



Come out and play!

From farm walks to cricket pitches, steam engines to dinghy sailing (Hollowell, page 18), summer across our six parishes has plenty on offer for all ages.

Open Gardens (Creaton, 7th June), summer fetes (Thornby, 12th July), and heavy horses are just around the corner, while drama (GMADS 19 & 20th June), music, and heartfelt acts of remembrance

(back page) lie ahead.

Did you know that this summer could be the end of community tennis facilities in Guilsborough, unless usage increases? Other sports clubs are facing similar challenges.

So, let's step outside and come together, support the facilities on our doorsteps, learn new things, and have some fun!



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- 6th Cottesbrooke Coffee Morning
- 7th Creaton in Bloom
- 7th Creaton Singers @ Creaton in Bloom
- 10th Creaton WI
- 11th Guilsborough - Friends
- 12th Guilsborough - Pop Up Pub
- 12th Cottesbrooke, Gospel Choir
- 13th Creaton Walkers
- 14th Thornby Car Boot
- 19th HollowellH - Hopewell café
- 20th Hollowell - Steam and Whistle pub
- 20th Hollowell Sailing Club, Open Morning
- 19th & 20th Guilsborough - GMADS

JULY

- See p.5 for all Cold Ashby Events
- 4th Cottesbrooke Coffee Morning
- 5th Cottesbrooke Village Open Gardens
- 8th Creaton WI
- 11th Creaton Walkers
- 12th Thornby Hall Summer Fete

AND REGULARLY ...

- Monday mornings MMM Guilsborough;
- Tuesday Creaton Singers; Pilates & Yoga Guilsborough
- Thursday indoor bowls Creaton; Yoga, NIA & Badminton Guilsborough
- Friday Time to Move Guilsborough
- Sunday am and Tuesday pm tennis Guilsborough; ... and Long Buckby Library & Hub events on p22.

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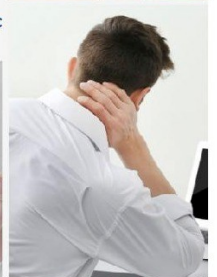
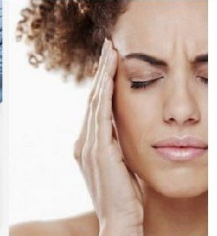
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Farewell to Ron Boyes 1925 - 2026



On 28th February, we said goodbye to Ron Boyes at the remarkable age of 100.

Ron was born in Rugby on April 1st 1925. He attended Lawrence Sherriff Grammar School and subsequently undertook a 5-year electrical engineering apprenticeship at British Thomson-Houston (BTH) in Rugby. During this time, he was accepted by the RAF for pilot training. His service was deferred until his apprenticeship was completed, however the war ended before he got the chance to fully enlist. In his final apprentice year, he was involved in the design of torpedo propulsion units.

Ron met Pauline, his future wife, whilst at BTH and they married in 1947 setting up home in Bilton, Rugby, where their three children Lydia, Elizabeth and Ian were born. Ron's subsequent career focussed on designing and selling electrical equipment for the papermaking and printing industries. This involved extensive foreign travel, with work visits to over 35 different countries, including living in South Africa for two years.

After working in Manchester for a few years, Ron and the family moved to Church Mount in Guilsborough in 1970, which they both loved, and where they made many close friends. Ron always had a keen interest in sport and continued this in his retirement, playing tennis on Sunday mornings with neighbours from Church Mount. He also joined the Probus lunch club, a local walking group, attended cricket and rugby matches, and lent his hand to making scenery and props for the GMADS drama group.

Family meant so much to Ron. He loved the company of his grandchildren and was fortunate to have lived so long to see them grow and have families of their own. The great grandchildren are all lucky that they are old enough to have wonderful memories of him.

A Memorial Service was recently held at St Etheldreda's Church which, at Ron's request, "should celebrate my life and good fortune", which it certainly did!

Ron and Pauline's marriage of 78 and a half years was one of the longest in Britain. Pauline continues to live in Church Mount.

The Boyes Family

COLD ASHBY NEWS

VILLAGE NEWS

Springtime Afternoon Tea

We have had a busy couple of months at the Village Hall which began with our Springtime Afternoon Tea back in March which saw a packed hall who all enjoyed the lovely tea that was expertly made and presented by Gemma Sellers and Mandy Carson. Thanks also go to Carole Oliver, Julie Webb and Fiona Gunn-Stokes for their help on the day.



Country & Western Night and Karaoke Night

Thank you to all who joined us for our Country & Western night and our Karaoke night. Great fun was had by all. Huge thank you to Dave Harris for compering both events and to Mandy Carson and Gemma Sellers for cooking and serving the suppers.

Defib and CPR training

On Tuesday 31st March, 36 Cold Ashby residents attended an evening of free CPR and defibrillator training with South Northants Community Responders. The workshop gave participants the opportunity to learn vital, life-saving skills in an engaging and hands-on way. Cold Ashby has two defibrillators - one at the Sports Pavilion and one in the old phone box on Main Street. Prompt CPR and defibrillation can more than double someone's chances of survival in an emergency. This training has given lots of villagers of all ages, the confidence to use these valuable resources if needed. Huge thanks must go to Cold Ashby Parish Council who funded the event for the village, Cold Ashby Memorial Hall for hosting and of course the team at SNCR.



