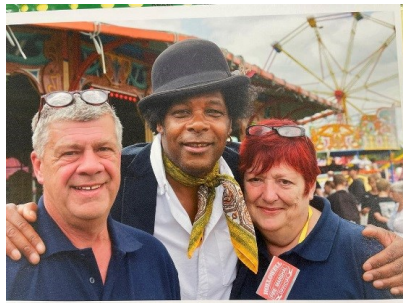




# HOLLOWELL STEAM SUCCESS

Congratulations to Neil and Martine Byrd of Earls Barton, who stepped up to lead the Hollowell Steam Rally into a very successful 34<sup>th</sup> year.

Here they are pictured with Danny Sebastian, one of the experts from TV's bargain hunt, who came along to do some autioneering.



For the first time in a while and to the delight of the crowds, the popular Saturday auction was back with thirteen hundred lots ranging from stationary engines, tractors and trailers, piles of timber and the proverbial kitchen sink or two, all going under the hammer. Neil says "Without the support from our wonderful committee, volunteers, members of the public, exhibitors and traders it wouldn't have been possible. A big thank you to all."



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## INTRODUCING OUR NEW DISTRIBUTION COORDINATORS



Photo credit: Ian Dalzell

After six years of coordinating the Village Link distribution, Guilsborough's Mark Revitt-Smith has stepped down, and Lynn and Richard Furnell (pictured, also from the village) have stepped forward to fill his shoes. Said Richard: "We are just a small part of a much larger group of distributors around the villages who do a fantastic job. Mark has done a great handover and hopefully things will continue to run smoothly!" Our thanks to Mark for a tremendous job done, and welcome to the team Lynn and Richard!

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- 5th Cottesbrooke Produce Show
- 10th Guilsborough Friends - guided walk
- 12th Creton Walkers
- 12th Cottesbrooke Coffee Morning
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#### SEPTEMBER

- 9th Hollowell Village Hall Big Breakfast
- 2nd Cottesbrooke Walking Club
- 8th Creton Singers "Songs from Stage & Screen, Creton"
- 9th Cottesbrooke Coffee Morning
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#### 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. Thursday evening Nia Guilsborough. Last Saturday of each month, painting at Thornby.

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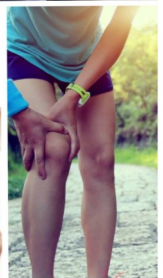
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Greenshank, Hollowell Reservoir, June '23

Autumn migration is now well underway, giving a great opportunity to see shorebirds, or waders, passing through Northamptonshire.

A small number of wader species breed in Northamptonshire, but most are passage migrants or winter visitors. Many are long-distance migrants, making epic journeys between their breeding territories and their wintering grounds. A Sanderling resting on the dam at Pitsford Reservoir in August may be heading south to spend the winter in Namibia, having bred in Siberia.

Commoner Dunlin and Green Sandpipers may be joined by scarcer species such as Wood Sandpipers, Sanderlings or Bar-tailed Godwits, even Avocets or Black-winged Stilts; and there is always the possibility of a rarity. Pectoral Sandpiper, Kentish Plover and Temminck's Stint have all been seen in the county in recent years.

Waders can present identification challenges - and to many birders this is part of their appeal. A mantra for anyone wishing to develop their bird ID skills is to 'learn the calls'. I'd say this is particularly relevant with waders, as they may reveal their presence with distinctive calls. The ringing 'teu-teu-teu' of a Greenshank or the 'choo-wit' of a Spotted Redshank are particularly diagnostic. The Whimbrel has a very distinctive rapid repeating call, the origin of its old name 'Seven Whistler'. This call is often heard at night - several folk stories describe these birds as portents of tragedy. Wader calls can be highly evocative, recalling the places where they are more usually encountered: the bubbling call of the Curlew will always transport me to mountain habitats in Scotland and the Yorkshire Dales.

Good locations for waders in the county include former gravel pits

# BIRDING NOTES

such as Summer Leys and Titchmarsh Local Nature Reserves and Northampton Washlands. Reservoirs can also provide suitable habitat, however most waders need exposed mud to feed, so these sites will be most productive after periods of low rainfall. New habitat is being created via conservation projects and flood protection schemes including the new workings in the Brampton Valley. Waders may even frequent temporary habitat on industrial sites. The DIRFT 3 logistics development has recently been as good a location as any in the county; however, as the project approaches completion the habitat is shrinking - although the Wildlife Trust reserve at nearby Lilbourne Meadows is already attracting a good range of birds.

Keeping an eye on the weather can be key to finding waders: stormy or unsettled weather can 'ground' birds which would otherwise overfly without stopping; strong winds may divert them from their normal migratory routes. During the late summer and early autumn months huge numbers of these birds are on the move, so you never know, something good could turn up at any time!

