



FLUSHED WITH SUCCESS

Hollowell's newly refurbished sewage works

Nestled behind the hedges of the Creaton Road there now lies a state-of-the-art sewage works designed to process the effluvia of up to 1,700 derrieres. This facility has been receiving "submissions" from the residents of Guilsborough, Cold Ashby, Thornby, Coton, Teeton, Highfield Park & Hollowell since the 1930s. Now, as a result of a £2.4 million investment by Anglian Water, it is well on the way to ensuring that its outputs meet new standards that come into play in 2024.

In January 2023, a section of hedge was removed from the Creaton Road, and a temporary metal road was constructed to enable the ingress of trucks, diggers, and engineers into the place that deals with your egress. Your intrepid Village Link reporter donned wellington



Phosphorous plant with Paul and Colin

boots and a hard hat for a tour of the facility, which was kindly conducted by Colin Watts of MWH and Paul Garner of Skanska (pictured left) who are, respectively the Construction Site Manager and the Construction Manager for the poop processing plant.

The upgrade consists of three stages:

I. A new storm retention tank. During times of storm or heavy rain, when the old

plant couldn't cope, screened effluent would overspill into storage tanks which would overflow in particularly wet weather resulting in diluted raw effluent being discharged, untreated, into Stowe Brook. To minimise these pollution incidents, a huge tank, about 2 metres high and 14m across, has been constructed to hold our emissions. The tank is

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- 11th Creaton WI
- 12th Guilsborough Friends
- 14th Creaton Walkers
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- 24th Hollowell Film Night

NOVEMBER

- See p.4 for all Cold Ashby Events
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- 17th Hollowell Steam and Whistle
- 17th Hollowell Hopewell Cafe
- 18th Creaton Playing Field Quiz
- 19th Cottesbrooke Christmas Fair

AND REGULARLY ...

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

READERS, GET CREATIVE!

With the autumn nights drawing in and thoughts drifting to the festive season, why not get creative and enter the **Village Link Christmas Creatives Competition**? This year we're asking for anything visual with a festive theme: so that might be a photo, collage, painting, sculpture etc. All age groups are welcome to enter and winning entries will feature on the colour pages of our December/January edition, as well as receive a prize! So find that amazing photo you took last year when snow was thick on the ground or icicles dripped from the branches, dig out your paints and papers, and send in your entries by email to editorial@villagelink.org.uk. Local locations, themes, people and places preferred, but there will always be room for Santa and his reindeer ;-)

READER COMPETITION

- * Prizes for all ages
- * Anything visual: photos, paintings, sculpture
- * Festive theme, local focus
- * Deadline for entries: Tuesday 31 October

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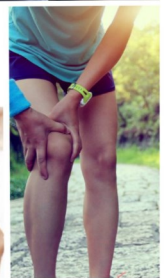
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DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE: Tuesday 31st October

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Storm storage tank interior

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serviced by a complex and impressive system of pumps and back-up pumps that can move sewage around the site. The pumps are automatically monitored, and rotated, to ensure that they wear at an even rate. Thus, will we hold back the deluge from Stowe Brook.

2. A new Phosphorous processing scheme. The new site has a small chemical dosing plant. Those of you who were paying attention when Village Link ran its path-breaking story about fatbergs will know that some things should never be flushed down the lavatory. Such items – rags, sanitary towels, wet wipes and so on – are filtered out, but the resultant stew contains phosphates that come from washing powders, detergents, and the fertilizers used in farming, and that cause excessive algae growth in fresh water. The “P Dosing” plant trickles an iron compound into the stew, which bonds with the phosphates and so causes them to sink to the bottom, where they can be de-sludged’ by weight, volume and hydraulics and then extracted and taken off site by tanker.

3. A new Tertiary filtration plant. Hollowell’s sewage works is moving with the times. Our sewage plant will continue to honour the old ways by treating sewage using huge circular filtration beds where bacteria break down our (ahem) solids, but we will in the future replace the reed bed through which the broken-down effluent runs, with a new tertiary plant that will sieve the partially cleaned waste through large cloth filters. The filters will be washed every few hours; your reporter has been assured that this task will be performed by machines and not people. Treated effluent will be returned to Stowe Brook and solid leftovers will be recirculated through the works.



Tertiary filtration plant

The new works will be completed by the end of November 2023. At this time, the temporary road will be removed, the hedge will be restored, and the ground will be landscaped. But, while it may then be out of sight, the new sewage plant will never be out of mind. It will be visited three times per week by Site Optimisers, who will take samples of our effluent and who will check that the site is running smoothly. All of the overhead electricity cables that currently service the site will by then have been moved underground and a crack team of specialist responders will monitor the site remotely from Lincoln, ready to rush here immediately should an alarm sound.

Emily Curtis

Birding Notes – Rare Tern makes a brief appearance

In this edition I’ll look back to one of my more memorable bird sightings of this year - and one of the most notable birds I’ve ever found on my local patch.

