

The Byword



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Magazine and Parish Information

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	Or 07791 438043
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Call for volunteers

Scratch your altruistic itch by becoming an official Good Neighbour !

When you join our roster of volunteers, you state what you can help with and when you can be available. We will offer small tasks to suit and you can accept or decline each time, with no obligation. Whether you are handy, friendly, talented or just have a car and the time to use it, we can find the occasional way for you to help someone else – a reward in itself !!

Call or email for a no-obligation chat, and find the sign up form on the website.

Rural Community Larder - @Woodford Halse

This is a fabulous resource for the whole community and that includes Byfielders!! The Larder provides access to store cupboard and fresh food each week, at prices that allow your finances to stretch further, as well as helping reduce food waste.

Why not come along and have a quick look :

Tuesdays 1-2.30pm & 6-7pm

The Nest (in the primary school carpark) Scrivens Hill

If you need assistance in getting to it, please do get in touch, as our volunteers are to be found helping there each week.

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Byfield Holy Cross Church
Saturday 23rd & Sunday 24th
September

Craft and Hobbies **Exhibition**

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day
in the church

Refreshments available
(Soup at lunchtime then tea and
cakes)



There are a lot of talented people living in our locality and some with interesting collections. It would be wonderful to share them with others.

If you are one of those people, please contact Chris Cross on 01327 260764.



It's time for a Macmillan Coffee Morning and you're invited

Let's do whatever it takes
to support people living with cancer.



Byfield Village
Hall
Friday 29th
September
11am



Boddington & District Gardeners' Association

Not to be missed! Matthew Biggs, the voice behind BBC Radio 4's Gardeners' Question Time, will be joining us on 27th September. There's no better opportunity to get your gardening questions answered by a BBC gardening expert!



In addition to a Q&A session, Matthew will be talking about 'the wonder of plants'... If you've ever wondered how cacti survive the extremes of the desert, how the 'Venus Flytrap' captures its prey or intricate orchid flowers are pollinated, you should find this a fascinating talk.

The event will be held in Boddington Village Hall at 7pm on 27 September. Entry is free to members and £5 for guests (book in advance or pay on the night).

How to join

You can join the club at any meeting or email bridyad@icloud.com. The annual £9 membership (£14 for a household) includes regular guest speakers, organised garden tours and garden centre discounts.

Byfield and District Branch of the Royal British Legion



Best Kept War Memorial Competition

It's been a few years now since RBL Northamptonshire County has been able to run a War Memorial Competition in the County, and they are offering two splendid trophies; one for the best internal and one for the best external memorial.

Our branch has taken the opportunity to contact our "Byfield and District" Parish Councils to invite them to spruce up their memorials ready for the next round of Remembrance activities in 2023. We are very pleased to say that in conjunction with Byfield Parish Council, Byfield will be entering Best Kept War Memorial Competition. In previous decades Byfield has fared very well in this competition, winning it several times.

It is hoped that some of the other "and District" Parish Councils will also decide to participate. Judging is expected to take place in late September / early October.

Armed Forces and Veterans (AF & V) Breakfast

The inaugural AF&V breakfast took place on 24th June 2023 at the Cross Tree pub Byfield. For a first event it was reasonably well attended and all those that went enjoyed themselves. There will be another AF&V breakfast organised in due course where it is hoped to see even more serving and ex forces personnel.

Watch out for posters and notices on our Facebook page and website.

Meeting Speaker September 2023

We have arranged a speaker, David Morse, to speak on Monday 4th September 2023 on the "St Pauls Watch".

At the outbreak of the Second World War in 1939, the Cathedral was poised for aerial attacks. The threat of fire caused by incendiary bombs was very real and St Paul's was vulnerable. The Cathedral reinstated their own personal fire brigade: the St Paul's Watch.

Non-members are welcome to attend for a £1 donation on the night.

Meeting starts at 8pm in Byfield Village Hall meeting room.



St. Paul's Cathedral during the Blitz

Our website (search for RBL Byfield) and Facebook page are there for you and please remember ALL are welcome at Byfield & District RBL - you don't have to be ex-service to be part of this organisation, both men and women are Members of the Byfield & District RBL - and there are no age limits.

Byfield Holy Cross Church

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday 10th September

Service in the Church at 11 a.m.
Bring fresh produce or tinned foods.