Jon Cook - [joncookbirding.wordpress.com](http://joncookbirding.wordpress.com)

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# COLD ASHBY NEWS

## NEWS FROM THE MEMORIAL HALL

A great time was had by all who attended our Merry Comrades May Day Reunion Tea on May 20<sup>th</sup>. It was wonderful to look back on old photos of days gone by and to sing and dance round the Maypole once again. Huge thanks to Julie Webb, Carole Oliver, Mandy Carson, and Fiona Gunn-Stokes for preparing the traditional May Day tea complete with jelly and ice cream!

We had a huge turnout for our Charity Skittles night on June 3<sup>rd</sup> in memory of Bob Gammage and Phil Bott and we were delighted to raise a total of £400 which was split between the charities of Prostate Cancer and Alzheimer's Society. Forty people played in 4 teams, and it was a very close competition, but congratulations go to The Diamonds who were the winning team. We would like to thank everyone who attended and made it such a memorable night and to all who donated raffle prizes. Big thank you goes to the following people who helped on the evening: Katy and Duggie Stuart, Julie Webb, Mandy Carson, John Callaghan, Fiona Gunn-Stokes, and Fiona Taylor.

At the end of June, Cold Ashby Memorial Hall hosted the Summer Skittles League Cup Matches. 6 teams from the league competed in matches for the cup. Congratulations go to Cold Ashby Village Hall team who beat Central Sports Brixworth in the first round. They then faced and beat The Bull's Head, Clipston in the semi-final and finally overcame Long Buckby Rugby Club to win the cup. Well done to: Dave, Marilyn, Paul, Malcolm, Andrew, Brian, Duggie and Fiona on your great performance!

## COLD ASHBY EVENTS FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

Everyone is welcome to join us for the following events and residents' support will ensure that we are able to keep these important village facilities open and provide opportunities for entertainment, social interaction and keep the village pool and skittle teams going. Pool nights every Monday from 7.30pm at the Cold Ashby Playing Field Pavilion. Bar open. All village pool players welcome. Please check village Facebook pages for further details of the planned events listed below.

Date	Event	Venue	Details
<b>Fri 4 August</b>	Social Evening	Pavilion	From 7:30pm
<b>Wed 9<sup>th</sup> August</b>	Skittles CAVH v BH	Memorial Hall	From 7:30pm
<b>Sat 12<sup>th</sup> August</b>	Cold Ashby Village Show	Memorial Hall	Exhibits by 12pm, Judging at 2pm, Auction at 3pm Starts at 8pm
<b>Fri 18<sup>th</sup> August</b>	Quiz night	Pavilion	From 7:30pm
<b>Fri 18<sup>th</sup> August</b>	Social Evening	Pavilion	From 7:30pm
<b>Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> August</b>	Film night	Pavilion	From 7:30pm £5 for cheese and wine
<b>Sat 26<sup>th</sup> August</b>	Social Evening	Memorial Hall	From 7:30pm
<b>Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Sept</b>	Social Evening	Pavilion	From 7:30pm
<b>Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	Sean Taylor Annual Fun Day	Cold Ashby Playing Fields	From 11-3pm
<b>Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	Social evening	Memorial Hall	From 7:30pm
<b>Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	Social Evening	Pavilion	From 7:30pm
<b>Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept</b>	Social Evening	Memorial Hall	From 7:30pm
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**SHAUN TAYLOR ANNUAL FUN DAY**

DATE: SATURDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER  
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### OPEN GARDENS

Many thanks to everyone who attended and helped at our annual open gardens in July. More details of the event will follow in the next edition.

### HARVEST SUPPER

**Monday 25th September.**  
A date for your diary! Enjoy a meal and an auction of produce. Please check the village Facebook page for further details nearer the time.

### COLD ASHBY VILLAGE SHOW

Our annual village show will take place on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August at the Memorial Hall. Application Forms and further details will be delivered around the village, and we look forward to another successful event. To



celebrate the show, we will be holding a Quiz night in the evening hosted by HLK's Pub Quiz. Quiz will start at 8pm and costs £2 per person. Teams of up to 6 players.

# COTTESBROOKE NEWS

## AUGUST

### 5 August, Produce Show

Enter your best home-grown produce, flowers, home-baked goodies, art and more! Or just pop along in the afternoon to see the entries and bid on some too! Contact Derek Dawes for more information.

### 12 August, 10-12 Coffee Morning

Theme: Scotland

Hosted by our very own Ross, join us to catch up with neighbours and enjoy Scottish treats.

## SEPTEMBER

### 2 September, 10:30 Walking Club

Meet at the Village Hall for a local walk with neighbours. Dogs welcome.

### 9 September, 10-12 Coffee Morning

Theme: National Organic Month

Enjoy organic tea, coffee and cakes with neighbours.

### 24 September, 5pm Harvest Service

All Saints Church, Cottesbrooke

### 24 September, 6pm Harvest Supper

Following the Harvest Service, join us for a delicious, home-cooked meal, raffle and more!