Easter Egg Hunt

A group of friends in Cold Ashby all pulled together to lay on an Easter Egg hunt on Easter Sunday for all children young and old. Clues were located around our beautiful village and, in finding them and collecting the letters on the clues, they led to the Easter Egg stash! 28 children completed the hunt, solved the mystery word and won their egg! Huge thank you to everyone who participated and helped in pulling this together to make it such a fun event!



Cold Ashby Memorial Hall Presents:



Everyone is welcome to join us from
7:30pm on:
Saturday 27th June
and
Saturday 25th July
Come along and enjoy a drink, a chat
or a game of pool, darts
or skittles.

COLD ASHBY NEWS

Events for June and July

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.

Date	Event	Place	Details
Wed 10 th June	Skittles	Memorial Hall	From 7:30pm
Sun 21 st June	Sunday Cafe	Memorial Hall	09:30-12:00pm
Sat 27 th June	Social Evening	Memorial Hall	From 7:30pm
Wed 1 st July	Skittles	Memorial Hall	From 7:30pm
Sat 18 th July	Saturday Cafe	Memorial Hall	09:30-12:00pm
Sun 19 th July	Open Gardens	Memorial Hall & Village	1-5pm
Sat 25 th July	Social Evening	Memorial Hall	From 7:30pm

Pool nights some Mondays from 7.30pm at the Cold Ashby Playing Field Pavilion. Bar open. Skittles will recommence on Wednesdays in May. Check village Facebook pages for further information.



Cold Ashby Memorial Hall
Sunday Cafe
 Join us for breakfast between 9:30-12pm
Sunday 21st June
Saturday 18th July



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COTTESBROOKE NEWS

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Coffee and clean morning

A huge THANK YOU to those that came to the coffee and clean event at the village hall on Saturday 2nd May. It was tremendous to see so many villagers (new and longstanding) come together to support our little community and give back their time and energy in sprucing up our wonderful little village hall.

The cobwebs were lifted, floors mopped, kitchen inventory completed, shelving built, cupboards organised, windows washed inside and out, the lawn neatly edged and mown, and all completed with coffee and cake in hand!

Coffee mornings

We need some volunteers to run our monthly coffee mornings 10 am – 12pm; without them they cannot go ahead. If you would like to help but do not feel confident setting up on your own, please speak to Holly/Sally who may be able to pair you up with someone in a similar position. Our next coffee mornings are Saturday 6th June (covered), Saturday 4th July (covered), Saturday 1st August (no host at the time of writing), Saturday 5th Sept (no host at the time of writing)

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Following an appeal for new people to join our committee we held an initial meeting where some new village residents showed an interest in supporting the field. Subsequent to this we held our Annual General Meeting at The Village Hall on 6th of May. We would like to thank all of the villagers who attended.

Our outgoing Chair, Rod Goldberg, thanked everyone who has supported the field over the past twelve months either as committee members or as tractor drivers, work party members, litter pickers or both. Thanks were also expressed to our landlord, Cottesbrooke Estate, as well as Charles Matts for providing storage for our ageing tractor. We are also grateful to Creaton in

Bloom and Hollowell Steam for their donations in addition to everyone who put their loose change into the Creaton Post Office collecting box. This raised over £300 last year. A vote of thanks was given to Rod for his 19 years of service to the committee. No doubt we will still see him assisting us in the future when requests go out for help.

We are grateful to Lou James who has kindly stepped forward and agreed to act as our Secretary as well as Mike Durkin who has taken on the role of Field Manager. Best wishes to both of them. We are still seeking additional committee members and therefore, if you value the field as an important village amenity, please make yourself known. It's not too onerous!
Mark Woollven – Treasurer 01604 505534

Our tractor team have requested that you remove any unwanted doggy sticks from the field as these can damage the cutting gear. Dogs must always be on a lead.

Over the Counter

I am told that summer is here, which I hope it is by the time you read this because as I write, the heating is on and it's jolly cold in the middle of May. But, enough of the moaning as of course you are all enjoying the hot weather. So, fancy an ice cream? We have a great selection in the shop, including some that is locally produced. We also have lollies as well as large tubs for those warm summer parties. And as you are sucking in the heat, make sure you stay hydrated. Again the shop can help with a great range of cans, cartons, and bottles of soft drinks as well as water - both still and that sort with holes in.



party go with a swig and a swing.

Then, as the warm evening begins to dim and you and your friends sit around the smouldering fire pit, you have reached that time when you ask 'What would you do if you won the Lottery'. Obviously you have to buy a ticket first and the shop has all bases covered for that with Lotto, Euromillions and a selection of scratchcards. Remember, it could be you! And when you win, don't forget where you bought that winning ticket, at your favourite community shop.

ATTENTION!!!

Creaton Village Shop & Post Office supports local businesses and we are always on the lookout for new local suppliers. If you have anything you think we could sell, do come and talk to us.



VOLUNTEERS

As you know by now, the shop is a community shop and can only offer the level of service it does by relying on the community to shop there and, when possible, to help out. We are always in need of volunteers particularly to help out behind the counter and currently we are also looking for one or two people to join the baking team. The bakers run the early shift, cooking the breads and pastries for the day. If you have a couple of hours to spare either during the week or at the weekend, we would love to hear from you. We are all quite nice - and it is quite warm in the shop when its cold outside.



