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Parish Council News

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Want to make a difference to your village? Come and join us

The Parish Council is looking for one new member to fill our current vacancy. All 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 our past agenda and minutes or sit in on a meeting to get a fuller flavour of our activities.

Grow your own fruit and veg

With the increasingly worrying news about the cost of living and budgets having to stretch a bit further next year, you might like to consider growing your own fruit and vegetables. Hailey Parish Council has several vacant small allotment garden plots at Hemplands – behind the car park in Poffley End Lane. Plots can be rented for a year at a time and the rents are very reasonable.

What could be better than the joy and excitement of taking home and eating vegetables and fruit that you and, perhaps, your children have grown yourselves? Allotment holders must be resident in the parish of Hailey.

To find out more please contact: Tracey Cameron, the Parish Clerk – clerk@haileywestoxon.org or telephone her on 07551 958996

Emergency Plan

The new Village Emergency Plan is now on the Parish Council Website.

Joan Smith Educational Charity

As the September meeting was cancelled, because of the death of HM Queen Elisabeth II the next Joan Smith Meeting will take place just after Decembers Parish Council Meeting

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

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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 ahead:

The Village Lunch The next lunch will be on **16th November**. Price is £6 for two courses and tea/coffee. If you would like to know more, please contact Elpie Lewis on 07919 424 605.

Tiddlers, the group for preschool toddlers and children, with a parent/grandparent/carer, is proving great fun. New children are very welcome to this informal play/sing/story session. It occurs in the church on Monday mornings 10.15 - 11am. Contact Ness for more details.

Lights of Remembrance Friday November 11th: 5.00-7.30pm

This has become a very special event in the village, when people are invited to come to the church and churchyard to light a candle in memory of a loved one, whether or not they are buried in the churchyard. We provide little nightlights in jam jars which can be taken outside to a grave or lit in the church. It has become a very lovely evening. We shall be serving mulled wine and hot dogs.

Tree of Remembrance: You are very welcome, to add names to the Tree of Remembrance which will be in the church on November 11th and remain there for some weeks. This, again, has become a lovely Hailey custom, and a chance to quietly remember all those people who have been special to us in our lives.

Remembrance Day, Sunday November 13th: **The Village Act of Remembrance** occurs at 9am by the Hailey War Memorial, followed by our Remembrance Day service.

And then.. **The 1st Sunday of Advent is on November 27th.** Where has the year gone!

Christingle Service: Sunday 4th December at 4pm when we shall create our own Christingles to light during the service.

Looking back:

The Great Big Green Week happened again at the beginning of October. The church had a great exhibition of wildlife information through local groups and Caring for God's Acre, not to mention all sorts of information on beekeeping and many creatures and insects. A big thank you to Robin for organising all this.

The Hailey Harvest Festival took place on October 2nd. The church was filled with beautiful flowers, shrubs, fruit and vegetables. We had a wonderful collection of non-perishable food for the Witney food bank, and the fruit and veg has gone to the Witney Fridge. Thank you to everyone for all your contributions. The service was followed by slices of amazing homemade bread and jam – it was all delicious! More thanks there too!

St John's Churchyard

On 8th October, a group of volunteers planted 100 snake's head fritillaries, 30 bluebells and 50 wild daffodils in the churchyard to help create a spring meadow. We also cleared the wildflower borders and planted yellow rattle - the 'meadow maker' - to help encourage wildflowers in the churchyard.

We meet again for winter pruning on **Saturday 26th November** 10am - 12noon. Bring your own gloves and tools if you have them - secateurs, loppers, pruning saw. If you want to get in touch, please contact Robin Carr 868079 or Clare Musson 772304. Thank you!

Meet The Vicar – next date is **Thursday 10th November** 3.30 pm, in the Lamb & Flag. Ness is looking forward to seeing you!

WANTED FOR THE 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: clerk@haileywestoxon.org or 07551 958996.

HAILEY VILLAGE HALL AND PAVILION FACILITIES

As was promised earlier this year, this is an update on progress regarding our work looking at our village hall and pavilion facilities.

