Fun in the Sun

Guilsborough Festival Exceeds Expectations

Over the weekend of June 11-13th our first new-look Festival was held. The Friday cheese/wine/jazz was much enjoyed with local Artwork to view whilst strolling around the garden. Over £1000 was raised at this event.

Saturday saw the Fun run in the morning when approx 40 participants braved the cross country uphill course.

The Village Church hosted our Flower Festival all weekend, with over fifteen creative and stunning displays from different organizations locally.

Sunday, after a scary early morning rain shower, turned into a sunny day for our main event, the Street Fair and Field activities. Over two thousand people turned out to enjoy the many varied stalls and games, or just to promenade along the street meeting friends! The Punch and Judy shows and music from local musicians of all ages, were much appreciated, and a general festive atmosphere was felt with the main street closed.

“Scrufts”, the Dog Show attracted a lot of entries from near and far. The inclusion of an obstacle course also provided fun and entertainment for spectators all afternoon. The funds raised overall, enabled us to give £2,500 each to the three named charities—the Village Hall, the Church and the Playing Fields Association.

Christine Benbow presents a cheque to Churchwarden Hilary Worton for £2,500.

Altogether, the organizing committee were thrilled with the success of our first festival and must thank EVERYONE for their help and hard work. We are hoping to hold this event biennially so get thinking of new ideas for 2012!

Christine Benbow - Festival Committee Chair

Festival Bottle Stall

We should like to thank all those who generously gave bottles and the many people who helped us to collect the bottles and to make the stall a success on the day. Chris Benbow and her committee deserve huge congratulations for their extraordinarily successful work not only for raising such a splendid sum of money but for bringing the village together in a very happy event.

Dorothy and David Wells.
"Scrufts" winners included Dotty and Mary winning the Fancy Dress (right); Lace and Sandra Moore (far right) the Best Behaved Dog; Lottie and Claire Thomas the Dog and Handler Most Alike, and Best Young Dog; Woody and Kirsten Saunders, Best Dog aged 10 and over; Millie and Drew Gubbins, Dog with the Waggiest Tail. Obstacle Course winners were Rosie and Hannah Middleton Smith, Archie and Freddie Cranfield, and Shay with Amy Leach.

Below: Flowers at St Etheldreda’s:

Below: Punch & Judy (l to r: Simon Rayner, Mike Fulcher, David O’Neil and Angela Bumford)

Above, the village stalls, and below the Disclaimers on the Green
Saxon Spires Practice positive about planned NHS changes

The Patient Participation Group at Saxon Spires Practice (SSPPG) has been keen to get a response from the Surgery on the impact of the proposed NHS changes announced in July, giving control of funding back to GPs. Changes like this could have a major influence on patient care with more of a GP’s time being spent on administrative and financial activities, and the transition from PCTs to GPs taking up much needed resources.

Within our Practice though, the situation looks more positive. Practice Manager Kathryn Baines told the SSPPG: “Although we had originally been part of the Daventry and South Northants commissioning group, the group felt that joining the larger commissioning group, Nene Commissioning, would give us a greater voice. Within the last eighteen months, a group of practices in the Daventry and South Northants area have set up a Provider group in readiness to provide services so we feel quite well placed to go forward with GP led commissioning.”

Saxon Spires currently works with Nene Commissioning - a multi-award winning not-for-profit community interest company set up by GPs across Northamptonshire in order to commission new and improved local health services. They cover 76 practices in the county and over 350 GPs. When asked by the SSPPG about the proposed funding changes they responded: “Our GPs are quite enthusiastic that it builds on the good parts of practice-based commissioning and, as you probably know, Nene Commissioning is generally recognised as the lead organisation in that field.”

There will now be a three month consultation period reviewing GP commissioning and more detail will be issued in various government papers over the coming weeks and months. The SSPPG will strive to keep the patient community updated with these important announcements, and continue to work with the Practice GPs and staff to ensure that patients are not disadvantaged in any way by this new funding strategy.

John Brooks
Chairman, SSPPG, john@fle.co.uk, 01604 743554
We will be off once again on our trip to Potters Indoor Bowling Centre at Hopton on Sea near Yarmouth on 14th – 19th March 2011. We all had a great time this year, and even managed to get four teams into the final 16. Please book now for this trip so as not to be disappointed.

BOOKINGS NOW BEING TAKEN £30.00 deposit.