While we are feeling in a helpful mood, directing you to the cold drinks cabinet, move to your left and plan a barbecue party. If you cannot see what you want, or you want a large amount, we can help. For something not so red-blooded, have you tried the salmon we now stock? Quick to cook and versatile!

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VOLUNTEER



CREATON NEWS

Creaton Walkers



Who says swings are just for children? The Creaton Walking Group could not resist the temptation when they saw these swings in Old! The sun shone brightly as the group walked through fields of new lambs and crops both growing strongly. Everyone was delighted to welcome new walkers and hope to see them again soon.

April's walk was an old favourite of a 9-mile circuit from Welford to Sibbertoft including a delicious lunch at the dog-friendly Wharf Inn.

May was a new walk around Stowe Nine Churches with stunning views.

If you enjoy walking, come and join this friendly group. Meet at Creaton lychgate on the second Saturday of the month at 10am. Bring walking boots and water. Well-behaved dogs are very welcome. Walks are about 3.5 hours and end with an optional pub lunch.

Next walks are on:

- Saturday 13 June
- Saturday 11 July
- Saturday 8 August



Creaton Singers

Do you enjoy listening to singing whilst enjoying a Cream Tea? At Creaton in Bloom on Sunday 7th June you can do both! Come to the URC in Creaton High Street at 2.30pm or 3.30pm and listen to the latest selection of songs the Creaton Singers have been learning.

The Singers will then be turning their attention to learning new songs for their concert on Sunday 27 September at 2.30pm in the URC. Save the date!

Do you enjoy singing? We are on the lookout for more Bass, Baritone and Tenor singers (sorry Altos and Sopranos) so why not come along to the URC on a Tuesday evening at 7.30pm for a taster session. You will be made very welcome.

Creaton WI

We have a very varied programme of talks planned for the next few months, going from Scotland to Egypt via Rushden Lakes!

June 10th The Life of a Scots Guardsman

- a talk by Andrew Tennant

July 8th Lotions, Potions and Dubious Cures

- with Susan Copperwheat

August 12th Summer Outing tbc

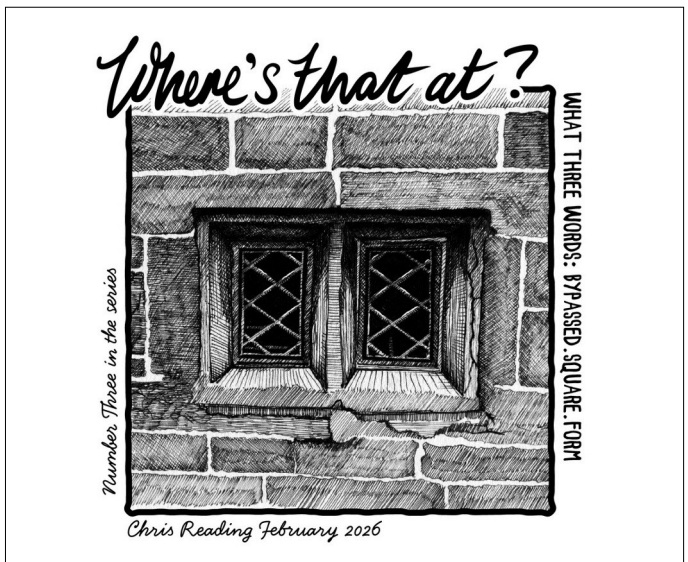
September 9th Queen Hatshepsut, female Pharaoh

- a talk by Ruth Thomas

October 14th Re-introducing the Eurasian Beaver to the Nene Wetlands - The Wildlife Trust



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CREATON NEWS

Friends of St Michael's History Group

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Topics included Northamptonshire Country Houses during the Civil War, The Iron Age and Roman Forts in Guilsborough, The History of Creaton URC and two talks about the history of St Michael's. These all proved very popular and the March meeting about the Orland Family, millers in and around Creaton in the 18th and 19th century, drew in an audience in excess of forty, including a fair number of descendants!

The new season starts on September 17th with the AGM followed by a talk. The meeting will be held in the Church and will start at 7:00pm.

Creaton Feast

In one of life's pleasant coincidences, a few days after receiving some pictures of the Creaton Feast of 1993 from Paul Pryor, I was asked by the Creaton in Bloom team if I had any old pictures of the Creaton Feast. And here we are. This is the helter-skelter, the one thing that almost everyone remembers about the event. It was an appeal on behalf of the Church and ran for two days in September on the weekend nearest Michaelmas.



Creaton URC

You are warmly welcome to join us for our Sunday Worship

Sunday	June	
7th 11am		Jon Heard
14th 11am	Holy Communion	Rev Geoff Townsend
21st 11am		tbc
28th 11am		tbc
	July	
5th 11am	Holy Communion	Jon Heard
12th 11am		Andrew Howes
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Agendas and minutes of meetings are available on the Parish Council website www.creaton.org.uk and are also posted on the noticeboard on Violet Lane. We also have a Facebook page.