HARVEST SUPPER

Also, on Sunday September 10th
at 6 p.m. in Byfield Village Hall
With auction of harvest goods
and a raffle

Tickets for supper available
from Chris Cross 260764
Adults £7 Children £3.50

Bring your own drinks

All ages welcome to both
or either event



Byfield Parish Council

The Parish Council has its own website <https://www.byfield-pc.gov.uk/> where all agendas, minutes and useful documents can be seen. The Parish Council normally meets on the second Thursday of the month in the village hall starting at 19.30 hrs. Members of the press and public are always welcome to attend.

Chairman's Report

As a reminder the contact details for the Parish Clerk are:

Frances Williams
Byfield Parish Council
c/o Byfield Village Hall
The Green
Byfield
Northants
NN11 6UT

Telephone 07717 337048

Email clerk@byfield-pc.gov.uk

If you are moving away then farewell, and thank you for being part of our community. If you are new to Byfield then welcome, we are sure this will become a happy and fulfilling place for you to have your home.

No Mow May has been an initiative that the Parish Council has adopted for a number of years in order to give wild flowers and grasses time to flourish and set seed and to provide an undisturbed environment for insects. Numerous villagers have commented on the appearance of certain areas during May and just after and the problems that cutting long grass causes. At its June meeting the Parish Council decided not to practice No Mow May in 2024. We will however continue to allow the cow parsley to flourish in the closed church yard before strimming that back in mid-June.

The Boundary Commission for England have finalized their work to rebalance constituencies across the nation and although our constituency has altered its boundaries, we remain essentially unchanged, but our friends in Boddington and some other villages move from South Northants to Daventry for the next General Election.

200 Bus Service

At the time of writing the Parish Council had not received any further news on the future of the service.



Parking for the School Run

It is a fact of modern life that parents and guardians often take their children to school by car. The Parish Council reminds everyone who does this to be respectful of the doorways of properties that lead directly onto the road and not to block driveways even if it is 'just for a minute' everyone has a busy life and we shouldn't hinder others in leading theirs. This is an issue in particular parts of New Terrace, Banbury Lane, Bell Lane and Greenwood Close.

Environment

You may have read this before but it is a useful reminder not only about land ownership but also our obligation as householders to keep hedges and other planting under control and not to cause a hazard to pedestrians or road users. The Parish Council is grateful to villagers who trim grass, plant shrubs or otherwise maintain public areas near their property, it is a neighbourly thing to do. No one should place themselves at any risk doing this and of course it does not create any exclusive rights of access or ownership to a piece of land and it remains entirely legal to walk on or across such areas.

Communications and Social Media

The Parish Council has a presence on social media as follows:

- Facebook – please follow @byfieldparishcouncil
- Website – please go to our website www.byfield-pc.gov.uk

Ways to contact us:

Our Facebook page allows for Parishioners to contact us directly via Facebook Messenger, and we try to respond to every message we receive as quickly and thoroughly as possible. Our email addresses can also be found on the website, where there is also an option to complete an online form.

HS2 and Highways

Cllr Crowshaw acts as our liaison with HS2 contractors. We encourage villagers to find much more information, and personalize what they receive, you can get a lot of information from the [HS2 website](#).

If you have a question about HS2 or their works, please contact the HS2 Helpdesk team on [08081 434 434](tel:08081434434) or email hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk

If you see unusual loads or activity in the village please try to get a photograph of the vehicle or activity in order for us to challenge with the contractors. It is important that the transport plans and construction methods are adhered to at all times.

Brightwell Recreation Ground

The pavilion is available for occasional hire. Please contact the clerk with any initial enquiries.

Closed Churchyard



The Parish Council is responsible for the closed churchyard, that is the area around Holy Cross Church. We took on the maintenance some years ago in order to eliminate the special expenses that the district council were charging Byfield residents.

We have recently had several branches removed from the old cherry trees which has opened up the area where ashes are interred.

Footpaths

Remember whenever using public footpaths to follow the countryside code, pick up after your dog, leave gates as you find them and keep to established paths.

Planning

Recent planning applications in the village include:

WNC 2023/5658/FULL Butterwell Cottage Boddington Road. Change of use from ancillary accommodation to separate dwelling.

WNC 2023/5276/FULL and **WNC 2023/5202/LBC** 26 Banbury Lane, detached garage to the front of a family home, along with some minor boundary treatment adjustments.

