



Jubilee, Gardens, Sailing, Reading & More

There's something going on for pretty much everyone over the next couple of months. Whether sports, fun days, gardening or quiet reflection, all ages are catered for.

As a rural community we rely on the good work of volunteers and subsidized services more than most. There is a useful reminder of the bus services available on page 14, and below a few words from your local library. Happy reading!

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JUNE JUBILEE EVENTS

- 2nd** Jubilee Beacon and Open Air Church Service, meet at Guilsborough
- 3rd** Jubilee Social Evening at Cold Ashby
- 4th** BBQ, Live music, toast to the Queen at the Witch and Sow, Guilsborough
- 4th** Platinum Jubilee Tea Party & 'Coronation' in Hollowell
- 5th** Jubilee Fete, Open Gardens & Open Farm Sunday at Creton
- 5th** Family Fun Day & Picnic - Cold Ashby
- 5th** Family Fun Day & Picnic Guilsborough
- 5th** Cottesbrooke Celebrations

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JUNE

- 8th Creton WI meets
- 11th Creton Walkers meet
- 23 & 24th Adult Learn to Sail, Hollowell
- 24th Hopewell Coffee Morning - Hollowell
- 25th Social and Skittles - Cold Ashby

JULY

- 2nd-3rd Hollowell Steam & Vintage Rally
- 9th Social Evening - Cold Ashby
- 9th Creton Walkers meet
- 10th Tennis Club Open Morning - Guilsborough
- 13th Creton WI
- 16th & 17th Adult Learn to Sail, Hollowell
- 22nd Hopewell Coffee Morning
- 23rd & 24th Open Gardens, & BBQ - Cold Ashby
- 25-29th July Junior & Youth Sailing & Windsurfing Week at Hollowell

AND REGULARLY ...

- Monday mornings, MMM, evenings Knitwits Guilsborough; Tuesday evenings, Creton Singers, Sailing Tasters at Hollowell SC (pre -booking essential); Thursday mornings Indoor bowls, Creton; 3rd Friday Hopewell Cafe Hollowell; Sunday am and Tuesday pm, Tennis Guilsborough



IT'S BACK!

Hollowell Steam and Vintage Rally will take place on the weekend of the **2nd & 3rd July** and we very much hope to see you all there. The event is back after a two year absence and promises to bring all the much-loved delights: magnificent steam engines, vintage tractors, cars and lorries, glorious food and drink, the ever-popular dog show, the fun fair, a small number of heavy horses and all sorts of traders and stalls. Sadly there will be no public camping or auction this year. Tickets are £10 for Adults, £5 for Children (under 5s free) and £9 for Seniors.



THANKS ANGELA, WE'LL MISS YOU

Angela Hubbard is stepping down from the Village Link team after 20 years at the helm of the advertising job and many years looking after our finances. She successfully secured grant funding for us, gathered donations from parish councils and encouraged local businesses to support this not-for-profit publication. We will miss her and pass on our heartfelt thanks for everything she has done - and with a smile! Sarah Dalzell has kindly agreed to take on the role, with other team members taking on what Sarah was doing. Our editorial team includes residents of Creton, Guilsborough and Cold Ashby. If any reader from Thornby, Cottesbrooke, Hollowell or Teeton has practical skills to offer and a few hours every two months to spare to represent their village, please do get in touch.

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Cottesbrooke resident and electric vehicle (EV) owner Alexina Cassidy got in touch to tell of her experience as part of our *Climate Change And...* series, so VL asked her to do a bit of research ...

EVs are cheaper to 'fuel', tax, service and insure. But are they the 'greener' option?

All over the world, governments are promoting electric vehicles (EVs) as the answer to reducing our dependence on oil and our carbon footprint and introducing legislation to force the issue.

In the UK, EVs accounted for almost one in six new cars sold in 2021. Plug-in cars are anticipated to account for more than a quarter of the market by the end 2022. But, are EVs as green as the hype portrays? What are the main issues surrounding whether or not to switch?

How do prices compare?

EVs have traditionally been more expensive than internal combustion engines (ICEs) but the gap is closing. The best value EVs cost around £25,000 to £30,000 new. However more than 90% of EV buyers do not buy the car outright but opt for a PCP (Personal Contract Purchase) with monthly costs varying between £200-£400 depending on a variety of factors.

What do I pay to charge my EV?

Charging at home overnight is the cheapest option, but that is not available to all. According to Zap-Map, who provide useful maps of charging points throughout the UK, there are 31,507 charging points across 19,707 charging locations in the UK. This is made up of high speed en-route chargers to on-street provision.

As for the cost of electricity, this varies widely depending on your location and energy provider but the default price for the East Midlands based on the April 2022 price cap is 26.3p/kwh (kilowatt hour). EV battery sizes vary from 30kwh to over 100kwh. From summarizing the latest research available, an EV will save you about 10p/mile on 'fuel', so depending on how much you drive annually you can work out how much going electric will save you.

Where does my electricity come from?

Over the past year 41.3% is generated from fossil fuels, 25% from renewable energy and 25.4% from 'other energy', namely nuclear and biomass. So, electricity generation needs to get much cleaner for EV emissions to be fully 'green'.

What are the environmental costs of production?

Batteries rely on raw materials that have been connected to environmental catastrophes and human rights concerns as well as being water intensive to manufacture. Positive steps are being made to mitigate all these issues, but there is some way to go.



How long will a battery last?

Current predictions are that EV batteries will last for approximately 100,000 miles, so depending on annual mileage 10-20 years. Battery range varies from over 300 miles to 55 miles but much depends on weather temperatures and type of journey.

What provision is there for EVs in Northamptonshire?

