

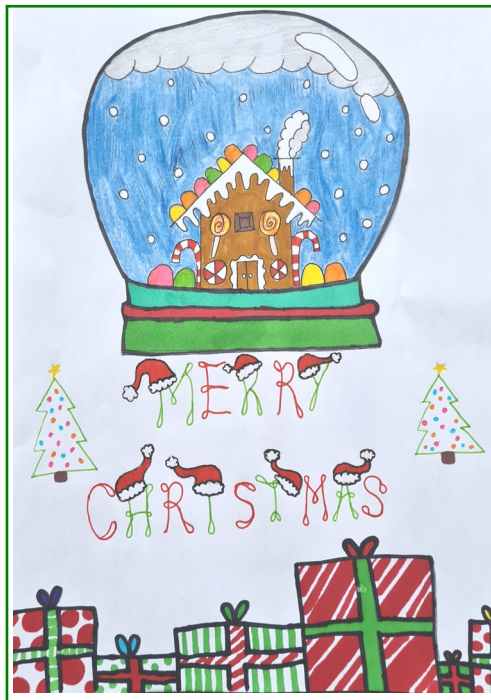


## CHRISTMAS PICTURE & POETRY WINNERS

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Congratulations to the winners of this year's competition! We were very impressed with the 3D craft entries inspired by MMM activities over half term!



Top left:  
Santa in the Chimney  
by Joshua Twiseldon,  
age 9.

Top right:  
Snow globe festive  
wishes by Sophie  
Caldwell, age 11.

Bottom left:  
Reindeer by Kira  
Beckwith, age 5.

All will receive a  
Christmas treat!

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- 10th Café Christmas Hollowell
- 10th Creton Walkers
- 12th SSPG Health Walk Meet at Brixworth
- 12th MMM Christmas Party Guilsborough
- 13th SSPG Meeting at Brixworth Surgery
- 14th Creton WI
- 15th FOSM History Group Creton
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- 20th Carol Singing Guilsborough
- 20th Carols on The Green, Creton

#### JANUARY

- 1st Creton Walkers
- 14th Creton Walkers
- 19th FOSM History Group Creton
- 27th Hopewell Café Hollowell

#### AND REGULARLY ...

Monday mornings MMM, evenings Knitwits Guilsborough; Tuesday evenings, Creton Singers, Thursday mornings Indoor bowls, Creton; Sunday am and Tuesday pm, Tennis Guilsborough; Tuesday and Thursday evenings, Badminton Guilsborough. Tuesday evenings. Drama Guilsborough. Last Saturday of each month, painting at Thornby.



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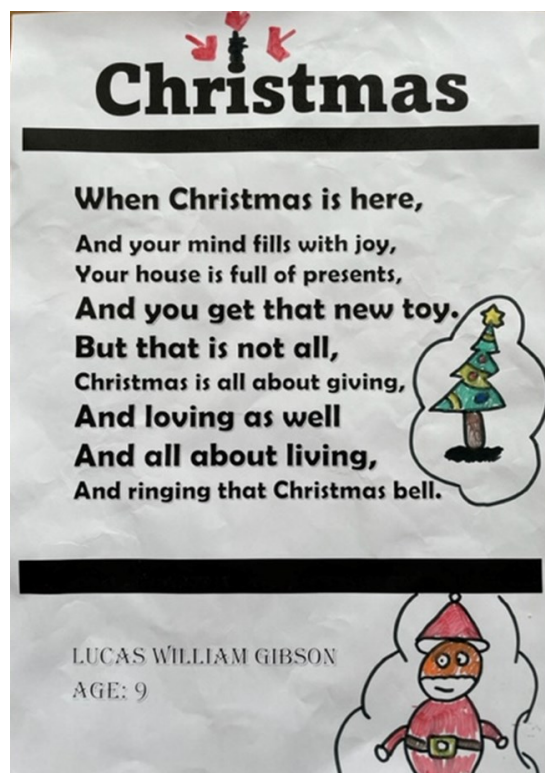
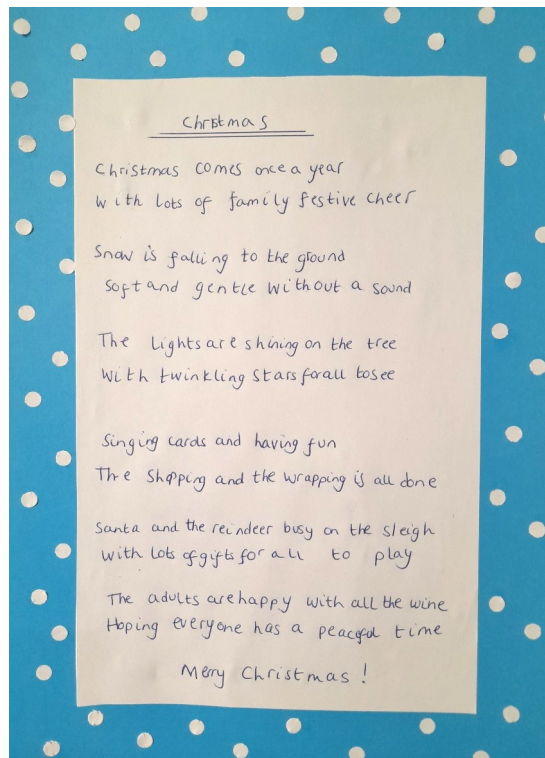
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## CHRISTMAS POETRY COMPETITION WINNERS

This year for the first time we invited readers to submit festive themed poems as part of our special edition. We were not sure what the response would be and are delighted to have received these wonderful entries. Congratulations to our bards, who will each receive a Christmas treat from the Village Link team. Eleanor Clarke, aged 8 from Cold Ashby (top left); Lucas Gibson aged 9 (bottom left) and Theresa Kelleher (adult) from Hollowell.



## As Above So Below

As I stepped out this Christmas  
Morn,  
in darkness of the 'not quite  
dawn',  
I saw a vision clear as air,  
revealing such a wondrous pair.