Having taken a step back in our approach, we are now looking at several options that are available to us, including: full new build, full refurbishment, a mix of refurbishment and new build (only where necessary), or do nothing.

In order to help decide the best way forward, we now need expert help in some areas. We have recently undertaken a tender process and have now appointed an architect who has significant experience and expertise in similar scenarios, who will help us with some of the work. Note that any costs associated with this will be covered by existing funding that has already been allocated.

We will also -crucially- need your help! In the early new year, we will commence an iterative public consultation process. We will publicise more details about that here in the Hailey Herald and through the Hailey Village Facebook page beforehand so please keep an eye out - and please do get involved! Our initial meeting is being planned for the afternoon of **Sunday 29th January**, so please pencil it in.

We will be asking the architect to provide a feasibility study that will look at our existing infrastructure (the “as is” situation) and help to identify the options available to us, associated potential costs, associated funding options, etc. which will fully consider our consultation process.

For further information please contact the clerk in the first instance.

WINTER WORRIES – LOOKING OUT FOR EACH OTHER

With the current worries about the rising cost of living, rising energy bills, etc. everyone will be thinking ahead to the colder winter months. Much of the following advice may seem obvious to many, but it is all still worth considering and sharing:

- **Wrap up warm** – Several thin layers of clothing are better than one thick layer (socks, T-shirts, etc.)
- **Keep the cold out** – Make sure you close doors and block any draughts. Closed curtains and shutters also help to keep the warmth in
- **Hot drinks and meals** – Regular cups of tea, coffee, soup, porridge, stews, etc. will help to keep you warm. Try to have at least one hot meal per day
- **Don't drink alcohol to keep warm** – Although it makes you feel warm by expanding blood vessels, it actually draws blood away from vital organs
- **Check your house heating system** – Make sure your heating system works well and efficiently and boiler is regularly serviced
- **Clever heating** – Keep living areas heated during the day and warm bedrooms just before bedtime, ideally at 18C-21C. The rest of the house can be lower, around 16C when not in use
- **Hot water bottle or heated blanket** – Use one or the other (not both) and make sure heated blankets have been safety tested (about 20% fail safety checks)

- **Open fires** – If you have a log/coal fire, this is a great way to heat your home. Of course, do make sure you've had your chimney swept recently
- **Keep moving** – Sometimes this can be easier said than done, but it really does help to build resilience
- **Flu and Covid jobs** – These are free and they offer effective protection against infection

Please do continue to keep an eye out for each other, especially if you know of elderly or vulnerable people nearby. As well as the advice above, there are many other useful sources of information available:

- **Lamb & Flag** – Matt and the team at the pub have kindly offered that anyone who wants to pop in to warm themselves up should do so – they normally have a log fire on the go when they are open
- **Church** – The church is also open to all as a warm space on Sundays from 9am-5pm
- **Warm Spaces (UK)** – The www.warmspaces.org website has an online directory of “warm banks” across the UK that is growing and growing. Well worth keeping an eye on if you are planning to be out and about
- **Hailey Relief In Need** – This small local charity is focussed on Hailey parish and may be able to help those who need it most. Funds are very restricted but could offer support to a small number of households. In the first instance, you can find out more from Pam Simpkins by phoning 868626 or popping a note through her letterbox at Holmlea in Delly End
- **Government help** – The government is stepping in to help in certain circumstances such as the Energy Bills Support Scheme which will provide a £400 non-repayable discount to eligible households and the Energy Price Guarantee which will reduce energy unit costs, (both of which are automatically applied to bills, so beware of potential scams saying otherwise). Help is normally well-publicised (and regularly changes!) so do keep an eye on the news and online
- **Cold Weather Payment** – This amounts to £25 per week for each 7-day period of cold weather and is available to people who receive certain benefits, such as Pension Credit, when there is very cold weather. More info at www.ageuk.org.uk
- **Warm Home Discount** – This is a one-off £150 payment available to those living on a low income or pension, automatically paid if your energy supplier is part of the Warm Home Discount scheme or you receive the Guarantee Credit portion of Pension Credit. More info at www.ageuk.org.uk
- **Winter Fuel Payment** – This is an annual tax-free payment of between £100-£300 that is available to households which include a resident born before 25/9/56, designed to help cover winter heating costs. More info at www.ageuk.org.uk
- **Beware of scams** – If you receive messages (text, phone, emails, etc.) relating to the above, please check with a trusted friend or neighbour before responding as there are unscrupulous people out there. Some of the above payments and discounts are automatic, not requiring any action from you