According to the latest DfT data (April 22), there are 107 public EV charging devices in West Northamptonshire, which equates to 26.3 devices per 100,000 people. This is compared to the UK average of 45.2 devices per 100,000 people. In February 2022, the two Northamptonshire Councils unveiled new on-street EV charging stations (82 charging sockets) thanks to a UK Innovate grant. The locations were chosen to benefit those who do not have access to a driveway. If successful, the Councils plan to introduce more.

Alexina Cassidy

Ed. One of the editorial team is also an EV driver, on their third electric car and very happy with the experience. There are occasional niggles linked to the availability of chargers (or operational chargers), but the situation is improving with every month that passes.

COLD ASHBY NEWS



COLD ASHBY OPEN GARDENS 23RD & 24TH JULY

At the time of going to press, we are still very much in the planning stage for our annual Open Gardens weekend in aid of St Denys Church. But we are planning a big event now that restrictions have come to an end. We are hoping that we will have 12 beautiful gardens for you to admire, enjoy and be inspired by. In addition to this, we will be serving cream teas at the Village Hall and offering a glass of Pimms for you to enjoy in a garden with a beautiful view. We will have a cake stall; a plant stall; a tombola; a bric a brac stall and a raffle with fabulous prizes. There will also be 3 or 4 vintage vehicles on display; bell ringing; maypole dancing; a concert by Northampton Rock choir and an exhibition of local and not so local photography by our resident photographer Fiona Gunn-Stokes.

All in all it's a weekend not to be missed. Entry is just £5 for adults and free for under 12's. Tickets will be available at The Village Hall. Car parking behind the Village Hall is free and we will be open from 2-6pm on both days. We very much look forward to welcoming you all to our lovely, friendly little village and hope that you will have a very enjoyable afternoon.

COLD ASHBY JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

To commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee the village has planned two events. The first event, on **Friday 3rd June**, is a **Platinum generation afternoon tea** for our residents and friends of the village that were born on or before the Queen's ascension to the throne in 1952. Our guests will be served a traditional afternoon tea, courtesy of the Village Hall committee, and can spend the afternoon reminiscing and catching up with current and previous residents and friends.

Our second event is on **Sunday 5th June** and is a **family fun day and picnic** at the Playing field. We are hoping to organise some traditional games and activities and look forward to commemorating and enjoying this historic event as a community.

As part of the Queen's Green Canopy and The Big Climate Fightback projects the Village Hall committee have been successful in their application for 30 free trees from The Woodland Trust. They will be planted, when they arrive in November, in the Playing Field and will be a lasting reminder in honour of the Queen's service and help us do our bit to combat the climate crisis.

COLD ASHBY VILLAGE HALL

Once again villagers in Cold Ashby have been attending events hosted by the Village Hall committee. There were two social evenings in March which included a Curry and Bingo night which was enjoyed by many. Special thanks go to Ruth Sleigh for cooking up delicious chicken and vegetarian curries and to Dave Harris for being our Bingo caller. April saw two further social evenings including St George's Day Fish and chip supper night which again was well supported by the community. Our social events for June and July are listed below and we would welcome visitors from other villagers to join us.

Friday 3rd June	Jubilee Social Evening	7-11.30pm	Free, Jubilee Raffle
Saturday 25th June	Social and Skittles tournament	7-11.30pm	Free
Saturday 9th July	Social Evening	7-11.30pm	Free
Saturday 23rd July & Sunday 24th July	Open gardens BBQ and social	7-11.30pm	£5 to include BBQ

The Village Hall committee have successfully secured some funding from The National Lottery and Cold Ashby Parish Council to make improvements to the facilities at The Village Hall. Our first big improvement project was to redevelop the outside space at the back of the hall so that it can be an additional space that can be used by the community when attending events. The improvements have been fantastic, and the committee would like to thank Douglas Stuart and his team – John Callaghan and Andrew Bott for working so hard to complete this project so quickly. Special thanks also go to the Matthews family, Danny and Clare Wright, Ian Lill, Karl Webber and Peter Moyes for their help with this project.



COTTESBROOKE NEWS

Platinum Jubilee



The Cottesbrooke Village Hall Committee alongside a group of enthusiastic volunteers are working to plan a fantastic event in celebration of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee on **Sunday, 5 June**.

Our celebrations will take place at the **Village**

Hall from 4:30-8:30pm. All residents and their families are welcome. Don't forget your bunting! Please contact Meg Routhorn at megrouthorn@yahoo.co.uk



A Spring note from Chris Utley

As I write, the weather is foul and yet there are fowl on the wing, including the earliest sight of a falcon flying over Cottesbrooke. Meanwhile a mallard and pheasants take a stroll across my garden by the daffodils, and at the bird feeder blackcaps and chaffinches eat their fill.

In a field a fox feasts on unfortunate prey, a dead lamb. It all looks very suspicious because the sheep appear perfectly healthy. That same fox passes right by my window and on one occasion stopped to look at me, straight in the face. However, the dog's presence has had a wonderful effect and the fox keeps its distance.

I love living in Cottesbrooke and I appreciate my wonderful neighbours. It is a strong, healthy community as are many country villages.

(And as I write these notes, the weather has changed again! The sun is out!!)