On the evening of July 18th, I made a quick after-work visit to Hollowell Reservoir. I approached Guilsborough Bay Point at 6.15pm and checked the muddy / pebbly ‘beach’ area that had been revealed by falling water levels. Looking through binoculars, I immediately noticed a tern among a small group of roosting Black-headed Gulls. It was clearly larger than the gulls and appeared large-headed, with a solid black crown and strong-looking red/orange bill with a black tip. It immediately took flight and headed away low over the water. The flight action was direct and lumbering, lacking the buoyancy and lightness that Common Terns exhibit. At a range of ca. 300m the bird then commenced to turn and circle, gaining height. Continuing to turn in shallow circuits, it headed back towards my location. As it gained height and gave side-on views it appeared front-heavy, with a strikingly large and bulky head, neck and bill. As it flew overhead it called several times, I noted this as ‘kree-ark’ with emphasis on the lower-pitched second syllable; with a harsh, loud quality. As the bird passed overhead, black primaries extending from the tips to the bases of the feathers created a large black area extending across



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COLD ASHBY NEWS

NEWS FROM THE MEMORIAL HALL

A huge thank you to everyone who entered our Village Show on Saturday 12th August and made it such a memorable event. We had some fantastic entries and the judges had a difficult task picking out the winners. Special thanks to our judges: Mick, Ann, Ann, Angela and Julie. Congratulations to all our winners but specifically to Andrew Bott who won the Best in Show cup and to Matthew Stuart and Will Benney for winning The Dave Penney Man cake cup.

Due to the generosity of many who attended a total of £146 was made for Village Hall funds.

A big thank you goes to Lee at HLK quizzes for hosting a great Quiz Night on Saturday 12th August.

Thanks goes also to everyone who attended and made it such an enjoyable evening.



Class	Winners	Class	Winners
Class 1 Collection of home grown veg	1.Andrew Bott 2.Brian Thompson 3.Joanne Dewsnap	Class 2 Largest Vegetable	1.Michael Park
Class 3 A jar of homegrown flowers	1.Jo Walton 2.Brian Thompson 3.Andrew Bott	Class 6 Victoria Sandwich cake	1.Jo Walton 2.Carole Oliver 3. Helen Harris
Class 7 A plate of 6 shortbread	1.Liz Sibbald 2. Andrea Thompson	Class 8 Handmade cake (women)	1.Jo Walton 2. Andrea Thompson 3. Joanne Dewsnap
Class 9 Handmade cake (men)	1.Matthew &Will 2.Colin Ritchie 3. Michael Park	Class 10 Handmade item	1. Luke Simon 2. Ann Brumby 3. Gill Russell- Perkins
Class 12 photo of favourite view	1.Tina Miller	Class 13 Photo taken in Northamptonshire	1.Liz Sibbald 2. Liz Sibbald 3.Sam Swann
Class 14 Photo anything goes!	1. Tina Miller 2. Tina Miller	Class 15 (under 16) Piece of artwork	1.Natalie Ritchie 2.Natalie Ritchie
Class 16 A home baked item	1. Anna Swann 2. Sam Swann		

COLD ASHBY EVENTS FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER

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.

Skittles at The Memorial Hall on some Wednesdays and Fridays. Please check the village Facebook pages for further details of home fixtures.

Date	Event	Venue	Details
Saturday 7 th October	Social Evening	Memorial Hall	From 7:30pm
Monday 16 th October	Pool Match	Pavilion	From 7:30pm
Saturday 21 st October	Social Evening	Memorial Hall	From 7:30pm
Tuesday 24 th October	Film night	Pavilion	From 7:30pm £5 for wine and cheese
Saturday 28 th October	Children's Halloween party	Memorial Hall	£3 Details to be confirmed
Friday 3 rd November	Bonfire and Fireworks	Cold Ashby Playing Fields	From 6:30pm Adults £5 Child £1
Saturday 11 th November	Craft and gift Fair	Memorial Hall	11-3pm
Saturday 11 th November	Social Evening	Memorial Hall	From 7:30pm
Monday 13 th November	Pool Match	Pavilion	From 7:30pm
Monday 20 th November	Pool Match	Pavilion	From 7:30pm
Saturday 25 th November	Social Evening	Memorial Hall	From 7:30pm
Tuesday 28 th November	Film night	Pavilion	From 7:30pm £5 for wine and cheese

COLD ASHBY NEWS

CHRIS SELLERS 1946 - 2023

On 29th August, Cold Ashby lost one of our well loved and well-known residents...Chris Sellers. Chris always played such an active role in our little community since she moved here with her family in 1980. She loved her busy life here in Cold Ashby. She ran the village luncheon club for many years, and was president of the village friendly club. She looked after many residents of the village in various capacities and was always on hand to help out anyone who needed it. She was always fully involved in all village events and fully understood the importance of community - often being the first person to welcome newcomers and visitors to the village. She will be sorely missed by everyone who had the pleasure to know her.