Parish Council Meeting dates:

Meetings are held bi-monthly usually on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm at Creaton Village Hall. The remaining 2026 meeting dates are: 7th July, 1st September and 3rd November. An additional meeting will be held in June on a date to be advertised.

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/>

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Fix My Street

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<https://www.fixmystreet.com/>

Parish Councillor Vacancies

The Parish Council would like to warmly welcome two new Parish Councillors, Adele Hodder and Paul Hodder who were co-opted at our May meeting.

We have one vacancy remaining to fill. Becoming a Parish Councillor is a great way to meet new people and make a difference to your community. No experience is needed and training will be provided. If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor please contact the Parish Clerk for more details.

Speed Watch Volunteers

The Parish Council is still seeking volunteers to take part in the Speed Watch campaign. If you would be willing to be part of a team of volunteers that will use a speed gun to record speeding vehicles through the village please contact the Parish Clerk. Full training will be provided. Thank you to all those who have already volunteered.

Creaton Neighbourhood Plan



The Neighbourhood Plan has reached an important milestone where the draft document is available for public comment.

Within the Localism Act (2011) there is provision for communities to shape their own future at a local level through the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan. The Parish Council made the decision to move forward with this opportunity and the process has reached this point.

Following this period of public consultation, the Plan will be amended accordingly and then submitted to West Northamptonshire Council.

WNC will then validate the Plan, organise a further six week consultation after which they will appoint an Independent Examiner. When the Plan returns to WNC, they organise a referendum so that the residents of Creaton can choose to adopt it.

With important changes to national planning policy and local pressure on housing stock, this valuable document will give the village a voice in the future of Creaton.

The document is available on the Parish Council website:

<https://creaton.org.uk/news/creaton-neighbourhood-plan>

To view a hard copy of the Plan, please contact

Cllr Chris Reading, Lilac Cottage, High Street.

To give your comments, please email Chris at

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The closing date for comments is given on the website.

GUILSBOROUGH NEWS

Parish Council

Please keep reporting potholes on Fix My Street (www.fixmystreet.com); in fact you can report a whole host of other problems such as damaged pavements, obstructed footpaths, fly tipping, damaged drain covers, blocked drains and lots more. It's very easy to do and you can even upload pictures and the great thing about it is you can immediately see on a map if the problem has already been reported. Plus it only takes a couple of minutes!

Parking nuisances

We are still receiving complaints of inconsiderate and illegal parking. Instances of driveways being obstructed, parked vehicles being blocked in, pavements being obstructed and parking too close to junctions and bends are all complained about.

Speed fiends

Speeding and inappropriate speed is still a problem. Not just the minority of drivers exceeding the speed limit but also drivers travelling too fast for the situation. There's been a marked increase of traffic on the Cold Ashby road, which is realistically a single track lane, where not only are some drivers exceeding the speed limit by a considerable amount as they leave/enter the 30mph limit but also driving at inappropriate speeds once outside of the speed limit, causing some very near misses with the many pedestrians who use this road, as well as the horse riders and other vehicle users.

Anne Collins

Anne Collins of West Haddon Road, Guilsborough passed away on 26th March and was laid to rest at St. Nicholas Church, Overstone, followed by a wake at Guilsborough Village Hall.

Ron Boyes

Our condolences to Pauline Boyes and family on the passing of Ron Boyes, fellow centenarian, who sadly passed away earlier this year. (See page 3 for obituary).



A new standard,
but old traditions

Guilsborough Hollowell and District Royal British Legion replaced their RBL Standard after almost 100 years. Our present standard bearer Tony Letts (centre back row) is the son of Rio Letts carrying on a family tradition and following on from Frank Letts our last Standard Bearer who retired in 2025.



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This England?



A quirky peek at England's history from the Stone Age to the Spanish Armada
19 June 7pm or 20 June 2.30pm

Join GMADS for their summer production at Four Acres, The Green, Guilsborough, the beautiful garden of Gay and Mark Webster. Refreshments available for a small charge in aid of the church. In case of rain, the production will relocate to the village hall.

Tickets £5 on the gate, children free with accompanying adult.
www.gmads.co.uk Facebook: GMADSAmateurDrama
Poster on the back page of this issue

A huge **thank** you to all who contributed to a gift on my retirement as churchwarden of St Etheldreda's after 20 years. The flowers were beautiful and the vouchers perfectly chosen. The rôle was a great privilege, and I appreciate the support, encouragement and friendship of fellow members of the PCC, the regular congregation and the wider community.
Sincere thanks to all.
Hilary Worton



Guilsborough C of E Primary School

It has been wonderful to see the school so full of life again since the Easter break. Pupils have settled straight back into their learning, and the buzz around

classrooms and corridors has been fantastic.

The children have especially enjoyed returning to their music lessons, Pacesetters sports clubs, Drama Club, and choir. We've also had brilliant participation in gymnastics competitions and girls' football matches. Our Reception pupils shone at their Multi-Skills Festival, which they thoroughly enjoyed. A huge thank you to Niall for organising these enriching experiences for our children.

This summer term is always one of our busiest, and this year is no exception. Our Year 6 pupils have now completed their SATs and are eagerly awaiting their results, I know they will have done brilliantly. While SATs are an important part of primary school, at Guilsborough we place wellbeing, positivity, and happiness at the heart of everything we do. As in every year of my headship, we ensured that our Year 6 pupils felt calm and supported throughout the process. They all enjoyed their SATs welcome breakfast, giving them a relaxed and positive start to each day. We are now looking forward to the Year 6 residential in early June.