COTTESBROOKE HALL & GARDENS



Hall & Gardens open 2nd May to 29th September

May & June: Weds & Thurs 2pm - 5.30pm

July, Aug & Sept: Thurs only 2pm - 5.30pm

Plus Bank Holiday Mondays (May - Sept) 2pm - 5.30pm

Rescheduled Spring Bank Holiday: Thurs 2nd June 2pm - 5.30pm


Jubilee Bank Holiday: 3rd June - CLOSED


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**Open Gardens
Jubilee Fête
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Sunday 5th June

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£6.00 to view all gardens
(Under 16's free of charge)
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Proceeds to St. Michael and All Angels Church and other local charities

Creaton in Bloom

Creaton in Bloom has been running in beautiful rural Northamptonshire for over 20 years and is based around an open gardens afternoon, but combines other attractions such as BBQ, craft and market stalls, live music and a classic car display. This year's event also combines Jubilee Fete and Open Farm Sunday featuring a fantastic informative display of farming machinery and practices.

It's a fundraiser for local causes such as the village playing field, church upkeep, village hall and pre-school nursery.

There will be a RECORD 16 gardens open for visiting, and as well as the BBQ, further refreshments include a beer and Pimms bar

The event starts at noon with the BBQ running until 2pm and the gardens open for inspection from 1pm to 5pm. Car Parking is FREE on the playing field, and tickets to visit the gardens are just £6 (payable on the day).



Creaton Playing Field Association

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The field always takes on a positive vibe when the sun shines and we head towards summer. We hope everyone agrees that it is looking in good shape although a great deal of effort is involved from the volunteers.

The tractor has been serviced recently and we have also invested in a new seat as the old one was in a terrible state of disrepair and it was asking a great deal of our drivers to continue to sit on the tatty torn one. It may well have been the original 50 year old seat. We have also invested in a new strimmer to keep the field looking smart.

The shelter on the field has been taken down as it was unsafe due to rotting posts and we have arranged a repair which should occur in the next few weeks. Also down for replacement are two rotten gateposts at the entrance to the field. I am assured by our appointed contractor that this will happen very soon.

The play area has been treated for weeds and was out of action for a few days. We now need to purchase some new bark chips to bring the level back up.

We are always looking for new helpers so please look out for notices or make yourself known to one of the committee members.

*Mark Woollven
Treasurer*

**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT DOGS
MUST BE ON A LEAD AT ALL TIMES
WHEN ON THE FIELD**

Creaton Walking Group

Finding new local routes to explore is often a challenge, so in April the Creaton Walking Group decided to stick 2 maps together and walk where they cross over, an area often missed! The walk was delightful, taking in the villages of Yelvertoft and Clay Coton and covering parts of the beautiful Jurassic Way before ending up at the Pytchley in West Haddon for a delicious lunch.



May saw the walkers crossing into Leicestershire to enjoy a walk from the Coach and Horses in Lubbenham to Marston Trussell and Foxton. The search for bluebells was entertaining!

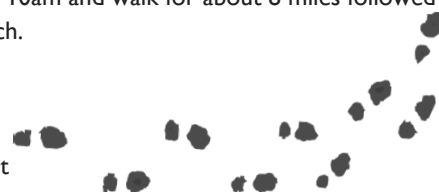
If you enjoy walking with a friendly group of people, the Creaton Walking Group meet on the second Saturday of the month at Creaton lychgate at 10am and walk for about 8 miles followed by an optional pub lunch.

Next walks are on:

Saturday 11th June

Saturday 9th July

Saturday 13th August



Creaton Singers

After many months of practice the Creaton Singers are excited to be performing at Creaton in Bloom on Sunday 5th June. Come to the URC in the High Street at 3pm and listen to a variety of well-known songs whilst enjoying a cream tea.

Following Creaton in Bloom the Singers will be practising hard for their concert on Saturday 24th September at 7:30pm in the URC on Creaton High Street. Songs will be from the Creaton Singers wide repertoire and include some numbers they have not previously performed in public, including one written and performed by hundreds of people coming digitally together during lockdown to sing. The whole evening will be an uplifting and enjoyable experience so don't miss out!

If you are interested in joining the Creaton Singers we meet on Tuesdays at 7:30pm in the URC. We are a friendly group who sing for fun. No previous experience required!

Great Creaton Primary School



This is a picture of Great Creaton Primary School taken in the 1970s after the new extension had been built. A number of these images are available featuring children at the time. If you would like to see this collection, contact Richard Hollingum: rphollingum@gmail.com.

Over The Counter

Sadly Duncan, our Manager, has resigned and we wish him well for the future. Duncan made several good changes in a short time, making our shop more attractive to a wider range of customers. The shop's range of products is constantly increasing, including less well-known brands which offer great value for money as well as the brands that you will recognise. This is in answer to feedback when we have asked what would encourage potential customers to buy from us.

With summer on its way, we have a wide range of drinks and food for a great barbeque, picnic and party. If you need something in particular, eg croissants, sourdough bread, or a joint of meat, do let us know and we will make sure it is saved for you. We can order almost anything for you and have it available within a day or two. We also now sell flowers for special occasions and were delighted with sales for Mothers' Day and Easter.

Our staff and volunteers are working harder than ever to keep the shop open and to ensure we are a great place to come in for a chat and browse. Who knows what you might buy! If you have a spare 2 hours, not necessarily every week and not necessarily at the same time, please come and talk to us about volunteering. It is great fun and very flexible

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Creaton WI

Creaton WI meets in Creaton United Reformed Church on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7.30 p.m. Our guest speakers for June and July are:



June 8th Alex Wood on "Theatre in Northampton"
July 13th Derek Blunt on "Saints and Sinners"

On August 3rd we shall be having a day-trip to Olney with a visit to the Cowper and Newton Museum.

Please do join us for any or all of these events! Just come along on the evening or, for more information or to join the day-trip, contact President, Daphne Clark, 01604 505546, or email wicreaton@gmail.com.