SPRING TOUR to Lincolnshire on the 3rd – 5th June 2011 Playing at venues near Boston Lincoln and one at the sea side.

BOOKING NOW AVAILABLE Deposit £20.00.

If interested bowlers or non bowlers are welcome and again use these tours, for a short holiday breaks, then contact Wendy Smith on 01604 – 740528. Or Richard Manning on 01604 – 821849.

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All £25.00 Winners

Cold Ashby Bowls Club
LADIES GALA
Wednesday 25th August 2010

please get in touch if you would be interested in joining us on our Gala Day. We all had such a great time last year and would love to meet some more Lady Bowlers from other clubs. £24.00 per team.

Contact Wendy Smith on 01604 – 740528.

Horse and Dog Race Evening

HORSE & DOG RACING

23rd October 2010

Come along and place your bets at the Memorial Hall, 7.30pm.

First Race 8pm.

Bar & Ploughman’s available.
Open Gardens Weekend

This year's 20th Gardens Open Weekend will be held on
Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th August,
on the Daventry – Market Harborough Road (B4036), just off the A5199, one mile from Junction 1 of the A14.

Cold Ashby welcomes all visitors from 2pm – 6pm each day. Programmes on sale at the Village Hall £3-00 each for admission to all gardens, Children under 12 free. Cream Teas, Stalls and Raffle Prizes.

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3rd £10 288 Mrs Margaret Jones 38

May
1st £25 39 Gail Lewis
2nd £15 132 Tom Westaway
3rd £10 38 Sonia Bowie

June
1st £25 174 Tina Miller
2nd £15 297 Gail Parish
3rd £10 317 Jean Hancock

The draw is held on the first Monday of every month in the Black Horse at 9-00pm.
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www.nab.org.uk
CREATON NEWS

Great Creaton Primary School’s India Fete

On Thursday 24th June we held a fete to raise money for the school and orphanage in Kodi Kanal India.

On Wednesday everybody had a go at doing a part of a Rangoli pattern which we did at the front of the school. The pattern we produced was a peacock and we put sun rays round the edge.

The next day everybody came dressed in wonderful Indian clothes. I handed out flowers at the front entrance. We then went into the hall and everybody said a little word about what we’d been learning, at the end we all did a little Bollywood dance.

The stalls were then set up and by the end of the morning we had raised £450.00 which could buy 22000 school dinners in India. We hope Kodia is well and uses this money.

Georgia – year 4 student

This week we had an India day. We made a Rangoli pattern – the Rangoli pattern was a peacock and it had lots of different colours. The Rangoli pattern was there to welcome people in to school.

We had our assembly, at the end we did some Bollywood dancing.

Then class 3 / 4 held an Indian fete. We had our own stall to raise money for Kodi Kanal School in India. Altogether we raised £450.00

Catlin – pupil of class 3

Creaton Walking Group

The Walking Group meetsthe second Saturday of each month. The next walk will meet at 10 a.m. at the Lycgate on August 14 and will then travel to the Lubbenham area for their walk. All welcome
Rosemary’s Ramblings.

I have to walk the dog twice a day. Well, I suppose I don’t have to, but Blackie sort of expects it. So we go out first thing in the morning around the village for about 20 minutes and then after lunch we generally take off along the Brington Road. Sometimes we cut across the fields but more often than not the dog and I mooch along for about 20 minutes before turning around and coming back home.

And because there isn’t a huge amount of conversation between the dog and I (other than “Blackie!!! … come on” or “you’ve already sniffed that bush three times, you really don’t need to go back to it again”), I tend to use the dog walking time as thinking time. Especially the afternoon walk since once we clear the houses I don’t often meet anyone else.

So the other afternoon, the dog and I were wandering along, and I was struggling with an idea for the first part of the service. Sometimes ideas just come and sometimes they don’t and this was a “don’t” situation. Anyway, I was playing with some thoughts and gradually an idea began to take shape. So I mentally worked on it a bit more, fleshing out my initial thoughts until I had pretty much decided how it would come together and fit neatly in with the sermon.

I was so deep in thought that I hadn’t realised just how far we had walked and was suddenly jolted back to the reality that Blackie and I had wandered much further along the lane than we had ever done before. Not only had we discovered pastures new, but the view was amazing and well worth the extra walk home.