Year 4 swimming lessons will begin this summer and will take place every Monday morning for seven weeks.

Guilsborough Friends

Where Good Company Meets Great Conversation

Looking to make new friends and enjoy lively social activities in a warm welcoming group? Guilsborough Friends is a diverse mix of ladies and gentlemen who enjoy meeting once a month to share, interests, ideas and good company.

Our varied programme includes:

- Fascinating guest speakers
- Informative garden visits
- Enjoyable suppers and social evenings
- Visits to local places of interest
- And plenty more besides

£3 per meeting, unless otherwise stated, which is used to cover refreshments, costs and make charitable donations.

We look forward to welcoming new members.

Our Programme for the next 3 months:

Thursday 11th June Visit to 2 gardens in Flore. Proceeds to the National Garden Scheme

Friday 10th July Summer Supper - Hollowell Sailing Club

Thursday 13th August Walk and Talk - The Bringtons

For further information contact:

Janet Minney T 01604 740640

Elizabeth Southgate T 01604 740064

We are also excited to be planning our Whole School Trip. Last year's visit received such positive feedback that we will once again be choosing a destination linked to our Summer Term 2 Project Friday. This will be something meaningful, memorable, and a real treat for the children, who absolutely deserve it.

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 Follow us on X (aka Twitter) [@GuilsboroughPri](https://twitter.com/GuilsboroughPri) / X and on our Instagram account [instagram.com/guilsboroughprimaryschool](https://www.instagram.com/guilsboroughprimaryschool)

Mrs K Shilliam, Headteacher



GUILSBOROUGH SPORTS

Guiltsborough Pop-up-Pub

Guiltsborough Village Hall



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From 6.30pm

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and

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Profits towards the GPFA (Guiltsborough Playing Field
Association)

With support from The Red Lion Pub, Thornby



Cricket

On the 30th April, Guiltsborough playing field once again hosted the West Northamptonshire schools cricket skills day. Children representing 14 different Primary and Secondary schools participated,

benefitting from the facility in wonderful spring weather. The ground has become a favourite for this event, Northamptonshire Sport having made use of the ground for the last 10 years.



Hollowell Steam Bottle Stall

As usual GPFA will have a bottle stall at the steam rally on 4/5th July. If anyone would like to help on the stall or donate bottles (wine or spirits only) please contact Katie 07747 604067



Guiltsborough Tennis Club

at Guiltsborough Academy ●●●●

Keep our courts!

Six tennis courts, right on our doorstep. No queues, no booking apps, just a gate code, a racket, and a sunny afternoon. Our village tennis club uses the school's courts, available in school holidays and after hours during term time. It's not a coaching academy or a competitive league setup. It's something simpler and, we'd argue, more valuable: **a community facility** that families can use informally, and often. Bring the kids, bring a friend. The courts are there for you.

To keep this going, we need to cover £790 a year in rental and insurance costs. A family membership is just £35 (£20 for an individual) — after that, every visit is free. That's extraordinary value for a whole summer's worth of tennis. But we can only make the numbers work if we get 20 families on board. Once we have that core, we can plan social events, including our popular annual doubles tournament, to top up the fund and keep things sustainable for years to come.

If 20 families say yes, we keep six courts open. If we can't get there, we lose something that would be very hard to get back.



Joining is easy — membership gives you gate access and the freedom to play whenever the courts are available. Sign up online by scanning the QR code, or call Chris on 07857 707503 to find out more. **Let's make sure these courts are still here for us next summer.**

Guiltsborough & Thornby Badminton Club

Where – Sports Hall, Guiltsborough Academy, West Haddon Road, Guiltsborough NN6 8QE

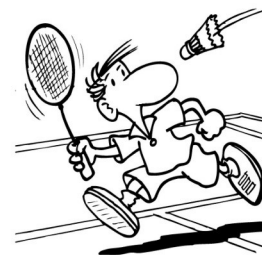
When - Thursday Evenings 7:30 – 9:00 pm
Please note that we are not able to use the Sports Hall during May and June (required for Examinations)
Restart Thursday 2 July 2026

Who – Adult Members (Over 18)

What - To Pay: £6:00 per evening session

Why - Join Friendly Group of Members for Exercise

How - Attend and Play
Contact for further details:
Andy Crisp: Tel 01604 740683



HOLLOWELL & TEETON NEWS

Wedding news

Congratulations to Hollowell residents, Steve Freezer and Sarah Long, who married at Plum Park Manor, in Towcester on 19th March. We wish them every happiness in their married life together.



Garage sale



Baby clothes, bicycles and bric-a-brac, just some of the many intriguing items to be found at Hollowell's first garage sale, at the beginning of May. The spring weather was perfect for the occasion and people came from many of the surrounding villages and towns seeking bargains. They weren't disappointed. Hollowell's own residents took recycling to new levels, bartering and trading with neighbours with great enthusiasm - two suitcases for a necklace, one hardly-used tv for six large planters, etc etc. No-one came away empty handed.