Medical Centre – we have heard unofficially that the Medical Centre is planning to revive its service provision at Woodford Halse Memorial Hall. Exactly what this would look like and when it would be available, we do not know, nor what impact this might have on the Medical Centre in Church Street. However, Byfield Parish Council feels confident that our neighbours in Woodford Halse will be pleased that they will not always have to travel to get medical advice or treatment.

If you are considering making a planning application in order to extend or improve your property you might find it helpful to contact the planning office at the Daventry office of West Northants Council. The advice they give could save time and help to ensure that your application proceeds as quickly as possible. ***It is also helpful to inform your neighbours of your plans so that if they have any concerns, these can be discussed.***

Playground

The new swings have proved popular and it is hoped that everyone will enjoy them this summer.

Allotments

Councillor Lindsay Clark continues to oversee the area and we now follow a policy of sub dividing the bigger plots into more manageable sized areas. All plots are currently taken but to go on the waiting list please contact the clerk clerk@byfield-pc.gov.uk. Byfield Parishioners have priority for any plots that do become available.

Pocket Park

We now have regular sessions to work on the park. These sessions take place on the last Saturday of the month between 10:00 and 13:00, tea and coffee provided, and meet outside the Brightwell pavilion. They between 10:00 and 13:00. Come and join us, no matter what your age or ability, we will be working on everything from planting wildflower beds to building insect hotels, clearing paths and a bit of gardening.

Our objectives are to:

- Culturally
 - Bring a group of likeminded people together – Community
 - Bring our local heritage into view – Educate
 - Use the space to run local events – Cultural activities
- Environment
 - Work to improve the wildlife habitat - Wildlife
 - Make the management of the Pocket Park sustainable as possible – Environment
 - Raise Environmental awareness – Educate
- Socially
 - Create a sensory walk and spaces to support better mental health – Health
 - Support the Pocket Park Team by providing a plan, regular contact and exercise – Community
 - Run events and engage the local community - Social

If any of the above inspires you, please feel free to reach out to me at brightwellpp@runbox.com, or come along to one of the monthly sessions. We look forward to meeting you.

Chris Butlin
Brightwell Pocket Park Coordinator

Lights and Utilities

Cllr Davis is the first point of call for any faulty light - email christl.davis@byfield-pc.gov.uk

John Gillic - Chair - Byfield Parish Council



Messy Church!

In Holy Cross Church,

Thursday, 24 August 11 – 1pm

for families with children aged 0 - 11

**Jesus' friends
were fishermen.**



**They were
used to wind and
rain.**

Join us for 'Watery' activities, take part in 'Watery' games, listen to a 'Watery' story about Jesus and his friends!

Finish with a simple service and a picnic lunch!

Any questions? Contact Lesley 07941 328535



COME AND JOIN US!!

WE MEET ON THE 3RD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT BYFIELD SCHOOL HALL, 7.30PM.

For our June meeting we had an interesting and informative talk by the Air Ambulance, with light refreshments.

Also, during June some W.I. members took part in a Bowls practise evening.

In August our members will be visiting Sezincote House (Moreton-in-Marsh).

Sept. 20th Speaker talking about "Dogs For Good"

As some of you may have noticed our planters have had their Summer Make-over showing the splendour of Verbena, Marigolds, Lobelia, to name a few.



Thanks to everyone who continue to maintain and water the planters.

For more details about the W.I. contact Sally Doran:

Tel 07866 701666

Email sally.doran@hotmail.co.uk



Little Angels need your Help!

We have been meeting between 2 and 3pm on the 3rd Monday in the month but that doesn't seem to be the best time for young families – our Little Angels have disappeared!!

Please could you text or ring Lesley on 07941 328535 or email lep23a@gmail.com if you can think of a time that would suit you better – maybe a morning or sometime at the weekend? It is a time of simple worship for families with babies and pre-school children, held in Holy Cross Church. We have a short interactive story, one or two action songs and a simple prayer. There are then activities and toys for the children - and time for a cup of tea and a chat! We have planned to meet on 21st August in the afternoon: as it is school holidays older siblings are welcome. Any new arrangements will begin in September. Do come and join us! **AND** in the meantime, please let us know your thoughts on future timing.

Thank you! Lesley and Lyn.



Rising Stars!