COLD ASHBY OPEN GARDENS JULY 23RD, 2023



Our annual Open Gardens was held on just one day this year but a grand total of £3,126 was made for St Denys Church. It was a lovely afternoon, and 175 visitors came and enjoyed their wander around the village gardens, supporting many stalls and stopping off for refreshments in the Village Memorial Hall. A huge thank you goes to all who opened their gardens or helped out to make the day such a huge success. Since its humble beginnings in 1991, the Open Gardens has been a highlight in the Cold Ashby calendar. The event has raised £115,347.36 for the church and has seen 16,009 visitors attend. A brilliant achievement for such a small village which has only been made possible by community teamwork and the dedication of our wonderful volunteers. A big thank you goes to each and everyone that has been involved over the years.



CHRISTMAS
CRAFT AND
GIFT FAIR

**Saturday 11th November
2023**

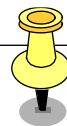
**Cold Ashby Village Hall and
The Old Forge
(opposite Village Hall)**

11am-3pm

**£1 admission includes tea/
coffee**

A variety of stalls and a raffle

In aid of St Denys church



COLD ASHBY BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS

Cold Ashby annual Bonfire and Fireworks will take place at Cold Ashby Playing Fields on Friday 3rd November 2023.

Gates open at 6:30pm with bonfire being lit at 7:00pm followed by firework display.

Free parking.

Joseph Morris burgers and hotdogs on sale and Real Ale Bar. Cash or card accepted. Fun for all the family.

Adults £5 Child £1



COTTESBROOKE NEWS

Village Events Round Up

October

8 Wine & Cheese at Braybrooke (John Harris), 5pm

14 Coffee Morning - The Big Draw, 10-12

15 Walking Group, 10:30, meet at the Village Hall

November

11 Coffee Morning - Remembrance, 10-12

19 Christmas Fair, 10-4

Wine & Cheese

Wine and cheese in aid of Cottesbrooke All Saints Church to be held at Oak House Farm, Griffin Road, Braybrooke LE16 8LH on Sunday 8th October. 5.00pm kick off. Children welcome.

Please contact John Harris for details

Christmas Fair

19 November, 10-4pm

Cottesbrooke Village Hall

£1 entry

Enjoy a fun, festive shopping experience in our very own Village Hall. Confirmed stalls selling homemade dog accessories and dog treats, bath salts, wax melts, candles, soap, clothing, scarves & gloves, homemade jams, mince pies and other baked goods, wreaths, flowers and a Christmas Fair favourite, the Crepe van will be selling crepes and freshly ground coffee! We hope to see you there!

Magic Mooudini

Living in a country village you never know what you might see from one day to the next, so when I pulled up the blind and looked out of my window this morning, imagine my shock, when I saw a big reddish brown cow in the middle of my yard grazing on the grass, like she had just been let out to pasture! So I went to call the farm next door as quickly as possible – and when I got back, she had disappeared! The magic cow! Now you see her! Now you don't! Her hoof prints were the only proof that she had ever been here.

Chris Utley
Cottesbrooke, 29 July '23



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**Christmas
FAIR**

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19 November
10-4pm
Cottesbrooke Village Hall
£1 entry

Creaton Walkers

Despite the very mixed summer weather the Creaton Walking Group have been lucky and escaped the rain. The August walk from Sibbertoft over Hothorpe hill to Marston Trussell provided magnificent views across the Northamptonshire / Leicestershire border, returning via part of the Jurassic Way.



Some members of the Group have been asked to regularly walk the Northamptonshire section of the Via Beata which is a coast to coast route along the widest part of England and Wales and crosses about 2 miles south of Creaton on its way from Brixworth to Ravensthorpe. In September the Creaton Walking Group explored alternative routes from Finedon to Stanwick Lakes as the original route is impassable, despite polite approaches to the farmer! It was a boiling hot day (remember the first 2 weeks of September?) so a really lovely walk for the end of summer.

We are delighted to have a loyal following of supporters who join us at the pub afterwards for lunch.

Walks are about 8 miles, mainly over footpaths, so walking boots and water are recommended. Do join this friendly group on the second Saturday of the month. Meet at Creaton lychgate at 10am. Well-behaved dogs welcome.

Next walks are on:

- Saturday 14 October
- Saturday 11 November
- Saturday 9 December

St Michael and All Angels Church



Now that we have improved the facilities and heating in the Church Creaton PCC would like to start a Church Heritage Group to research the history of our lovely Church. We plan to link this with the 800th anniversary in 2026 of the founding of the parish church. If you are interested in joining this history research group please contact Charles Matts at charles.matts@brixworthfarming.co.uk or Ruth Davies at ruth@creaton.me.uk.