Date of Next Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Monday **14th November 2022** in the Village Hall.

What's on in the Village Hall?

www.haileywestoxon.org/village hall

Judith Knaggs

HaileyVillageHall@gmail.com

There is a wide variety of clubs, organisations and individuals who now book their events in the village hall. As well as village organisations such as the Parish Council, the monthly lunch and coffee morning, we also welcome many resident (and non-resident) families to celebrate important anniversaries – particularly children's birthday parties. As for activities, we have Cubs, our village shop, karate, a social club for home educators, dog training, radio-controlled cars, as well as jumble sales, fetes and fairs, bingo and quiz nights. Anyone can view our booking schedule and book an event by going on to the Hailey website www.haileywestoxon.org, go to the village hall tab and follow the link. At the moment,

Monday to Thursday is very popular at all times of the day but Fridays seem to have fallen out of favour. If you're thinking of starting something up, we may have availability to suit you. Weekends are often very busy and booked up weeks in advance. If you have an important milestone coming up and would like to use the hall, book early to avoid disappointment. First come, first served.

Dark nights are with us again but there are ways to lessen the gloom. Bingo fans should make a note of our **Christmas Bingo Night on Saturday 26 November, eyes down at 7.30pm** (see separate ad for full details). To kick off Christmas in the most traditional manner, come along to our **Christmas Concert with Witney Town Band on Monday 5 December in the Village Hall (7.30 for 8.00)**. All back to normal so a great opportunity to come and enjoy a wide range of music and carols, with a mince pie 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. Hope to see you there.

Huge Jumble Sale & 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.

 <p>HUGE JUMBLE SALE & CHRISTMAS FAYRE Raising funds for the RNLI & Katharine House Hospice</p> <p>Saturday, 26th November 2022 Hailey Village Hall From 2pm Adults £1, children free</p> <p><small>For offers of help or donations contact Ann on 773744</small></p> 	<p>Christmas Bingo! Saturday, 26th November Hailey Village Hall</p>  <p>Doors Open 7:00pm Eyes Down 7:30pm</p> <p>Tea, coffee & homemade cake</p> <p>Plenty of great prizes to be won!</p> <p>Contact: Dawn Franklin 776471</p>	<p>Deck the Halls!</p>   <p>Friday 2nd December Hailey Village Hall 7:00pm</p> <p>Create your own Christmas wreath! £5 each, to include mulled wine & mince pies Pre book with Dawn (776471)</p> <p>Bring scissors/secateurs, greenery, Christmas decorations etc. Oasis available to buy on the night.</p>
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Hailey FC

Martin Friend

In the last month, the 1st team have played three matches with two wins and a defeat. First of all the defeat came at the hands of Adderbury Park in the Oxfordshire Charity Cup, the score was 3 – 2. This means that Hailey will be unable match last year when they reached all Cup Finals they were eligible to play in. In defence of the Oxfordshire Junior Shield it started with a 2 – 1 win at Minster Lovell. In the Premier Division they won 4 – 2 at Milton under Wychwood.

The reserves have drawn two games, won one and lost one. The defeat came against Carterton Town 6 – 5, despite a valiant comeback from 6 – 1. The draws came against Aston 2 – 2 and Chadlington 4 – 4. Their win came at Farrington Town A 2 – 0.

The third team have played two games, losing 3 – 1 to Brize Norton and winning against Spartan Rangers Reserves 5 – 2.