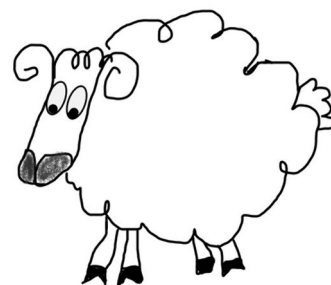
Further details to follow. Contact Meg Routhorn for more information.

## LITTLE BO PEEP'S LITTLE LOST SHEEP...

From where I sit, looking out across grass that is still green - not parched and dry, as some areas are, nor flooded, as other places have been by the storms - it is rich with nature's blessings and amusements.

On the news when it spoke about the changing world, life of humans or a threat of extinction - I am greatly encouraged when I see a bumble bee, and yes, even thistles.

"Oh good heavens!" As I write, I look up and a baby lamb is trying to get through my sliding glass window in front of me, followed by a pheasant. He (the pheasant), visits daily, but baby needs help and is a newcomer on the scene. For the love of Cottesbrooke! We are, and I am your humble servant, trying to catch the lamb.



PS Hopefully all this is caught on camera...and the good news is the little lamb did not get eaten by the fox, just gone AWOL!

Chris Utley  
Cottesbrooke  
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### CREATON SINGERS

July got off to a wonderful start with 2 of the Creaton Singers marrying each other! Many congratulations to Susannah and Ray Rodley. We wish you every happiness in your future together. The wedding was a joyous celebration ending with the Creaton Singers leading the singing to 'The Bare Necessities' as the newlyweds came up the aisle!

Save the Date! Sunday 8 September at 2:30pm in the URC, High Street, Creaton. The Creaton Singers are putting on a concert of Songs from Stage and Screen. It promises to be a fun event so make sure you don't miss out.

If you enjoy singing for pleasure and would like to join this friendly group, come along to the URC on a Tuesday evening at 7:30pm. Previous experience not necessary just a willingness to learn and have fun.



### CREATON WALKERS

With summer at its height and the colours all around us gently changing it has been lovely to walk around Chapel Brampton and Harlestone Firs, not to mention 3 golf courses! The July walk took the Creaton Walking Group in a circular route from the Red Lion in Sibbertoft including part of the Jurassic Way.



If you would like to join this friendly group, we meet at Creaton lychgate at 10am on the second Saturday of the month. Walks are about 8 miles, mainly over public footpaths and bridleway and finish with an optional pub lunch. Well-behaved dogs and newcomers very welcome.

Next walks are on:

- 12 August
- 9 September
- 14 October

Creaton PCC are thrilled to announce that part one of our reordering project to make our church a more comfortable and welcoming space has been completed. We are very grateful to the eight charities who gave us grants to enable this project to proceed.

We now have a fully accessible toilet and a modern kitchen area with a mobile serving unit.

By removing 6 pews at the rear of the church, levelling the floor and moving the font we have created a large area in which people can socialise. It was a joy to see this area used for a reception after Susannah and Ray's lovely wedding on Saturday.

Our Church looked beautiful decorated for the flower festival as part of Creaton in Bloom. The theme was "Count your Blessings", and we are grateful to the team of flower arrangers who so artistically devised the wonderful display. The PCC would also like to thank everyone who worked so hard to create a very enjoyable and successful Creaton in Bloom this year. There were around 450 visitors to the gardens and the village Green was buzzing with stalls and activities.

### CREATON WI

We have an exciting and varied programme planned for the second half of the year:

August 2<sup>nd</sup>: day trip to Stratford-on-Avon and the Butterfly Farm, by mini-bus.

September 13<sup>th</sup>: talk and demonstration by the Shireen Belly Dancers

October 11<sup>th</sup>: talk and tasting from Friars Farm Artisan Chutneys

November 8<sup>th</sup>: "The Art of the Chocolatier" chocolate making demonstration

December 13<sup>th</sup>: "Humour and Music" with Ken Nokes

Non-members are very welcome to join the day trip and any of the talks and demonstrations (which are held in the United Reformed Church starting at 7.30 p.m.).

Please contact President, Daphne Clark, 01604 505546 or email [wicreaton@gmail.com](mailto:wicreaton@gmail.com) for more information.



### FRIENDS OF ST MICHAEL'S HISTORY GROUP

Our new season of talks will begin in September.

**Thursday Sept 21st:** Fraud in British Archeology in the 20th Century. Dr Martin Tingle

**Thursday October 19th:** 1460 The Life Religious: with "Past Alive"

Talks are in St Michael and All Angels Church and begin at 7.30 pm followed by complimentary refreshments. Please come and join us.

The Society was saddened to hear of the death of the Reverend Brian Lee who founded the group over twenty years ago. (Although we are not a religious society we try to support our historic church building). We had the pleasure of meeting Brian again at our anniversary dinner last year and will miss him greatly.

