heavies also have a 100% record following up their win against Aston Reserves with wins against Bampton Town Reserves and Witney Royals.



Charity No 1185807

2020 Fund Raising Campaign – New Village Hall

Graham Knaggs

Thank you for all of your contributions to the above campaign. We have been surprised and delighted by the enthusiasm you have shown for the campaign to build a new Village Hall. To date we have raised about **£16,000** which, when added to previous fundraising, increases our funds to over **£25,000**.

WELL DONE HAILEY.

You can of course still make a donation to Project Hailey – the nominated fundraising-body with charitable status. **“Every Little Helps”** (with apologies to Tesco)

Donate 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

Music remains active in Hailey though not in our accustomed form!

As well as scouring Ebay for jolly melodies (oh yes!) I have continued my occasional pieces on music for our times, or more particularly "with a song in my heart!"

The oldest was "Early one morning, just as the sun was rising," dating back to 1757

The most athletic "Top Hat" featuring Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaire, phew!

The most poignant Julie Andrews and Christopher Plummer "Something Good" ah!

The most two-faced "I've grown accustomed to her face," Rex Harrison Grr!

the most rumbustuous "Doin' what comes natur'lly,

all music from our times.

Oh and then there was one aberration featuring Larry Adler and the sound track of "Genevieve" vroom vroom, bang!

Finally for those in St Johns on the morning of 11th October
I managed to fire up the church organ and crack out a number of

rousing hymn tunes before the start of the short and hymn free service.

KEEP SINGING!

Jeremywlewis@aol.com

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HAILEY THROUGH THE YEARS A Village Story

In 2012 Hailey residents contributed towards a book to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee.

The result was a delightful compilation of memories and over 600 photographs.

A unique record collected from residents many of whom were born in the village.

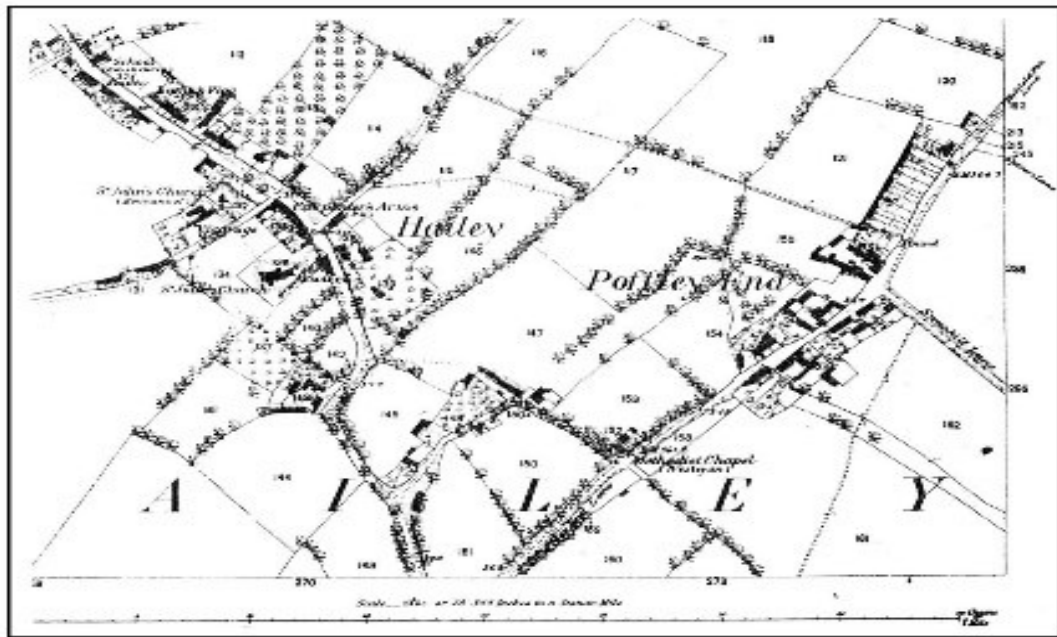
A DVD is now available divided into eight Chapters – covering Church & Chapel,
School & Parish from 1800. Residents of Hailey, Poffley End and Delly End.

Also local Societies and Celebrations from 1930.

The DVD is £5 and will be sold to raise money for the Village Hall Project.

If you would like to know the history of your village please contact Project Hailey.

This would make an excellent Christmas gift.



Since 2012 when we made the first book to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee.

The village has grown and any number of new residents have arrived.

Ten years on we could create another chapter in the Village story with the memories and shared experience of those living here now. How you came to move here what have been your experiences of Hailey village, and for others how things have changed in the last decade

If anyone is interested please let us know. I would be happy to interview and write down your memories if you do not wish to do so yourself.

The original book was an excellent social record over a long period and it would be good to update it

What to do in the garden during November

As indicated last month Hailey Gardening Club has suspended its activities as it will need new volunteers to keep it going. If you are interested in helping to start it up again, please contact Dawn on 01993 776471.

By November, the weather should be cold enough for the lawn not to need regular cutting, although it usually needs an occasional tidy-up during winter. So clean the underside of your **lawn mower** by scraping off dried clippings and make sure the collecting bag is empty. If it's a petrol mower, drain off the fuel, as unleaded petrol doesn't store well.

