

**Hailey Herald**

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# **Parish Council News**

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**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of our readers and special wishes to everyone who contributes to the creation and distribution of the Hailey Herald**

**POTENTIAL SPEED LIMIT REDUCTIONS IN HAILEY PARISH**

**Please tell us your thoughts**

You may have seen that a 20mph limit has recently been implemented on many main roads in and around Witney town along with several other speed limit reductions. You may also remember our high-level consultation earlier this year seeking parishioners' views of a potential future roll-out within Hailey parish. With all of this in mind, the parish council is now looking for your further comments on several options which will help us to decide whether to recommend proceeding with a scheme or not. We are keen to hear as many views as possible, so please do have your say.

1. Blanket reduction of all existing 30mph to 20mph throughout the parish, including New Yatt, Delly End, Poffley End, etc.

2. Reductions in selected areas (see link to website below)

3. No changes at all

4. Something else

**How to have your say**: Please visit [**www.liam-walker.com/hailey-survey**](http://www.liam-walker.com/hailey-survey) and let us know your thoughts **by 11th December**. This website also shows details for option 2 for "Reductions in selected areas". Thanks in advance for taking part.

**HAILEY VILLAGE HALL AND PAVILION FACILITIES**

**PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING ON SUNDAY 29 JANUARY STARTING AT 2:30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

As mentioned in last month's Hailey Herald, we are going to hold a public consultation meeting regarding the Hailey village hall and pavilion facilities in late January. In the meeting we will cover the background to this project, talk about the overall process we are going through, discuss the constraints that face us, explain what we've done so far, explore the options available, and -most crucially- seek your views about how to progress. As a reminder, we are exploring several options including full new build, full refurbishment, a mix of refurbishment and new build (only where necessary), or do nothing. **PLEASE DO COME ALONG – THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO FIND OUT MORE AND TO HAVE YOUR SAY!**

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**The next Hailey Herald will be the February edition.**

Items for inclusion 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).

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**St John’s Church**

**Team Vicar:** The Rev. Ness Brunner Ellis

**Contact:** ness@witneyparish.org.uk, 07774 524756

**Churchwarden:** - Robin Carr

Contact: 01993 868079 robin.carr39@icloud.com

**Regular Services:**

**Sundays: 9.15am: Holy Communion**

**Thursdays: 10am: Holy Communion** – everyone is welcome to this quiet communion service. It is a wonderful tranquil occasion. **On the first Thursday of each month this service takes place in Middletown Grange.**

**Looking forward…..**

**- Christingle Service – Sunday December 4th at 4pm.** This year we will be creating our own Christingles during the service. Donations are welcome in support of the Children’s Society, who first brought the service to everyone’s attention. It is a beautiful and moving service with candlelit Christingles shining in the darkened church ….. and a lot of sweets for later consumption!

**- The Christmas Village Lunch will take place on** **Wednesday December 14th** **in the Village** **Hall at 12 noon,** to which all are invited. If you don’t usually attend, please feel free to come along. We’d love to see you. There will be crackers!! Price is £6 for two courses and tea/coffee. If you would like to know more please contact Elpie Lewis on 07919 424 605. Perhaps you could let Elpie know if you have not been before or have special dietary needs.

**- Hailey Carol Service is back after an absence of 2 years. Hooray!** **It will take place on Sunday** **December 18th at 5pm**. We look forward to welcoming you to a lovely evening of lessons and carols, followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

**- Crafts and Carols Friday 23rd December 3-5pm in the church.** Come and join us for Christmas Crafts and Carols. There will be festive refreshments. Everyone, of all ages, is welcome.

**- Christmas Eve Service Saturday 24th December – There will be a service at 11pm.**

**- Christmas Day Service Sunday 25th December – Service at 9.15am.**

**- Tiddlers** is going strong and is proving great fun. Every Monday in term time we meet in the back of the church from 10.15 -11am for a very jolly playing/singing/chatting/story/ get together. We welcome babies, toddlers, and preschool children, with a parent/grandparent/carer. It’s great fun!

**Keeping Warm - A Warm Space** - The Church will be kept warm for all Sunday, and hopefully Monday too. So do feel free to go there to work/ chat/ relax/ do a jigsaw/ have a coffee/ meet a friend. The kitchen will be available for you to make a drink, and there is a toilet.