# CREATON NEWS

## Over The Counter

Many of you will have noticed increased activity in the house and land behind the shop and we are delighted to welcome our new landlords, the McGlasson family, to the village. May we remind our customers not to park over the access to the left of the shop. We have been most impressed by the number of younger people volunteering to work in the shop over the summer holidays. This gives them valuable work experience and in return the shop is delighted to offer training. This has eased the immediate problem of having enough volunteers but the problem will return in September so PLEASE, if you can, offer 2 hours or more once a week or so (no fixed pattern necessary) to volunteer in the shop do let us know. It is fun and interesting.

A few questions:

- Are you a shareholder in Creaton Village Shop? If not and you would like to be part of the community of shareholders, pick up a form from the shop. To become a shareholder costs £20 and in return you have joined a group of committed individuals who are passionate about keeping a shop in the village.
- Have you considered buying one or two more items from the village shop, rather than driving to a supermarket? The shop needs to increase its turnover to remain solvent and needs the support of the local community (you!) to do this. A small amount of extra sales per head establishes the shop more securely for the future. Oh, and saves you about £2 in petrol.
- Finally, have you tried our freshly baked bread? We are currently selling stone-baked loaves and Baltic loaves which

are very popular. Remember, you can pre-order pastries and bread in case we sell out.

New products come in weekly so take time to pop in and have a browse. We are happy to deliver or have your order ready for collection.

And finally, finally, we are delighted to see Sue Tew starting to return to work after her broken ankle and surgery.



### Creaton in Bloom 2023 THANK YOU

A massive Thank You to everyone involved in whatever way with Creaton in Bloom 2023. It was a record-breaking year, thanks to you and the weather!

Due to your efforts, we raised **£9,107** for:

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# CREATON NEWS

## CREATON PLAYING FIELD ASSOCIATION

The field continued to look good as we enjoyed a mainly sunny June and it was great to see so many people enjoying the field for a variety of activities.

A plaque commemorating the contribution of Reg Thomas to village life has been attached to one of our benches by the Parish Council. Reg was a great servant to the field and to the village in general.



Our ancient seesaw has finally been blessed with new rubber stops. After months of research, spying on other playgrounds, an extensive period of “Googling” and the persistence and ingenuity of Rod and Ian who carried out the task new stops were sourced and fitted. Here are Rod and Ian basking in the glory of their achievement. It was very rewarding when a young family arrived shortly after the repair and immediately opted



for the seesaw as their piece of equipment of choice. The following day, however, the heavens opened, a torrent swept through our play area and 6 inches of chipped bark journeyed across the field finally coming to rest near the electricity pylon, a distance of some 50 metres. Thanks go to Rod who diligently ferried them back to their rightful place. He didn't need to go to the Gym that day! We are considering what can be done to prevent future recurrences of this event which may include a drainage channel and soft pour rubber safer surfacing, although this would be expensive.

## Creaton URC

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6th 11am	<b>Worship &amp; Holy Communion</b>	Rev Geoff Townsend
13th 11am		Vaughan Griffiths
20th 11am		Rev Geoff Townsend
27th 11am		Rev Nigel Adkinson

	<b>September</b>	
3rd 11am	<b>Worship &amp; Holy Communion</b>	Rev Geoff Townsend
10th 11am		Jon Heard
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## Parish Council Meeting dates 2023:

Meetings will continue to be held bi-monthly on the second Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm at Creaton Village Hall. The meeting dates for the remainder of 2023 are:

12<sup>th</sup> September

14<sup>th</sup> November

## Planning Applications:

Please look on 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>

## Neighbourhood Development Plan Update

Work with the appointed neighbourhood plan consultant is underway and the Parish Council is in the process of setting up a Neighbourhood Plan working group.

If you are interested in volunteering to be part of this group please contact the Parish Clerk, Katrina Jones.

More information on what a neighbourhood plan is can be found on the government website: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/neighbourhood-planning--2>

## The Late Reg Thomas

The Parish Council has purchased a memorial plaque which has been placed on a bench in the playing field in memory of the late Reg Thomas. This was a place close to his heart as Reg spent many hours volunteering to support the playing field.