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The teas and cakes in the village hall were up to their usual standard of homemade deliciousness and the event raised more than £400 towards the maintenance of the churchyard. Thank you to all who took part and everyone who came along, with a particular "hats off" to mum and daughter team, Diana Leach and Amy Heap, who made it all happen.

HOLLOWELL & TEETON NEWS

Bangers, bacon and a battle for the Wicker Dog - Hollowell Spring Big Breakfast

It was lovely to see so many faces at the first Hollowell spring breakfast of 2026. The



delicious smell of sizzling bangers and bacon, (courtesy of Rogers butcher in Long Buckby) ensured a jolly turnout of folk, who lingered to chat with friends. Visitors from the surrounding parishes of Guilsborough, Creaton and Ravensthorpe joined the throng. The hot rolls were a triumph, and the freshly baked homemade cakes were quickly demolished. Our enthusiastic young tombola compère, Jacob Oswin, kept the punters entertained as a battle broke out over the wicker Scotty dog and the sparkly, leaping dolphin; now a Hollowell tombola favourite which remarkably is re-donated in time for each new village event. The morning raised a fantastic £350 toward the upkeep of



the village hall. Special thanks go to the kitchen staff who worked non-stop and with great good humour throughout. Thank you to all who helped make the breakfast such a success and to everyone who came along.

Norah Daykin

Goodbye to a much-loved friend

In April Hollowell said goodbye to Norah Daykin who died after a short illness.

She and Kevin had lived in Hollowell since 1983 and raised their children Robert and Mirren here. Although a nurse by profession, most of us knew her as an incredibly knowledgeable gardener, a wonderful artist and a lovely friend. So many of us have plants in our gardens that she gave us and still-life paintings on our walls that she painted. These things are tangible reminders, but memories of the shared walks, conversations and confidences are what we shall miss her for most.

After the service to remember her, we returned to the Village Hall in Hollowell which had been transformed into a wonderful gallery of her art, created for the occasion by her family. It's fair to say that we were all blown away by the stunning reminder of her talent as an artist.

All our thoughts are with Kevin, Robert and Mirren.

Rest in Peace our lovely Norah.



Lotto winners

The March and April Lotto winners are:

Viv Benjamin	Richard Furnell
Amanda Thomas	Diana Wells
Simon Armstrong	Vince Douglas x2
Clare Bramwell	Jayne Reynolds
Jack Hunt	Rachael Woollcott
Liz Petrie	
Sue Johnson	
Linda Gilbert	

Hopewell Coffee Mornings

The next dates for our monthly coffee mornings are:

Friday 19th June

Friday 24th July

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HOLLOWELL & TEETON NEWS

Sharp minds, zero scores, and a trumpet solo: Hollowell's Quiz Night hits all the notes

Revision completed, wits sharpened, an eager band of competitors arrived at the Village Hall for the annual Hollowell Quiz Night.

We were lulled into a false sense of confidence by the first General Knowledge round which was universally high scoring. For some teams (blush) it went downhill from there!

The science round, set by the usually delightful Hugh Kinch, who clearly has a secret life as a nuclear physicist, really sorted the sheep from the goats, with one team (again blush) scoring a mighty nil points.

The writing clearly being on the wall at this stage, some of us decided to lean into the fun and conviviality of the event and enjoy being with friends.

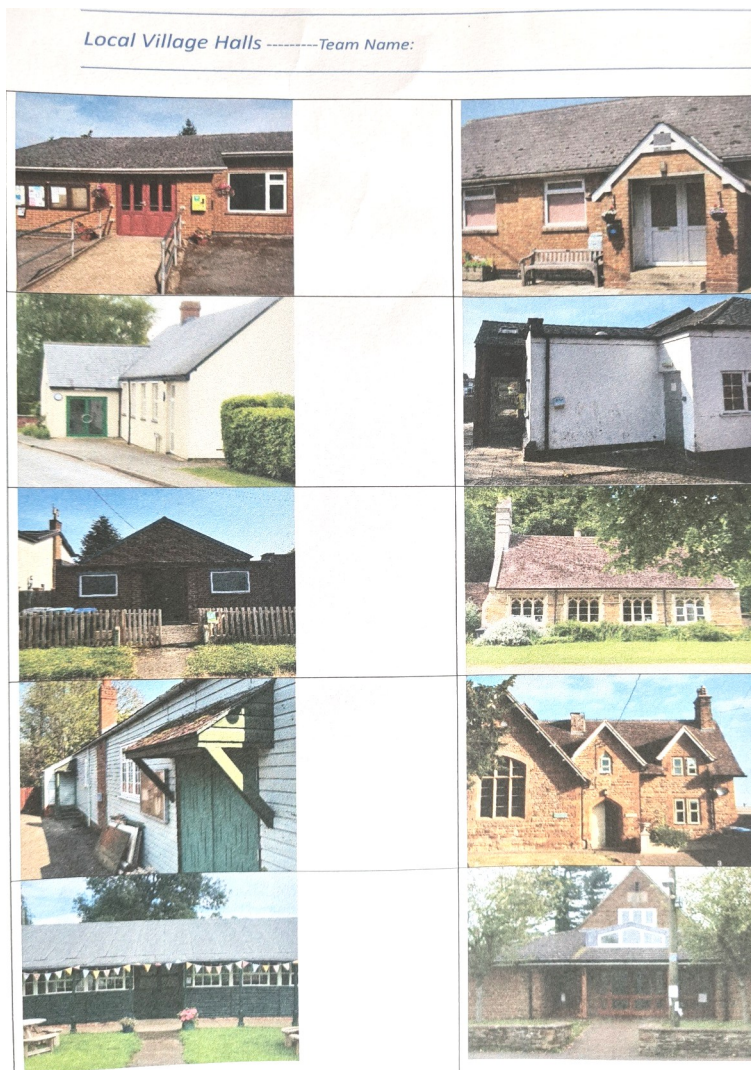
In the fast-emerging tradition of the evening, Paul Morant, our able quiz master, wowed the room by the National Anthems round. Not for Hollowell tinny recordings. Oh no! We were treated to a master class in trumpet playing. It was brilliant and



