

HONOURING THEIR SACRIFICE ON VJ DAY



To commemorate the 80th Anniversary of VJ Day on 15th August 2025, an evening of entertainment, memories and reflections was held in Guilsborough Village Hall, hosted by the local branch of the Royal British Legion with support from GMADs, the Guilsborough Historical Society and Collin's Fresh Produce. After VE day on the 8th May, British, Commonwealth and Allied Forces continued bitter fighting in the Far east, finally achieving a surrender following the dropping of the Atom Bomb. The men who fought and died were referred to as the Forgotten Army. The RBL resolved not to forget them.

A packed Village Hall was treated to an American themed barbeque with burgers and hot dogs in tribute to our American Allies.

The GMADs' presentation, arranged by Pam Townsend, included harrowing images taken by an Australian POW with a hidden camera. There were also drawings and cartoons depicting the plight of the POWS by Ronald Searle and Les Rawlings. These men put themselves at great risk to capture these images and keep them hidden.

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5th Creaton Ollie's Charity Concert
8th Creaton WI
9th Guilsborough Friends
11th Creaton Walkers
16th Creaton FOSM History Group
24th Hollowell Hopewell Café
25th Guilsborough Race Night
30th Cottesbrooke Sound Bath

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NOVEMBER

See p5 for all Cold Ashby events
8th Hollowell Fireworks and Bonfire
8th Creaton Walkers
9th Remembrance Sunday
12th Guilsborough RBL Annual Dinner
12th Creaton WI
13th Guilsborough Friends
16th Cottesbrooke Christmas Fair
20th Creaton FOSM History Group
21st Guilsborough Quiz Night
22nd Creaton FOSM Cake & Coffee
28th Hollowell Hopewell Café
29th Cottesbrooke Sound Bath

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 and Nia Guilsborough. Sunday am Soul Yoga, Monday Mornings Pilates Hollowell Cottesbrooke ... and Long Buckby Library & Hub events page 22.

SUMMIT'S UP -ON KILIMANJARO

Even though you have retired, there are still mountains to climb.

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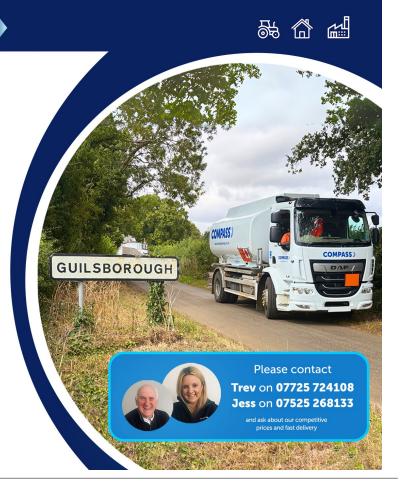
Trevor Reay

From 1983, Trevor developed a local oil distributor in Brixworth alongside Tony Watson. After a change of ownership, Trevor decided it would be wise to leave that company in May 2018. Two years later in September 2020 an opportunity came along. Trevor came out of an early retirement and locally started Compass Energy.

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PEAKING IN RETIREMENT!



Not satisfied with golf or gardening, four retired Guilsborough men picked up their rucksacks, donned their Bridgedale socks and set out to climb the World's highest free-standing

Mark Brennan, lan Dalzell, Jonathan Evans and Simon King formed part of a team of eight friends who journeyed to Tanzania to scale Mount Kilimanjaro which, at almost 6,000 metres, is also the highest peak on the African continent.

The trekkers were supported by local guides and porters who helped them acclimatise to the oxygen depleted air

and navigate their way through several different climatic zones as they walked for eight days on their way to the summit.

"The main part of the trek was relatively straight-forward", said Simon, "but the real challenge was the final 1,000 metres which we began just after midnight on 'summit day'. We climbed through the darkness with only head torches to guide us. The thin air meant that it was a real effort just to walk."