Friends of St Michael History Group

In common with most other groups Covid posed a challenge to our organisation but we survived and were able to celebrate our 20th anniversary. The founders of the group Brian Lee and Liz and Martin Tingle joined us for a delicious dinner prepared by Sally Odell in the Village Hall.

We will be back in September with a new programme of events. We hope you will be able to join us for an interesting talk in good company followed by complimentary refreshments in St Michael and All Angels.

Kate McEwan

Creaton URC

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

Sunday	June	
5th 11am		Rev Geoff Townsend
12th 11am	Worship & Holy Communion	Jon Heard
19th 11am		Rev Geoff Townsend
26th 11am		Rev Nigel Adkinson
	July	
3rd 11am	Worship & Holy Communion	Rev Geoff Townsend
10th 11am		Jon Heard
17th 11am		Rev Geoff Townsend
24th 11am		Wendy Pitman
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Parish Clerk: You can contact our Parish Clerk for Creaton Parish Council, Katrina Jones on creatonpc@gmail.com. Agendas and minutes of meetings are available on the village 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. There will be meetings on 12th July; 13th September; and 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>

Defibrillator

The Parish Council is seeking volunteers to help with carrying out regular checks on the defibrillator. Full training will be given. Please contact the Parish Clerk if you can help.

Queens Green Canopy

The tree planted on the Green to mark the Platinum Jubilee has been registered as part of the Queen's Green Canopy. Details can be found on the website: <https://queensgreencanopy.org>

Neighbourhood Plan

The Parish Council is exploring the possibility of developing a Neighbourhood Plan. If any residents would be interested in being part of a neighbourhood planning group please contact the Parish Clerk.

Police Liaison Representative

Parish Councillor Ian Horne is the Parish's Police Liaison Representative. Over the coming months Cllr Horne is looking to establish closer links with the local PSCOs and invite them to meet residents at a future village event.

Councillor Vacancies

Cllr Sue Leggett and Cllr Michelle Aveyard have stepped down from the Parish Council due to other commitments. The Parish Council would like to thank them both for the considerable contributions they made whilst serving on the Parish Council. Cllr Leggett played an important role in managing the defibrillator whilst Cllr Aveyard played a key role in many of the improvements to the closed churchyard as well as staffing.

The Parish Council currently has three vacancies and would welcome applications from any residents wishing to give a little of their time to helping the village and who can attend a bi-monthly meeting.

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Below: A misty morning view east from the Creaton to Cottesbrooke road. Creaton Cover is to the right.



GUILSBOROUGH NEWS



JUBILEE SPORTS AT THE PLAYING FIELD



Sunday 5th June at The Playing Field on West Haddon Rd

Come along for sporting fun!

Arrive 9.30am Sports 10am to 12noon

Football—Penalty shoot out, U11 5-a-side, match for over 11's adults and children.

Cricket—U12 6-a-side, Kwik cricket

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Platinum Jubilee Celebrations in Guilsborough

Guilsborough Parish Council are coordinating what they hope will be a joyful, community and family orientated weekend for The Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Get your bunting ready

Thursday 2nd June

- 2pm on the Green, Town Crier announcing the start of the celebrations.
- 8pm at the Church, an outdoor service, with Beacon Tart and Bucks Fizz.
- 9.15pm Torch-lit procession from the Church to the field as the sun sets.
- 9.40pm Bugler playing "Majesty"
- 9.45pm Tony Hart, Chair of Guilsborough Parish Council lights the Beacon.
- 9.45pm Church Choir sings "Song for the Commonwealth".

Saturday 4th June

- Barbeque from 5pm at the Witch and Sow, call 01604 743888 to book.
- 8pm Toast to The Queen followed by Live music, arrive early to avoid disappointment.

Sunday 5th June

- 9.30am to 12pm Join in with sports at the Cricket Field, email graham.byars@hotmail.com to register for football or cricket. There will also be orienteering around the field, bacon sandwiches and teas and coffees being served from the Pavilion.
- 12pm near the playground, a celebration of the Platinum Jubilee Tree.
- 12.30pm to 6pm Fete on the Green including Ice Cream, Bric-a-Brac, Cake Competition, Bottle Stall, make a Crown, GPFA Bar, Welly Wanging, Splat the Rat, Lucky Lollies, and lots of games to play.
- 12.30pm to 2pm bring your own picnic and join the street party at The Green.
- 1pm to 5pm Cream Teas, Cakes and Teas and Coffees in the Village Hall.
- 1pm to 5pm Historical Society - exhibition in the Village Hall.

To be Involved - Please contact Amanda on 07508 058998 or Lisa on 07895 009099

GUILSBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

We're pleased to welcome Simon Caldwell to the Parish Council. Some may recognize him from his time as Chair of Guilsborough Primary School's PTA. He was co-opted to the council at our May meeting and we're sure he will be a great benefit to us all.

We still have one vacancy to fill so if you're at all interested please do approach any Councillor or contact the Clerk, details below, for more information.

Many of you will be aware that a sum of money (approx. £1000) has accumulated from the oil buying group scheme that Compass Energy offer to several villages. Terry at Compass Energy needed to pay this sum of money out but the first points of contact in the village were uncomfortable with holding the monies and deciding how it should be spent. They have approached the PC to take on this responsibility and so we will be ensuring it goes where it will benefit our village and villagers. This will be announced at the relevant time.



Guilsborough.pc@gmail.com 01788 824425

THANK YOU

The Lowther family thank everyone for their kind and heartfelt messages and letters they sent after the death of Jenny Lowther.

We know she would have been pleased as punch to have seen so many people turn up to the Thanksgiving Service.

