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Parish Council News

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Vacancies for Parish Councillor

Come and join us

Your Parish Council is looking for two new members to fill current vacancies. All of our existing Councillors are listed on the parish website with their contact details; they would be delighted to hear from you for an informal chat. You can also look at previous agendas and minutes or sit in on a meeting to get a fuller flavour of our activities.

Hailey Parish Council represents around 1200 local people and has an annual income of over £30,000 derived mainly from the 'precept' which is collected with the Council Tax. We maintain the recreation ground, various trees and all the green space including the burial ground; we also make grants to local causes. We manage, maintain, and develop the allotments and playground. We also receive around 30 planning applications annually and comment to the West Oxfordshire Planning sub-committee, supporting or objecting to new applications.

We liaise with the County Council over roads and transport, with the Police over crime and public safety and with a wide variety of other bodies whose activities impact on our village.

How do we work?

We meet monthly throughout the year. Individual Councillors take a lead in various subject areas and follow these up on behalf of the Council. We have a website to keep everyone up to date. There is public time at the monthly meeting for residents to set out their concerns on particular topics.

What would be my time commitment?

In addition to the monthly meetings and time needed to prepare for them, you should probably expect about one or two hours a week.

Do I need special qualifications?

The main qualifications are enthusiasm, commitment and a genuine desire to make Hailey a better place. It helps if you are a 'people person' who enjoys meeting and talking to local people. You should also not be shy of dealing firmly with outside bodies to represent local interests and of putting your views clearly. You will need a home computer for emails and other documents as that is how most of our work is done.

What do you think I would get out of this?

Councillors are obviously unpaid volunteers. But there is satisfaction in knowing for example that you have helped with a sensitive planning application, that road safety is better

monitored, that the historic fabric of the village is protected for future generations and that local people trust you to be their voice and represent them as best you can.

If you are interested, please contact Lisa, the parish clerk or any Councillor.

St John's Church

Team Vicar: The Rev. Ness Brunner Ellis

Tel 07774 524756, ness@witneyparish.org.uk

Church wardens:

Robin Carr Tel 01993 868079,

robin.carr39@icloud.com

Elpie Lewis: Tel 07919 424 605, 01993 703070

elpielewis99@aol.com,



By the time you read this, the **Great Big Green Week** will be over, but we hope that you managed to find time to visit the church and the churchyard with all the information stands, bee hives, poetry trail, tree trail, bug tables, birds nests, and so many other activities. Thank you to everyone who contributed in whatever way to create this great event.

It has been a wonderful opportunity to really appreciate our very special Village Church and the extraordinary space we have around us in the churchyard and burial ground. We hope this is just the start of a Green Project which will become another special village activity.

More about that anon. How lucky we are to live in Hailey!

Services are now taking place every Sunday at 9.15am, and on Thursdays at 10am. We welcome everyone of all ages.

The first **Village Lunch** took place in September and was well attended by about 34 people, including friends from Middletown Grange. The cottage pie, apple pie and ice cream all seemed to vanish happily, and good conversation was had by all. It was great to begin to feel things were happening again, and everyone felt secure in attending. The next Village Lunch will be on **Wednesday October 20th**, and we look forward to seeing you there. The price of main course, pudding and tea/coffee is £6. Any profits from this event goes to the upkeep of the church and churchyard,

Looking ahead, we shall be holding our **Lights of Remembrance Evening**, date in November to be confirmed and **Remembrance Sunday** will be on **November 14th**.

So the year continues to turn, and how wonderful to start to be able to plan a little bit ahead.

Sovereign Petrol Rotary mower

16inch cut, push type. Fully serviced, £25 ONO.

All proceeds to either Church or School.

Alan : 07591 756206.

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

Upkeep of playground

Hailey PC is looking for someone who would be willing to keep the playground looking attractive. This would mean keeping it weed free and cleaning some of the equipment as necessary. A small payment would be available for this, and it would be required two or three times a year.

Gigaclear

Work continues through the village. A temporary road closure is planned for Wood Lane and Turley Lane whilst essential fibre optic cabling works are carried out. This will operate from 28 October 2021 up to and including 8 November 2021. This is a 24 hour per day closure.

Allotments

There are still a few allotments at Hemplands, available to rent (residents of Hailey parish). Please apply to the clerk if you are interested.

Burford HGV Ban

How you can help

Your action **now** can help to reduce the problem.

The Burford weight limit is an 18-month trial.

(August 2020 to February 2022)

The decision on whether to make it permanent will be taken soon.

Please write before the end of October to register your objection.

The address to write to is:

Councillor Duncan Enright
Cabinet Member for Travel and Development Strategy
85 Newland
Witney
Oxon
OX28 3JW

Or email to: duncan.enright@oxfordshire.gov.uk.