Thank you to everyone who has so generously sponsored a chair or made a donation towards the cost of providing 24 chairs and 6 tables to enable full use of the newly created space at the rear of the Church. We have placed an order for the tables and chairs and these should be delivered by the end of October. There is still time to sponsor a chair in memory of a loved one. Please contact Simon Bown at simon@sbowassoc.co.uk

Creaton Singers

Do you enjoy the music and songs from stage and screen? If so, the Creaton Singers concert, in aid of: local Riding for the Disabled Association, is right up your street!

When: Sunday 8th October 2:30pm

Where: United Reformed Church, Creaton High Street

How much: £7.50 each including tea and cake. Children are free.

Tickets: from Creaton Village Shop and Poppies Coffee Shop and on the door.

The Creaton Singers have been rehearsing hard to make the concert a success so please come and support us.

If you enjoy singing and would like to join us, we meet on Tuesdays from 7:30pm to 9pm in the URC.

WI

We meet in the United Reformed Church on the second Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm. Our autumn talks have a "foodie" theme! On October



11th there will be a tasting evening with Friars Farm Artisan Chutneys and on November 8th a chocolate making demonstration.

Our pre-Christmas entertainment is an evening of "Humour and Music" with Ken Nokes on December 13th .

Non-members are always very welcome.

Please contact President, Daphne Clark, 01604 505546 or email wicreaton@gmail.com for more information.

Creaton Playing Fields Association

Charity No. 1085011



Date for your diaries- Saturday 18th November for the Creation Playing Field quiz night. Tickets will go on sale in the Creation post office in October.

The field is being well used, and some children's football training has been taking place on Friday evenings recently. We are currently costing out the replacement of 14 fence posts, and investigating the possibility of some work to prevent the bark on the play area being washed away by flash flooding rains.



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

CREATON NEWS

FOSM Creaton History Group

Thursday October 19th

Talk at St Michael and All Angels Church. 7.30 pm

Kevin Varty: Blame it on DORA (The Defence of the Realm Act)

Saturday November 4th

Coffee Morning and WI Sale. 10-12 noon at Creaton Village Hall.

Sweet and savoury treats to enjoy there or to take home.

Thursday November 16th

Talk at St Michael and All Angels Church. 7.30 pm

Past Alive: 1460 the Life Religious

Thursday December 21st

Talk at St Michael and All Angels Church. 7.30 pm

Colin Rowe: The Hunting Empress

Do come and join us for interesting talks, good company and complimentary refreshments. Membership £21.50 Guests £5.00.



Past Alive

Creaton Village Hall

During the Covid lockdown village halls were given money to keep them afloat while not being used, resulting in our hall having a healthy bank balance. The committee have used this to completely replace the kitchen equipment from top to bottom. We hope this will please all our users and make catering for parties and other events easier.

The hall continues to be well used. Now that the Bridge Class is no longer at the Hall we have a Wednesday morning slot free. So if you have any ideas for a class please contact Kate on 505406.



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CREATON SINGERS
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CONCERT
Sunday 8 October at 2:30
 Creaton United Reformed Church
 Tickets: Adult £7:50 (free for children)
 includes tea and cake
 Soloists: Stan, Tony, Sylvia, Dawn, Susannah and Chris on his guitar
RAFFLE
Fundraising for the local Riding for the Disabled Association
 Tickets from: Creaton Shop, Poppies (at URC) and on the door

Creaton URC

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

Sunday	October	
	Joint	
1st 9:30am	Harvest Service at St Michael's	
8th 11am	Worship & Holy Communion	Jon Heard
8th 2:30pm	Creaton Singers Songs from the Shows	
15th 11am		Rev Tim Huc
22nd 11am		Andrew Bodsworth
29th 11am	Joint Service at Creaton	Rev Sue Adams
	November	
5th 11am	Worship & Holy Communion	Rev Geoff Townsend
12th 11am		Jon Heard
19th 11am		Lindsey Cole
26th 11am		Rev Geoff Townsend

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CREATON PARISH COUNCIL

Creaton Parish Council Contact Details

Parish Clerk: You can contact our Parish Clerk for Creaton Parish Council, Katrina Jones on creatonpc@gmail.com.

Agendas and minutes of meetings are available on the Parish Council website www.creaton.org.uk and are also posted on the noticeboard. We also have a Facebook page.

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 last meeting date of 2023 is: 14th November.

Planning Applications

Please look on the West Northants Council website for full details of all Planning Applications:

<https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/planning-applications-and-enforcement/view-and-comment-planning-application>

Litter Pick on 28th October

If you are able to spare a little time to help keep the village tidy we will be holding one of our regular litter picks on Saturday 28th October at 10am. Please meet outside Lilac Cottage, High Street where litter picking equipment will be provided to volunteers.

Dog Fouling

Thank you to all the dog owners who pick up after their dogs. There has been a notable decrease in the number of complaints the Parish Council receives regarding dog fouling in the village and we hope that owners will continue to be considerate to others by preventing any dog fouling being left behind on walks.