OPEN MORNING
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GUILSBOROUGH NEWS



PRIMARY SCHOOL

We've had a busy end to Spring term with a number of enrichment events happening, including our seasonal walk, our winning house team 'Earth' had a party and film afternoon to celebrate, Reception/Year 1 took part in a wonderful Easter bonnet parade where our hall was full of smiles and laughter again as we were able to welcome parents back into school properly for the first time in a while.

We started the Summer term by celebrating St Georges day and welcoming back our local 'Open the Book' team. It was great to watch the children enjoy this special worship time again. In the next few weeks we have a Year 5 Math's day and we have also started swimming lessons for Years 4/5 and 6. After Year 6 completed their SAT exams this May, we let our hair down with a wonderful residential trip to Caythorpe Court PGL in Lincolnshire. We all got involved with many exciting activities including raft building, the vertical challenge, the zip wire, and much more. It was a fantastic experience and made memories to treasure forever!

If you need any information about what's happening at Guilsborough Primary we have lots on our website – www.guilsboroughprimary.co.uk – or you can keep up to speed via our Facebook account – Guilsborough C of E Primary School (a closed group for parents, guardians or carers) – or through our Twitter profile – @guilsboroughpri and YouTube channel. Katie Shilliam Head of Guilsborough Primary School



On our way to building a BETTER PLAYGROUND FOR GUILSBOROUGH CHILDREN

The Guilsborough Playground Action Group (GPAG) has been formed to improve the facilities and equipment in our Playground.

Thanks to everyone who completed our survey. We now have a clear idea of the types of equipment that our community wants to have included in our improved playground.

Our Kids want to CLIMB & SLIDE!

View a summary of the Survey results on the Guilsborough Village Hub.

Initially, we will be focusing on additional equipment for families with Toddlers and Juniors. We will also consider the replacement of existing equipment as it reaches its natural end of life.

We still need your support

We will need to raise up to £100K to complete all the works.

We will be applying for grants from National and Local Funding bodies.

It may be that your Employers have schemes to support the local community and we would be delighted if you could approach them on our behalf.

If you need more information or wish to donate, please contact GPAG by email: GuilsboroughPAG@gmail.com or call Vanessa on 07766922058



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/ adult - includes refreshments. Children are free.

For more information contact Janet 01604 740640

GUILSBOROUGH FRIENDS

Are a local friendly group, usually meeting the second Thursday of the month. Social activities include guest speakers, garden visits, meals out, visits to local places of interest and much more. £3 per meeting which is used to cover costs and make charitable donations **We are really keen to welcome new members who would enjoy participating.**

For further information contact

Janet Minney 01604 740640 janetminney1@internet.com

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VILLAGE HALL NEWS

QUIZ

The Quiz in April attracted 81 quizzers across over 13 teams. We enjoyed an evening of fun and unusual questions - who knew that Audrey Hepburn had size 10 feet! And good food comprised of a delicious and colourful ploughman's supper. The winning team was "The Mixed Bag", who went away with a fabulous hamper of champagne and luxury biscuits. Well done to them and thanks to everyone who came and those who helped. The evening raised over £1100 towards our roof fund.

ROOF FUND

We need to raise £20,000 towards the cost of replacing the flat roof on the main Hall which is at the end of its life and is now leaking. We are now well on the way to achieving our target having been awarded grants from Guilsborough Parish council and West Northants Council.

We have had many generous donations from individuals and groups in the village and we would like to thank everyone for

their generosity. **However, we are not there yet** and are still collecting so please help us by making a donation to our crowdfunding campaign by:

Weblink : <https://gofund.me/8de5cd37>

or

Cheque: Payable to "Guilsborough Village Hall" or cash (Sue O'Neil, Nortoft Cottage, Nortoft, NN6 8QB)

HALL ACTIVITIES AND HIRE

We have a great range of activities happening at the hall including creative, sport, health and wellbeing, social, and dramatic, and it's a great space for private parties – we truly have something for everyone.

Contact us on 07342 382706 or info@guilsboroughvh.uk
And visit our website www.guilsboroughvillagehall.com



We made it "Around the World in 80 Days"

GMADS had a hit with their whirlwind tour of the world in April.

This musical adaptation of Jules Verne's novel by Roger Brandon-Jones meant the cast played over 80 parts in trains, air balloons, on elephants and even in a circus. Pam Townsend's skilful direction brought it all together into an enjoyable entertainment for cast and audience alike.

We were really pleased to welcome several new members on stage and behind the scenes in this, our 50th anniversary year. One newcomer said:

"It has been an amazing experience, full of laughter as well as trepidation on my part, being a complete novice to acting. However, the wonderful people that make up GMADS made me feel part of the group from the outset and were so supportive through the months of rehearsals that followed."

The group raised £347 for the DEC Ukraine Appeal during the performances and would like to thank everyone who donated. For more information visit www.gmads.co.uk where you can see more photos of the production and sign up for our newsletter or call chair Dorothy Whittaker on 01788 510392, new members are always welcome.



A Selection of photos from Around The World In 80 Days

HOLLOWELL & TEETON NEWS

BARRY WENDON

We are very sorry to report the death of Teeton resident, Barry Wendon. Barry's was a life of service to the community. He was a parish councillor for almost three decades, and served as Chairman of the council for a number of years. Barry was also a longstanding member of the Village Hall Committee and was heavily involved in the construction of the brick foyer extension to the old school building.



A talented fine artist and photographer, Barry taught as a senior lecturer at Northampton University. The framed photographs inside the village hall and the village hall sign were all created by Barry and he was instrumental in creating the initial design for the Millennium Dome bus shelter. Barry died peacefully at home after a short illness. Our love to his partner Yvonne, and to his family and friends. He will be much missed.