**Looking back….**

We held a lovely evening for our **Lights of Remembrance** when about 50 people called in to the church during the evening either to light a lantern to go on a grave, or on a window sill, or to write a name on the leaves and cards to go on our **Tree of Remembrance**. We had mulled wine and hotdogs, and it was a wonderful opportunity to reminisce, chat and renew friendships.

**-The Tree of Remembrance** is currently in the porch, and will remain there or in the back of the church for several weeks. Do feel free to add more names or messages to it.

**- Remembrance Day** was, as ever, very moving. At the War Memorial Caryl played the Last Post on her cornet and it rang across the village so clearly and beautifully. Thank you, Caryl, so much for this. We then held our service in church with great organ music and singing. Thank you, Jeremy.

*Parish Council news continued*

**Grass Cutting in Middletown**

Although Cottsway Housing Association have been cutting the grass in Middletown for many years, they terminated this service at the beginning of this year. Protracted discussions then occurred between Cottsway, Middletown residents, Hailey Parish Council and Oxfordshire County Council on ownership of the land (actually Oxfordshire CC) and who should cut the grass. Eventually the Parish Council agreed to accept responsibility and will cut the grass from next Spring.

**Joan Smith Educational Charity**

This charity exists to help young people under the age of 25 who live in the Parish (or have a parent who 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 12th December 2022**.

If you would like to find out more, please contact the Parish Clerk or download an application form from the Joan Smith section of [www.haileywestoxon.org](http://www.haileywestoxon.org)

**WANTED FOR OUR PLAYGROUND**

To keep our much loved and valued village playground in good shape, Hailey Parish Council is looking for someone to carry out routine maintenance and cleaning of the equipment – typically washing down the equipment; weeding; keeping the hard standing area free from moss; painting. National Minimum wage paid.

Please contact Ann Gibson on 01993 700162 or the clerk at [clerk@haileywestoxon.org](mailto:clerk@haileywestoxon.org) or 07551 958996 if you are interested.

**Date of Next Parish Council Meeting**

The next meetings of the Parish Council will be held at 7.30pm on Monday **12th December 2022** and **Monday 9th January 2023** in the Village Hall.

**CHRISTMAS QUIZ**

Come along to Project Hailey’s Christmas Quiz on Sunday 18th December at 7.30pm in the Lamb & Flag. Teams of max 6, £2,50 per person. Christmas jumpers preferred – prize for the best one. Includes a Christmas raffle. Everyone is welcome.

**HUGE JUMBLE SALE AND CHRISTMAS FAYRE** Ann Evans

Father Christmas will be welcoming you to Hailey village hall on **Saturday, 26th November** (see separate advert). There will be a large tombola, a wonderful raffle, Christmas decorations, tasty refreshments, lots of bric a brac, quality clothes, plants and pots, garden tools and much more. If you would like to help please come along at 1:30pm. If you have any items for the sale please ring me on 773744.

**New Yatt Riding for the Disabled**  Volunteers urgently required on a regular weekly basis for our riding sessions on Mondays, Tuesday lunchtime, Thursday late afternoon and for our pm rota (1/2 hour at 3.30pm on a sign up basis). If you are able to  spare a few hours once a week to help provide therapeutic riding to children and adults,  please check our website [www.newyattRDA.org.uk](http://www.newyattrda.org.uk/) or email [nyrda-volunteers@googlegroups.com](mailto:nyrda-volunteers@googlegroups.com)

**What’s on in the Village Hall?**  Judith Knaggs

**www.haileywestoxon.org/village hall** [**HaileyVillageHall@gmail.com**](mailto:HaileyVillageHall@gmail.com)

If you have been in the village hall in the last couple of weeks, you may have noticed the new heating system – radiators to replace the noisy, energy-inefficient blowers – which we hope will create a warmer, more welcoming environment in the hall. During the first 2 weeks of January, we will be installing a new suspended ceiling and LED lighting, also with the hope of controlling very high energy costs. The hall will be closed during this time. We have also had to increase hire charges across the boards from 1st January – for the first time since at least 2017 – primarily because of current cost increases. However, we are all excited to see our new-look hall in the New Year and hope that the more modern look will attract new users to the hall.