Dog fouling incidents can be reported using an online form: <https://selfserve.daventrydc.gov.uk/forms/dogfouling.aspx>

Overgrown Hedges

At this time of year there is an increase in overgrowth and overgrown hedges in the village. If you have an overgrown hedge that is impinging on a footpath or the highway, we would be grateful if you would kindly cut it back to allow pedestrians and drivers to pass safely without obstruction.

Parish Councillor Vacancy

The Parish Council may have a vacancy coming up for a Parish Councillor. If you would like to register your interest, please contact the Parish Clerk.

Councillor Roles

The Parish Councillors are volunteers that give their time to attend meetings. Additionally they have the following areas of responsibility:

James Hill (Chairman): Mowing & trees; and PCC liaison.

Sylvia Winter (Vice Chair): Internal Control.

Ross Everson-Watts: Footpath Warden; and Highways.

Ian Horne: Police Liaison Representative; and Playing Field.

Mitch Hunter: Street lighting; Noticeboard; and Defibrillator.

Chris Reading: Burials; Speed Signs; Litter; and Neighbourhood Plan.

Sean Watters: Police Liaison; Speed Signs; and Defibrillator.

West Northants Council Consultations

West Northants Council hold regular consultations on a range of issues. Full details of current consultations can be found online at: <https://westnorthants.citizenspace.com/>

Over The Counter

at Creaton Community Village Shop

Due to popular demand we have started a trial of remaining open on Saturday afternoons until 6pm, so if you are not an early riser at the weekend this does give you a chance to get a home-baked croissant for a (very) late breakfast.

August saw the Creaton Community Benefit Society, the organisation that runs the shop, hold their AGM. As well as an update on the business, members enjoyed *Your Cool* ice cream samples and a fascinating talk given by the owner, Jo Rutherford. Based in Spratton, *Your Cool* is one of several local businesses that the shop supports. If you are interested in becoming a shareholder of the Society, pick up a form in the shop. It costs £20 and is a great way of supporting, and being involved with, the community shop.



5 Years Open! - Talking to BBC Radio Northampton

L to R: Adam Perrins-May (Manager); Ollie Perrins-May (Volunteer); Jane Kimberlin (Society Secretary); Ollie Conopo (BBC); Jan Craig (Volunteer)

Also in August we celebrated our 5th anniversary! Radio Northampton visited us to mark the event. Hopefully you were tuned in, or why not listen to it on catchup. The occasion was marked with a party for staff and volunteers at the newly opened Jomidar Lounge - another local business supporting another local business! A great time was had by all, and the food was delicious. Since the summer holidays, a distant memory for us all, the availability of some of our volunteer staff has changed, particularly with students returning to their studies. We are always on the hunt for new volunteers and the extended opening hours, whilst giving more opportunity for you to shop also needs people to staff it. If you are able to give a couple of hours a week, or a fortnight, or whatever suits, please talk to the staff in the shop.

GUILSBOROUGH NEWS

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.

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, unless otherwise stated, 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 October 12th 'Amy, Wonderful Amy Johnson'

The Aeroplane Girl - An illustrated talk by Roy Smart

Thursday November 9th Ideas for Christmas Cooking

Thursday December 7th Christmas Party

For further information contact:

Janet Minney T 01604 740640

Elizabeth Southgate T 01604 740064



Activities in Guilsborough Village Hall

Monday:

3M's Coffee Morning
Bowl's
Knitting

Tuesday:

Pilates, Yoga
GMADS

Wednesday:

Pilates, Guides

Thursday:

Nia

Friday:

****New class - Morning Fitness****

Starting Friday 8th September 7am - 8am

info@sweatltd.com

NB. Contact information for all classes is on the notice board at the entrance to the hall.

Other bookings via website or phone 07342 382706



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

GUILSBOROUGH WHAT'S ON

We've noticed that some recent Guilsborough events have not been covered in the newsletter because we have not been notified about them. Most of the villages have a specific person who collects copy for their village and keeps an eye on events to ensure as much as possible is included in Village Link - from reports and photos of past events to adverts for future events. If this is something that would interest you please email editorial@villagelink.org and we can have a chat about what's involved.

If you have a village event to advertise or report back on, please do let us know on the email address above, or call one of the editorial team, details on page 3.



GMADS will contribute poems & readings as part of Guilsborough Church Christmas Tree Festival. It will be a non-religious celebration of the Christmas season with drinks & canapes. Lots of small parts for everyone to enjoy. Planning will begin on 12th September and continue throughout the autumn.

www.gmads.co.uk for contact details and further information.

GUILSBOROUGH NEWS

FOOTBALL

The new season gets underway on 16/17 September at Guilsborough Playing Field. This season three junior teams with players from the surrounding villages will play at Guilsborough for West Haddon Junior Football, Under 11s playing on Saturday morning, Under 12s on Sunday morning, and Under 15s Sunday afternoon. In the last 12 months, a grant of £6,000 from the Football Foundation has been spent improving the 2 pitches, involving: aeration, vertidrainage, overseeding and fertilising, which has already improved the playing surfaces. It is also good to see many juniors from Guilsborough and surrounding villages, training and using the field for practice.