despite some bemusement about Luxemburg's national anthem, the audience applauded fervently.

It was a thoroughly enjoyable evening arranged by our wonderful Village Hall Committee. And may I add, the team that took home the wooden spoon, did so most graciously!

The round of spot the local Village Hall is printed here (below left) for anyone who would like to test their skill. To make it easier, go to the Village Link website where you will find the pictures in colour. Answers on the back page.



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**For more information or to book visit:-
hollowellsc.org.uk**

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Guilsborough Hill, Hollowell, Northampton NN6 8RN

Get on board!

Your local member-run and RYA accredited sailing club is running both adult and junior training courses as usual this Summer. Courses are open to both members and non-members. **For adults** the next RYA Level 1 training course takes place on two consecutive Saturdays 27th June and 4th July, or there is a week-end course on 15-16th August. **For juniors** (aged 8 upwards) the next course is Thursday 20th and Friday 21st August, or during our Youth Week Dinghy Sailing & Sailboard event, which runs from 20th-24th July. To find out more come to the next Open Morning on 20th June (pre-booking advised), or check out the website: www.hollowellsc.org.uk.

Thornby Annual Farm Walk



What a fabulous turn out for this year's walk ! Over fifty people enjoyed the walk across unknown fields. Guided by Peter Moyes, Manager of Thornby Farms, a very informative walk learning about the crops, animals and local history of Thornby farm land. The tractor and trailer ride was greatly appreciated by children and those wanting a little respite. The sheep were very curious as we passed through their grazing fields.

After the walk which lasted just over two hours, hot home made refreshments and desserts were served at Thornby House. The walkers were very generous supporting the raffle & produce stall.

We would like to thank all that supported the event and those who donated raffle prizes and homemade desserts. All proceeds are in aid of St Helens Church Thornby. We look forward to welcoming you again in 2027 for this special annual event



Thornby Village Hall

Hire charge
£10 per hour

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Tables, chairs and gazebos available for use on and off site.

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Following the first car boot sale in September 2025, Thornby will be holding three this year. All funds raised are in aid of St Helens Church. The first sale was held Sunday 19th April, pitches offering equestrian equipment, bric a brac, plants, clothing, children's toys and more. Beautiful warm weather encouraged buyers to visit, buy and have a great social time catching up with friends and neighbours!

Car Boot sale dates

Sunday 14th June,

Sunday 27th September.

Check your cupboards, garages, lofts, sheds etc & make some cash!! Sales take place in the field behind Thornby church, off

Cold Ashby Lane.

10.0am - 1.00pm

Pitch is £10 cash only.

All proceeds in aid of St Helen Church

We also accept donated goods for the church fund raising pitch. All enquiries, call Paul Gates 07545 929639.

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12TH JULY | 11AM - 4PM

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CHURCH NEWS

MESSAGE FROM REVEREND ALLISON TWIGG, THE UPLANDS GROUP OF CHURCHES



Rev'd Allison

Creaton Church.

Over these past eight years, it has been a profound privilege to walk alongside you in the life of our churches and villages. Together we have shared in so many moments that shape and define our communities—celebrations of joy, baptisms and weddings, as well as times of sorrow, loss, and quiet reflection. It has been an honour to be welcomed into your lives and homes, and to witness the strength, kindness, and faith that bind these communities together.

Dear friends,

Some of you may know I am moving to become Rector at Uppingham with Ayston, Belton and Wardley in Rutland.

As I come to the end of my time serving as Rector in the Uplands Group of Churches, I write with a heart full of gratitude and affection for you all. My final service will be to celebrate Creaton In Bloom with a Songs of Praise service at 7.00 on 7th July in

I am especially thankful for the many wonderful people I have come to know. Your generosity, encouragement, and steadfast support have meant more than words can fully express. Ministry is never a solitary calling, and whatever has been accomplished during my time here has been through our shared commitment and care for one another.

As I now take my leave, I encourage you to continue supporting one another and the life of the church during the time of vacancy. Your faithfulness, presence, and willingness to serve will be vital in sustaining and nurturing these communities in the months ahead. In preparation for the vacancy the service planner has changed so please do look carefully.

I leave you with this blessing from Scripture:

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him.” (Romans 15:13)

May that peace guide and uphold you, and may hope continue to flourish in every church and village.