See the Village Link website for a lovely poem written by Yvonne.

HENS PUDDINGS & BASKETS

A select group of Hollowell Hens gathered in the village hall at the end of March for a wine and pudding night. It was the first time the Hens had been able to meet in a very long time and it was lovely to welcome some "new"ish residents to the group. Thank you to Sarah for organising the evening and to everyone who baked desserts, which ranged from sticky toffee pudding and pear tart tatin, to lemon mousse and Black Forest trifle. Yum!

Just before Easter the Hens met again for an evening in the Village Hall creating spring baskets. Sixteen Hens and a friend from Belgium met up for an evening of wine and floral creation. Many thanks to Viv Benjamin who showed us what to do and provided many of the materials.



LENT LUNCH

More than twenty people enjoyed a pleasant Lent Lunch in Hollowell at the home of Gill and Ian Brown. A fantastic £250 was raised for Water Aid and St James Church. Thank you to the Browns for their hospitality and to everyone who came along.



HOLLOWELL VILLAGE HALL LOTTO

The lucky winning names for March and April are: Hilary Worton, Monty Morrison, Richard Bell, Diana Wells, Martin Leach, Penny Bell, Mandy Crutchley, Pauline Partington. Please contact Becky Gane beckyjgane@gmail.com if you would like to enter the draw. Numbers are £10 each. All funds raised will go towards the maintenance of the Village Hall.

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HOLLOWELL & TEETON NEWS

HOLLOWELL AND TEETON PARISH COUNCIL



Let the Bus take the strain?

H & T Parish Council has allocated funding in support of the continuation of the 59 / 60 (Market Harborough – Northampton) bus service provided by UNO.

At present West Northamptonshire Council has indicated funding support until August 2022 but it is hoped and expected that this will be extended to 2023 and beyond.

To state the obvious, if you do not use it, you will lose it.

As a reminder, the following details indicate some of the options for journeys should you need to visit Market Harborough, Guilsborough, Brixworth or Northampton:

Hollowell to Market Harborough (and return) Service 60 & 59 Same bus but route number changes at Welford
Tuesday & Friday: Depart Hollowell 09:38 (Millennium Bus Shelter) arrive Market Harborough (Market Hall) 10:35 (Shop till you drop in Market Harborough) then depart from Market Hall at 12:50 and return to Hollowell at 13:45. [NB Service 60 continues on to Northampton arriving at Bus Station at 14:22]

Hollowell to Northampton Service 60 (and return)
Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Various options for travel Departing from Hollowell (opposite Millennium Bus Shelter) 08:23 / 10:15 / 12:28, via Brixworth, arriving at Northampton Bus station approximately 35 – 40 minutes later (depending on route via Creaton and Spratton)

Journeys from Northampton Bus Station – departure times: 07:40 / 09:10 / 11:00 / 14:30 / 17:35

Detailed information is available on the UNO web site:

59 Service to & from Market Harborough <https://www.unobus.info/services/northampton/5960/59/>

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HOLLOWELL PLATINUM JUBILEE FESTIVITIES

Saturday 4th June

12pm tea party at the village hall car park. (Bring your own food and drink) village hall bar will be open with food being served from 2pm if required.

- Child and adult games throughout the day
- Cake making competition
- Crowning of the king and queen of Hollowell/Teeton

7pm - till late. Jubilee afterparty the bar will be fully manned. Music and prize for best dress royal.

For more information call Lee on 07720 778861 or Wes 07545198450

POCKET PARK

HEDGE RESTORED

A huge village **thank you** goes to Andy Crisp, Chairman of the Parish Council, who spent much of the first three months of 2022 labouring away to lay a huge, 200 yard stretch, of the Pocket Park boundary hedge, which had become very

overgrown. The hedge was originally planted more than 20 years ago when the park first opened. Andy battled mud, icy temperatures and rain to get the job finished before the nesting season began, and saved the parish several thousand pounds in laying fees into the bargain. He is grateful for the donations of

stakes and binders (& Guinness) and for the words of encouragement from Pocket Park



regulars.



HOLLOWELL & TEETON NEWS

HOLLOWELL VILLAGE HALL

BACON SARNIES AND CATCH-UP

Hollowell and Teeton residents seized the opportunity to get together in early March at the first Village Hall Breakfast since Covid. They all enjoyed the expertly cooked sausage, bacon and egg baps, the barrista coffee and the delicious homemade cakes.

The tombola was particularly popular with our younger residents and the hall was brightened by locally produced cards and stunning art, all on sale. We raised approaching £400 for village hall funds, whilst a collection for the people of Ukraine raised another £155. It was wonderful to see everyone after a two year pause.

HOLLOWELL STEAM & WHISTLE

It was great to see Hollowell's pop-up-pub back in action the following month. The Steam and Whistle, as the pub is known to parish residents, can be relied upon to provide good buzz, lots of neighbourly chat, and plenty of fun.

A good amount of beer and wine was drunk. Cheers to [#Phipps](#) Northampton Brewery Company for the excellent barrel of IPA. The hot nibbles were delicious and the table top quizzes and dingbats were the focus of heated debate and many scratched heads.

The evening was rounded off with a fiercely fought battle of Northamptonshire skittles, where Team "Chequered History" won the day, unbeaten in the 4-team round robin with 3 victories, followed by Team "No Hoppers" with 2 wins. Congratulations to super-sub player Sarah Mourant who entered the contest half way through as a sudden replacement for Chris Webb and, with no practice throws, knocked down all nine pins with her first set of cheeses.

Many thanks to John Benjamin and the team for organising a very jolly evening.