CRICKET

A very busy cricket season has ended for adults and juniors, the latter with 2 Under 11 sides and 1 Under 13s side playing and training at Guilsborough. The full seasons' results will be in the next Village Link. After 13 years of successfully managing and expanding the junior cricket at Guilsborough, Jim Houghton

(right) of Guilsborough, has stepped down but will still be an active General Committee member of the GPFA. He has been thanked by many for all his effort and commitment.



If you are interested in playing for a football team, please get in touch with the appropriate coach:

U7s Wolverines	Sam Bates	Sam_bates1983@hotmail.com
U8s Warriors Green	Robert Horne	robert.horne@nene.co.uk
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U9s Red Rebels	George Macarthur	geomacarthur@gmail.com
U9s Blue Rebels	Mark Ward	wardy70@hotmail.co.uk
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U11 Rhinos	Dickie Davies	Richard@addingtonball.com
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U15s Ninjas	Glyn Faulding	glyn@faulding.net
U17s/U18s	Marc Garrett	marcandjaynehome@aol.com



The 19th running of the Guilsborough Plate Annual Tennis Tournament was held on Sunday 3rd September. It was a fun and glorious day for tennis with twelve members competing in mixed doubles for the trophy. The final was a hotly contested set between Caroline Houghton

and Tobia Bianco v Sarah Dalzell and Lawrence Hill.

The plate was presented to the winners, Sarah & Lawrence, by Chairman Graham Metcalfe.

Graham thanked Chris Benbow for organising such a wonderful event, and the players retired for a well earned meal and recuperation at the Witch and Sow.

If you would like to find out about joining GTC, please contact Chris on 07857 707503 or Graham on 07894 424328



The competitors ready for action



The final competitors (above) and the awarding of The Plate (above right)

GUILSBOROUGH NEWS



PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

From the Headteacher...

We are very pleased to be back this Autumn term, energised and raring to go. It has certainly been a super start to our new academic year 2023-24.

We welcomed our new intake of pupils in Reception, together with those who have joined in our other year groups, and they've all got so quickly back into school life after several weeks away over the summer.

We wanted to share news about some developments that have taken place during the summer holidays, together with a little about what we have coming up in this first school term.

You may have seen lots of scaffolding around our school - this was so we could have solar panels installed on our roof.

Through this new green energy, we'll be able to power the school more sustainably at the same time as doing our bit for carbon reduction.

Our Eco Warriors will be looking more closely too at how these solar panels help us become more environmentally friendly.

We're looking forward to plenty of celebration events between now and the end of the year, a maths day, a day of languages, our Young Leaders Awards, as well as other trips and visits that we've got coming up.

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

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

If you're a land owner, or responsible for the land where you live, and have any trees close to the roadside, have you inspected them lately? The dark evenings are only just around the corner and a number of our street lamps are not as effective as they could be due to trees growing around them so please do check to see if your trees are causing an issue. It's also a good idea to check for any dead or dying limbs before any winter gales head our way!



And with the dark evenings in mind, perhaps it's also timely to add a reminder to always park safely if leaving your vehicle on the street. The Highway Code has several references to parking: Rule 239 includes "Do not park facing against the flow of traffic" and "When using an electric vehicle charge point, you should park close to the charge point and avoid creating a trip hazard for pedestrians from trailing cables. Display a warning sign if you can. After using the charge point, you should return charging cables and connectors neatly to minimise the danger to pedestrians and avoid creating an obstacle for other road users."

Rule 243 includes "Do not park near a school entrance; anywhere you would prevent access for Emergency Services; opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space; near the brow of a hill; where the kerb has been lowered to help wheelchair users and powered mobility vehicles; in front of an entrance to a property; on a bend."

Rule 248 states "You MUST NOT park on a road at night facing against the direction of the traffic flow unless in a recognised parking space".

Rule 249 states "All vehicles MUST display parking lights when parked on a road or a lay-by on a road with a speed limit greater than 30 mph (48 km/h).

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

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HOLLOWELL NEWS

HOLLOWELL VILLAGE HALL

HARVEST SUPPER

Saturday 14th October 7pm is the ever-popular Harvest Supper and Promises Auction at the village hall. Tickets are £15 for a delicious hot meal. Please email Emily to book seats or to offer a pledge for the auction:

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

STEAM & WHISTLE PUB NIGHT:

Come and have a pint of Northamptonshire's finest and a game of traditional skittles with friends and neighbours. Friday 17th November 7-11pm.

Please save the Date for Café Christmas on Saturday 9th December 9.30am to 12 noon.

HOPEWELL COFFEE MORNINGS

Hopewell Coffee Mornings will move to the third Friday of each month between now and Christmas.

Why not come and join us for a cuppa, a piece of delicious cake and a catch up with friends.

We meet in Hollowell Village Hall, 10.30am to 12.30pm. Lifts are available for those struggling to get here.