Every objection is important – numbers really matter

The Burford 7.5t weight limit blocks the river crossing to HGV traffic and creates a 17-mile barrier between Witney and the Northleach roundabout for north/south journeys.

One of the main diversion routes is the B4022 through Hailey.

This temporary ban on HGVs has resulted in many additional lorries driving through the centre of Witney, through West End and on through Hailey and other unsuitable routes. The leaflet you should have received recently asks you to write to Duncan Enright with your comments – see box

Date of Next Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 11th October at 7.30pm in the village hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend. 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.

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

Hailey Village Hall

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Judith Knaggs

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What's on in the Village Hall?

Most of the social and regular bookings have returned to the hall and we are all beginning to feel "a bit more normal". There has been rush to book christenings, birthday parties and other much-missed events, with the result that the schedule is now looking satisfyingly busy!

However, COVID has not gone away and great caution is still needed, especially when meeting people you have not seen for a long time. If you feel more comfortable wearing a mask, please do so. For the time being there will be more ventilation through the hall than in the past, so extra layers might be useful. There is more space between tables and fewer chairs to avoid creating large groups. Hand sanitiser is always available.

Great to see so many people at our Cream Tea on Sunday afternoon during the Great Big Green Week. Hopefully, and with some care, we will continue to be able to welcome everyone back into the hall. So, **save the date for Quiz Night in the Hall on Saturday 16 October from 7.30pm.** See ad for full details.

We received some unwelcome news from our insurers just recently. As a result of an inspection into the condition of the flat-roof covering a large part of our hall, we have been informed that it should be replaced, and preferably before the worst of the winter weather. Initial quotes suggest that the cost will be in excess of £15,000 with the full cost not known until after work begins. Needless to say, an expense of this size will seriously affect future plans, including investment in audio/projection equipment after receiving internet and will no doubt cause some disruption to hall bookings. A date for work to begin has not yet been agreed. The side and rear doors have been renovated and painted and we hope to start renovation work on the main front doors in the coming weeks.

We again have **a vacancy for a part-time cleaner.** There is some flexibility in the schedule depending on bookings and it would suit someone local. Maximum 4 hours per week, previous experience preferred. For more details contact Dawn on 776471.

CALLING LOCAL ARTISTS

Exhibit your art work
in the Village Hall
Any material suitable for
wall-hanging
Full details – see Village Hall
article
Contact Ludith on 899125

CALLING ALL LOCAL ARTISTS

and we have many!

The Management Committee would like to offer exhibition space to works of art created by Hailey residents. We know we have many very talented people in the village (they have entered a variety of objects in the village show over the years.)

There are very few requirements:

The item can be any material suitable for hanging on a wall and must be ready mounted/framed if necessary;

maximum size approximately equivalent to A3; we would like all items to be signed by the artist; the item must be either donated or lent on a very long-term loan!

We will arrange display and securing to the wall. If you would like to contribute to a new look Committee Room, contact Judith on 899125.

The Lamb and Flag - 01993 700694 Matt Cantwell

September seems to have raced by quite quickly and as we are now into October it's time to mention the dreaded 'C' word, Christmas!

We are planning to do lunches on Christmas Day and there will also be a Christmas menu for pre-booked meals during the run up to Christmas.

So, if you are planning a family get together or meeting up with friends over the festive period, why not pop in and take a look at our menus which will be available at the pub.

We look forward to seeing you.

Hailey Singers

When you read this, we will have had three cracking outdoor rehearsals, or was it performances and I have been thinking about the next steps as we get braver.

So I am hoping that in the light of the approaching hurricane season and in the light of the darkness (hum) foregathering we shall be able to rehearse in St John's where we shall be assured of fresh air, comfort and warmth!

It is let's face it the setting for some of our most memorable gigs!
Our stalwart piano can join us, though some may wish to leave the pianist in the horsebox.
I'm looking at alternate Thursdays 14, 28th October etc.

Perhaps think about a contribution to the village remembrance service (?) and then CAROLS!
Tarantara!

Hailey Village Hall
Vacancy for part-time cleaner.

Some flexibility in the schedule depending on bookings.
Max 4 hours/week, previous experience preferred. Would suit someone local.
For more details and job description, contact Dawn on 776471.

JEREMY W LEWIS @[AOL.COM](mailto:JEREMY.W.LEWIS@AOL.COM) 07973 260872

Great Big Green Week

“It takes 568 honey bees flying thousands of miles collecting tiny amounts of nectar throughout their lifetimes to make a jar of honey! GBGW was bigger than one jar! There are too many people to name in a role call of Hailey helping hands in this Great Big Green Week. There were dozens of small and large acts of help and kindness in the preparations.

