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Local news from Cold Ashby, Cottesbrooke, Creaton, Guilsborough, Hollowell, Teeton & Thornby

BRAVING THE QUEUE' TO PAY OUR RESPECTS

"I went on Wednesday

evening and joined the queue at 2100 hours. Everybody was in good spirits, but there was an emotional vibe in the air. My worst time queuing was **the 'ups and downs', Alton** Towers style which just went on forever. The room the Queen was laying in was amazing, TV does not do it justice at all—from deep pile carpets to the

woodwork on the ceiling. Slowly walked up, bowed my head, said my piece and left. I was in the room for maybe 4-5 minutes and walked out just before 0600. I would do it again in a heart beat." Damian Smith, Cold Ashby.

"We met some marvellous people in the queue and made some lovely

friends. Very moving to be there and so glad I did it. Hit the queue at 11:15am

and got to pay my respects at 8pm, thanks to Shar and Natasha asking the marshals to allow me and Susan to go via the accessibility route when we hit Parliament Square as the arthritis had finally taken its toll. The rest of the group had another 3hr wait! I'm so glad I put aside my fears of not being able to manage the day on my feet and got to pay my respects. Fantastic and emotional day for so many reasons." Sue Brodie, Guilsborough.

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COTTESBROOKE PRODUCE

SHOW WINNER







"I joined 'The Queue' at 11pm and after an 11 hour wait I was able to spend a quiet moment reflecting on her long reign and paid my heartfelt respects. People were in good spirits in the line and I didn't hear a single complaint from anyone. There was a real hush as we walked along the Thames throughout

the night, at one point standing still for two hours at Tower Bridge whilst rehearsals took place. I could not contain my emotion when I finally saw her lying in state and the tears flowed. God rest **your soul Ma'am'' Emma Smith,** Guilsborough (pictured in the bright pink scarf).

"It took our breath away. The atmosphere was truly overwhelming. Silent, peaceful and so emotional. With tears in our eyes we slowly passed by the coffin, bowed and at the far end of the Hall, turned to take one last look before leaving the Hall and stepping into the bright sunshine outside." Sarah Mourant, Hollowell (full story on page 15).

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...Heating Our Homes



For many, heating our homes has been a continual concern but only comparatively recently have we seriously begun to think about the burning of fossil fuels to keep our houses warm, and only very recently have we been pushed harder by the incredible price rises of the past few months.

Whilst national and world-wide economics may steer the prices of fuel, the humble householder has to consider the rising prices, the phasing out of gas boilers, the reduction in availability of fossil fuels in general, and for the many in the Village Link area, a shift from oil to - what?

I am fortunate enough to live in a village that has mains gas and so have gas central heating, a gas hob and a gas fire for really cold days. Now we would like to remove gas from the house. The boiler is 14 years old, and still doing good service but sometime in the future it will reach the end of its working life. So what are our options?

15 years ago we had some major work carried out and as part of that we wanted to have solar panels on the roof. Great idea, until the civil engineer had a look round inside the roof space and said that, though it was perfectly safe, it wouldn't support anything on it. (Apparently the roof skeleton is held in tension rather than just support, because only three of the four corners of the roof are supported by pillars!)

14 years later we decided to look into air source heat pumps and arranged for someone to come and talk us through it. We eventually found an outside space where the unit would not be blocking any access and the sound would provide minimum annoyance to neighbours. That proved to be the easy part. The system can be used to provide heat for water that could be **pumped round the heating system. However, it would need a water tank. We don't have one.** The pump system would fit where the current boiler sits, but would be so far away from the convenient site of the external unit that there might be problems. Oh, and the micro-bore central heating pipes we had installed 15 years ago, carefully chased into the walls in every room? Well they would have to be replaced with larger bore tubing. And the radiators would need changing.

So, surprised though you may be, we decided against that option but will change the gas hob for an electric one. As for the heating, there are various options, but a lot of people now say, wait and see how the technology develops: electric boilers are coming on leaps and bounds; hydrogen boilers are still in the trial and development stage.

I've not mentioned money yet. To 'retro-fit' a heat pump system as described above, in our late 1940s, not very large 3-**bedroom detached house would cost in excess of £20k, taking into** account the government subsidy. Northampton Partnership Homes have been carrying out a project to retro-fit some of the local authority homes, providing suitable insulation, heat pumps and other energy-saving devices. The projected cost to take this on across all the authority **housing is approximately £30k per home.**

For many, like us, that live in rural areas, costs could be even higher, and options fewer. Like us, you may want to reduce your carbon footprint, including reducing your fossil fuel usage to as little as possible, but it isn't easy and there are lots of hard decisions to be made. Until then, for us at least, it's an extra jumper and a hot water bottle.

Richard Hollingum

(Climate Change Vectors by Vecteezy: https://www.vecteezy.com/free-vector/climate-change)

From Alexina Cassidy, Cottesbrooke: I have big dreams about linking local communities together with a renewable energy supply. I am sure people locally have thought about this already, so rather than re-inventing the wheel, I am keen to find out if anyone else has made a start? Take a look at these inspiring examples: Ashton Hayes: https://tinyurl.com/2ht3vp2j Designing & Planning: https://tinyurl.com/yc2ky2rk Please get in touch if you are interested! email alexina@presidioconsulting.co.uk or visit our local Climate Action page: <u>ca-wn.org</u>

COLD ASHBY NEWS

OPEN GARDENS THANK YOU!

The weekend of 23/24th July saw the village welcome over 350 visitors for our annual Open Gardens weekend in aid of St Denys Church. The weather was kind and our host of attractions, including the Northampton Rock Choir, as well as the open gardens ensured our guests had a very pleasant **afternoon wandering around the village. Over £5000 was** made and the church PCC would like to thank everyone who helped during the weekend to make it such a huge success.