Hollowell Village Hall is available for private hire and is ideally suited for parties, family events and meetings. It holds up to 100 people (60 for seated dining). Please contact our Bookings Clerk Emily Curtis 01604 740796 for details.

HOPEWELL COFFEE MORNINGS

It has been great to see everyone back at the monthly coffee mornings in the Village Hall. For the next couple of months our coffee mornings will be moving to the fourth Friday of the month, instead of the third. Dates coming up are Friday 24th June and Friday 22nd July 10am - 12 noon. We look forward to seeing you there.



HOLLOWELL BIRDING NOTES –

Ring Ouzels – mountain-dwellers passing through the county.



I'd say that most birders get particularly excited by migratory birds. They are scarce, less familiar than our resident birds and therefore exotic - and the consideration of their journey can bring a sense of somewhere far away, in this case the mountains of Scotland, Norway or Morocco. I was therefore delighted to find a female Ring Ouzel at Honey Hill, near Cold Ashby on April 3rd and then four together there – three males and a female. This party lingered for a few days and were joined by two further birds – the best gathering recorded in Northants for several years.

The Ring Ouzel is a member of the thrush family. Somewhat similar in appearance to the Blackbird, the male being mostly black and the female and immature birds dark brown; but the adult male has a bold white crescent-shape across the lower breast. On female and immature birds, the crescent is off-white or cream and is less distinct. All plumages have silvery wing panels which are visible from some distance. Seen well, the underparts can have a distinctive scaly appearance. The male bird's bill is dull yellow and black. Ring Ouzels are usually shy and flighty: when flushed they often fly a long distance and may even vanish from the scene altogether. Ring Ouzels pass through the UK in Spring, having spent the winter in the mountains of Southern Spain and North Africa. On passage they can be found on high exposed ground, chalk downs and hilly scarps. In Northants, favoured sites are Honey Hill, Newnham Hill near Daventry, Harrington Airfield and the Brampton Valley. They can also turn up in horse paddocks, sheep pastures and rough ground anywhere in the county. They feed on worms and other invertebrates and also on berries. Their breeding grounds are in high mountains and moorland in Fenno-Scandinavia and upland parts of the British Isles and central and Eastern Europe.

The song of the Ring Ouzel is a repeated fluting phrase with some variation; it can be hauntingly melancholic as it echoes around a high mountain corrie. In this situation the birds can be hard to spot amid the steep rubble-strewn slopes that they typically frequent.

By the time you read this, Ring Ouzels will almost certainly have departed from this region and will be in their mountainous breeding grounds. However, it's worth making a note in the diary: next April - and also in September and October, they may once more be back in their favoured stop-off locations as they head south towards their wintering grounds.

Feel free to contact me at joncooknorthantsbirds@gmail.com or see my website joncookbirding.wordpress.com for more about my work as county bird recorder.

THORNBY NEWS

FABULOUS FARM WALK



Thank you Thornby Farms for the superb walk on Sunday 8th May. Excellent guiding by farm manager Peter Moyes, detailing all the various areas & challenges of this year's lack of rainfall. Tractor & trailer rides enabled all to see the hidden treasures of our local countryside. Refreshments kindly supplied by village residents & hosted at Thornby House. *Ann Bennett (via Facebook)*



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MESSAGE FROM REVEREND CAROLINE BURNETT, THE UPLANDS GROUP OF CHURCHES

CHURCH NEWS

It will seem as though everything that could be written about Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will have been written by now, as the celebrations of the 70th anniversary of her reign are immediately upon us. And yet it would seem wrong not to add to those words in this summer edition of Village Link.

Perhaps at this time we might reflect on what our Queen has meant to us over the years. I can remember, as a child, being taken to watch the Trooping the Colour and being told by my mother, "That was the Queen", when all I'd seen was a procession of people in military uniform ride past on horseback. I felt certain then that if I was the Queen I'd always wear a long dress and never be caught without my crown. Twenty or so years later I got a little bit closer to her when I went with a group of people from the home for the elderly where I was working to see her visiting a local school. She was friendly and gracious, accepting endless posies of flowers and even a single daisy picked from the lawn by a very small boy. A while after that, and because of it, some of those elderly people appeared in a BBC documentary called 'The Day I Met the Queen'. The programme closed with one of the elderly women saying softly but proudly, "I shall never forget it 'til the day I die."

I think our Queen is loved and treasured because she serves. The word service is one that's been used a lot about Her Majesty over recent months; perhaps as she grows old we see how different and sacrificial her life is compared to ours, with no

opportunity for a quiet retirement and no chance of retreating from the public gaze. But she seems to accept her servant role with the same grace and dignity with which she accepted the gift of a single daisy.

Recently we've also heard much about her Christian faith. It would be easy to imagine that churchgoing is just another obligation for our monarch, but she makes it clear that her faith in Jesus Christ is real and active. And in the person of Jesus she will have found the model of servanthood that she's followed. Jesus was a servant king who washed feet, touched lepers and ate with prostitutes; and he made them all feel loved and included. No wonder, with this example, Her Majesty has been strengthened and sustained by her faith through the trials of her life and under the responsibilities that she carries.

So we give thanks for our Queen as she shows us what a life of faith and service looks like, and for all that she has meant to us throughout our lives.