There are several events in the hall in the run-up to Christmas (see adverts). The Village Hall Committee has organised **Christmas Bingo Night on Saturday 26 November**, eyes down at 7.30pm. Lots of prizes and a guaranteed fun evening for bingo fans. Christmas really starts in Hailey with **our Christmas Concert with multiple award-winners Witney Town Band on Monday 5 December in the Village Hall (7.30 for 8.00)**. Come and enjoy a wide range of music and carols, with a mince pie, bar and good company. This is always a sell-out so don’t delay in getting tickets (£6) – available from Dawn’s Shop and Committee Members later in November.

If you would like to book the hall for your festive event or family celebration, just go to the Parish website (address above) and consult the schedule to find a date. We hope to see you soon at one of our events or in the New

**CHRISTMAS LOTTERY**

As well as the £50 first prize, Christmas and Drinks hampers, prizes have been donated by Blenheim Palace, Oxford Wine Company, Diddly Squat, The Theatre Chipping Norton, Batsford Arboretum with more to follow. A set of Christmas Lottery tickets was enclosed with the November issue of the Hailey Herald. Additional tickets are available from Dawn’s Shop. Proceeds go to Project Hailey who donate towards Community Infrastructure projects in Hailey. Counterfoils and monies should be returned by Saturday 17th December to Hayesfield, Middletown, Hailey, OX29 9TA - next to school car park. The draw will take place on Sunday 18th December at 7.30pm in the Lamb & Flag.

**News from the Gardening Club**  Dawn Franklin

A big thank you to all those who attended our Dahlia Talk with Eve, farm manager from Dahlia Beach at Millets Farm. We were very grateful to see so many of you turn out to support the Gardening Club with our first talk as a new committee. If you have any suggestions for future talks, do let us know and we will do our best to organise it.

Our next event will be **Deck The Halls on Friday 3rd Dec.,** come along to create your own Christmas wreath.

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**Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2022** Pam Simpkins

Once again it is my pleasure to let you know that we raised an amazing £1,691.44 this year during the House to House, School and Business collection for the RBL Poppy Appeal. A truly amazing amount. This is an increase of £261.44 from our last collection in 2021, so thank you all very much indeed. Thanks also to our dedicated RBL collectors who turn out in all weathers to collect for this national charity. Thank you all once again.

**Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal Co-ordinator for Hailey Village** Pam Simpkins

Have you got a few hours once a year to co-ordinate the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal in Hailey? I have been acting as the co-ordinator for 10 years and prior to that a collector in Delly End. We have a great team of collectors in Hailey so it is just a matter of liaising with them (and with a number of Businesses and Hailey School) prior to the annual collection and delivering the poppy trays and donation tins ready for the start date (usually at the end of October for two weeks) and then collecting them back after the event. If you are interested, please contact me on **01993 868626** and I will be happy to have a chat and go through the process in more detail. Looking forward to hearing from you.

**Hailey FC**  Martin Friend

Since the last issue, **Hailey’s First team** have played two cup games. In the Oxfordshire Junior Shield, Hailey played Milton under Wychwood winning 7-0 and beating Witney Royals 7-1 in the Fred ford Memorial Cup. In the Premier Division, Hailey have beaten Spartan Rangers 8-1 and Minster Lovell 3-0. Hailey top the Premier Division and in the last game of the month play second place Enstone Sports – results in the next edition. The **Reserve Team** continue to struggle with a defeat against R.A.F. Brize Norton 4-1, Hatherop 4-1 and Heyford Athletic 4-2. No mistake this time concerning Hatherop and Heyford. The **Third Team** have played two games and conceded a third against Bampton Reserves, being unable to raise a team. The other two games, the third team gained revenge for their defeat against Hatherop Reserves, winning 2-1. In the local derby they drew 3-3 against Leafield.

**Churchyard News**  Clare Musson

Have you noticed the yew trees in the churchyard lately? The one by the church door is covered in red berries. It is the female yew tree which bears berries and these are a good source of food in the winter for blackbirds and song thrushes. Fieldfares and redwings also feed on them, the fieldfares feeding and flying in ‘chuckling’ flocks. These are also members of the thrush family who overwinter in the British Isles, arriving in the late autumn.

St John’s churchyard has several yew trees. Yew trees are associated with churchyards and can live for several thousand years if left undisturbed. They don’t need much looking after or pruning. I wonder how long our yew trees will live for?

A group of volunteers will be meeting every six weeks throughout the year doing seasonal jobs in the churchyard. Our winter work in the churchyard will be looking after the trees and hedges to keep them clear of the graves and so they grow healthy and strong in the coming season providing shelter and food for insects, birds and small mammals and beauty for all who visit the churchyard.