COLD ASHBY BLACK HORSE COMMUNITY GROUP RESPONSE TO BLACK HORSE PUBLIC HOUSE ADVERT

The Cold Ashby 'Save the Black Horse' Community group

was formed in 2020 to help preserve the future of The Black Horse public house and obtain an Asset of Community Value (ACV) to help protect it. The ACV was granted by Daventry Council in 2021 and the community group has now 112 signatures from people who support the ACV and want to see the pub reopen again. The community group were baffled and dismayed by the advertisement feature about the Black Horse Public House posted by AEP UK Ltd in the previous issue. They would like to report that they dispute the results, analysis, and conclusions of the AEP UK Ltd survey as the methodology and analysis are seriously flawed and unverified. The residents of Cold Ashby are interested in the future of The Black Horse Public House and want to see it open again as their Village Pub.

CHARITY SKITTLES NIGHT IN MEMORY OF PHIL AND BOB

Over seventy people joined us on 20th August at our charity skittles night in memory of Phil Bott and Bob Gammage, two former Cold Ashby residents who passed away this year.

Four teams of ten players battled it out in closely fought matches and The Hearts team were finally crowned champions and were presented with "The Phil and Bob Memorial Cup." A great evening was had by all and £700 was raised for Bob and Phil's charities of Alzheimer's Research and Prostate Cancer. Thank you to everyone who supported the event.



VILLAGE WEDDINGS

This summer saw two of our resident couples get married and we would like to extend our congratulations to Zoe and Tom who got married at St Denys church in July and to Debbie and James who got married at The Guildhall in August. On behalf of the whole village, we wish them a happy and healthy future together.

Date	Event	Venue	Time	Price		
Sunday 2nd October	Harvest Festival Service	The Church	5.00pm	Come and sing some well known hymns		
Monday 3rd October	Harvest supper	The Golf Club	6.30pm for 7pm	Food & social to celebrate the Harvest £12.50		
Sat 8 th October	Social evening	Village Hall	7:30pm -12am	Free		
Sat 22nd October	VH 100 years birthday party	Village Hall	7:30pm -12am	£2.50 including light supper		
Tue 25th October	Wine, Cheese and Film (TBA)	Pavilion	7.30pm	£5 for wine and cheese supper, with film		
Sat 29 th October	Children's Halloween party	Village Hall	5-7pm	Free		
Sat 29 th October	Social evening	Village Hall	7.30pm -12am	Free		
Fri 4th November	Cold Ashby Fireworks	Sports Field	Gates open 6.00pm Fireworks from 7.15pm	£5.00 entry (£1.00 for children). Food, & drinks.		
Sat 12th November	Craft Fair	Village Hall and The Old Forge opposite	11.00am - 3.00pm	In aid of St Denys church. £1 entry, tea, coffee & raffle		
Sat 12th November	Social evening	Village Hall	7.30pm - 12am	Free		
Fri 18th November	Social Evening	Pavilion	7.30pm -12am	Come for a drink, a chat or a game of pool		
Tue 22nd November	Wine, Cheese and Film (TBA)	Pavilion	7.00pm -11.00pm	£5 for wine and cheese supper, with film		
Sat 26 th November	Play your cards right games evening	Village Hall	7.30pm £2.50 including light su			

St Denys Church Cold Ashby



You are all warmly welcome to join us in our annual Harvest Festival which will take place at 5pm on Sunday October 2nd.

Our traditional Harvest Supper and auction will take place on Monday October 3rd at Cold Ashby Golf Club.

A delicious two course meal will be served at 7pm sharp and the bar will be serving drinks from 6.30pm.

Tickets cost £12.50 and are available from Debbie Sampson 07794179443

Christmas

Craft and

Gift fair



Saturday 12th November Cold Ashby Village Hall and The Old Forge (opposite Village Hall)

11am-3pm

£1 admission includes tea/ coffee

A variety of stalls and a raffle In aid of St Denys church

COTTESBROOKE NEWS

Cottesbrooke Annual Produce Show

Cottesbrooke's Bounty was on show at the Annual Produce Show.

From Victoria Sponge Cakes to Vegetables, Artwork to Flower Arranging, all was on display in the Village Hall this year. Many thanks to everyone who submitted entries and to all those who came to view and enjoy a cuppa with us.

Congratulations to Peter Messinger for winning Best in Show for his trug of gorgeous home-grown vegetables. His winning entry is featured on the front page of Village Link.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

2 October, 5pm

Harvest Service @ the Church followed by Harvest Supper, 6pm at the Village Hall. Tickets available from Emily Harris. 07900 214706 15 October, 10-12 Community Coffee Morning & Old Photographs @ the

Village Hall. Enjoy a cuppa and peruse photos of our village from yesteryear.

19 November, 10-12

Community Coffee Morning featuring Local Artists @ the Village Hall. Coffee, cake and art created right here in Cottesbrooke - what could be better?

20 November, 12-5

*** Christmas Fair @ the Village Hall ***

Questions?

Contact Meg Routhorn on 01604 505103 or email Meg at megrouthorn@vahoo.co.uk



Wendy Coleman: International Aestheticiennes, C.I.B.T.A.C., B.I.A.E, VTCT Level 4 Qualified

CREATON NEWS

Creaton Playing Field Association

The fine weather managed to hold out for the school holidays enabling the field to be used for a variety of recreational games and pursuits which was great to see. Unfortunately some dog owners continue to exercise their dogs on the field. This is strictly prohibited and we are in discussion with the Council dog warden and this may lead to a prosecution. This is not our preferred solution as we would ask dog owners to be responsible and respect the mandate under which the playing field exists.



The shelter repair is well underway as I write and will be available to protect from the hoped for autumn rains although a bit late for the summer sun. A further consignment of bark chippings was delivered bringing the total spent on chippings in **2022 to £2,200. These were gleefully spread by our cheerful** volunteers, pictured above.

Two very keen members of our team braved the inclines of the ditch along the Brixworth Road, as well as its stinging nettles, to remove the Himalayan Balsam which had made its home there. This is a particularly invasive non-native species which, whilst looking very attractive, eventually out-competes all native vegetation. Our thanks go to them.

STOP PRESS: Our annual quiz will be held on Saturday 19th November in Creaton Village Hall. Tickets will be available towards the end of October. Please look to support this event either by attending or donating raffle prizes as we do need to replace our funds following a very expensive year. Thank you for your support.