God has a habit of wanting to take us to places that we haven’t been. That can be scary but the view – what He shows us when we get there – can be truly amazing and well worth the hard work.
Creaton Parish Council News .... www.creaton.org.uk

New Parish Councillors
Creaton Parish Council welcomes Reg Thomas, Caroline Pugh and Sylvia Winter onto the Parish Council who were co-opted at the May meeting.

Your new Parish Council (which is appointed for the next 4 years) is as follows:

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COFFEE SHOP UPDATE!
Although the Internet Café idea did not receive a good response, the URC are hoping to continue with the idea of a coffee shop – County Councillor Millar has kindly agreed to transfer the Empowerment Fund money (previously for the Internet Café) across to the Coffee Shop subject to the new costs being submitted.

August Meeting Cancelled
Parish Council resolved that the August meeting should be cancelled and in its place Parish Councillors would do a Village Walk and identify any problem areas.

Planning Decisions
DA/2010/0380 – New porch to side of house, 30 The Green, Creaton – DDC Planning permission granted 28th June 2010
DA/2010/0342 Change of use of B1 to Holiday let Creaton Grange, Grooms Lane, Creaton, Northants NN6 8NN – DDC Planning Permission granted 3rd June 2010

Planning Advisory Group
As a result of the cancellation of the August meeting, Creaton Parish Council has formed a planning advisory group to look at Planning Applications that fall in between meetings. This is formed of the following councillors:- Margaret Jack, Stan Perrins, David Watt and Maureen Titman

Grant Applications
Creaton Playing Field Association were awarded a grant of £800 towards the upkeep of the Playing Field for 2010.
If your Creaton Village organisation wishes to apply for a 2011/12 grant, the closing date for applications is 31st October 2010. Forms are available from the Clerk.

CHANGES TO BURIAL/MEMORIAL REGULATIONS with effect from 1st September 2010
Further to our announcement in the last Village Link of the increases in burial fees, Parish Council has reviewed the burial and memorial regulations – The main change is that the exclusive right of burial has been reduced to 50 years (from 99) for purchases made after 1/09/10. If you would like a copy of the new burial/memorial regulations, please visit the website (creaton.org.uk) or contact the Clerk.

Closure of St Michaels and All Angels Churchyard
Parish Council has now been formally requested by the Ministry of Justice for its agreement for the Churchyard to be closed to further burials.

Lynne Compton
For and on behalf of Creaton Parish Council
12 Old Forde Close Brixworth NN6 9XF
Tel No: 01604-880727
Email: creatonpc@tiscali.co.uk
Some of you may have noticed the **film Crew (from BBC Gardeners World) filming in Creaton**? Creaton is to be featured in a programme to be screened in August 2011 on Biodiversity eg. the encouragement of wildflowers and wildlife back into rural settings. 2010 is International Biodiversity Year. Several suggestions have been made by Sarah Raven, the presenter:-

1. **Church Yard** - Creaton could reduce the mowing in the Church Yard and leave areas for wildflowers/plant wildflower seeds.
2. **Village Green** – reduce mowing and manage areas to be left for wildflowers which would encourage the Bee population and other wildlife.
3. **Violet Lane** – Prune overhanging trees to encourage the violets back to the Lane. Encourage residents to plant violet seeds.

As a result of this, the Parish Council has suggested the creation of a Creaton Village Biodiversity Group (CVBG). This group would report to the Parish Council through whose offices support and advice from local authorities and organisations could be requested.

**Cllr Richard Hollingum kindly drew up the suggested mission statement for Creaton Village Biodiversity Group:**

- That the CVBG carry out a feasibility study of the development of managed “wild” spaces within the confines of the Village Green, the Churchyard of St Michael and All Angels and the civil parish churchyard.
- That the CVBG investigate other possible areas within the civil parish churchyard.
- That the CVBG investigate other possible areas within the civil parish that could be managed in a manner that would offer opportunity for local flora and fauna to flourish.
- That the CVBG carry out a feasibility study of the management of these areas.
- That the CVBG explore ways in which gardening techniques and planting can assist in the promotion of a bio-diverse environment.
- That the CVBG promote these techniques in the village.

**If you have any expertise in this area, please contact the Clerk on 01604-880727 or email: creatonpc@tiscali.co.uk**

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**District Councillor Elections**

A big thank you to all who voted for me in the recent elections. There was a massive turnout of 78%. This was probably more down to the Westminster vote than the fact I was standing!

I hope that I can provide effective local representation and champion the needs of the whole ward.

Initially I am on the planning committee and this seems to generate a mountain of paperwork and a meeting every 3 weeks.