Reaching the top however appears to have been its own reward as the team were treated to spectacular views from above the clouds of the sun rising across East Africa (see colour photo on front page). And now it's back to golf and gardening...until the next adventure.

CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE

We heard from residents of Guilsborough, Pauline Jacobs and Jane Neil, whose fathers were both taken prisoner at the fall of Singapore and forced to work on the Burma Railway. They suffered physical maltreatment, deprived of food and medicine, which left physical and emotional scars which they carried with them for the rest of their lives. We also heard from Lynn Furnell whose father was a Royal Marine who sailed to the Pacific in 1945 to bring back POWs, a journey which took 6 weeks in those days. Janet Minney, another resident of Guilsborough, also had a father in The Royal Marines, who also travelled to the Far East on a similar mission. David O'Neil has produced a leaflet, on behalf of and available from the Guilsborough Historical Society, outlining the major events and key dates of the war in The Far East. Maggie Burgess gave a very moving tribute to Vera Lynn, the Forces Sweetheart, who made the trip to Burma to entertain the troops. Her singing, accompanied by Jim Carroll, captured the complex emotions of the final end to the war, the suffering and sacrifices made by so many.

The aim of the Royal British Legion is to remember and honour that sacrifice.



Gill Douglas and Bruce Teggart in uniforms of the day.

COLD ASHBY NEWS

NEWS FROM THE MEMORIAL HALL Cold Ashby Archive



What a fabulous turnout we had for our first Heritage Open Day at our café on Saturday August 30th. So many past and present villagers came and viewed our current collection of news clippings, photographs and other interesting memorabilia about the village. We are beginning to get things copied, printed, catalogued and laminated to preserve all these precious memories which are so important to our village history. Do keep looking in drawers and cupboards for any other items that you would like to share with us. We will be holding more events which celebrate our history in the near future so do watch this space for more information of future dates and events.

Sunday Café and Socials

Thank you to everyone who has been joining us for our monthly café and social evenings. The money raised at these events goes to maintaining the upkeep of the Memorial Hall and is crucial for the hall's survival. We are very grateful for the support shown, particularly from our friends that don't live in the village who attend our events on a regular basis.

CHURCH NEWS

Harvest festival and Supper

Thank you to everyone who joined us in celebrating Harvest at our communion service on Sunday 28th September and for joining us in our Harvest Supper and 'Auction of Produce' at The Memorial Hall the following evening.

The proceeds from the this event will be going towards the repair of damaged joists under the floorboards in the church, which have been the cause of some of the pews to sink.

Open Gardens

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our annual open gardens in aid of St Denys Church on Sunday 20th July. Despite our visitor numbers being down a bit this year, probably due to the inclement weather on the day, we still managed to raise £2400 towards much needed funds which is vital to ensure the upkeep of our little church. So many

villagers embrace the day and become fully involved either by opening their garden, serving the teas, manning the entrance, the church and the car parks, holding a stall or selling raffle tickets. It really is a large community effort and the PCC are very grateful to each and every one who helped out and to those that attended.





COLD ASHBY NEWS

COLD ASHBY EVENTS FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER

All are welcome to join us for the following events and residents' support will ensure that we keep these important village facilities open and provide opportunities for entertainment, social interaction and keep the village pool and Skittles Teams going.

Date	Event	Place	Details
Sun 5 th Oct	Sunday Cafe	Memorial Hall	09:30- 12:00
Sat II th Oct	Social Evening	Memorial Hall	From 7:30pm
Sat 25 th Oct	Bob & Phil's Charity Skit- tles Night	Memorial Hall	From 7:00pm (See poster)
Sat I st Nov	Social Night	Memorial Hall	From 7:30pm
Sat 8 th Nov	Christmas Craft &Gift Fair	Memorial Hall	10-2pm (see poster)
Sun 9 th Nov	Sunday Cafe	Memorial Hall	09:30-12:00
Sat 15 th Nov	Social Night	Memorial Hall	From 7:30pm
Sat 29 th Nov	Blankety Blank Game show night	Memorial Hall	From 7:30pm (see poster)

Pool nights some Mondays from 7.30pm at the Cold Ashby Playing Field Pavilion. Bar open. Skittles some Wednesdays and Fridays at Memorial Hall from 7:30pm. Please see village Facebook pages for more details.