A sky borne Bear and cherished  
child,  
who speak of ancient mother  
mild,  
and tells me that this day of  
birth,  
of light, of wonder and of mirth,  
brings a heartfelt sense of awe,  
and nature with her tooth and  
claw,  
continues with celestial show,  
despite what's happening down  
below.

It fills me with a sense of calm,  
a healing, tender, loving balm,  
a sense of hope, of breathy  
ease,  
which lifts me gently from my  
knees,  
to gaze above with head held  
high,  
in praise of Winter's Morning  
Sky.

The light begins its slow return,  
and from these wondrous skies  
I learn,  
that life keeps moving, turning  
still,  
that I can breathe a hearty fill,  
of nature's bounty, nature's lift,  
the ultimate Christmas  
Morning's gift.

© Theresa Kelleher, Hollowell

Village Link Climate Change And... will return in the New Year. If you have a story to tell about climate change, do get in touch with the Editorial Team. Details are on this page.

# COLD ASHBY NEWS



## CHEERS TO 100 YEARS

To celebrate the Hall's 102nd birthday, residents enjoyed a party hosted by the Memorial Hall's committee, complete with a birthday cake and a 60's, 70's and 80's disco. Great fun was had by all, and the committee would like to thank all those who attended and donated raffle prizes and food for the buffet. A special big thank you goes to Simon from The Red Lion in Thornby, for donating us a barrel of beer...it was really appreciated and enjoyed.

## COLD ASHBY VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL

Just over a year ago, our Village Memorial Hall had an uncertain future and was looking for new trustees with a vision to save this much-loved village building and put it back to being the heart of the community like it had been for many years. Fortunately, four new trustees came forward and working with the rest of the committee, who are made up of representatives from local groups in the village, the Memorial Hall has been given a new lease of life and during the past year has provided our residents with a much-needed place for recreational and social activities.

This year, the hall celebrated its 102nd birthday. It was built as a memorial to those from the village who lost their lives in World War One and is included on the war memorials register by The Imperial War Museum. It was built by two villagers, Gus Bott and Tom Letts from land gifted from another villager Stephen Matthew. All funds for the building were raised by the local community. Community has always been important to the residents of Cold Ashby and as a child growing up in the village, I remember the times when the whole village turned up for an event or 'do' and ensured that the heart of village life continued. Even though we live in different times, it is still relevant and important today that the whole of the village gets behind local events and gives their support to keep village buildings and organisations going strong. We are lucky in Cold Ashby to have two such facilities, the Memorial Hall and the Playing Fields Pavilion, who provide entertainment and social events for all of the residents. Both organisations are run by committed, dedicated volunteers, but they need the support of the whole village to help keep them going.

Throughout December and January, there are a variety of events planned for our community and we would love to see everyone joining us...we really do need the whole village's support and you will be made most welcome.

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	DETAILS
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Lighting of Remembrance tree and Social Evening	Cold Ashby Churchyard and Memorial Hall	Lighting of tree 6pm Followed by mulled wine and mince pies at the Hall. (Donations appreciated) Bar open 6-11.30pm
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Children's Christmas party	Cold Ashby Memorial Hall	Tickets £3 Available from Jenny Wilson 6pm-7.30pm
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Santa and skittles Social Evening	Cold Ashby Memorial Hall	7.30-12am Free
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Eve Party	Cold Ashby Memorial Hall	7.30-12am Free / Raffle
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Day Drinks	Cold Ashby Memorial Hall	11-2.30pm
Sat 31 <sup>st</sup> December	New Year's Eve Party	Cold Ashby Memorial Hall	7.30-12.30am Free / Raffle
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> January	Social evening	Cold Ashby Memorial Hall	7.30-12am Free
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> January	Film night	Cold Ashby Playing Fields Pavilion	£5 to include film, cheese and wine
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> January	Quiz night	Cold Ashby Memorial Hall	£2.50pp Includes light supper 7.30-12am

In addition to these nights, the Memorial Hall is open some Wednesday and Fridays for skittle matches and the pavilion some Mondays for pool matches. Please check the village Facebook page and village flyers for dates.

## THE BLACK HORSE / COLD ASHBY COMMUNITY GROUP

Village Link has published content from both parties in relation to the future of The Black Horse public house in Cold Ashby. Statements made by each party have been contested by both sides. The Village Link editorial team is an impartial bystander and not responsible for checking accuracy of content or arbitrating arguments. We sincerely hope that this dispute can be settled amicably by the two parties and will not be publishing further notices until matters are settled as to the future of the pub.

# COLD ASHBY NEWS



## SHAUN TAYLOR MEMORIAL FUN DAY

Sharon and Merv Taylor would like to thank everyone who attended The Shaun Taylor Fun Day in September at Cold Ashby Playing Fields. A total of £2860 was made and donated to The Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance in Shaun's memory. The grand total amount raised in his memory now stands at £22,400.

## COLD ASHBY TREE OF REMEMBRANCE

Each year residents and friends of the village purchase a bulb on our Tree of Remembrance which is displayed in the churchyard throughout the festive period. Each bulb is bought to remember a loved one who is no longer with us. Their name, with a dedication, is also displayed on a bauble on a Christmas tree inside the church. All money raised is in aid of St Denys Church. The big switch on will be on Saturday 3rd December at 6pm followed by mulled wine and mince pies at The Memorial Hall.



## HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Cold Ashby was a spooky place on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October, when a host of scarily dressed children and their parents descended on the village for a specially organized party at The Memorial Hall. It was fabulous to see so many children from surrounding villages join us and have a great time. Special thanks go to Jenny Wilson and Rinat Matiyahu for organizing and hosting the party and making it such a success. Thanks also go to Kerry Cane, Jo Roper and Ruth Sleigh for their help with the preparations and food.

## MACMILLAN COFFEE EVENING

Ted and Janet Thompson and Katy Stuart, who organized the Macmillan coffee evening, would like to thank everyone who attended the event on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September. Thanks also go to those who donated cakes or raffle prizes. A grand total of £340 was raised.