## Police Liaison Report

Parish Councillor Ian Horne acts as the village police liaison representative. More information about this role and how to contact him are on our website [www.creaton.org.uk](http://www.creaton.org.uk)

Cllr Horne recently attended a meeting for Police Liaison Representatives and has the following to report:

- It was highlighted that Northamptonshire is still one of the worst counties in the country for poor driving and traffic offenses and incidents.
- It was noted that there has been no real deterrent for 10 years, with static speed cameras not operating, resulting in drivers ignoring speed limits.
- A further 1.3 million has been invested in ANPR cameras which have been fitted to cars & static positions around the county

- There are now 8 mobile camera speed awareness vans & 1 unmarked mobile unit operating only where there is a high proportion of incidents and speeding offenses.
- Road policing, increased to 48 officers available 24 hrs a day. ANPR has become an effective way in catching criminals breaking the law.
- Northamptonshire policing no longer takes data from cabling roads, this has been replaced by ANPR fitted discreetly which can be mounted to a streetlight or an upright sign and records vehicle movement over the course of 7 days. A report is then produced to identify key information if required.
- In a recent 2 week period, 967 vehicles were stopped, 88 persons arrested with 188 vehicles taken off the road.
- The expectation is that in the near future DRUG driving will be more widespread than DRINK driving.

Chief Inspector Nick Adderly is determined to address the problems within the County.

## Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

The local Poppy Appeal organiser for Spratton is looking for volunteers to help with collections in Creaton. If you are interested in helping please contact Christopher Prior Jones on 07970 762032 or at [chpriorjones@gmail.com](mailto:chpriorjones@gmail.com).



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# GUILSBOROUGH NEWS

## GUILSBOROUGH FRIENDS

We are a local friendly group for ladies and gentlemen, usually meeting at 7.30pm, at Guilsborough Village Hall, the second Thursday of the month.

During the summer months we arrange outside events.

Weather permitting.

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 looking forward to welcoming new members.

Our Summer Programme for the next 3 months:

**Thursday August 10<sup>th</sup>**

Guided walk at Creaton with Richard Hollingham

**Thursday September 14<sup>th</sup>**

Talk about the charity Riding for the Disabled

**Thursday October 12<sup>th</sup>**

'Amy, Wonderful Amy Johnson' The Aeroplane Girl An illustrated talk by Roy Smart (see below)

For further information contact:  
Janet Minney 01604 740640



## Amy, Wonderful Amy Johnson

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**Roy Smart** — tells the story of this magnificent girl and her flying machines

**Thursday October 12<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm at Guilsborough Village Hall**

Tickets £5 per person to include a glass of wine / soft drink available from Elizabeth Southgate 01604 740064  
easouthgate@hotmail.co.uk  
Janet Minney 01604 740640



## VILLAGE HALL

### New windows and doors

The Village Hall will be having new double glazed windows at the front of the hall and new doors at the front, back and sides, hopefully being installed during August / September. This will help to reduce the loss of heat from the hall, keeping our electricity bill as low as possible.

As part of these improvements, Winwick Wind Farm has just provided a grant of £2,875 towards our new back doors. These will provide a much better entrance for the hall, and importantly will help the hall be much better for people with disabilities.

### New blood required !

The current hall management team has been very successful over recent years, including seeing the hall successfully through the covid period and re-establishing the use of the hall. We replaced the roof in 2022, and are putting in new windows and doors in 2023. The hall is financially sound, but we now need more people to help us keep the hall running. The management committee currently has about 8 people who meet every second month.

If you are able to help in any way, please get in touch with Sue O'Neil on 07713 622 127, or chat with any of our current team who include Sue Needham, Eve Wooldridge, Emily Cheney, Ally Phillips and Richard Furnell.



## GUILSBOROUGH MUSIC and DRAMA SOCIETY



After the very successful production of *The Three Musketeers*, GMADS begins rehearsals on 12 September for *House Guest* by Francis Durbridge. This is a dark but exciting thriller. The performances will be 21-23 March 2024.

On 12<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm at Guilsborough Village Hall we will read through and cast: there are four parts for men and four parts for women. Just as importantly we need people to fill roles behind the scenes.

We are also planning a small Christmas entertainment with lots of small roles.

If you would like to share the enjoyment, challenges and friendships that come from being on stage or behind the scenes please call our Chair Amanda Miller on 07508 058998 or email [info@gmads.co.uk](mailto:info@gmads.co.uk) Visit our website [www.gmads.co.uk](http://www.gmads.co.uk) or follow us at [facebook.com/GMADSAmtateurDrama](https://facebook.com/GMADSAmtateurDrama)

# GUILSBOROUGH NEWS

## FOOTBALL NEWS

In 2022 West Haddon Junior Football Club spent £4,000 improving the grass at the playing field and we'll spend a similar sum this calendar year.

We spend our money on fertiliser, grass seed, top-dressing, verti-draining and aeration.

Thank you dog walkers for being so vigilant with regards your dogs' mess. These days it is incredibly rare for the footballing kids to stumble across any dog poo when playing their matches. It makes a huge difference to them, thank you. West Haddon JFC



## HOLLOWELL SUCCESS

The GPFA thank all those that responded to the request for wine and spirit bottle donations for the tombola at the GPFA Bottle Stall at Hollowell Steam Rally, which was very successful in raising money towards the £12,000 annual fixed costs of the Playing Field. (see photo). Thanks also to the many volunteers who ran the Bottle Stall.