Sunday Cafe Sunday 5th October and Sunday 9th November

Join us for breakfast between 9:30-12pm Bacon, Sausage, Egg rolls, Toasties and Cakes available to eat in or takeaway.



Cold Ashby Family Bonfire and Fireworks

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A Charity Skittles Evening in Memory of Bob & Phil

(Raising money for Prostate Cancer & Alzheimer's Society)



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Chilli & Rice/Bread available to preorder £6
(Served from 7:00-8:00pm)
£1 to play
It's a team game, so you will be allocated a team on arrival.

Raffle

Cold Ashby Memorial Hall Presents:



Join us for some game-show fun with our very own Dave Harris

Saturday 29th November @ 8pm

Free entry Raffle

Jacket Potatoes & fillings available to preorder (Coronation chicken or cheese & beans)

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COTTESBROOKE NEWS

Produce and Craft Show

The end of August saw the village come together for the 7th annual Produce and Craft show held at the village hall. With an outstanding number of entries, the show raised just over £300, which goes towards the maintenance and upkeep of the Village Hall and playing fields. A big thank you to everyone who took the time to enter, those who came to support the show and lastly to our judges, Abi Shand Kydd, Derek Daw, Jillie MacDonald Buchanan, Suzie Cazenove and Rob Jones for giving their time and expertise for the unenviable task of choosing our winners in each category.



The trophy for Best in Show was awarded to Peter Messinger (above) for his outstanding Basket of Garden Produce which included Carrots, Beans, Tomatoes, Onions, Potatoes and Rhubarb, all carefully cultivated and beautifully presented from his garden in Cottesbrooke. The Yvonne Daw Memorial Trophy for the best Dahlias was awarded to Pat Howey for her outstanding example of Dahlias presented.

Soul Yoga with Sara

We are excited to welcome Soul Yoga with Sara to the village hall, every Sunday morning from 10am. Open to all abilities, these gentle yoga sessions are a perfect way to stretch out and start afresh for a new week. Please contact Sara to book in on 07765 255460.

Sound Baths at the Village Hall

After a short summer break our monthly sound baths are back at the village hall. Sound baths are a great way to relax and find a sense of calm after a busy day. To book in please contact Lucie on 07407 258653. They are on the last Thursday of every month (exc December): Thursday 30th October, 27th November.

Monthly Coffee Mornings

We are looking for a pool of volunteers to host our monthly community coffee mornings. They run on the first Saturday of each month, 10-12 and hosting consists of setting up tables and chairs, setting up the hot water urn, and clearing down afterwards. If you are able to help, please contact Holly on 074931 65731. Our next coffee morning is on Saturday 4th October.

EAGA Gospel Choir

As seen on Britain's Got Talent
All Saints Church, Cottesbrooke - Friday, 17th October
For tickets contact Holly on 07493 165731

CHRISTMAS CRAFT & GIFT FAYRE

COTTESBROOKE VILLAGE HALL

SUNDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 10 – 3

TICKETS ON THE DOOR ADULTS £1. CHILDREN FREE

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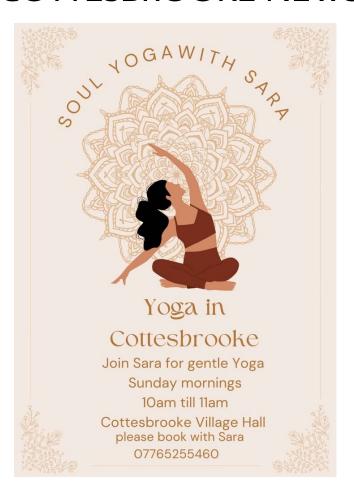


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CREATON NEWS

Creaton Walkers

What a fantastic summer it has been (unless you are a farmer)! Even hotter than 1976 for those of us who can remember that far back! Perhaps a little



warm for walking, especially for doggies, but the early mornings were cooler, weren't they?