Bulbs should have been planted earlier in the autumn, but there is still time in November for tulips, daffodils and crocuses. These bulbs can be planted through to the end of the month if the weather is mild before the soil loses the last of the heat from the summer months. Bulbs should be planted two to three times their depths.

Autumn bedding plants such as pansies, violas and wallflowers can still be planted if the weather is mild. Make sure you plant winter bedding plants on a sunny day, in rich, moist soil. Adding grit is especially important for soil drainage.

Bare-root plants, which are usually cheaper than the pot-grown equivalents, are available by mail order - they are only available in the dormant season, so you need to be quick. Try to plant them as soon as they arrive, otherwise, give them a good soak in a bucket of water then roughly plant in a corner of the garden until you're ready to put them in properly.

November is your last chance to prepare your soil before winter sets in. Soil can easily be damaged so make sure you dig up any unwanted plants and turn over your soil while it still contains some summer heat. Protect any bare patches of soil with mulch, compost, leaf mould or even plastic sheeting. This will make the soil easy to plant or sow into next spring. Perennials should be divided and pruned to soil level now to ensure they return next spring as healthy as ever.

All annuals should have been removed, as they have nothing else to offer. Replace these with winter bedding plants to keep the colour in your garden this winter.

Most **vegetables** won't grow very well if they are planted between November and February because the short days don't provide enough sunlight. All root vegetables should have been dug up by now. If you haven't harvested carrots, turnips, potatoes and other similar vegetables they need to be dug up as soon as possible.

Don't worry too much about your vegetable patch looking bare; fill your plot with hardy broad beans, onions, garlic and shallots. Make sure you protect new crops and sowings for winter by covering them with frames or cloches (large bell-shaped glass). Alternatively, you can use large plastic juice containers.

For enquiries about the Village Hall email HaileyVillageHall@gmail.com
To book online go to www.haileywestoxon.org/villagehall and follow the link

What's on in the Village Hall?
HaileyVillageHall@gmail.com

[www.haileywestoxon.org/village hall](http://www.haileywestoxon.org/village_hall)

Christmas cheer will be in shorter supply this year as our traditional seasonal Christmas Band Concert cannot take place. However, **SAVE THE DATE – Sunday 6 December at 2.00pm in the Village Hall car park for Carols in the Car Park (admission free)**. The Hailey contingent of Witney Town Band has been persuaded to provide the music for a shortened concert. We need *you* to come along for a sing-song. ***This event is weather-dependent and of course, all restrictions in force at the time will apply.*** So, bring mulled wine, hot chocolate, mince pies, picnic chairs, car rugs, whatever you like, and dress warm. Song sheets provided. Full details next month.

You will have seen that Project Hailey has launched its community appeal to raise funds towards a new Village Hall. The response so far has been extremely generous. The appeal is still open. See the article for details how to donate. But why is this happening now, I hear you ask. The hall isn't that bad. And what does the current Management Committee think about it?

There will funds and grants available, not least from the North Witney development. To gain access to these funds you need a detailed plan and costings, which take time and money to put together.

You also need demonstrable support from the community.

The Village Hall is in effect a small business and needs to be profitable to survive.

We are now surrounded by updated and modernised village halls which provide serious competition.

We need to offer better facilities to compete and attract regular hirers.

The Committee is starting to encounter maintenance issues which will require considerable investment to put right.

However, the main issue will always remain that in its present configuration, the hall can only take one booking at a time. This seriously limits its use and the ability to earn income. Refurbishment would cost only marginally less than rebuilding and would not address all the problems.

The current Management Committee is dedicated to continuing to develop the best possible business to transfer into the new Village Hall and to create a special place for Hailey's children and grandchildren to make their memories. So, what do we think? We can hardly wait!

The Lamb and Flag - Matt Cantwell Tel: 01993 700694

With Autumn now upon us you will find a welcoming fire as you enter the Lamb and Flag.

Over the last few weeks, we have seen a rise in popularity with people ordering our meals as a takeaway. If you would like to try this service (Wednesday – Saturday 6pm-9pm) then give us a ring on 01993 700694 to place your order, (our Main Menu is on the board in the Bus Shelter) and we also do Sunday Roasts between 12.00 midday and 4.00 pm.

There again, why not come along and try our menu in the pub, the tables are well spaced out and you do not need the NHS Track and Trace App on your phone as we have the old-fashioned signing in book too.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

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Thank you.

Lamb and Flag

Opening Times

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 5:00pm – 10:00pm

Wednesday: 5:00pm – 10:00pm

Thursday: 5:00pm – 10:00pm

Friday: 3:00pm – 10:00pm

Saturday: 10am – 10:00pm

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

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Diary Dates

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

November 8th **Act of Remembrance** and short service in the churchyard 9.15am

November 9th **Hailey Parish Council** meeting – remote on Zoom – 7.30pm

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November 25th **Church Service** St John's church 11.00am

December 6th **Church Service** St John's 9.15am

December 6th **Carols in the Car Park** Village Hall 2.00pm (bring hot chocolate, mince pies, picnic chairs, car rugs etc.)

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

Please register with Parish office on 01993 704441 or office@witneyparish.org.uk to attend church services.