## COLD ASHBY VILLAGE SHOW SATURDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

After several years' break, the Cold Ashby Village Show was re-introduced this year and proved to be very popular amongst our residents. Thank you to everyone who took the time and effort and entered our Village Show and auction. It was a great success raising much needed funds for the upkeep of the hall. We had 74 entries from 31 exhibitors in 18 classes. The standard was very high in all categories. Many thanks to our judges: Mick, Ann, June and Julie for their time and expertise in making some difficult decisions. To celebrate the return of the Village Show we were entertained with live music courtesy of the local Northamptonshire band Kingpins which features ex Cold Ashby resident Pete Jackson. The crowd enjoyed dancing and singing along to classic hits and everyone who came along had a thoroughly enjoyable evening. Thank you to everyone who was able to join us.

Celebrate Christmas at  
St Denys' Church, Cold Ashby



Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 6.00pm  
**Switching on of  
'Lights of Love'**

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December 5.00pm  
**Carols for Cold Ashby**

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2.00pm  
**Walking Nativity**  
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# COTTESBROOKE NEWS

## Harvest Supper

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## Christmas Carols

Join us for Christmas Carols with the Creaton Singers on Saturday, 17 December at 3pm at All Saints Church. Young people are needed to read lessons, so if you know of anyone who would be interested, please get in touch. Following the service, lemonade, sweet/dry sherry and mince pies will be served to all!

Please let Ian McRae know if you will be able to attend, as he will need to gauge numbers for refreshments. Contact him at 01604 505066 or [icm@mcrae.co.uk](mailto:icm@mcrae.co.uk)

## A Year in Cottesbrooke Calendars

Looking for a beautiful, yet practical gift idea? The Village Hall Committee has compiled photos from residents and members of Northamptonshire Walks to create a calendar of photos of our beautiful village through the seasons. We are very blessed to live in such a scenic place - this calendar is a celebration of Cottesbrooke, the place we call home. Each calendar is £10 and funds raised from sales go directly into future community events. Please contact Meg Routhorn if you would like to purchase one (or more!) at 01604 505103 or [megrouthorn@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:megrouthorn@yahoo.co.uk)

Celebrate Christmas  
with  
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Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December 3.00pm  
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Our final meeting of 2022 is on December 14<sup>th</sup> when we shall be celebrating the festive season with a talk from Ruth Thomas on Christmas Past in Northampton, followed by nibbles and drinks. Everyone is welcome in Creaton United Reformed Church at 7.30 p.m.



In January and February 2023 our meetings will be held on Zoom. We shall be welcoming back Grainne Purkiss who will explore Modern Art with us, and hearing from a very popular, humorous speaker, Lindsey Barrrell, about "Burlesque, the WI and Me"! Both these talks are ideally suited to Zoom, so do take the opportunity to join us for fun evenings from the comfort of your armchair, with no need to venture out into the dark, winter night!

For more information, or to receive a Zoom invitation link, contact President, Daphne Clark, on 01604 505546, or email [wicreaton@gmail.com](mailto:wicreaton@gmail.com).

## Creaton Walkers

Despite the shorter days and dark evenings the Creaton Walking Group have managed to walk their usual 8 miles, albeit across slightly wetter terrain! Walks have been around Braybrooke and West Haddon, and the walkers were delighted when 3 new members and a dog joined them. The countryside has been an explosion of autumnal colours, despite predictions it would not be due to the drought! The pubs have been very welcoming, as they see a return to normality. Walks are on the second Saturday of the month. Meet at 10am at Creaton lychgate. Walks are about 8 miles/3 hours in length followed by an optional pub lunch. New walkers and well behaved dogs always welcome.



Dates of next walks:

- Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December 10am
- Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January 11am (extra walk)
- Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January 10am

## Creaton History Group (FOSM)

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm

**Cut and Caper:** English folk music for Christmas with audience participation (loads of fun!)

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm

**Chester House Estate:** 1,000 years of history.

Do come and join us for interesting talks, good company and complimentary refreshments at St Michael and All Angels Church, Violet Lane, Creaton.

Members Free . Visitors £5

## Creaton Singers

On 19<sup>th</sup> October the Creaton Singers were privileged to be invited to sing at a funeral in Market Harborough. This was for a friend of one of the singers and as he was a fluent



French speaker and a Francophile, the Singers were asked to sing a verse of Amazing Grace in French, in addition to various other hymns. This required a lot of practice but on the day it came together and the family were very gracious in their thanks and praise.

This came as an interlude between rehearsals for Christmas, not to mention a few absences due to Covid! At the time of writing, all the Singers have recovered thank goodness!

Get in the festive mood! Come and hear the Creaton Singers:

- Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December and Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2pm to 3pm at Welford Christmas Tree Farm.
- Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December 3pm for Cottesbrooke Carol Concert.
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December, 7pm on the Green in Creaton, followed by a carol concert in Creaton Village Hall at 7:30pm. Free entry with a bucket collection for charity.

The Creaton Singers have been delighted to welcome some new members. Interested in joining us? We meet at 7:30pm in the URC in Creaton High Street on Tuesdays. No previous experience necessary, just a willingness to have fun and enjoy singing with friends.

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# CREATON NEWS

## Over the Counter

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Adam Perrins-May is settling in well. He has started his course at the University of Northampton and is already bringing fresh ideas back to the shop.

We are always pleased to have young people volunteering, often as part of their Duke of Edinburgh award. Recently we agreed to take on a 13 year old volunteer who needs this as part of the Bronze award. If you are looking to volunteer as part of the DoE, do get in touch.

Trade has been brisk lately, possibly helped by the extortionate cost of petrol - a trip to Waitrose, Aldi or Asda could cost £3 in fuel! We are also very conscious of the increased cost of goods being sold to us and are working hard to make sure we continue to offer goods at an affordable rate without compromising the shop.

The shop is stocking up for Christmas so do make sure you fill in your order form, available in the shop or on line. It will save you a lot of time if you pre-order. The shop will be open every day except 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> December.

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## Creaton Playing Fields Association

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Our 2022 mowing season has now come to an end. The tractor is now tucked up under its blanket and the mowing equipment has been jet washed, greased and put away until 2023. The committee would like to extend their thanks to Martin and his field team for all their work in keeping the field looking great throughout the year. Another volunteer to thank is Chris, who manages the field waste, some of which is left in the bins and some of which is not, unfortunately!