With my deepest thanks and every blessing,

Reverend Allison



St Etheldreda looked beautiful for the wedding that took place on Saturday 9th May of Cosima Berry and Captain Sean Marren (Grenadier Guards). Congratulations to the newly-weds!

CHURCH ROTA

	7 th June Trinity 1	14 th June Trinity 2	21 st June Trinity 3	28 th June Trinity 4	5 th July Trinity 5 Steam Rally	12 th July Trinity 6	19 th July Trinity 7	26 th July Trinity 8
Cold Ashby	Green	Green	Green	Green 9.30am BCP Communion	Green 8.30am Communion Ravensthorpe	Green	Green	Green 9.30am BCP Communion
Cottesbrooke			11.00am BCP Communion		10ish Rally Field Service		11.00am BCP Communion	
Creaton	7.00 SONGS OF PRAISE (CREATON IN BLOOM)							
Guilsborough	11.00am CW Communion		Brunch @11 6.000m Evensong				Brunch @ 11 Village Hall 6.00pm Evensong	
Hollowell		11.00am CW Communion				11.00am CW Communion		
Ravensthorpe	8.30am Communion		9.30am CW Communion	11.00am Worship for All			9.30am CW Communion	11.00am Worship for All
Spratton	11.00am Worship for All	8.30am Morning Prayer		11.00am CW Communion		11.00 Worship for All		11.00am CW Communion
Thornby						9.30am BCP Communion		

Subject to Guilsborough's decision as to whether to have an 8.30am service (waiting for Paul Jacobs to return) + Whether pattern will be swapped around for Steam Rally in July.

Buckby Library & Hub

Our special events in June and July

Art exhibitions: in June, we expect to be holding an exhibition of pencil drawings by Sue Bird. Please check our website for details and for future exhibitions.

Get out and about with summer remedies! Would you like to know more about how you can use the herbs and plants around you? Jenni McDonnell will be giving a layman's introduction on Thursday June 4th at 7.30 pm (doors open at 7.00) on how to make teas, tinctures and salves from the plant life in your garden to sooth common summer ailments. Jenni is self-taught and doesn't have any qualification in herbal medicine but she has used everything that she is going to talk about herself. Please get your free tickets from the Library or the Peephole in the High Street. Donations welcome. Refreshments will be available.

World Environment Day: June 5th is World Environment Day and we hope to be having one or two other talks during June on environmental issues. Please check our website nearer the time.

Films: our final film of the season will be on Tuesday June 30th. Further information will soon be available on our website. Tickets are £7.50 and will be available from the library or Peephole in the High Street. Start-time is 7.30; doors open at 7pm. Refreshments available, including ice creams. Our future film programme will start again in September.

Music in July: on Thursday July 2nd the popular Sixties Reunion Trio will be performing Country & Western, Instrumentals, Ballads and Rock 'n' Roll. This will be a café style evening; refreshments available. Start time is 7.30pm (doors open at 7). Please get your free tickets from the Library or the Peephole in


the High Street. Donations welcome on the night.

Friends and Trustees needed
Will you support Buckby Library & Hub by becoming a Friend? Please see the information on our website <https://buckbylibraryhub.org/friends/> or pop in to see us.


We are also looking for more Trustees. Would you be interested to get involved and help our charity to continue to thrive? Please get in touch with sam.holst@buckbylibraryhub.org to find out more.

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Membership is £50.00 for the whole year Jan-Dec (pro-rata if you join later in the year) or you can 'pay as you go' as a visitor for £8 per person.

We would love to see some new people join us and a warm welcome is guaranteed 😊

For more information, please call Nicola on 07710 449158 or find us on Facebook and send us a message.

Cash or cheque only please, no card machine!

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Enjoy a cuppa!

Raffle tickets to win the floral designs!

Guilsborough, Hollowell & District RBL Knitted Poppy Appeal



In addition to displaying poppies around Guilsborough and Hollowell in November, we are planning a display of knitted poppies on The Green in Guilsborough. We are asking for your help with producing poppies. We need as many as we can get in order to make an impact. Our target is 400 – 500 poppies like these.

You can download knitting patterns from the Royal British Legion website or by contacting hobbyhall19@gmail.com. Completed poppies can be delivered to The Old Bakehouse or Grooms Cottage, High St, Guilsborough. Thank you!

Sunday 7th June
 Gardens Open 1pm – 5pm
 BBQ on The Green 12pm – 2pm

Open Gardens, BBQ, Beer & Pimms Tent, Cream Teas, Live Music, Craft Stalls, Flower Festival and more!

£7.00 to view all gardens (Under 16's free of charge)
 Free Parking
 PRICES HELD from 2025 for the Open Gardens, BBQ and Cream Teas!

Proceeds to St. Michael and All Angels Church and other local charities

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This England?

a quirky peek at England's history from the Stone Age to the Spanish Armada

Friday 19 June 7pm
 Gates open 6.30pm
 Cheese & wine available for a small charge, in aid of the church

and

Saturday 20 June 2.30pm
 Gates open 2pm
 Cream tea available for a small charge, in aid of the church

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(through archway next to village hall, follow signs) by kind permission of Gay & Mark Webster

In the village hall if wet

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West Haddon.	Cold Ashby
Ravensthorpe.	Brixworth
Creton.	Holdenby
Spratton.	Thornby
Cottesbrooke.	East Haddon