Mark Woollven Treasurer PLEASE REMEMBER THAT DOGS MUST BE ON A LEAD AT ALL TIMES WHEN ON THE FIELD

Creaton Walkers

The harvest is safely gathered in and the rain on the hard, dry ground is starting to make an impact. As Summer turns to Autumn so the walkers notice the change in scenery, and temperature! The August walk was on one of the hottest days of the year, so the ice creams at Ravensthorpe reservoir and refreshments at Coton Manor were particularly welcome! September always coincides with the Historic Churches Ride and Stride which the Creaton Walking Group are always very happy to support. It is a great opportunity to visit some of the beautiful churches in our county and to sample their biscuits! It is amazing how generous some of the locals are, notably this year with home grown fruit! Joking aside, the walkers were happy to raise funds for St Michael and All Angels and the URC, both in Creaton.

If you enjoy walking, come along to Creaton lychgate at 10am on the second Saturday of the month for an 8-mile walk followed by an optional pub lunch. Well-behaved dogs welcome.

Next walks are on:

Saturday 8th October Saturday 12th November Saturday 10th December

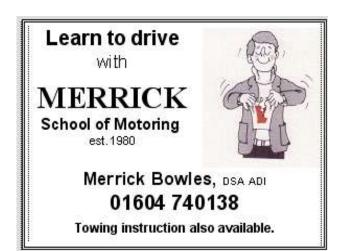
Creaton Singers

By the time you read this the Creaton Singers will have performed their concert in the URC with a wide range of their favourite songs. If you did come, thank you very much for supporting us and the URC. We hope you had a wonderful evening.

So, now Christmas beckons! Hard to imagine that soon 2022 will be drawing to a close. We are putting together a collection of carols we have not sung before and some old favourites, and are practicing hard!

If you would like to join our friendly group we meet on Tuesdays from 7.30pm to 9pm in Creaton URC.

The Creaton Singers will, as usual, be singing on The Green on Tuesday 20th December at 7pm, followed by a concert in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. Save the date!



CREATON NEWS

Creaton WI

Please do join us on the second Wednesday of the month in Creaton United Reformed Church at 7.30 p.m.

The last two meetings of 2022 see us exploring local history:

Wednesday November 9th: Alex Wood on Northampton's First Police Force 1836 – 1848;

Wednesday December 14th: Ruth Thomas will be getting us in the festive spirit with a talk on Christmas Past in Northampton.

For more information contact President, Daphne Clark, on 01604 505546, or email <u>wicreaton@gmail.com.</u>

Friends of St Michael's History Group

The Friends are back in business after a difficult year, with a varied and interesting programme of history talks. We meet on the third Thursday of every month at 7.30 pm in St Michaels and All Angels church. We are not a church or religious group, we just love history. You can either take out **annual membership for £21.50 or come as a guest for £5. After** the talks there are complimentary refreshments. We hope to see you there.

Thursday 20th October: Chris Rowe: The adventures of Rupert of the Rhine.

Thursday 17th November: Steve Dimmer: The Titanic.



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Creaton URC

You are warmly welcome to join us for our Sunday Worship and Junior Church.

Sunday 2nd 11am	October	Lindsey Cole
9th 11am	Worship & Holy Communion	John Heard
16th 11am		Rev Geoff Townsend
23rd 11am		Margaret Hooper
30th 11am	Group Joint Service at Creaton URC	The Moderator
	November	
6th 11am	Worship & Holy Communion	Rev Geoff Townsend
13th 10:50am	Remembrance Sunday	Jon Heard
20th 11am		Rev Geoff Townsend
27th 11am		Vaughan Griffiths

Poppies coffee shop is open Wednesdays and Fridays, from 10am to12noon . You will be very welcome.

St Michael's

An update on progress to improve facilities in St Michael and All Angels Church:

Creaton PCC have now been granted a Faculty (Permission) from Peterborough Diocese to proceed with the plan to install a toilet, move and improve the servery area, remove 6 pews to create a larger area for socialising with moveable chairs to use when needed, and to screen the tower arch.

The public meeting held in the village hall on 23rd June was well attended with lots of discussion and full hearted support for the plans. Since then we have applied to 9 organizations

for grants and so far 2 have replied, pledging £15,000; we should hear from the rest by end of November. However, costs continue to rise because of inflation.

If we receive sufficient grant funding we will seek to start the work in the spring.

The PCC is struggling with the impact of energy price increases, in particular gas, which makes the church prohibitively expensive to heat. We are therefore seeking the necessary authority to upgrade the electricity supply and install radiant heaters this winter. This will give more instant heat and make the church more comfortable for both the congregation and visitors to social events.

Hopefully we will have more good news next time!



CREATON NEWS

Over the Counter

It is hard to believe but Creaton Village Shop celebrated its 4th anniversary on 24th August. In some ways it has flown by, in others, it feels like the shop has always been there. It is a great village asset and a great testimonial to the people of the area who supported the project from the start.

Radio Northampton visited the shop for almost 3 hours to join in the birthday celebrations, and the coverage was excellent. The management are very grateful to those customers, suppliers, staff and volunteers who were willing to go on air and talk so positively about the shop.

On the business front, the shop is growing very slowly, post COVID, and needs your support to continue this trend. As you will be aware, prices on most things continue to rise but the shop endeavours to keep them as low as it possibly can.

Perhaps you are now considering the high price of petrol when planning your shopping trip? Did you know that it can cost \pounds 3 in petrol for a return trip to Kingsthorpe, \pounds 1.40 to Brixworth and \pounds 5.50 to Market Harborough? And that is without considering all the other running costs.

You could save this by shopping locally. You can do all your weekly shop in Creaton. You can order what you need and have it ready in usually a couple of days. You can also have it delivered or you can phone for a collection, to save you time.