A Junior Church youth group for those aged 7 – 12 years

Taking a risk!

Which of these activities would you NOT be willing to risk?



For me it would have to be bungee jumping, for Theo it would definitely be diving, Catherine said she would never risk getting up on stage to perform. Our meeting fell within Refugee week and we thought about the risks that refugees take to escape from warfare or famine in their own countries and seek safety elsewhere. We shared the story of Jesus as a two-year-old, Joseph and Mary escaping Herod's wrath and becoming refugees in Egypt. We thought about the risks that Jesus' friends, the disciples, had to take when they were going out on their own to take God's message to the people of Galilee: it was not an easy job to do. We played 'Risk it for a biscuit!' The young people could choose a one, two or three biscuit challenge from a list that included apple bobbing, reciting a tongue twister, eating a bun on a string and holding the plank position for a minute. We got through a lot of biscuits!!

Come and join us in Holy Cross Church on the third Thursday in the month from 6 – 7.30pm. Our evening is based on a Bible story but will include games, puzzles, crafts and **FOOD!** We will have a break during August, resuming on 21st September. Do come along – we'd love to welcome you.

Any questions? Email lep23a@gmail.com or text 07941 328535

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Application Form for Funding

Do you wish to apply for funding for yourself?

Name -----

Address ----- Phone -----

Someone else?

Name -----

Address -----

A Byfield organisation?

Name of group -----

Applicant ----- Phone -----

What is the funding for?

Signature (Give or post to a trustee listed)

Byfield Combined Charities Trustees:

Chris Cross (Chairman), 28 Bell Lane ... Christl Davis, 20 Westhorpe Lane ... Lyn Grennan, 35 The Twistle ... Pam Hicks (Treasurer), 1 Edwards Close ... Rosemary Johnson (Secretary), The Corner House, 34 Bell Lane ... Angela Weller, 18 Church St... Lesley Palmer, 23 Banbury Road

Historic Churches



Sponsored Ride and Stride

It's that time of year again! Now will you be on foot, on two wheels or on four legs this year?

Any of those modes of transport are welcome on the Sponsored Ride and Stride which this year is on **Saturday, 9th September**. Churches in Northamptonshire, Oxfordshire and Warwickshire will be participating as usual and will mostly be open between 10 and 6pm. If you would like to take part please contact me and I will let you have the list of participating churches along with your sponsor form or you can go online at www.nhct.org.uk to print a form and check out the details.

You don't have to give up a whole day - perhaps a morning or an afternoon. It is a good opportunity to visit neighbouring churches - Edgecote church is very interesting with wonderful marble tombs.

The money raised is shared equally between the Historic Churches Trust and the church nominated by you. Last year two families raised over £700 for Holy Cross, which was amazing! Can we do as well this year?

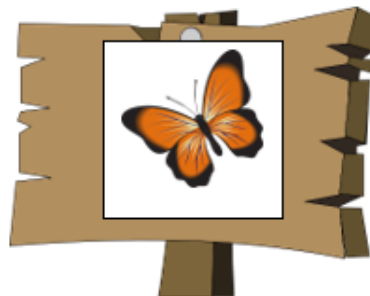
We have received grants from the Trust for Holy Cross Church, as have Woodford Halse to help them with the cost of replacing the roof. It is a very worthwhile cause that helps with the maintenance and repair of the fabric of these very old buildings in our villages.

We also need people who would be willing to sit in Holy Cross Church for an hour or so to sign visiting cyclists/walkers/riders in. Please let me know if you would be willing to do that.

Lesley Palmer 07941 328535 or email lep23a@gmail.com



**Come and get to know our Churchyard with the
'Small and Mighty Churchyard trail'!**



11 Information and activity posters will be in place around Holy Cross Churchyard from Saturday, 26th August until the end of the school holidays.

When you complete an activity take a picture and text or email it with your contact details to Lesley - there will be a small reward!

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Before Mt. Everest was discovered, what was the highest mountain in the world? Mt. Everest. It was still the highest in the world. It just had not been discovered yet!

Imagine you are in a boat in the middle of the sea. Suddenly, you are surrounded by hungry sharks waiting to eat you. How can you put an end to this? Stop imagining!

What can I see once in a minute, twice in a moment, and never in 1,000 years?
The letter M.