Many of you will have noted that the shelter is finally repaired and looking good. We would like to thank Phil White of Guilsborough for stepping in and fixing it when he found out that we were struggling to find a contractor to carry out the work. Phil was able to recycle a lot of the timber, which was very commendable, although the main supports were rotten and beyond repair.

We would also like to give heartfelt thanks to Allen Eaton and his Hollowell Steam team for making a donation towards the shelter repair. Hollowell Steam has been a great benefactor to the field and many other local causes giving away almost £2m over 36 years which is an incredible achievement. We wish them all the best for the future under their new Chairman, Mr Neil Byrd.

Mark Woollven – Treasurer

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## Creaton URC

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

Sunday	December	
4th 11am		Rev Geoff Townsend
11th 11am	<b>Worship &amp; Holy Communion and Gift Service</b>	John Heard
18th 11am		Rev Geoff Townsend
Monday 19th 7pm	<b>Candlelight Service</b>	Rev Liz Adams
25th 10:30am	<b>Christmas Day Family Service</b>	
	<b>January 2023</b>	
1st 11am	<b>Worship &amp; Holy Communion</b>	Rev Geoff Townsend
8th 11am		Jon Heard
15th 11am		Margaret Hooper
22nd	<b>Beginning of a Week of Prayer. Joint Service at St Michael's</b>	
29th 11am	<b>North West Group URC Service at Long Buckby URC</b>	

For our Gift Service this year, we will be collecting for the Castle Hill Food Bank who will be grateful for donations of foodstuffs, and gifts for children, including sweets. Poppies coffee shop is open Wednesdays and Fridays, from 10am to 12noon. You will be very welcome.

## Celebrate Christmas at St Michael and All Angels, Creaton



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## Creaton Parish Council Contact Details

**Parish Clerk:** You can contact our Parish Clerk for Creaton Parish Council, Katrina Jones on [creatonpc@gmail.com](mailto:creatonpc@gmail.com)

Agendas and minutes of meetings are available on the village website [www.creaton.org.uk](http://www.creaton.org.uk)



Meetings are held bi-monthly at 7.30pm at Creaton Village Hall. The first 15 minutes is reserved for the public forum and anyone is welcome to come and speak on an agenda item or raise an item for the next agenda.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on:  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm.

## New Councillors

The Parish Council has three new Parish Councillors: Mitch Hunter, Sean Watters and Tracy Doran. We would like to welcome them to the Parish Council and are sure they will be valuable additions.

## New Website

If you haven't already, please do have a look at our new website [www.creaton.org.uk](http://www.creaton.org.uk). Thank you to Richard Hollingum for providing some stunning photographs of the village for the website.

We are in the process of updating the village group sections of the website so if you represent a village group please get in touch with the clerk so we can make sure your group's details are up to date.

## Planning Applications

Please look on the West Northamptonshire Council website [www.westnorthants.gov.uk](http://www.westnorthants.gov.uk) for full details of all Planning Applications.

## Support for Older People

Grants are available through funding from West Northants Council in conjunction with Age UK to support older residents who are suffering financial issues and have food and fuel poverty. To be eligible residents will need to be of pensionable age and living in West Northamptonshire. If any Creaton residents would like to apply or know of anyone in need please contact the clerk who can provide full details.

## Neighbourhood Plan

The Parish Council is grateful to the volunteers who have already come forward to express an interest in being part of a Neighbourhood Plan group.

A Neighbourhood Plan is an opportunity for the village community to have a say in the future of Creaton. The Plan will carry legal weight with respect to planning decisions including where new homes and other buildings can be built, and what they should look like.

A Neighbourhood Plan is also an opportunity to express a sense of place: "What makes Creaton, Creaton?". In addition it is an opportunity to look at what Creaton can do to protect the environment and to contribute to mitigation against climate change.

If you consider any - or all - of these important, do contact the Parish Clerk to register your interest. The Parish Council are particularly keen to have volunteers involved from across the ages and to truly reflect the community of Creaton.



## MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL RESIDENTS

The Parish Council wishes all residents a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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# GUILSBOROUGH NEWS

## CRICKET NEWS

After the highs of the 2022 season where the club were both Northamptonshire Cricket League Division 2 champions and T20 Cup winners **Haddon CC** are now planning for 2023 season. The club offers cricket across 3 grounds in Guilsborough, East Haddon and West Haddon and has thriving junior and adult sections. The junior section runs All Star soft ball and hard ball cricket for all children from the ages of 5 to 16 who would like to give the game a try. For 9-16 year olds indoor sessions will start from February 2023, and will move to outdoors from April.

In the adult section the club runs four teams in the Northamptonshire Cricket Team on Saturdays, two sides in the Rugby District mid-week league, and a ladies side in the Northamptonshire 8 a-side league. The club aims to offer both social and competitive cricket, new players of all levels of experience are always welcome. Pre-season adult training for the 2023 season will start indoors from February. For further information please contact Jim Houghton on 07748920176 or [jim.houghton72@outlook.com](mailto:jim.houghton72@outlook.com).



facilities. The General Committee is composed of village volunteers and representatives of sporting clubs, and 3 village trustees review that the GPFA's charity objects are met.

**Around 2000 juniors and adults use the facility each year for cricket, football and school sports.**

The GPFA funds the annual fixed/operating cost of about £12,000 p.a. About 35% comes from the sports clubs and others that use it, the remainder by efforts of volunteers without any contribution from the Parish stipend to fixed costs eg mowing (£2,500), insurance (£1,500), ground perimeter maintenance (£1,500), cricket square (£2,500), electric & water services (£1,000), statutory tree and building services inspections (£1,000), equipment repairs service (£1,500).

The GPFA will launch an appeal to Parishioners in 2023 and others for help to raise funds towards fixed costs.

## GENERAL NEW AND FUNDING

The GPFA, created in 1977, through funds raised by villagers, is a charity (275828) and independent organisation that manages the sporting activities, and maintains and improves the sporting

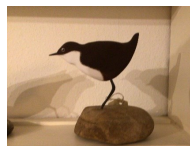
The very busy cricket season has now finished and football has commenced with Under 12s and Under 16s teams playing at the Field on Saturday and Sunday.