Creaton Village shop supports local suppliers and the Local Supplier of the Month is Your Cool ice cream. Your Cool try to use local ingredients as much as possible. The milk is from Milk Mad in Bozeat, the eggs are from Abbey Farm in Wollaston and the elderflower sorbet is made using cordial from Manor Farm Drinks in Hannington. There are a wide range of amazing flavours that need to be tried to be believed!



The customers and staff are very sorry that Bev French is leaving after over 3 years behind the Post Office counter. Her dedication, determination, commitment and passion for the Post Office, shop and our customers will be greatly missed let alone her ability to fold bags of all sizes for effective storage! On the up side, the shop is

delighted to welcome Adam Perrins May as Trainee Manager. Adam started his retail life as a volunteer in the shop when it first opened, and now the shop is supporting Adam with his degree course at the University of Northampton and looks forward to benefitting from his training and assignments.

Finally, the shop is always looking out for volunteers. If you can spare a couple of hours once a week or so, and they do not have to be fixed or committed regular times, please do get in touch.

> Creaton Village Shop is your shop. We support as many local suppliers as possible. Please support us in return.

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Creaton Parish Council Contact Details:

Parish Clerk: You can contact our Parish Clerk for Creaton The Parish Council still has vacancies for parish councillors. For Parish Council, Katrina Jones on creatonpc@gmail.com.

Agendas and minutes of meetings are available on the village at creatonpc@gmail.com. website www.creaton.org.uk



Parish Council Meeting dates 2022:

Meetings will continue to be held bi-monthly on the second Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm at Creaton Village Hall. The meeting which was due to be held on 13th September was postponed due to national mourning. The next meeting will be on 8th November.

Planning Applications:

Please look on the Daventry section of the West Northants Council website for full details of all Planning Applications.: https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/ view-and-comment-planning-application

New Website

The Parish Council has a new website full of useful information and lovely photographs of Creaton. The website still serves as both a village and Parish Council website and the website address remains the same, which is: www.creaton.org.uk

Cost of Living Advice

If you or any one you know is struggling with the cost of living you can contact Citizens Advice.

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- To submit an email enquiry contact: enquiries@cadd.uk Or visit their website at:

CitizensAdviceDaventryandDistrict.co.uk

Church Wall

Work on the church wall has been completed and the Parish Council has been pleased to receive lots of positive feedback about the wonderful job the contractors have done restoring it.

In Memory of HM The Queen

The Parish Council are deeply saddened by the loss of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The Queen gave a lifetime of service and was an inspiration to us all. The example she has set will leave a lasting legacy. We are grateful for the Creaton community that embodies much of what we admired in Her Majesty, with so many residents who regularly devote their time to helping those around them.

Councillor Vacancies

more information about the role please contact the Parish Clerk





providing access to surplus groceries (store cupboard items, fruit, vegetable and bread) at heavily discounted rates. Once joined, members can shop at the larder once a week and choose their items. Those unable to attend due to being immobile or isolating can arrange for a bag delivery.

> Weekly pop-up shop 4:30pm to 5:15pm (see note below) Brixworth Village Hall, Holcot Road, Brixworth

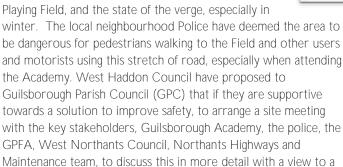
We are expecting the first Wednesday of every month to be the later slot of 5.15pm - 6.00pm in order to accommodate other regular village hall bookings.

For further details, search for Brixworth Community Larder on Facebook

GUILSBOROUGH NEWS

General News

The GPFA have contacted West Haddon Council about their safety concerns arising from the parking of cars on the verge between the Academy and the Guilsborough Plaving Field and the state of the verge especially in



It is again clear from CCTV images that some dog walkers at the Field are not walking their dogs on leads and around the field perimeter, but over the playing surfaces. The GPFA will be publishing pictures of those who are not responding to the signs at both entrances to the Field.

possible solution. The GPFA welcomes this initiative.



village sport & recreation

Football

Two new goalposts have been bought and erected by the GPFA for the Under 11 team that are to play at Guilsborough this season, following a



grant from the Winick Wind Farm Trust organised by the Northants Community Foundation. Two new football pitches are to be marked-out by R&G Grounds of Creaton using their satellite navigation equipment, for the Under 16s and Under 11s.

The first year of the Football Foundation grant to improve the football playing surfaces is to commence this autumn and will **involve £6,000 of the grant being spent on seeding, aeration,** fertilisation and weedkilling.

Two of the West Haddon teams are basing themselves at Guilsborough this season. Both teams will play all their home games at the venue.

Our U16s play on Sunday afternoons, 2pm kick off. Their fixtures are listed in full on the Village Link website and any residents wanting to come along and watch will be very much appreciated. Both teams play their football in the correct spirit with strong emphasis on behaviour and conduct.





Finalists; Lawrence Hill & Graham Metcalfe, and Chris Benbow & Steve Partington for the Guilsborough Plate presentation by Sarah Dalzell

The 18th Guilsborough Plate Tennis Tournament was held on Sunday 4th September. Six pairs played a total of 40 games against each other to decide the final, which was a hotly contested match between Graham Metcalfe & Lawrence Hill and Chris Benbow & Steve Partington. Graham & Lawrence won (below), with the match going to a tie-break to decide the winners.



If you're interested in joining Guilsborough Tennis Club, please contact Sarah on SarahDalzell57@gmail.com or call 07917 608238

GUILSBOROUGH NEWS



PRIMARY SCHOOL

We are very pleased to be back this Autumn term, energised and raring to go. It has certainly been a super start to our new academic year 2022-23. We welcomed our new intake of pupils in Reception, together

with those who have joined in our other year groups, and **they've all got so quickly back into school life after several** weeks away over the summer.

At the end of the last academic year we were visited by Ofsted and we are very proud to announce that we have achieved a solid 'GOOD' grading. The report is available to view on the Ofsted website www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ofsted, which I'm sure you'll agree is a testimony to our school and all of the hard work that goes on here by the staff and pupils. It was a proud ending to our school year, and the culmination of years of hard work and effort.