# MMM



## 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.

For more information contact Janet 01604 740640



## APPEAL UPDATE

The GPFA thank all those that have so far responded to the Appeal Letter for donations towards the annual fixed costs. It is hoped that more households will respond.

## THANK YOU

The GPFA thanks those responsible dog owners who have walked their dogs on leads around the Playing Field perimeter and removed any dog waste. All cricket or football coaches have to inspect the sporting surfaces prior to games and training, and so far this season none has reported finding any traces. However, all dog owners are reminded that pet exercise balls, with or without ball throwers, are not permitted to be used on this private property.



## WICKET PREP

Alfie Herschell, aged 14, from Guilsborough, is learning and helping towards wicket preparation each week, as part of his Duke of Edinburgh award programme. He is learning to cut, mark, roll and repair wickets involving using the specialised mowers, roller and markers, as well as understanding the health and safety regulations relating to machinery, under the tutelage of Jim Pye (79) who captained Guilsborough Cricket Club a few years ago and played for Northampton.

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Hopefully, many of our motorists have spotted the new speed awareness device that is now operational. Most of the cost was covered by a grant from the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner and we hope it will encourage drivers to remain within the speed limit. We purchased a number of the mounting plates which will enable us to move the device around the village for maximum benefit.

Whilst it cannot capture images of speeding cars, it does record speeds which we will be able to analyse and, should it show that there is a speeding problem, we can present the data to the Police which will ultimately help us apply pressure for a Police presence to help resolve it.

Keeping on a road safety theme, there is a website called "Fix My Street" which is for reporting any problems with the condition of our roads and streets. It's very easy to use as it's map based so you can pinpoint where the problem is, upload photos and also check if it's already reported. You can report many issues including pot holes, flytipping, blocked drains, vegetation and anything else connected with the public highway except street lighting. Problems with street lamps should be reported to the Clerk or any Councillor.

<https://www.guilsboroughpc.org.uk/>

Tony Hart, Chair

# GUILSBOROUGH NEWS



## PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

### *From the Headteacher...*

We are fast approaching the end of term. This is always an extremely busy time of year for us with lots of exciting events to look forward to!

Niall has been very busy with sports activities here at Guilsborough. These have included house rounders competitions, Pacesetters Gymnastic events and a Reception morning of athletics style activities. Thank you to all parents able to join us for these events.

Year 4 have been taking part in swimming this term which they have thoroughly enjoyed. The progress the children are making is brilliant and their water safety lesson went well. Year 6 have taken part in transition prayer spaces which they all thoroughly enjoyed. Some year 6 pupils commented on how it has helped them reflect on their move to secondary school in a very positive way.

It was lovely to see so many parents and families at our Whole School Picnic. The sun was shining brightly, and the Year 1/2 Maypole Dancing was a joy to watch. Well done to Mrs Holcombe and the team for choreographing the performance. We've had lots of assemblies to promote our extracurricular music activities. The guitar performance was brilliant and the progress these children have made over the year was great to see. We are also offering violin lessons from next September so if you would like your child/children to take part please contact the school office.

At the time of writing we have our sports morning planned for

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July at the cricket field in Guilsborough and our end of term Year 5/6



performance of 'Shakespeare Rocks'. I must say I think it is going to be our best one yet!

Transition Day will have taken place on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July and all children will have spent the day in the classes and with their teacher for next year. They will have completed lots of getting to know you activities throughout the day. Most Year 6 children will have had their own transition to their secondary school on this day too.

The following children have achieved Values Based Certificates this term:

Reception: Jack and Harry

Class 1/2: Harrison and Jayden

Class 3: Daisy and Lilly

Class 4: Zach and Annaliese

Class 5/6: Ellie and Thomas

These children have demonstrated so many wonderful values in recent weeks, including responsibility, quality, resilience, determination and thoughtfulness. Well done to you all, you make us very proud!

Please remember, if you need any information about what's happening at Guilsborough Primary check our website – [www.guilsboroughprimary.co.uk](http://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. Thank you for your continued support. Mrs K Shilliam

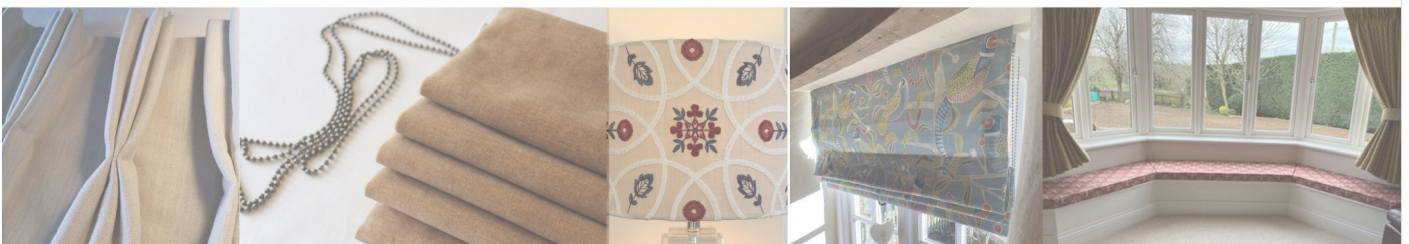
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# HOLLOWELL NEWS