## Norma and Allan Simon art and crafts

Our new set of contemporary framed prints.

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## Guilsborough Friends

Are a local friendly group for ladies and gentlemen, usually meeting at 7.30pm at Guilsborough Village Hall, 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 refreshments, costs and make charitable donations.

We are really keen to welcome new members who would enjoy participating. Our Programme for the next 3 months:

**Friday January 13th**, Cycling in Holland Through the Tulip Fields

**Friday February 10th**, Charity Supper for Northamptonshire Search and Rescue

**Friday March 10th**, Talk about Arthur Cockerill, a self made man who became a Philanthropist for the town of Northampton, including the County Ground.

For further information contact: Janet Minney T 01604 740640 email: [janetminney1@internet.com](mailto:janetminney1@internet.com) or Rachel Humphrey T 01604 770009 email: [ianandrachel@gmail.com](mailto:ianandrachel@gmail.com)

# GUILSBOROUGH NEWS



## PRIMARY SCHOOL

We've had a wonderful Autumn term at Guilsborough C of E Primary School. There have been fundraising events, competitions, festivals, and lots of exciting learning opportunities throughout the term so far,

to name but a few things.

A big thank you is required to all parents who have supported the school through different events, assemblies, church visits and parent evenings that have taken place. We really are grateful and delighted to see how invested you all are in our school.

It was brilliant to see so many parents attend our Spanish afternoon to celebrate our new curriculum and the European Day of Languages. We had lots of kind and appreciative feedback from parents and we were all delighted with how enthused the children have been to learn Spanish.

I'd like to congratulate all the children who completed their bikeability this term. The Outspoken bikeability leaders were

delighted with the maturity and dedication our pupils showed throughout the week. Well done to all of you, I am extremely proud.

Thank you for all the harvest donations, which have all been sent to Northampton food bank. Revd. Allison and Revd. Caroline joined us for a special collective worship which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Our Maths Rock Star Day was AWESOME!! The day was full of fun, laughter and mathematical problem solving with a few times tables thrown in for good measure. Well done to all for joining in the fun...Guilsborough C of E Primary ROCKS!!

Please remember, if you need any information about what is happening at Guilsborough Primary we have lots of information on our website [www.guilsboroughprimary.co.uk](http://www.guilsboroughprimary.co.uk), or you can keep up to speed via our Twitter profile - @guilsboroughpri or our YouTube channel

(Guilsborough Primary).

Mrs K Shilliam Headteacher



## 50 YEARS OF MUSIC AND DRAMA IN GUILSBOROUGH

14<sup>th</sup> October saw the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner of GMADS (Guilsborough Music & Drama Society). Present and former members gathered to celebrate, including five members from the original cast of *The Mikado*!

The local GP, Dr Hughes, had a passion for Gilbert & Sullivan operettas and, in 1972, decided to stage *The Mikado*. When a patient came to see him, his first questions was, "Can you sing?" Fortunately, there were a lot of singers and so the first production began rehearsals with 40 people on stage and many backstage helpers. The Director was Nigel Townsend.

The show was performed at the County School with audiences of 300. The group's excellent reputation continued with other musicals including *Oklahoma*, *Carousel*, *The Merry Widow*, *Kiss Me Kate*, *My Fair Lady* and *Calamity Jane*.

With escalating costs of hall hiring, the group moved to the Village Hall, becoming GMADS. This offered opportunities for straight plays, comedies, reviews, pantomimes and Christmas shows - *A Christmas Carol*, *Mr Pickwick's Christmas* and *An Elizabethan Christmas* where the Spanish Armada was acted out with galleons and Queen Elizabeth in full sail.

NODA, the national association for amateur drama, awarded Best Play in the East Midlands to Noel Coward's *Hayfever*, John Buchan's *The 39 Steps* and Alan Ayckbourn's *Season's Greetings*. *Spectres*, *Spies* and *Flying Pigs* was home-written, telling the fascinating story of Guilsborough's history. The three witches on the village notice board were hanged for witchcraft in 1612! Junior GMADS presented *Jason and the Argonauts* and several children appeared in *The Wind in the Willows* and *A Christmas Carol*.

Most of the 80+ productions have been directed by Pam Townsend. After COVID, *Around the World in 80 Days* was a great success. Our next production is a wacky take on *The*

*Three Musketeers*. Rehearsals started in November with performances in March 2023.

We welcome new members on the stage or behind the scenes. Whatever your ability, it doesn't matter - you will make new friends and enjoy yourself. Pop into the village hall from 7:30 pm onwards on Tuesdays or contact Pam Townsend on 07900 861155.

Find out more at [www.gmads.co.uk](http://www.gmads.co.uk), Twitter @gmadsociety, Facebook GMADS-Guilsborough Music & Drama Society



The cake being cut by Pauline Boyes with Frances Scammell. Knobbly knees on show!

The Village Hall was beautifully decorated for the event.



# GUILSBOROUGH NEWS

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

### NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Guisborough still needs a Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator. If you think you can spare a little time and feel this is something for you, please do contact us and we can give you more information.

### NORTOFT ROAD CLOSURES

We've all had to endure the inconvenience of the road closures on Nortoft but what has made it more frustrating has been the lack of notice. We are informed by Anglian Water that the road closures so far have been to replace lead water supply pipes and repair leaks. Unfortunately, there are more lead pipes to be replaced but hopefully we will be given notice in future. Meanwhile, if you have any doubts on the quality of your water supply then contact Anglian Water directly.

### A NEW MEMORIAL BENCH

Suzanne Slapper has donated a bench to the village, in memory of her husband, Gary. It has been placed in the bus shelter for the comfort of passers by as well as users of the bus service.



**CAROL SINGING**

We will be carol singing around Guisborough for charity on Tuesday Dec 20th—meet at 6.30pm on The Green by the Christmas Tree. All welcome, music provided, please bring a torch, children should be accompanied by adults. Mulled wine and mince pies included.

Please contact Katie 07747 604067 for more details.