Contact Paul on 07780 265614 or email:

wearehopewell@gmail.com

Dates are:

20th October

17th November

15th December

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Set in the heart of rural Warwickshire, Rudy finds her relationship with her dad being tested and while dealing with a recent loss, she feels increasingly pushed out when her home gets opened up to a paying guest. Through a newfound friendship with a boy from Coventry, she discovers fun, freedom and autonomy.

RUDY is a poignant insight into love, loss and moving on.

CAST

Esther McCormick Darren Day
Kanune Morrissey
Rustie Lee Sylvia Lorden

Directed by BAFTA nominated
Director Shona Auerbach



(108 mins)



Tuesday 24th Oct
HOLLOWELL AND TEETON
VILLAGE HALL
TWO SCREENINGS
1pm and 3pm
£3

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Rudy

ORIGINAL FILM SCREENING

Don't miss one of two film screenings of the locally made, coming-of-age film 'Rudy' directed by filmmaker Shona Auerbach

Hollowell Village Hall

Tuesday 24th October with screenings at 1pm and 3pm.

Tickets £3 on the door,
or text 07971 588249 to reserve.

To check out the trailer for the film, please go to: <https://www.belugatwofilms.com/rudy>

THORNBY NEWS



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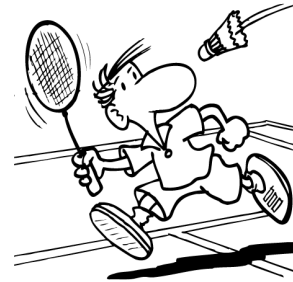
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Guilsborough & Thornby Badminton Club

- Where** – Sports Hall, Guilsborough Academy, West Haddon Road, Guilsborough NN6 8QE
- When** - Thursday Evenings 7:30 – 9:15 pm
During Term Dates
- Who** – Adult Members (Over 18)
- What** - To Pay: £25:00 per School Term or £5:00 per evening session
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As I write this, the children have returned to school. The leaves on the silver birch tree, which is always the first to turn in my garden, is starting to gain Autumnal colours. Surprisingly, there is no chill in the morning air that says the season is changing, as we seem to be having a late heat wave which is great for all those who have September holidays booked. As Autumn comes, we all often take a moment to pause and reflect. The start of a new school term begins with shared photos of children and grandchildren full of anticipation in shiny new clothes and we all gasp and can hardly believe how grown up they look as another year begins.

The season of remembering and giving thanks for what has gone before is pertinent in our church and village communities too. We start on towards the end of September with our Harvest Festivals being marked in the village churches – please see the service planner for service details. Here we will give thanks for God's goodness and give thanks for both the Harvest and those who have gathered it in. All are welcome. Collections of dried, tinned and fresh products along with toiletries will be gladly received and passed on to local charities. Some of our churches have spectacular auctions of home-grown fruit and vegetables too. Many of the villages will have shared Harvest Meals again do please come along and join in.

On the 29th of October at 5pm in Guilsborough we will have the Annual Service of Remembrance and Hope where we

remember all those who we have loved and lost. All those who have been bereaved that have marked funerals in the churches in the last three years are invited personally but this is a service for all our village communities. However old or recent your loss is, we hope that this service will give you a sense of peace and hope.

Remembrance Sunday, this year being marked on Sunday 12th November is always very poignant. There will be Service of Remembrance in the churches and again all are welcome.

Remembering the past should be more than just looking backwards though, as we remember what has gone before, we also acknowledge the present and look to the future too. We celebrate what has gone before but we should not cling on to it without hope for what is to come. We can learn from our collective and individual pasts and learn lessons that help us to work for a world of peace and justice for all people looking to build the world described in the book of Revelation in the Bible. Here we look forward with hope to a world where 'there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away.'

We would love to welcome you to one or more of these special times of hope and remembering, please join us.

Reverend Allison Twigg

ST ETHELDREDA'S GUILSBOROUGH

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 15TH TO 17TH DECEMBER



Village groups and societies are invited to take part! Contact Janet Minney on 01604 740640 for details.

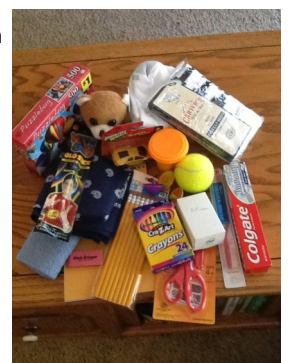
Friday December 15th 7.30 pm
"CHRISTMAS BY CANDLELIGHT
a Celebration"
Poems Sketches Music
See page 11 for details

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL

Can we beat 135?

Last year we sent 135 shoeboxes and 40 blankets to bring cheer to those in need. Please get your boxes and donations to Janet Minney **by end October!**

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. There will be boxes for donations at 3Ms, Guilsborough Church and at Janet's. Donations towards transport costs are also needed.

Thank you, in anticipation.