## CHURCH BIDS FAREWELL TO KATHLEEN

Much loved resident of Hollowell, Kathleen Litchfield, recently retired from her role as churchwarden of the village church. In an incredible feat of long service, she had held the role for 34 years. Churchwardens hold a key position – they have care of the church building and its contents, of the people in the church community and of the clergy in the parish. Working with a succession of others (ideally two churchwardens serve together in each church) Kathleen held this role with consummate reliability and dependability, garnering along the way a wealth of knowledge about the church and the churchyard as well as the people in the village and further afield. It's also worth mentioning that she served on the Hollowell Steam committee, also for 34 years, on the auction section and in the tea tent. She did all this alongside her paid career as a secretary. The church and village owe her a huge debt of gratitude for all this time and skill offered willingly and generously for the benefit of the community.



## HOLLOWELL WEDDING

Richard Atkins and Silvija Safarova were married in St James' Church Hollowell at the beginning of June, with a reception afterwards at Hollowell Village Hall. Richard grew up in Hollowell and his mum Sue was one of the Trustees of the Village Hall for several years. We hope they all had a lovely day and wish them all the best for the future.



## HOPEWELL COFFEE MORNINGS

Hopewell Coffee Mornings continue to take place on the fourth Friday of each month in Hollowell Village Hall. It has been great to see so many people coming along. Why not join us for a cuppa, a piece of delicious homemade cake and a catch-up with fellow visitors 10.30am to 12.30pm?  
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### SHOCKING ADDITION TO BUS SHELTER, THE GREEN HOLLOWELL

Thanks to the generous donation of Hollowell residents Simon and Liz Hunt, H & T P C has undertaken the installation of a Defibrillator in the 'Alcove' on the north side of the Bus Shelter located on The Green in Hollowell.

The ZOLL Fully Automatic AED Plus defibrillator has been set up and located within a locked cabinet and registered on the national data base. Procedure for access is to ring 999 and contact the Ambulance Service stating location of patient and if appropriate the location of the nearest defibrillator and cabinet access code will be given.

If residents become aware of any use, repairs required or damage to the equipment or cabinet they are asked to report details to The Clerk.



### VILLAGE HALL BREAKFAST SEPTEMBER

The popular Village Hall Big Breakfast is coming up on Saturday 9th September 9.30am to 12 noon. We hope to see you there. And please save the date for our Harvest Supper on Saturday 14th October. Book early to avoid disappointment.

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 Booking Clerk Emily Curtis for details 01604 740796 or book via the parish council website.

### THE WINNERS OF THE VILLAGE HALL LOTTO ARE:

Lee Gane, Amanda Thomas, Gill Mister,  
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# THORNBY NEWS

SAVE THE DATE

## Northampton Male Voice Choir Saturday October 14th 2023

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Further information  
Paul Gates - [Gatespw1@gmail.com](mailto:Gatespw1@gmail.com)



*Pictured: previous Male Voice Choir visit at St Helen's Thornby*

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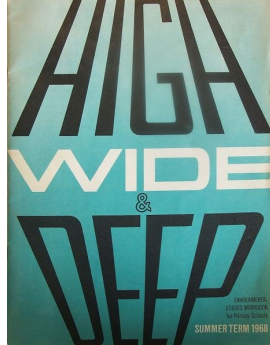


In the late 1960s, at about the same time that Marvin Gaye and then Diana Ross were singing, 'Ain't no mountain high enough, ain't no valley low enough, ain't no river wide enough, to keep me from you', I was at school, learning from a schools television programme called 'High, Wide and Deep.' Although I remembered what the cover of the workbook looked like, also the very enlightened teacher who led us in this learning and really enjoying it, I couldn't remember much about the content, but thanks to Google I'm reminded that it was a science and geography teaching tool that focussed on the environment. Yes, really, we were learning about the environment as long ago as that, and perhaps this is where seeds were sown in me for a lifetime's concern for the welfare of creation.

Just as in a pop song, the words 'High, low and wide' can describe the power of love, 'High, wide and deep' are three little words that encompass simply and yet concisely the vastness and wonder of creation. The height of the skies, the breadth of the land and the depth of the waters and soil are all places where life begins and ends and where processes that support life take place. Tragically they're also places where

processes that threaten life happen too, as we face this climate crisis.

For many people it's in the height, breadth and depth of creation that they encounter God or at least some sense of there being a divine creator of all that surrounds us. Certainly it seems that the writer of a Sunday School ditty had a sense of God in creation when they described Jesus's love as: 'Wide, wide as the ocean, High as the heavens above, Deep, deep as the deepest sea is my Saviour's love'.