## Monday Morning Meet

Guisborough Village Hall  
9 – 11am every Monday (excluding Bank Holidays)

**CHRISTMAS PARTY - 12th December**  
**CHRISTMAS CRAFTS - 19th December**

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

Celebrate Christmas  
at  
**St Etheldreda's  
Church,  
Guisborough**



Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December 4.30pm  
**Switching on of 'Lights of Love'**

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 5.00pm  
**Christingle**  
With Guisborough Primary School

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December 6.00pm  
**Carols for Guisborough**

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 7.30pm  
**Blue Christmas**

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am  
**Christmas Communion**

## GUILSBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall now has its new warm replacement roof! Over the summer the leaking roof on the Village Hall was removed and a new fully insulated roof was installed. This has been made possible due to the generosity of Guisborough Parish Council, West Northants Council, various charitable bodies, and Guisborough residents who have given money and time to achieve this. Our heartfelt thanks go to everyone who has helped with this project. This new roof will provide us and future generations with a wonderful warm space to meet.

The Committee are always looking at ways to improve the hall for our users and our focus over the next year will be on energy efficiency. We would welcome help with the running of the hall and would be grateful to anyone who could spare a little time or expertise to join our team.

Please call Sue on 07713 622127.

## A light for a loved one at Christmas



**Remember a loved one this Christmas  
with a tree light by the church gate.**

**Switch on ceremony Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December  
4.30pm  
All welcome.**

**Further details from Guisborough Shop, the  
church porch, Monday Morning Meet or contact  
Janet Minney on 01604 740640.**

# HOLLOWELL & TEETON NEWS

## LOCAL CHARITIES RECEIVED OVER £80,000 FROM HOLLOWELL STEAM



It was great to see Allen Eaton MBE once again leading the Hollowell Steam "Give Away" on a dark, wet evening in early November. Allen and his wife Jane stepped out of retirement earlier in the year to take over the running of the Rally for one last time, in a bid to secure its future.

The Give Away is a particularly special evening, when the profits from the summer rally are handed out to a wide variety of local charities and good causes. This year presented a number of difficulties: the loss of the camping field and one of the parking areas, plus a struggle to secure marquees and a rain-battered Saturday.

The rally was nevertheless very successful. Representatives of nearly seventy local organisations packed into a large tent on the rally field to receive their awards. The range of local charitable effort was both humbling and inspiring, and included the St John Ambulance, the Samaritans, Cransley Hospice and young individuals working in cancer support.

"And that," said Allen as the last cheque was handed over, "Is how you give away £88,000 in an hour. It has been 36 wonderful years, now it is over to you to put the funds to work in the community". Since the Steam Rally started in 1986, Allen and the team have raised almost £2 million pounds for local charities and good causes. Never have three cheers been so roundly deserved.

## HOLLOWELL BONFIRE

It was a mild November night for Hollowell bonfire, and the rains dried up just in time. Excited revellers thronged the rally field (the first since Covid) to watch the huge stack of pallets go up in flames. The fireworks that followed were superb. The organisers said it had been a wonderful night and thanked all the hard-working volunteers involved.



## Celebrate Christmas with St James Church, Hollowell



#GOD with US

Wednesday 21st December 7.30pm

**Blue Christmas**  
*Guilsborough Church*

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December 6.30pm

**Christingle with Carols**  
**Hollowell Church**

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December 9.30

**Christmas Communion**  
*Invited to Join Guilsborough Church*

## CHANGE TO HOLLOWELL CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

The usual 10pm Carol Service will not be taking place this year. Instead there will be a Christingle service on Christmas Eve with carols starting at 6.30pm. All welcome.



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# HOLLOWELL & TEETON NEWS

## HOLLOWELL HARVEST SUPPER 2022

It was the first time in several years that the parish was able to come together to celebrate the end of the harvest. It was lovely to see the village hall packed with people. The homemade shepherd's pie was delicious, the puddings baked by the Hens were amazing and the Promises Auction was a riot. Who'd have thought there would be such a nail-biting battle over auctioned dessert. Thank you to everyone who came along, to the catering team and to those who generously offered promises for the auction, raising vital funds for the Village Hall in its 50th year.



## HOPEWELL COFFEE AND A CHAT

usually the last Friday in the month 10am to 12 noon. A record 32 people attended the last Hopewell Coffee morning. The home-baked cakes and pod coffee are proving a popular draw. The next coffee morning will be on Friday 16th Dec (slightly earlier because of Christmas) and then on 27th January 2023. For more information please call Paul on 07780 265614 or email: [wearehopewell@gmail.com](mailto:wearehopewell@gmail.com).

EVERYONE IS WELCOME.



## CONGRATULATIONS TO HOLLOWELL RUNNER BECKY GANE WHO RECENTLY COMPLETED THE BERLIN MARATHON.

Becky says:

"It was an achievement to complete the Berlin Marathon, after 10 weeks out with a knee injury and only having 8 weeks to get the miles in. I didn't think I'd make the start line.

What a journey and what a marathon. I achieved 2 personal bests; I min off my half and 22 minutes off my marathon time at 5:14:04, Though the tracker has me completing at 5:19.

I was on course for a sub 5 hour run at 30km, but no amount of will power was going to make that happen. I was "proper stoked" and the best thing was warm tea and apples as well as the atmosphere. Coming through the Brandenburg Gate made me tearful; I was nearly there. I got through and stopped. I thought I'd finished, but oh no, another 200m lol.

A very well organised event and they even engraved my medal while I was there. Thank you Berlin for the amazing memories."



## VILLAGE HALL LOTTO WINNERS

Liz Petri, Paul Hampton,

Chrystal Baker Bates, Hilary Worton,

Dawn Fountain, Jacqui Hampton, John Benjamin

# HOLLOWELL & TEETON NEWS

## Will it be a Waxwing Winter?

The Waxwing is a scarce winter visitor in the British Isles, subject to occasional irruptions, when large numbers move south and west from their breeding territories in Scandinavia and northern Europe. The last Waxwing invasion that I can recall in Northants occurred in the winter of 2016-2017. The photo above is of one of a party of birds that spent a few days feeding around the perimeter fence at Sywell Airfield.