There are lots of exciting things coming up this autumn term **that we're looking forward to. Celebration events, a maths** rock star day, introducing our new Spanish curriculum, our Young Leaders Awards, along with various other trips and visits.

Please see our school website <u>www.guilsboroughprimary.co.uk</u> and Twitter profile @guilsboroughpri to find out about all of the exciting things we are doing at our school and for any important updates. Mrs K Shilliam Headteacher

What's On at the Village Hall

Monday MMM Coffee Morning, Bowls afternoon, Knitting evening. Tuesday Pilates morning, Art Class morning, Yoga evening Wednesday Pilates evening, Guides evening Thursday Nia evening For contact details and how to book see the website info@guilsboroughvh.uk, call 07342 382706 or see the notice board in the entrance way to the hall.



Monday Morning Meet

Guilsborough Village Hall 9 – 11am every Monday (excluding Bank Holidays) All welcome, baby – OAPs. Meet for a chat, knit, hot drink **& cake. Baby & toddler toys for youngsters. Only £2** per adult - includes refreshments. Children are free. For more information contact Janet 01604 740640



Barn dance delight!



The Guilsborough Playground Action Group (GPAG) fund raising Barn Dance was held on Saturday 10th September. The evening **was a great success, being both great fun and raising over £2400.** Our thanks to all those who attended (over 150), those who donated raffle prizes and those who volunteered on the night. A special thanks to Linsey of Stone Sidings Events who provided the venue, her organisational skills, and her staff at no cost. By the next issue we hope to be able to confirm the new equipment selected for Guilsborough Playground redevelopment. We would also wish to take the opportunity to thank the Guilsborough Parish Council for their generous donation to the fund.

If you wish to make a donation please contact gpag.funding@gmail.com or speak to our treasurer direct by contacting Vanessa Wells on 07766 922058



GMADS Quiz Night 25th November

GMADS (Guilsborough Music & Drama Society) presents a quiz night on Friday 25th November at 7.30pm in Guilsborough village hall.

Many of you will know Dave, the quiz master from the Witch & Sow, who always manages to set challenging yet fun questions with something for everyone.

Get together with a few friends to make a table of 6-8. **Ticket just £10 per person including a ploughman's supper.** Bar opens at 7pm, quiz starts at 7.30 p.m.

Booking essential, contact Eve on 07711 335771 <u>eve@weycotthomes.co.uk</u> or David 07801 700909 <u>david@nortoft.co.uk</u> or visit <u>www.gmads.co.uk</u> for more information.



GUILSBOROUGH NEWS

Former resident John Attwood celebrated his 100th Birthday on 21st July 2022

John lived in Guilsborough for just over fifty years. He moved ten years ago to Boughton to share a house with his family. His



John pictured watching the England v South Africa Test Match on 25th August

son Anthony and friend Esme have written this short piece to celebrate his centenary Birthday.

For a number of years, John was one of the church wardens at Guilsborough church and a member of the Lay Band set up by Canon William Gibbs to lead non-Eucharistic services in the churches of the Guilsborough group.

At 17, he joined the navy as a cadet in his father's footsteps, and served through the second World War, apart from a short period of illness. He was navigation officer through minefields on D-day and led the American invasion fleet and craft across the Channel to land on Utah and Omaha beaches. After several days on anti-aircraft duty, he was finally allowed some sleep only to be one of just three crew awake to bring the ship back into port. John worked as a commercial engineer in Rugby (in what was G.E.C) his work involving trips to the US and North Africa and then to the Clyde, fitting out a ship with electrics and switch gear.

Having lost his first wife, Rosamond, John married again, to Pam, who died about eleven years ago. He has four children, twelve grandchildren and sixteen of the latest generation. He is thrilled that a number of friends from Guilsborough and around came to a party in the garden and sends his greetings to everyone in the village.



CLARIFICATION: The Guilsborough Brownies' Oak sapling (issue 112, page 12) was planted in the small playing field **adjacent to the children's playground (not to be confused with** the Playing Field near the Academy).

New Bench in Guilsborough Playing Field

On Sunday 21st August, former members of Guilsborough Cricket Team from the 1970s and 1980s, along with family and friends, gathered at Guilsborough Playing Field to inaugurate a new bench in memory of Nigel Townsend. He was a keen member of the team and later joined Jim Pye as a groundsman. While teaching at Spratton Hall School, he coached the cricket



teams, and after retirement, joined the commentary team at the County Ground, where visually impaired people could 'plug in' to listen to his knowledgeable commentaries. It therefore seemed appropriate that, along with the Cricket Bat Willow Tree, planted in Nigel's memory by the G.P.F.A., there should be a bench, put there by his family for people to sit and enjoy the cricket matches. The ribbon was cut by his God Daughter, Jane Bumford, and a toast raised to his memory.

Please feel free to sit and relax on the bench and perhaps read Nigel's favourite quote:

'Cricket is not just a game, it is a religion'

Guilsborough Parish Council

The Parish Council were as frustrated with the lack of notice of the closing of Nortoft recently as we are sure many of our residents were. It was deemed an emergency repair by Anglian Water and as such they have the powers to do this. A complaint has been submitted regarding the reinstatement of the grassed area which has been upheld and will hopefully have been remedied by **the time you're reading this.**

We are currently waiting for Western power to clean up some graffiti from one of their substations and there is further graffiti in the playground on the youth shelter. Anti-social behaviour is distressing to some, a nuisance to others and if you see anything like this being carried out we encourage you to report it to the Police. They will only respond to a caller that has witnessed the crime being committed.

Now that the darker evenings are setting in, please do let us know of any street lamps that are not working by emailing <u>Guilsborough.pc@gmail.com</u> or phoning our clerk, Carol Holifield, on 01788 824425 giving either the light number or a precise location.

HOLLOWELL & TEETON NEWS

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR HELP WITH



YOUR ELECTRICITY BILLS?

The Miss Jane Letts Hollowell Charity is run independently by three parish councillors who are appointed as Trustees.

It was created in 1940 by a

bequest from the estate of James William Boothe Letts.