MEMORIAL DAFFODILS

The memorial daffodils planted in the churchyard last autumn have been delightful this spring. Many thanks to all who contributed. There are funds for more bulbs of the same varieties to be added later this year for 2023 flowering



Jubilee Service at Guilsborough Church

Thursday 2nd June 8pm

Open Air Service with Beacon Tart and Bucks Fizz followed by the lighting of the Beacon along the Teeton Road

CHURCH ROTA

Uplands Group of Parishes office (answerphone): 01604 743444

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Uplands Group of Church – Service Planner June & July 2022

	5 th June Pentecost (+Jubilee)	12 th June Trinity	19 th June (Fathers' Day)	26 th June (Ordinations at Peterborough Cathedral)	3 rd July (Hollowell Steam and Vintage Rally)	10 th July (Rev Clare's first Eucharist)	17 th July	24 th July	31 st July
Cold Ashby	Red	White	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
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Cottesbrooke	11.00 BCP Communion								
Creton	9.30 BCP Communion		9.30 CW Communion				9.30 CW Communion		
Guilsborough	11.00 CW Communion		8.30 BCP Communion				8.30 BCP Communion	9.30 CW Communion	
			Brunch@11 Village Hall			Brunch@11 Village Hall			
			6.00			6.00 BCP			
			Evensong			Evensong			
Hollowell			11.00 BCP Morning Prayer			11.00 BCP Morning Prayer		11.00 CW Communion	
Ravensthorpe	8.30 BCP Communion		9.30 CW Communion	11.00 Worship for All	8.30 BCP Communion		9.30 CW Communion	11.00 Worship for All	
Spratton	11.00 Worship for All Team								
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Saxon Spires Patient Participation Group
Summer 2022

The SSPPG are a group of patients that work with the Practice to make it the best it can be. We always welcome new members to our Group. Our meetings are held every two months, alternating between both surgeries. The next SSPPG Meeting will on Wednesday 15th June at Guilsborough Surgery, 6.30pm.

Northamptonshire Carers Association are offering a Drop-In Session for carers and the cared for on Tuesday 5th July at Dobbies Garden Centre Cafe, Harlestone Road from 1.30pm - 3pm. Carers Association staff will be present, to give advice and support.

Health Walks lasting 60 mins and led by Mick Wright will be on

- Monday 20th June, meeting at The Café, Smiths Farm Shop, Chapel Brampton NN6 8AA, 11am
- Monday 11th July meeting at the Saracens Head, Little Brington, 11am.

For more information about the SSPPG contact the Secretary, Barbara Hogg on 01604 880552 or email hoggb66@gmail.com There is more information about our meetings and events, on the Saxon Spires website and on the SSPPG Facebook page.

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Kemal Chetitah is 66 years young and is walking the Via Francigena from Canterbury to Rome from 16th May until 4th August 2022. He will pass through 5 countries and cross three major mountain ranges all within 80 days, finishing in Lazio at the Vatican and St. Peters in Rome. All profits going to join the fight to help save men's lives and highlight this devastating disease. <https://www.collectionpot.com/pot/kemal>

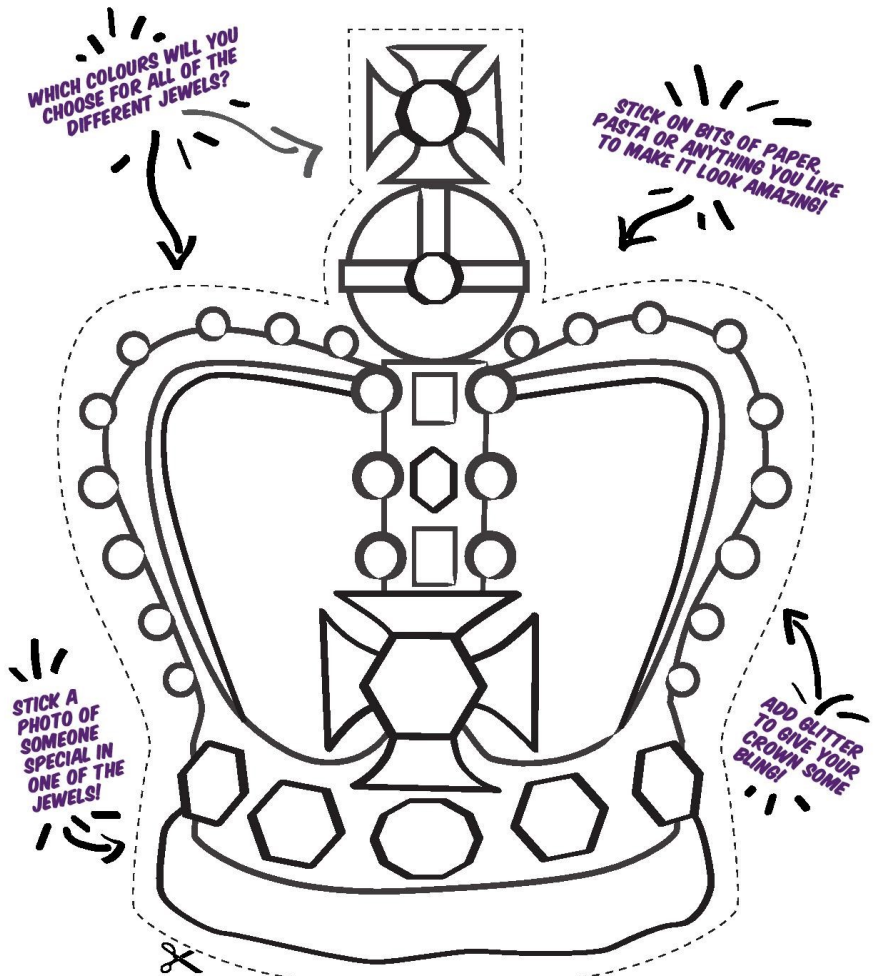
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CROWN TEMPLATE

1. Print, colour, decorate and cut out your Jubilee crown.
2. Add a headband and wear your Royal creation.



Platinum Jubilee Corgi

Print, colour and decorate your Jubilee corgi.