Contact Janet Minney 01604 740640

CHURCH ROTA

Uplands Group of Churches Service Planner October and November 2023										
		1 st October Trinity 17 Proper 21 Harvest	8 th October Trinity 18 Proper 22	15 th October Trinity 19 Proper 23	22 nd October Trinity 20 Proper 24	29 th October Last of Trinity Proper 25	5 th November 4 th before Advent or All Saints	12 th November Remembrance Sunday	19 th November 2 nd Before Advent Safeguarding	26 th November Christ the King
		Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Red	Red	Red or Green	Red or White
Cold Ashby			10.00am Group Service		9.30am BCP Communion	10.00am Group Service		9.30am BCP Communion		9.30am BCP Communion
Cottesbrooke		11.00am BCP Communion	Ravensthorpe			Spratton	11.00am BCP Communion	10.50am Remembrance Service		
Creaton		9.30am Harvest Festival		9.30am CW Communion		Group Service	9.30am BCP Communion	10.50 Remembrance Service	9.30am CW Communion	
Guilsborough		11.00am CW Communion		Brunch @ 11 Village Hall 6.00pm BCP Evensong	9.30am CW Communion	5.00pm Service of Remembrance for the bereaved	11.00am CW Communion	3.00pm Remembrance Service	Brunch @ 11 Village Hall 5.00pm BCP Evensong	9.30am CW Communion
Hollowell					11.00am CW Communion			6.00pm Remembrance Service		11.00am CW Communion
Ravensthorpe		8.30am BCP Communion		9.30am Harvest Festival	NO WORSHIP FOR ALL THIS MONTH		8.30am BCP Communion	10.50am Remembrance Service	9.30am CW Communion	11.00am Worship for All
Spratton		11.00am Worship for All Harvest/Lunch		8.30am BCP Communion	11.00am CW Communion		11.00am Worship for All	10.30am Remembrance Service	8.30am BCP Communion	11.00am CW Communion
Thornby		3.00pm Harvest Festival					9.30am BCP Communion	9.30am Service at Cold Ashby		

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SAME MAN,
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News from Buckby Library & Hub

Art in the community: Art Club sessions have recommenced after the summer break, Tuesdays 2-4pm; £5/session - all welcome. From October 17th and through November, there will be a 3-part exhibition from the Aperture Photography Group. You can also look forward to December's pre-Christmas 'Under £20' sale of art and craft, including handmade Christmas cards.

Music: Long Buckby Ukulele Group will be back for another heart-warming performance on Thursday, October 12th, 7.30-9.00 pm. Doors open 7.00pm for a 7.30 start. The event is free - donations welcome – and refreshments will be available. Please register your attendance with the library & hub as space is limited.

Films: Our popular film season has started again. September's film was Bank of Dave. Our film on October 26th will be A Man called Otto and on November 28th, we'll be showing The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry. Doors open 7.00pm for a 7.30 start. Tickets are available from the library & hub or the Peephole in the High Street in Long Buckby: £7. Refreshments available.

West Northants Council drop-in sessions: from Friday 8th September, we will be hosting monthly WNC drop-in sessions. WNC advisers will come in once a month on a Friday morning at 10.30am for members of the public to ask anything or raise any issues. Please check the website, email or ring to find the dates of the sessions.

For all our regular activities, please check our calendar: <https://buckbylibraryhub.org/calendar/>

<https://buckbylibraryhub.org/>; info@buckbylibraryhub.org; 01327 842591

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the majority of the outer third of the underside of the wings. Also visible at this angle were conspicuous black legs and feet.

The bird then appeared to depart in a northerly direction. Almost as soon as I saw this bird I was fairly certain that I was looking at a Caspian Tern, *Hydroprogne caspia*, and as the features above were revealed I became even more sure; I just needed to rule out other large terns, e.g. Royal, which I was able to do by checking my ID guides as soon as I got home. I had been able to capture several photos once the bird was airborne up until its departure, these helped me confirm the ID.

Caspian Tern, the largest of all the terns, is a rare summer visitor to the UK, with the nearest breeding population being in Sweden, Finland and Estonia, and an otherwise global distribution. The last one I'd seen was in New Zealand in 1997. There have been six previous records in Northants, with the most recent being in 2020. It has been a relatively good year for this species in the British Isles with a number of sightings, mostly from coastal locations. Unfortunately the bird was not relocated in the county, so I was the only one to enjoy seeing this rare and impressive creature.

Jon Cook



**Guilsborough & Thornby
Badminton Club**
welcomes new members from all villages!
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HOLLOWELL BONFIRE NIGHT

Enjoy a spectacular night of fireworks and a bonfire at Hollowell Rally Field for Bonfire Night on **Saturday 4th November**. Gates open at 5pm, followed by lighting of the bonfire at 7pm and fireworks at 7.30pm. Entry is £2, regardless of age. Cash only. Beer tent, catering units, steam engines and a small funfair will all be on site.



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