The bequest established an income to purchase coal or blankets for distribution amongst the "poor widows and other deserving poor" of the Parish of Hollowell & Teeton. In the mid 1990s, the terms of the Charity were altered so that it could also contribute towards household electricity bills.

To benefit you must be a resident of Hollowell or Teeton. Evidence that you are in receipt of a means-tested state benefit is helpful.

Please email the Jane Letts Trustees at janelettscharity@gmail.com or write, care of March Barn, Church Hill, Hollowell NN6 8RR.



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BASED IN CREATON

WEDDING CORNER

Congratulations to William Benjamin and Caroline Stocks who celebrated their marriage with a fantastic lunch party in Hollowell Village Hall in September.

The couple escaped London during Lockdown to take refuge in Hollowell at the home of William's parents. Viv and John Benjamin had conveniently been locked down in Australia whist visiting William's sister.

The village took Caroline to its heart and the pair were affectionately remembered during those trying times for thoroughly trashing the Benjamin family home and for

Caroline's homemade soap, which she gave to health workers. She even joined the village book club. We were all delighted to hear that Will and Caroline had become engaged, with the official ceremony taking place in Chelsea Register Office a couple of weeks before. The celebration in Hollowell was a truly joyous occasion and the village was delighted to toast the happy couple and to feast on the tiered Pork Pie wedding cake, made by Sally Odell of Creaton Cuisine, using Saul's pork pies.



HOLLOWELL BONFIRE SATURDAY 5TH NOVEMBER

Enjoy a spectacular night of fireworks, laser show and bonfire at Hollowell Rally Field for Bonfire Night on Saturday 5th November. Gates open at 5pm, followed by lighting of the **bonfire at 7pm and fireworks at 7.30pm. Entry is £2. There** will be a bar, fairground, and steam engines on display. Help needed

The bonfire team needs volunteers to help to build the fire and prepare the field. Please just turn up at the field from 8am on any of the four Saturday mornings before the event (from Saturday 8th October). Your assistance would be much appreciated. For further details contact Allen Eaton alleneaton@hotmail.co.uk or phone 01604 505422.

HOLLOWELL & TEETON NEWS



HOLLOWELL AND TEETON PARISH COUNCIL

STREET LIGHTING ELECTRICITY CHARGES

"The lamps are going out all over Europe, we shall not see them lit again in our life-time," British Foreign Secretary Sir Edward Grey remarked to a friend on the eve of the United Kingdom's entry into the First World War.

The Council will be reviewing the cost of providing street lighting across the Parish when the electricity charges are notified at the end of September 2022.

PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER (PSPO) -

RESPONSIBLE OWNERSHIP

OF DOGS AND PROHIBITION OF SMOKING IN CERTAIN PLACES

West Northamptonshire Council is in the process of approving a new PSPO which will apply to the Daventry area including H&T Parish. This replaces a previous order and promotes responsible ownership of dogs and prohibition of smoking in certain places.

The requirements and restrictions of the Draft Order are summarised as follows:

- Anyone who is in control of a dog in a public place must:
- Pick up after the dog immediately

- Have the appropriate means to pick up after that dog
- Prohibit dogs from entering the following: children's play areas; schools when open and in use by pupils; skateparks; tennis courts; multi-use games areas (MUGAs) and bowling greens
- Keep the dog on a lead when in: Cemeteries; burial sites; graveyards; memorial gardens; allotments; car parks; sports grounds, fields and pitches, when in use for authorised
 sporting activity; land near the café area at Daventry Country Park and near schools when open and in use by pupils
- Put the dog on a lead when requested to do so by an Authorised person
- Restrict the number of dogs that can be walked by one person to a maximum of 4 dogs at any one time

In addition

The smoking of tobacco, tobacco related products, smokeless tobacco products including electronic cigarettes, herbal cigarettes or any illegal substances is prohibited in the following areas: **children's play areas; schools when open and in use by pupils;** skateparks; tennis courts; multi-use games areas (MUGAs) and bowling greens.

If approved, the new PSPO will come into effect across the former Daventry and South Northants District administrative areas and remain in force for a period of three years until September 2025.

HOLLOWELL COUPLE CELEBRATES 60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Hearty congratulations also to a well-known and loved farming couple, George & Carolyn Leatherland, on their recent 60th Wedding Anniversary! They were married in Hollowell Church in July 1962. We are in awe of you both.





HOLLOWELL & TEETON NEWS

HOLLOWELL VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall management team has lots on offer this autumn to spice up your social life.

VILLAGE HALL EVENTS:

HARVEST

Saturday 15th October 7pm is the ever popular Harvest Supper with top spin. Tickets are £15 for a delicious hot meal. Please email or call Emily to book:

emilyinthegarden@gmail.com or Tel 740796. Book early to avoid disappointment - Card booking by phone is available.

HALLOWEEN

The village hall will be hosting a family Halloween party with pumpkins, party games and costumes. More details to follow on the village Facebook page and via Whatsapp and email.

STEAM AND WHISTLE PUB NIGHTS

Come and have a pint of Northamptonshire's finest and

a game of traditional skittles with friends and neighbours. Friday 11th November 7-11pm.

HOPEWELL COFFEE MORNINGS

Hopewell Coffee Mornings continue to take place on the fourth Friday of each month in Hollowell Village Hall. Why not join us for a cuppa, a piece of delicious homemade cake and a catch-up with friends. 10am to 12 noon. Friday 28th October & 25th November.

HOLLOWELL LOTTO

The winners of the Village Hall Lotto for July/Aug are: Charles Kitchen Vince Douglas Elaine Litchfield Hector Morris John Benjamin Graham Leah Jackie Kitchen Paul Hampton

VISITING THE QUEEN'S LYING-IN-STATE

Yes, let's go, we decided, and a short time later Benjamin and I were on the train heading towards Bermondsey. It should be a bit quieter now, we thought, surely only crazy people would queue through the night – how wrong we were!