As I write this in early November, Waxwings appear to be on the move, with large numbers reported dispersing across northern Europe. There are also early signs of arrival in Britain, with parties of birds seen in Shetland, Moray, Northumberland, Norfolk and – tantalisingly close to home - three flying south over Croft Hill in Leicestershire just a couple of days ago. At this stage it's too early to say whether this is a vanguard of an invasion – or just part of normal winter movements.

Waxwings are characterful birds with a striking appearance. They can appear Starling-like when seen in silhouette – and may also move in similar large flock formations to the Starling – but if seen properly Waxwings are unmistakable: pinkish grey overall, with black, white yellow and red contrasts on the wing and tail feathers, a black bib and eye-mask and a large crest. They are also vocal at times: their distinctive silvery call 'ssiirrr' may reveal their presence in the nearby area.

Waxwings are generally active, restless and nervy, moving quickly away when disturbed, but they can also be very visible as they frequent areas of ornamental planting in residential, municipal and commercial areas, including gardens and parkland and also roadsides, traffic islands and supermarket car parks (in the 2016-2017 invasion they seemed to prefer Sainsburys!).

Favoured food plants are native Rowan and Hawthorn and ornamental varieties of Sorbus, Pyracantha and Cotoneaster.

When they find a suitable food source they may linger, only moving on when they have stripped the trees of all their berries.

In times of food shortage they may feed on frost-damaged or semi-fermented fruit and become incapacitated and unable to fly; they have evolved highly efficient liver function as a way of minimising the risks of this.

With their striking appearance and lively habits, combined with their scarcity, Waxwings generate high levels of interest in the birding community and lots of coverage on social media. News of a Waxwing invasion will spread quickly around the bird-news sources and chat groups, there is even a Twitter account @WaxwingsUK dedicated to monitoring and sharing their movements.

It might seem unusual for me to be writing about a bird that often doesn't feature locally, but you never know... over the next couple of months we may be fortunate enough to catch up with a flock of these characterful birds.

Feel free to contact me at [joncooknorthantsbirds@gmail.com](mailto:joncooknorthantsbirds@gmail.com) if you would like to share any sightings or have any questions about local bird life.



## HOLLOWELL WEDDING:

Congratulations to Georgina Pacey and Ryan Fitzhugh who were married at the Guildhall in Northampton on 30th September. Georgina has lived in Hollowell since she was 5 months old and Ryan grew up across the valley in Creaton.





Hurray Everyone! Back for 2022, it's..



Latte, cappuccino,  
americano, espresso.....

*"Café Christmas"*

in the Village Hall  
Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December from 9.30 to 12.00

Come along and celebrate a Hollowell Village Christmas reunion featuring:

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- Hand made Mince Pies and other Cakes!
- Authentic coffees from our Baristas!
- Homemade Christmas cards and crafts
- Homemade Christmas cakes
- Tombola



To book the Hall, contact Emily on 01604 740796

# THORNBY NEWS

## JUBILEE BENCH THANK YOU

With the funds raised from the wonderful Jubilee celebrations in June we are extremely happy that the bench is now in the voted position for you all to enjoy.

Special thanks go to David Pitt and Peter Moyes, helping us to ensure it was secured and ready for the Church Service commemorating the Queen's Life and The Queens Funeral. We are so very grateful to you both for your time and generosity.

Enjoy everyone and happy memories of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Jubilee Team: Mike, Lin, Alex, Julie, Vanessa, Michelle and Jean.



Celebrate Christmas at  
**St Helen's Church, Thornby**



Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December 3.00pm

**Carols for Thornby**

*A traditional Service of Lessons and Carols*

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2.00pm

**Walking Nativity**

*Creton – Starting at 12 Brixworth Road*

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 7.30pm

**Blue Christmas**

*Guildsborough Church*

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December 9.30

**Christmas Communion**

## THORNBY VILLAGE HALL EQUIPMENT

Residents of the village are welcome to borrow Village Hall equipment for private functions, Christmas parties or extra guests.

**6 x small tables (4 seater)**

**6 x large tables (6 seater)**

**40 x covered chairs**

**48 x plastic chairs**

**2 x gazebos 3mx3m**

**an array of mix sized glassware**

No charges applicable, however donations would be greatly appreciated to support the upkeep of our Village Hall. Please note you will be liable for any damages or loss.

To secure all bookings and requests please contact Alex Todd – Warriner House alext@trucklink.eu.com or Lin Ockenden - The Old Rectory lin@aiovision.org.

Many thanks, The Village Hall Committee

## Useful online shopping links to support our Village Hall

**www.smile.amazon.co.uk** - Please create an Account on Amazon Smile and choose Thornby Village Hall as your choice of charity. Every time you want to shop on Amazon log into this site and a percentage of your spend will be donated direct from Amazon to the Village Hall.

**www.easyfundraising.org.uk** - Please create an account and choose Thornby Village Hall as your choice of Charity. Choose your retailer and this site just redirects you to their website. Not all retailers are registered but the likes of Argos, John Lewis, Marks and Spencer and car insurance and holiday companies are all registered. A percentage of your spend, on average between 1-3% is sent direct to the Village Hall. The large supermarkets will even donate a fixed amount on your weekly grocery shop! Creating an account is very simple. Every time you shop online remember to go to smile.amazon and Easyfundraising to be redirected to your retailer of choice. It's surprising how many retailers donate while we shop. A fantastic way for us all to help raise funds and maintain our beautiful little Hall for us all to enjoy.

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## MESSAGE FROM REVEREND ALLISON TWIGG, THE UPLANDS GROUP OF CHURCHES

# CHURCH NEWS

Dear Friends,

Advent is an important season in the church and is a time of waiting – both preparing for Jesus' birth at Christmas but also looking forward in anticipation of his second coming. Advent is important to acknowledge as a season in the church and is certainly a lot more than just a chocolate countdown to Christmas! In fact in the church calendar Christmas begins on Christmas Day and then the season of Christmas goes on until 5 January when we mark Epiphany and for some the season only really ends with Candlemas celebrated on 2nd February.

But despite acknowledging the importance and significance of Advent, the reality is that the Christmas Season inevitably starts early for most of us.