A correction to last month's Hailey Herald. The third team defeat of 11 – 0 came against Hatherop and not Heyford, two teams geographically far apart. Heyford is in the east of Oxfordshire and Hatherop in Gloucestershire.

HAILEY SINGERS

As the seasons swing gracefully by and nature contemplates
the long sleep I remind you of dates for energetic exercise!

November 3rd, 24th, December 8th.

7pm at Witheridge Farm.

New voices welcome!

Jeremy Lewis 07973 260872

CHRISTMAS LOTTERY

**Tickets
£1 each**

Project Hailey
Christmas Lottery



1st Prize: £50
2nd Prize: Christmas Hamper
3rd Prize: Drinks Hamper
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A set of Christmas Lottery tickets is enclosed with this issue of the Hailey Herald.

Proceeds go to Project Hailey who make donations towards Community Infrastructure projects in Hailey. Tickets and monies should be returned to Hayesfield, Middletown, Hailey, /OX29 9TA - next to school car park



Sunday 30th October
Lamb & Flag Hailey
7 for 7.30pm
Raffle, £ in bucket & refreshments
£2.50 per head, max 6 per team
Extra points for fancy dress
Proceeds in aid of Project Hailey

**Christmas
Concert**
with
Witney Town Band
Monday, 5th December
Hailey Village Hall



Doors Open 7:30pm
Tickets £6 (including mince pies)
Beer, Wine & Soft Drinks for sale
Contact: Dawn Franklin 776471

**Christmas
Quiz**
+ Christmas Lottery Draw
Sunday 18th December
Lamb & Flag Hailey
7.30pm
Everyone Welcome
£2.50 per person
Extra points for Christmas jumpers
Proceeds in aid of Project Hailey

The Christmas menus are now available for both Christmas Day and also the run up to the 25th December. If you book for Christmas Day, the table will be yours for the afternoon as we will only be doing one sitting.

We are running a Meat Draw on the first Saturday of every month, please pop into the pub to buy a ticket.

We have also started doing a Quiz Night on the first Sunday of every month; start time is 7.00 for 7.30 pm, up to six in a team at £1 a head.

We hope to see you soon.



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Dawn's Shop

Hailey Village Hall
Tuesday & Thursday 12-4pm
Something for everyone



Keep your pets happy with food, treats, toys and blankets!

Treat yourself to sponges, tray bakes, flapjack, cupcakes and more!



Take care of our garden birds by putting out seed and other goodies!

Coffee Morning

Fri. 4th November

Hailey Village Hall

10 – 11:30am



We will be raising funds for Save the Children.



Save the Children.

Last month we raised funds for Oxfordshire Mind.

Come and join us for a coffee and slice of homemade cake.

Pat Winslow

is your local Humanists UK accredited celebrant for non religious baby namings and welcomings, funerals and memorials, weddings, vow renewals and anything else you'd like to commemorate

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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)

6:00pm – 8:00pm

Sunday: 12 - 4:00pm (Roast)

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Diary Dates

30th Oct **Halloween Quiz Night** – 7.30pm, Lamb & Flag

3rd & 24th Nov **Hailey Singers** – 7.00pm – Witheridge Farm

4th Nov **Coffee Morning** – 10.00am, Village Hall

11th Nov **Lights of Remembrance** – 5.00 – 7.30pm, St Johns

13th Nov **Village Act of Remembrance** – 9.00am, War Memorial, St Johns

14th Nov **Hailey Parish Council** - 7.30pm, Village Hall

16th Nov **Village Lunch** – 12 noon, Village Hall

26th Nov **Winter pruning of churchyard** - 10am - 12noon, St Johns

26th Nov **Jumble Sale & Christmas Fayre** – 2.00pm, Village Hall

26th Nov **Christmas Bingo** 7:30pm - Village Hall

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

4th Dec **Christingle Service** – 4.00pm, St Johns

8th Dec **Hailey Singers** – 7.00pm – Witheridge Farm

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

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

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