We arrived at the end of The Queue in Southwark Park at 11.20pm on Thursday night and the place was buzzing. We were ready for our 12 hour pilgrimage. We zig-zagged across the park, strolled through narrow streets and walked by the river giving us views of Tower Bridge lit up in



purple and white and The Shard tipped in purple.

Morale was high and we made some lovely friends. A low point came at 3am when we started to slow - stop start STOP. We waited there for 2 long hours due to a bottle neck and the Hall being closed for cleaning.

We were cold and frustrated but then gradually we started to move and as the sun rose, there across the water bathed in the morning sun was the Palace of Westminster – our destination.

Across Lambeth Bridge we went and down into Victoria Tower Gardens. We were now just a few hundred yards away but knew that 2 hours more zig-zagging lay ahead of us. Then through the airport-style security we went and at last, we walked up the steps, turned, and there it was, the magnificent Westminster Hall.

It took our breath away. The atmosphere was truly overwhelming. Silent, peaceful and so emotional. With tears in our eyes we slowly passed by the coffin, bowed and at the far end of the Hall, turned to take one last look before leaving the Hall and stepping into the bright sunshine outside.

Was it worth the long wait? Of course it was, it was wonderful to be part of such an historical event.

Sarah Mourant



THORNBY NEWS



Hi, my name is Carla and I live on Crabtree Lane, in Cold Ashby. You can view my Yoga Alliance Professionals profile here https:// directory.yogaallianceprofessionals.org/ england/yoga-teacher/carla-cooper

I teach mixed level Hatha yoga in Cold

Ashby Village Hall on a Monday evening, 7pm – 8pm, and in Thornby Village Hall on Tuesday evening, 7pm – 8pm. I will be starting a 6-week course for absolute beginners on Thursday October 13th. This is bookable through Northamptonshire Adult Learning –

https://courses.northantsglobal.net/

YOGA FAQ's

What is yoga? there are so many definitions of yoga and one that I like is: "Yoga is all about oneness, experience of oneness, feeling of harmony."

How does yoga differ from other forms of exercise? Yoga is a holistic mind and body experience, not just exercise. It originated in India over 5000 years ago and to honour the roots of yoga a special language (called Sanskrit) is used throughout a yoga class, and traditional breathing practices (pranayama) are done, and hand gestures (mudras) are used along with many other aspects that are specific to the historic teachings of yoga.

What are the benefits of yoga? Yogaabliss.co.uk gives 10 benefits of yoga, and I agree with all of them,

1) Increases flexibility, 2) builds strength, 3) improves posture, 4) keeps joints healthy, 5) is a powerful mindfulness practice, 6) reduces stress, 7) lowers blood pressure, 8) helps you make healthier life choices, 9) improves breathing, and 10) encourages **the body's natural healing process. See my small lineage advert** on the back page for contact details.



Many thanks to all involved in getting the Jubilee bench in position. Rest in peace Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II - God Bless.

Themed art and printmaking activities with tuition. A community activity at Thornby Village Hall.

Come and paint in watercolour or create a hand-made print

- Everyone welcome (Age 12+). Beginners and improvers.
- Meet on the last Saturday of each month 10 am to 4 pm.
- 15 places available. Book early to ensure your place.
- £15 per person per day to cover the hire of the hall, refreshment and some basic materials. (Bring your own lunch)
- Last Saturday in October (29th Oct 2022) **Produce a fabulous print by hand** Create one or more finished prints or Christmas cards. It's easy
- Last Saturday in November (26th Nov 2022) Themed activity Make a fabulous backlit Christmas window An impressive stain-glass window effect. We show you how. All materials provided (Fee for this session is £20)

For information or to reserve one or more days. Email: thornbyart@gmail.com

With Christmas approaching, please consider supporting Thornby Village Hall while doing your online shopping! Visit www.smile.amazon.co.uk

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MESSAGE FROM REVEREND CAROLINE BURNETT, THE UPLANDS GROUP OF CHURCHES

CHURCH NEWS

Summer has now flowed into Autumn with all its mellow beauty. For those of us whose thoughts come in pictures or colours, I wonder what colours you might have in mind to depict the seasons? For me Autumn is golden brown, winter is white, spring is vivid green and summer is sky blue.

The Church often uses different colours to mark its own seasons so in buildings and at services you might see purple, white, gold, red or green at different times of the year to mark seasons of penitence, celebration, remembering and growth. Some churches slip in a bit of pink and black occasionally too.

If there was a Church season of gratitude what colour would you **give it? Whilst we don't actually give any of our seasons that** name, the weeks from the very end of September to the beginning of November are weeks when we celebrate with gratitude.

Being grateful and looking for things to be grateful for is a way of going about life in a positive way. Holding gratitude in our hearts can be a helpful antidote to the anxiety and even the angst we might feel for any number of reasons. Those of us who watch **BBC's The One Show will know how heart-warming their 'One Big Thank You' feature is, where individuals from local** communities are shown gratitude for their kindness and acts of service.

At our Harvest Thanksgiving services we express our gratitude to God for all that God provides for us: the food that springs up from the earth; the farmers who dedicate their lives to bringing that food from the land to our kitchens; and all the people

involved in ensuring that there's food

for us to buy and enjoy. This nourishment for our bodies is truly a gift to be grateful for. As the weeks of Autumn move on we

come to occasions where we give

thanks for the people who've touched



our lives and communities. We have a church service where we **remember those who've been close to us and have died.** As well as bringing our grief to that service we bring our gratitude that we shared life and love with those people. And then at the beginning of November, on Remembrance Sunday, we remember and give thanks for those we barely knew, if at all, who gave their lives in conflicts so that we could enjoy the freedoms that we have today.

Since the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II we add another layer of gratitude to this season: gratitude for all that she did in service to our country and to the wider world during her long and memorable reign.

Throughout this 'season of gratitude' our gratefulness needs to be unalloyed; we need to avoid adding 'yes, but' to our thanksgiving. By offering robust and undiluted thanks to God we can find ourselves drawn deeply into the love of God with all **God's generosity and compassion towards us, and we can have** some sense of the way God is grateful to us too, for being who we are as we were created to be. In other words, gratitude deepens our relationship with God. And from this relationship will flow acts of kindness and service to those around us in our families, communities and the wider world.