I have already attended several Creaton Parish Council meetings to get a feel of what is happening in your village.

If there is anything you think I can help you with please do not hesitate to get in touch. My contact number is 07785 332273 or you can contact me via Lynne Compton the parish clerk. I will publish my email address when I have got my DDC one issued to me.

Barry Frenchman

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Guilsborough Village Hall
Management Committee
Extraordinary Meeting
7th September at 7.30pm

Due to the resignation of the Secretary, followed by the resignations of the Chairman and Treasurer, there will be an Extraordinary General Meeting, to be held on Tuesday 7th September at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

A new constitution will be discussed and a new committee elected to take the Hall forward.

Pam and Don Cooke, who have served the Village Hall as Caretakers and Bookings Secretary, are also stepping down, and these positions will have to be filled.

Pam and Don will remain for 3 months in the interim period, as will the Secretary and Treasurer.

It is important that the meeting is very well attended by as many villagers as possible. Nominations for the above positions will be accepted in writing and should be sent to Pam Townsend, Ireton House, West Haddon Rd.

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This term has been busy with lots of exciting activities taking place.

Children from Years 5 and 6 went on a residential trip to P.G.L. They had a fantastic time taking part in a variety of team building and individual challenges – visit the school website www.guilsboroughprimary.co.uk to see the pictures.

We hosted two Gifted and Talented Art days for children from schools across the Guilsborough Cluster who came to our school for the day to work with Mrs Fowler using a variety of art techniques.

Children across Key Stage 1 and 2 are using our swimming pool in the beautiful weather we have been having. This facility helps us to ensure all children can swim by the time they leave in Year 6.

Boys and girls from Years 3, 4 and 6 won two sporting competitions that took place against other primary school in the cluster. We were Kwik Cricket and Crazy Ball champions and the children all had a great time at Guilsborough School!

On Friday 9th July, we held a ‘Dinosaur Day’. This was a request from the School and Class Council for a cross curricular enrichment day on the theme of dinosaurs. All the children were divided into six mixed aged classes and took part in a variety of activities involving art, cooking, model making and digi-blu camera animation.

We all had an enjoyable day – it was lovely seeing the older children helping the younger ones and to see them all working together.

Our Year Book for 2010 will be on sale shortly and we wish all Year 6 children every success as they leave us for their new schools.

Mr P. A. Henretty, Head Teacher

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**“GUILSBOROUGH PLATE”**
**The 6th Annual TENNIS TOURNAMENT**
**SUNDAY 26th SEPTEMBER 2010**

At Guilsborough School
12 noon for a prompt 12.30 start
Mixed Doubles
Buffet at The Ward Arms at 5pm
Court & Buffet fee - £5 per player
Buffet/Spectator fee £3.50

If you can hold a rally on court and serve over arm…we need you, so please contact either Caroline Houghton (Tel: 740933) or Sarah Dalzell (Tel: 743023) to sign up.

Booking needed for both playing and/or buffet ASAP

We will pair people up to create a fun event for all, so you don’t need a partner to enter.
Planning Matters

Planning Procedures:
The Council has agreed to adopt the new standing order recommended by NALC for parishioner participation at Parish Council Planning Meetings. The details of this standing order are contained within the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Minutes of 29th June 2010 which will be displayed in the Village Notice Boards.

Planning Applications:
The applications for the proposed Wind Farms at both Watford and Winick have been received and commented on by the Council. Objections have been made on the grounds of the proposed delivery route through Guilsborough via Nortoft and West Haddon Road. This objection is backed by Northants County Council.

Village Clean:
The Parish Council would like to thank those who did attend to help with this annual event. The turnout was poor this year and the Council have agreed that in future years this event must be better advertised to ensure better participation and less work for a greater workforce!

Neighbourhood Watch:
A meeting to discuss the introduction of a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme to the Village was held on 24th June 2010. Though very poorly attended those present agreed that introduction of a scheme would be beneficial to the Village residents. The Council agreed to provide funding for the scheme and Louise Brooks kindly offered to undertake the role of Co-ordinator for the first six months. Look out for further news and requests for volunteers to act as wardens.

Long Buckby Rail Users Group:
The rail users group are seeking a representative from Guilsborough to attend further meetings of the group whose purpose is to ensure that the services at the two stations are that expected of the rail users. Anyone interested please contact the Parish Clerk for information.