There’s been a great response and it’s been enjoyed by young and old alike. Thank to you all from the organising committee. Andy, David, Michael and Robin

Calling mature Badminton players

We are a group of more mature (but not yet over the net!) badminton players who meet on Tuesday afternoon at the Windrush Leisure Centre during term time for a lively, but not too competitive, game of badminton. There is currently space in the group for new members of either sex who have some experience of badminton but probably didn't reach county level. Cost £2 per session, you will need your own racquet. If you are interested, please contact either Jennie 01993 772198 or Bridget 07746 866730 for an informal chat when we can tell you more about the group.

Hailey F.C.

Martin Friend

After a hiatus of nearly ten months, due to COVID, a lack of motivation plus the season went well into May and in the summer from May from September I umpire cricket and get sent all over the county, I can now report on football again. One of the motivations for writing the articles about Hailey F.C. is that the Witney Gazette no longer reports on local village football or cricket for that matter. The Gazette fails to do the job that it is meant to do. Oxford United should be left to the Oxford Mail on a Monday.

Last season Hailey won the Witney and District F.A. Premier Division in what became a hybrid league and cup competition. The league was decided in a cup final at Charlbury, Hailey playing Carterton Town and winning 2-1 in extra time with a goal coming two minutes from the end by substitute Cody Davies.

The new season has started with Hailey winning their opening game at newly promoted Hook Norton. The reserve team has played two games so far, losing to Wootton Sports 6-0 and Bampton Utd 5-0.

The third team – the Heavies – are unbeaten after three games winning against Bampton Utd Reserves 5-2, Milton-under-Wychwood Reserves 6-0 and the most recent, Wootton Sports Reserves 5-2.

HAILEY PLAY READING GROUP

The Play Reading Group meets every second Wednesday of the month in the village. Plays of all kinds are read: comedies, dramatic classics and murders.

New members are welcome to join us.

For further details please email John Haskell jchl79@outlook.com or Tel 07935 763 224

Vandalism

Just recently, Sue Ayres wrote about her frustration and anger at seeing the wonderful Breach Wood scarecrow of Charles Darwin wrecked and all the hard work destroyed. I sympathised with her feelings. Now it's my turn. And so soon!

Yet again we appear to have a group of people wandering around looking for fun and deciding to smash up the noticeboard near the village hall, leave broken glass on the children's playground and, worst of all, cause anxiety and distress to some of the elderly Village Hall neighbours. We are also now missing a second arm of our Heritage fingerpost sign at the entrance to Delly End. It was rescued from a hedge bottom near the Rugby Club. All of this was in the name of "fun".

I have always found fun in helping to create fun. Mindless destruction leaves me struggling to understand. As can be seen from the Facebook page, the effects of these fun-seekers were felt all round the village. However, I will repair the noticeboard again (with help) and get it functioning – although it will now probably take even longer than it did first time. The fingerpost already needed one pointer renovating; now it needs two! I have frequently challenged the often-quoted statement "there's no point in doing that. It will only get wrecked". Nothing would ever improve if we all believed that. However, it is very disheartening to think that "they" might all be right and I might be mistaken. I hope to have my faith restored.

Judith Knaggs

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Lamb and Flag

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Thursday: 3:00pm – 10:00pm

Friday: 3:00pm – 11:00pm

Saturday: 12 – 11:00pm

Sunday: 12 – 9:00pm

Food Times

Wednesday: 6:00pm – 9:00pm

Thursday: 6:00pm – 9:00pm

Friday: 6:00pm – 9:00pm

Saturday: 10am – 2pm (*Breakfast*)

6:00pm – 9:00pm

Sunday: 12- 4:00pm (*Roast*)

Food available to eat on location or for Takeaway

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Diary Dates

- 1st Oct **Coffee Morning** – Village Hall – 10.00am – 11.30am
 11th Oct **Parish Council meeting** – Village Hall – 7.30pm
 13th Oct **Hailey Play Reading Group** – see ad for details
 14th Oct **Hailey Singers** – St Johns – 7.00pm
 16th Oct **Quiz Night** – Village Hall – 7 for 7.30pm
 20th Oct **Village Lunch** – Village Hall – 12 noon
 28th Oct **Hailey Singers** – St Johns – 7.00pm
 14th Nov **Remembrance Sunday** – St John’s church
Church Services – St John’s church - Sundays at 9.15am, and on Thursdays at 10am

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Quiz Night



Saturday 16th October

Hailey Village Hall

**Max. 6 per team (for Covid
safety & fairness)**

**£2.50 per person (includes
light refreshments)**

**Doors open 7pm for
7:30pm start**

Coffee Morning



Friday 1st October
Hailey Village Hall
10 – 11:30am



Please remember that we
need to remain Covid safe.
Various precautions will be
in place. Please bring a
mask, and hand sanitiser
will be available on site.

Last month we were very pleased
to have raised over £100 for
Antics Charity