Celebrating Harvest - all welcome

Supporting Daventry Foodbank and Blytheswood Charity, Saturday 1st October Lunch in Guilsborough Village Hall. Drop in between 12 noon and 2pm for a filled roll and fruit pudding (no

tickets required) £5 pp £2 under 10's

Raffle in aid of Blytheswood. Themed craft activities for children. Sunday 2nd October—Harvest Service in St Etheldreda Church at 11am. Donations for the food bank can be brought into the village hall on Saturday or to church on Sunday.

Hollowell Harvest supper Saturday 15th Oct 7pm see p 15

Cold Ashby Harvest Service Sunday 2nd Oct 5pm and Supper Monday 3rd Oct 7pm—see p 5

Cottesbrooke Harvest Service Sunday 2nd October, 5pm

followed by Harvest Supper, 6pm at the Village Hall Creaton Communion for Harvest Sunday 2nd October, 9:30am



Shoe Boxes and Blankets 2022

A message from the MMM team. It's that time again and we need to start putting together Shoe Boxes & Blankets. We have been knitting & crocheting blankets throughout the year and have some lovely ones ready to keep

someone warm.

Please have your boxes ready for the end of October.

If you put together a shoe box, please drop at Janet's.

If you would like to donate items for the boxes we put together there will be a plastic crate with a lid at Janet's marked shoe boxes - for these items. There will also be boxes for donations at 3M's and in Guils-borough church.

Most needed are: toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, sponges, flannels, notepads, pens, pencils, crayons, erasers, pencil sharpeners, rulers, socks, underwear, hats, scarves, gloves & small toys.

If you have blankets or knitted squares for blankets - please contact Janet so we can collect and start putting the squares together as soon as possible. Donations towards transport costs are also needed.

Please put in an envelope through Janet's door - do not leave in the crate. Thank you in advance. Contact number: Janet Minney 01604 740640

CHURCH ROTA

Uplands Group of Parishes office (answerphone): 01604 743444

Email: uplandsgroup@btinternet.com

Thornby	Spratton	Ravensthorpe	Hollowell			Guilsborough	Creaton	Cottesbrooke	Cold Ashby		
3.00pm Harvest Thanksgiving	11.00 Harvest Worship for All	8.30 BCP Communion				11.00 Harvest Thanksgiving	9.30am BCP Communion for Harvest	5.00pm Harvest Thanksgiving	5.00pm Harvest Thanksgiving	Green	2 nd October 16 th after Trinity Proper 12
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	11.00am CW Communion	11.00am Worship for All	11.00 CW Communion			9.30am CW Communion			9.30am BCP Communion	Purple	27 th November Advent Sunday



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YOGA CLASSES

Hatha Yoga: For improved health & wellbeing, why not try Hatha yoga? Space available in classes at Cold Ashby Village Hall, Monday evening 7-8pm, & Thornby Village Hall, Tuesday evening 7 -8pm - contact Carla to enquire and book contact carlacooper@hotmail.co.uk 07446 665 366

Buckby Library & Hub, Long Buckby

As well as our normal library services, here are some exciting events and activities coming up.

Art for everyone: The new Art Club in the Hub will be holding drop-in sessions for beginners and improvers who would like to learn new styles and techniques: Tuesday afternoons, 2-4pm, during school term times. Never thought you were good at art? Try Art for Relaxation, where you can play with art materials in a relaxed way with guidance. Monthly drop-in sessions, 2-4pm on the second Saturday of the month during school **term times. The above art sessions are £5 a** session. For further information, message/call Bridget Arregger on 07512 019521.

Something for pre-school children, parents and carers: Stay and Play! Every Friday of term time 2.15 - 3pm, this is a free drop-in session for parents and carers with children under 5. An opportunity for young children to play with a variety of resources, and for parents and carers to get together with others to share experiences. Tea, coffee, squash and cake available.

Our winter film shows are returning. Please put these Tuesday evenings in your diaries: 4th October, 1st November and 6th December. Further details phone 01327 842591 or visit our website https:// buckbylibraryhub.org,uk

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"We arrived in London at 7:20am on

Wednesday 14th September in order to watch the procession, to experience the atmosphere and pay our respects to Queen Elizabeth II as she made the journey from Buckingham Palace to Westminster Hall. First stop was Green Park to lay our own personal tribute - one bouquet in a sea of flowers, the atmosphere heady with scent. Despite the crowds, the mood was sombre and respectful. Having walked the length of The Mall and into Horseguards Parade, we felt The Mall was the place to be. We found our spot and waited the 5 hours. The crowds continued to build but spirits were high, strangers were chatting, anticipation was mounting and there was constant activity in The Mall as London prepared. As the procession passed a respectful hush descended, a ripple of quiet applause, the call of God Save the King. A parade like we'd

Save the King. A parade like we'd never seen full of ceremony, heritage and the hypnotic drum of the Beethoven funeral march. We cannot recall another event when so many people stood so quietly, each with their own memories and desire to pay their final respects in their own personal way. Memorable and breathtaking. **Rest in peace Ma'am.**"

Anthony and Louise Fry, Guilsborough.



VILLAGE LINK CHRISTMAS THEMED PICTURE / POEM COMPETITION

Pictures can be photos or mixed media, must be full colour Poems: original, unpublished work, maximum 20 lines

The competition will be judged by the Village Link editorial team and winning entries will feature in the December/January edition of Village Link. Prizes for winners in each category. Send entries by email to: editorial@villagelink.org.uk or deliver to: Mrs S Dalzell, Five Springs, Nortoft, Guilsborough. Closing date for all entries: 1st November 2022



NORTHAMPTONSHIRE CARERS Do you look after someone? Are you an unpaid carer? Saxon Spires & Long Buckby Carers Drop-In Tuesday 4 October & Tuesday 1 November 1:30-3pm Dobbies Garden Centre Café, Harlestone.

Carers and the Cared-for both welcome. Enquiries: 01933 677907, Option 1