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Ordering Medication

We have 4 ways of ordering medication:

- Drop in a prescription request to the surgery
- Call the request line - always extremely busy
- Sign up for NHS app and order in minutes
- Send an email to byfieldscripts.k83031@nhs.net

For those that are able, please try to order through the app or email to free up the phone lines for those that not good with technology.

Thank you

Byfield Village Hall

For information about Byfield Village Hall please go to: www.byfieldvillagehall.org.uk

The website should provide all the information you require about forthcoming events and the facilities available if you are interested in making a booking.

To make a booking you can do that on the website by going to **Bookings/Booking Form**. Complete the form, press **Submit** and we shall respond. To find out if the Hall is available at your chosen time, search the Calendar on the **Home Page** or click on **Availability on Home Page**.

Our charges for hire of the Hall have not increased for 6 years but we now have to make modest increases. Look on the website for details and note that the popular rate for a 4-hour Children's Party is unchanged at £40.

You can also contact Richard Corbett on 01327 260180 or 07780 678996 or email byfield.calendar@gmail.com

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9.00am - 9.45am

Gymnastics (3-6 yrs)

9.45am - 10.15am

Intro to Ballet (5-7 yrs)

10.15am - 11.15am

Gymnastics 2 (6-8 yrs)

11.00am - 11.30am

Pre Primary Ballet (7-9 yrs)

11.30am - 12.15pm

Primary Ballet (9-10 yrs)

12.15pm - 1.00pm

Saturday

Primary Modern & Street (6-9 yrs)

1.00pm - 1.30pm

Gymnastics 3 (8 yrs+)

1.30pm - 2.00pm

Grade 1 Ballet (10-11 yrs)

2.00pm - 2.45pm

Grade 1 Modern (10-12 yrs)

2.45pm - 3.15pm

Grade 2 Ballet (11-12 yrs)

3.15pm - 4.00pm

Grade 2 Modern (13 yrs+)

4.00pm - 4.30pm

Grade 3 Modern (14 yrs+)

4.30pm - 5.00pm

Grade 3 Ballet (12-13 yrs)

5.00pm - 5.45pm

Grade 4 Ballet (14 yrs+)

5.45pm - 6.30pm

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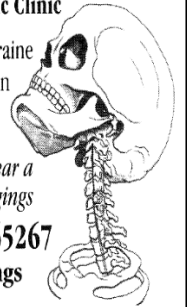
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All 12 months.

What's full of holes but still holds water?

A sponge.

Mike is a butcher. He is 5 foot 10 inches tall. What
does he weigh? Meat.

Diary for the Fiveways Benefice of Aston le Walls, Boddington, Byfield, Eydon and Woodford Halse for August and September 2023

AUGUST

As usual, the number of services in August is reduced

Wednesday 2nd August

9.45am Holy Communion at Byfield

Sunday 6th August

11am Holy Communion at Byfield

Sunday 13th August

10am Holy Communion at Boddington
10am Holy Communion at Woodford Halse

Sunday 20th August

10am Holy Communion at Eydon

Sunday 27th August

8.30am BCP Holy Communion at Byfield
10am Holy Communion at Aston le Walls

SEPTEMBER

Sunday 3rd September

10am Holy Communion at Boddington
11am BCP Matins at Aston le Walls
11am Café Church at Byfield



Sunday 10th September

9.30am Morning Prayer at Boddington
10am Holy Communion at Woodford Halse
11am Harvest Holy Communion at Byfield

Sunday 17th September

10am Holy Communion at Aston le Walls
10am Harvest Holy Communion at Eydon
6pm Evening Prayer at Boddington

Sunday 24th September

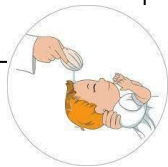
10am Holy Communion at Boddington
10am Café Church at Woodford Halse
3pm Animal Blessing Service at Eydon



Holy Baptism

We welcome these children of God into the Lord's family:

Abigail Rose Sutherland Pounds
Evelyn Marie Sutherland Pounds



Every Wednesday in September

9.45am Holy Communion/Morning Prayer at Byfield.

Bereavements

We offer our condolences to the family and friends of:



Peter Eyles RIP
Joyce Franklin RIP

Register of Weddings

Ruth Paybody & Stuart Newton

*Blessing and laughter and loving
be yours for ever.*



The deadline for the next Byword (October/November) is Sunday 3rd September