School Matters:
The school Headmistress has notified the Council that alterations to install a one way entrance system to the property will take place during the summer vacation period. This alteration is in an effort to further alleviate traffic issues.

Peter Hubbard

Guilsborough Neighbourhood Watch 2010

Guilsborough will be relaunching it’s own NHW scheme again over the next few weeks. The aim of the scheme will be to allow us all to share information about what is going on in our neighbourhood and to increase confidence and security for our fellow villagers. We need volunteers to help put up signs as well as volunteers to communicate information around the village.

If you think you can help or would like further information, please call Louise Brooks, Acting NHW Coordinator on 01604 743554 or email louise@fle.co.uk
Dr. John W. Hughes

Dr. Hughes was a huge influence within the community of Guilsborough and we mourn his passing. His loss is large, but his legacy is unequalled. He first became acquainted with Guilsborough, as its General Practitioner, a role he filled with distinction. In adopting Dr. Catti Moss, as his first Partner within the Practice, he also laid the foundations for the current Guilsborough Surgery, from whose impressive facilities, we now all benefit. Medically, we have much for which to thank Dr. Hughes, both in the past and today.

Dr. Hughes was also an accomplished musician and organist. As Choir Master of St. Etheldreda’s Church, he nurtured and harnessed an array of ‘varying vocal talents’ with great success. So much so, that the Choir attained ‘The Bishop’s Award For Chois’ in 1980. Thanks to the platform established by Dr. Hughes, together with the dedication and skill of its current Choir Master Mr. David Wells, the Choir of St. Etheldreda's has gone from strength to strength. In 1971, Dr. Hughes founded The Guilsborough Choral Society. He was an aficionado of the Savoy Operas of W.S. Gilbert and Sir Arthur Sullivan and had the seemingly unlikely ‘vision’ that they could be performed by members of the Guilsborough community. Patients visiting his surgery during this period, were duly treated of course, but were also asked the question, “By the way, can you sing?” Thereby, he built up a body of people, who much against the odds, performed ‘The Mikado’ in 1972. The rest, as they say, is History. Under his baton, The Choral Society went on to perform, to great acclaim, ‘The Pirates of Penzance’, ‘Iolanthe’, ‘H.M.S. Pinafore’, ‘The Gondoliers’ and ‘Yeomen of the Guard’. At one, never to be forgotten rehearsal, during the production of ‘The Pirates of Penzance’, Dr. Hughes managed to combine his medical and musical skills simultaneously. So that the production should not be jeopardised by an outbreak of Flu within the village, he insisted that all members of the cast be vaccinated. He duly performed the task with admirable skill and stamina - baton in one hand; hypodermic in the other! Needless to say that the Choral Society lives on and flourishes today as GMADS, whose current members continue to entertain us all with their theatrical expertise.

Dr. Hughes has departed from us, but his influence, memory and legacies, live on in Guilsborough today.

Dr. John W. Hughes (deceased)

Sandra and all the family would like to offer their sincere thanks to everyone from all the villages for their support during this very difficult time. It has been comforting to us to know the high regard in which John was held and that he had so many kind friends.

Thank you

Thank you to everyone who donated during Christian Aid Week, and especially to those who trudged round the village delivering and collecting envelopes. Collection was at the end of May so I hadn’t counted donations in time for the last issue of Village Link.

We collected £605, a little less than 2009 but still a good total.

Thanks

Katie Fulcher
HOLLOWELL VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK RESURFACED

Thanks to a generous grant from Hollowell Steam, the Hollowell and Teeton Village Hall Committee has been able to have their car park and pedestrian entrance lane resurfaced. Everyone can now be assured of a smooth, disability friendly approach to the Hall.

Before……….

and after…….

COME TO THE HOLLOWELL AFTERNOON SUNDAY AUGUST 15TH

The garden at ‘Rosemount’, on Church Hill will be open for the National Garden Scheme from 11 a.m. with many plants for sale.

As part of this year’s annual church fund raising event there will be exhibits of photography, embroidery, flower arrangements and paintings of local interest in both the Church and the Village Hall.

Special Competition for children under 12

MAKE A GARDEN ON A DINNER PLATE

The children’s “Plate Gardens” will be exhibited in the church.

Home made REFRESHMENTS will be available in the Village Hall continuously from 11 a.m.

Please contact Gill Brown on 740 418 for details, or if you can contribute in any way.