The season of Christmas is one to be enjoyed and is an invitation. At Christmas time, church communities all over the country dress their buildings with festive decorations, and open their doors on cold evenings, to help communities come together to sing carols and to celebrate Christmas with all manner of services from Christingles; Donkey and Crib Services; Carol Services and more traditional Christmas Communion Services. In the villages of the Uplands Group that is exactly what we want to do to and we offer our warm welcome to you at all of our services. (Please do see the advert on each of the village

pages to see what is happening across the churches of the Uplands.)

The truth is I love Christmas. I love what it means to me both as a Christian as I celebrate the birth of Jesus and also what it means to me as a time to enjoy with family and friends, many of whom we only see a few times a year as they live in different parts of the country and beyond.

Christmas is about love, shared between families, friends and communities, love in reaching out to others, and above all, the love of God in the form of the precious baby in the manger.

I pray that as you continue with your festive preparations, you would know the love of the Christ Child this Christmas time and always.

With love and prayers  
Reverend Allison

*And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14*



The SSPPG are a group of patients that work with the Practice to make it the best it can be. Our bi-monthly meetings alternate between the two surgeries. At the meetings we hear the latest updates and discuss ways to support the Practice. The next SSPPG Meeting will on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** at Brixworth Surgery, 18.30pm.

We always welcome new members to our group

The next Health Walk will be on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December**, Brixworth to the Reservoir. Meet at the George Pub in Brixworth NN6 8BU. 11am start, approximately 75min walk. Lunch afterwards for those interested. The walk will be led by Mick Wright.

December sees the start of the Saxon Spires Practice Christmas Raffle. Prizes include Christmas Hampers and more. The Hampers will be on display at Guilsborough and Brixworth Surgeries from early December. The funds raised will go to a charity nominated by the Practice.

The SSPPG will be holding Coffee Mornings to launch the raffle on **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** 10am to 12 noon at Guilsborough Surgery and **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December** 10am to 12noon at Brixworth Surgery. Watch our Saxon Spires Patient Participation Group Facebook page for regular announcement on all activities or drop us an email on [ssppg2022@gmail.com](mailto:ssppg2022@gmail.com)

## SHOE BOXES AND BLANKETS



Thank you Guilsborough!

**138** shoes boxes, **45** knitted/crochet blankets and **2** patchwork covers have been collected by Blytheswood for distribution through Eastern Europe, including Ukraine.

A fantastic achievement in these challenging times  
Janet, Sue and the rest of the team

## CHURCH ROTA

Uplands Group of Churches Service Planner December 2022 – January 2023									
Christmas/Carol Services are publicised elsewhere									
	4 <sup>th</sup> December Advent 2	11 <sup>th</sup> December Advent 3 Confirmations	18 <sup>th</sup> December Advent 4	25 <sup>th</sup> December	1 <sup>st</sup> January Christmas 2	8 <sup>th</sup> January Epiphany	15 <sup>th</sup> January Epiphany 2	22 <sup>nd</sup> January Epiphany 3	29 <sup>th</sup> January Epiphany 4 Presentation of Christ
	Purple	Purple	Purple	Gold/White	Gold/White	Gold/White	Gold/White	Gold/White	Gold/White
<b>Cold Ashby</b>		10.00 Group Service CONFIRMATIONS Bishop Donald		See Christmas Services Planner	10.00am Group Service Creation	10.00am Group Service Gullesborough		9.30am BCP Communion	10.00am Group Service Cottesbrooke
<b>Cottesbrooke</b>	11.00am BCP Communion								
<b>Creation</b>	9.30am BCP Communion	Cold Ashby	9.30 CW Communion				9.30am CW Communion		
<b>Gullesborough</b>	11.00am Common Worship Communion						8.30am BCP Communion	9.30am CW Communion	
			Brunch@11 Village Hall				Brunch @ 11 Village Hall 5.00 BCP Evensong		
<b>Hollowell</b>			11.00 BCP Morning Prayer				11.00am BCP Morning Prayer	11.00 CW Communion	
<b>Ravensthorpe</b>	8.30am BCP Communion		9.30 CW Communion				9.30am CW Communion	11.00am Worship for All	
<b>Spratton</b>	11.00am Worship for All		8.30 BCP Communion				8.30am BCP Communion	11.00am CW Communion	
<b>Thorndby</b>	9.30am BCP Communion								



## HOUSE PLANS PLANNING APPLICATIONS BUILDING REGS

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## LEST WE FORGET ...

The Remembrance Day Parade took place on Sunday 13th November and was followed by a church service at St Etheldreda's and refreshments at the Witch & Sow, Guilsborough.



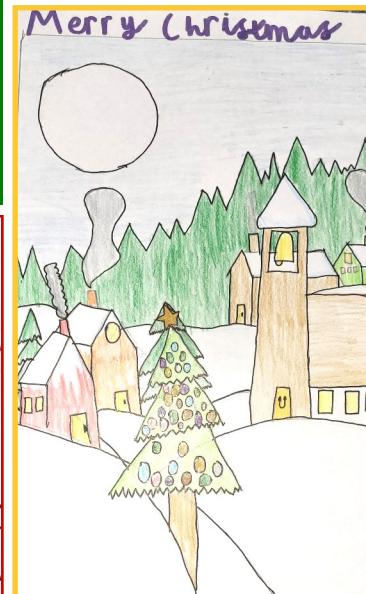
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## CHRISTMAS PICTURE COMPETITION RUNNERS UP



Each receiving a Christmas treat!



Top left:  
 Florence Willmore, age 9.

Middle left:  
 Lucas Gibson, age 9.

Bottom left:  
 Adeline Willmore, age 2.

Top right:  
 Oscar Wilson, age 10.

## THANK YOU TO HOLLOWELL STEAM

Sarah Dalzell received a cheque from Neil Byrd of Hollowell Steam for Village Link at their giveaway celebrations in early November (pictured left). She said: "It was wonderful to be recognised for our work sharing village news and events free of charge through the letterboxes of more than 900 households locally. We are always happy to help promote Hollowell Steam and its wonderful work, and are very grateful for this generous contribution to our running costs." Neil is taking over as Chairman from Allan Eaton MBE (pictured behind the lectern).