If you want to find out about our progress, look for dates of meetings and news in the Hailey

Herald and on the St John’s, Hailey Facebook page. Do join us if you want to! You can also find out more about caring for churchyards if you look online at: caringforgodsacre.org.uk

Clare Musson 772403

**HAILEY SINGERS** [Jeremywlewis@aol.com](mailto:Jeremywlewis@aol.com) 07973 260872

As Father Christmas finishes work on his new long red scarf and Rudolph (who's getting frankly impossible) stands in front of the mirror buffing up his nose with "hooter rouge". I, like you, look forward to our pre Christmas singing at Witheridge.

Dates are **Nov 24th 7pm, Dec 8th 7pm, Dec 15th 7pm**

Those whose keenness emulates mustard (English of course) will also be practising for the **VILLAGE CAROL SERVICE** where we shall rejoice, with heart soul and voice. **5PM SUNDAY 18TH DECEMBER.** There will be a morning rehearsal at 10.30 prompt in Church on 18th.

Provisional dates for January are 12th and 26th.

**Witney Music Society's December concert** will be given by the prize-winning brass quintet Connaught Brass. The concert is at 7.30pm on **Friday 9 December** at High Street Methodist Church, Witney. Tickets (£15, £1 for under 19s) are available in advance online or at the door from 7pm. For more information, please telephone 01993 898020 or visit the Witney Music Society website [www.witneymusicsociety.org.uk](http://www.witneymusicsociety.org.uk/)



**The Lamb and Flag - 01993 700694 Matt Cantwell**

Just a reminder that Christmas Menus are now available from the pub; if you would like to book for Christmas Day, the table will be yours for the afternoon, so plenty of time for you to enjoy your meal.

Our next Pub Quiz will be on Sunday 4th December at 7.00 for 7.30pm, £1 a person up to 6 in a team. The Pub Quiz after that will be on Sunday 8th January. There is also the Christmas Quiz on Sunday 18th December at 7.30 pm, £2.50 a person in aid of Project Hailey. The next Meat Draw will take place on Saturday 3rd December, £2 a ticket or 6 for £10. Please pop in and try your luck. Finally, everyone at the Lamb and Flag would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



**Diary Dates**

2nd Dec **Christmas coffee morning** – 10.00am, Village Hall

2nd Dec **Deck the Halls** – 7.00pm, Village Hall

4th Dec **Christingle Service –** 4.00pm, St John’s

4th Dec **Pub Quiz** – 7 for 7.30pm – Lamb & Flag

5th Dec **Christmas Concert with Witney Town Band -** 7.30pm, Village Hall

8th & 15th Dec **Hailey Singers** – 7.00pm, Witheridge Farm

9th Dec **Witney Music Society's December concert** – 7.30pm, Methodist Hall, Witney

12th Dec **Hailey Parish Council** - 7.30pm, Village Hall

14th Dec **Christmas Village Lunch** – 12 noon, Village Hall

18th Dec **Lottery Draw & Christmas Quiz** – 7.30pm, Lamb & Flag

18th Dec **Hailey Carol Service** – 5.00pm, St John’s

23rd Dec **Crafts and Carols** – 3.00-5.00pm, St John’s

24th Dec **Christmas Eve Service** – 11.00pm, St John’s

25th Dec **Christmas Day Service** – 9.15am, St John’s

8th Jan **Pub Quiz** – 7 for 7.30pm – Lamb & Flag

9th Jan **Hailey Parish Council** - 7.30pm, Village Hall

12th & 26th Jan **Hailey Singers** – 7.00pm, Witheridge Farm

29th Jan **Village Hall & Pavilion Consultation** – 2.30pm, Village Hall

**Lamb and Flag**

**Opening Times**

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 3:00pm – 9:00pm

Wednesday: 3:00pm – 9:00pm

Thursday: 3:00pm – 9:00pm

Friday: 3:00pm – 10:00pm

Saturday: 10am– 10:00pm

Sunday: 12 – 8:00pm

**Food Times**

Wednesday: 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Thursday: 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Friday: 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Saturday: 10am – 2pm (*Breakfast)*

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**Churchyard Clear up**

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

Do join us on Saturday November 6th from 9.30am -12 noon. Please bring your own refreshments and 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 and grateful thanks! Thank you! Clare Musson 772403