H & T. HOLLOWELL & TEETON PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk Required at Hollowell & Teeton Parish Council

The Parish Clerk, as the Council’s ‘Responsible Financial Officer’ will be responsible for the administration of the business and finances of the Council, working from home but attending Council and planning meetings in Hollowell Village Hall.

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Please submit your application (before Wednesday 25 August 2010) to: A. G. Crisp, Chairman, Hollowell & Teeton Parish Council, 15, Spring Close, Hollowell, Northampton. NN6 8RY or email: andycrisp@btinternet.com
HOLLOWELL VILLAGE NEWS

HOLLOWELL AND TEETON VILLAGE HALL
TOTE WINNERS

APRIL 2010: John Richardson, Chrystal Baker-Bates, Joan Tice, E M Wooldridge.

MAY 2010: Francis D@Eclermont, Provan & Les Flanagan, Mrs A W allace, Mrs Wells, Tony Robbins

JUNE 2010: Pauline Partington, S Fountain, Roger Partington, Mrs Carnell

JULY 2010: Sally Collins, Claire Morrell, Pauline Pariss, Stephanie Robins

Note from Hollowell and Teeton Parish Council on Affordable Housing.
Following a meeting with Midlands Rural Housing the council is now awaiting the results of a survey of parish residents. These results will determine if there is a requirement to continue with the process of investigating the provision of affordable housing.
For further details please contact the clerk, Brian Thorpe:
[b-thorpe@sky.com]

Hollowell Steam 2010 had wonderful weather, packed crowds and a fully laden table in the tea tent.

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A major part of the restoration concerned the re-leathering of the bellows to provide sufficient air pressure for the proper performance of the organ. Metal parts were cleaned or renewed as necessary. Many churches possess articles of much value and historic interest. Our church is no exception. One of these items, often taken for granted, is our Organ. This was built in 1897 by a leading and well respected Victorian organ builder – J.W. Walker - who built many organs, large and small, for churches in this country and abroad. They were well designed and constructed using first class materials.

Our organ, now regarded by many as a fine example of a small church instrument, is well suited to the size of the church and its musical requirements. However, though it had been looked after, the time had come when a major reconstruction became necessary. The action had become sluggish, some pipes did not function well or not at all, parts had broken, the blower was not working efficiently, so starving the organ of sufficient wind, air was escaping from numerous parts of the instrument and its whole performance had become sub-standard. Damp had got in and affected glued parts and distorted some wooden parts, metal parts had rusted and some had broken and bats had left their mark in discolouring the pipes. The organ had reached the stage whereby it needed to be stripped down and every part examined, cleaned, repair or renewed as necessary.

After much investigation, we asked Peter Collins Ltd. of Melton Mowbray to undertake the task. We had first to raise the funds and many people generously donated personally, village groups arranged activities, the proceeds of which went to the organ funds, and I wrote to many charitable trusts and received a number of grants. We eventually met our target. The organ was completely taken down, transported to the organ builder’s works and, some four months later, returned in June, fully restored.

The woodwork was treated for woodworm. The electrical wiring was old, very much sub-standard and has been renewed. The mechanism was taken apart, fully refurbished and regulated to give good reliable performance and every pipe, all 760 of them, was individually examined, cleaned, dents knocked out and re-voiced to produce the much open sound we now hear. These pipes now respond as they should do, so making the organ sound much brighter and produce much more variety of sound than we had before.

And so we now have an organ which is valued as an historic instrument. But it is also ready to meet the musical demands of the church. It produces plenty of sound for congregational singing, it can play very quietly to accompany the choir or soloists and can play music by the great composers such as J.S. Bach and others. What is so important is that besides being of historic interest, it is a practical instrument meant to be played, to accompany singing, and to be listened to. It is to be enjoyed and not to be an exhibit hidden behind a glass screen in a museum. Look after it and it will give many more years of loyal service to the church.

David Wells.

The annual "Round the Churches Ride and Stride" event will take place this year on Saturday 11th September.

This is a great opportunity to cycle or walk to local churches and enjoy the countryside whilst raising some funds for the preservation of these lovely buildings, supported by the Northampton Historic Churches Trust. If you would like more information about the event, and the option of joining a group cycle ride around the churches, please contact Mike Fulcher, Guilsborough Coordinator, tel 743154, email mike@thefulchers.co.uk

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Editorial team change
After over five years of diligent service and word-wrangling, Kathryn Purchase has stepped down from the Village Link editorial team. We’d all like to thank her very much for her contribution on your behalf.

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