Through the summer months we perhaps have a greater sense of the height, breadth and depth of creation as the skies stay light long into the evening, when we walk in the countryside more and maybe visit the coast where our horizons are broadened and where we can try and visualise the depths of the seas.

In turn this gives us a sense of the height, breadth and depth of God in whose universe we live.

If we've been taught that God is only 'high', as in above the clouds somewhere, it's helpful for us to grasp that God is also wide and deep and active all around us, and we can be part of God's continuing work of creation by healing and not harming the world that we've been given, a world with the ability to sustain all life if only we can tread gently upon it.

## SHOE BOXES AND BLANKETS 2023

A message from the MMM team



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

**Please have your boxes ready for the end of October.**

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

If you would like to donate items for the boxes we put together, there will be a plastic crate with a lid at Janet's marked **shoe boxes** - for these items.

There will also be boxes for donations at 3M's and in Guilsborough church.

Most needed are: toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, sponges, flannels, notepads, pens, pencils, crayons, erasers, pencil sharpeners, rulers, socks, underwear, hats, scarves, gloves & small toys. If you have blankets or knitted squares for blankets - please contact Janet so we can collect and start putting the squares together as soon as possible.

Donations towards transport costs are also needed. Please put in an envelope through Janet's door - do not leave in the crate.

Thank you in advance. Contact number: Janet Minney: 01604 740640



Christian Aid Week  
Collections

The total raised across the Uplands Group was **£795.74**.

This total comprised mostly collection through envelopes delivered through doors in Ravensthorpe and Guilsborough and there were also donations made in collection boxes. There are likely to have been some online donations too. This is a fantastic result and thanks go to Gill Douglas and Hilary Worton for organising the collections.

# CHURCH ROTA

Uplands Group of Churches Service Planner August – September 2023									
	6 <sup>th</sup> August	13 <sup>th</sup> August	20 <sup>th</sup> August	27 <sup>th</sup> August	3 <sup>rd</sup> September	10 <sup>th</sup> September	17 <sup>th</sup> September	24 <sup>th</sup> September	1 <sup>st</sup> October
Cold Ashby		10.00am Group Service		9.30am BCP Communion		10.00am Group Service		9.30am BCP Communion for Harvest Festival	
Cottesbrooke	11.00am BCP Communion		Gulfsborough				11.00am BCP Communion	Thornby	5.00pm Harvest Festival
Creton	9.30am BCP Communion			9.30am CW Communion		9.30am BCP Communion			
Gulfsborough	11.00am CW Communion		Brunch @ 11 Village Hall	9.30am CW Communion	11.00am CW Communion		Brunch @ 11 Village Hall	9.30am Harvest Festival	11.00am CW Communion
			6.00pm BCP Evensong				6.00pm BCP Evensong		
Hollowell				11.00am CW Communion				11.00am Harvest Festival	
Ravensthorpe	8.30am BCP Communion		9.30am CW Communion	11.00am Worship for All	8.30am BCP Communion		9.30am CW Communion	11.00am Worship for All	8.30am BCP Communion
Spratton	11.00am Worship for All		8.30am BCP Communion	11.00am CW Communion	11.00am Worship for All		8.30am BCP Communion	11.00am CW Communion	11.00am Worship for All
Thornby	9.30am BCP Communion				9.30am BCP Communion				3.00pm Harvest Festival

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## Made in Daventry & Its Surrounds

Until Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2023

Daventry Museum's new exhibition opened on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July, inspired by people and places around Daventry. The displays will explore creativity, historic crafts, and manufacturing businesses in the town and beyond.

The museum is open Tues-Fri 9:30am-1:30pm and the first Saturday of the month 10am-4pm and is free of charge.

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## AUTHOR REVISITS ALMA MATER



Local award-winning author Tamsin Winter visited Guilsborough School where she spent her secondary school years to speak to pupils about her life as an author and her books. Her fourth book *Bad Influence* was published in June.



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Sat. 14th and Sun. 15th  
October 2023

10am-5pm,  
All Saints' Church,  
West Haddon NN6 7AP

Free admission each day

Refreshments  
by local charities

Entries are free and open to all photographers - entries close on 4th Oct  
Entry form: email [photoshow@whphoto.club](mailto:photoshow@whphoto.club) or visit [www.whphoto.club](http://www.whphoto.club)

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## WASN'T IT BEAUTIFUL - ALL IN COLOUR?



Pictured (left to right) Carpenter Apprentice Billy Canham, MD Jordan Spittle and Business Manager Lauren Kneafsey from the Qube, taking delivery of the full colour Coronation Edition of Village Link, which they sponsored. Lauren says: "We were pleased to support Village Link and delighted by the positive feedback from readers!"

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