The Creaton Walking Group were lucky to walk in sunshine throughout the summer and are now hoping the Autumn will bring dry Saturday mornings with beautiful views and wildlife. The September walk from Ashby St Ledgers will have taken place by the time you read this and the October walk will be planned. If you would like to walk 8 miles over pretty footpaths meet at Creaton lychgate at 10am on the second Saturday of the month. New walkers and well-behaved dogs always welcome. Next walks are on:

- Saturday 11th October
- Saturday 8th November

than double the chances of survival.

Creaton WI

"Bystanders Can Be Lifesavers" Campaign
Did you know there are over 30,000 out-ofhospital cardiac arrests a year in the UK and
fewer than one in ten people survive? Early
cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and defibrillation can more

The National Federation of Women's Institutes is running a



campaign to increase public confidence in the delivery of CPR and the use of defibrillators, thereby giving every person the best chance of surviving a cardiac arrest.

In Creaton we are lucky enough to have a defibrillator but there is also fear and uncertainty about using it. Furthermore,

research by St John Ambulance found that, due to the close contact needed, over 1/3 of the public feel uncomfortable about giving CPR to, or using a defibrillator on, women.

In support of this national campaign, Creaton WI is arranging for St John Ambulance to provide a free training session on CPR and the use of a defibrillator, to any member of our village community who would like to attend; we very much hope that many of you will!

The date and time have yet to be confirmed but if you are interested, please email wicreaton@gmail.com to receive further details as soon as they become available.

Below is our general programme of talks for the next 3 months, all held in the United Reformed Church:

October 8th (2.30 p.m.) "The Repair Shop and Me" with WI member and popular speaker, Christine Farmer. An interesting insight, perfect for fans of the television programme.

November 12th (2.30 p.m.) Jo Parish from Past Alive reveals

the secrets of "Queen Victoria's Wardrobe" from the Royal drawers up!

December 10th (2.30 p.m.) Craft Session – Iris-folded Christmas cards.

All are welcome, for more information please contact President Daphne Clark, 01604 505546 or email wicreaton@gmail.com.

Creaton Singers

Have you seen the advert for Ollie's Charity Concert on Sunday 5th October? It is at 2.30pm in the URC in Creaton. The Creaton Singers have been practising hard to put together a varied programme of familiar and not so familiar songs. Please come and help raise funds for Hft Learning Disability Allies, and support Ollie who is running the Athens marathon for this cause. Once the concert is over the Creaton Singers will be turning their attention to Christmas. Save the dates for the following:

- Saturday/Sunday 6th/7th December, 2pm: Christmas Carols at Welford Christmas Tree Farm.
- Wednesday 17th December, 7:30pm: Creaton Singers
 Annual Christmas Concert in Creaton URC, preceded at 7pm by Carol Singing on the Green and around the village.
- Saturday 20th December, 2pm: Cottesbrooke Carol Service with the Creaton Singers supporting the singing.
 If you enjoy singing why not come for a taster session? We meet on Tuesdays from 7.30pm to 9pm in Creaton URC on the High Street. No audition necessary.



CREATON NEWS

FOSM History Group

Talks

The 2025/26 season started in September with a bit of a look forward to the series of talks after Christmas. Before then, the following subjects are the topics for the monthly meetings:

October 16th: Northamptonshire Country Houses During the Civil War with Graham Evans

November 20th: Re-discovering Guilsborough: Iron Age and Roman Forts and the Demolished Hall with David

December 12th: What Happened to the Princes in the Tower? With John Perkins

After Christmas, to commemorate the 800th anniversary of St Michael & All Angels, the talks will have Creaton connections, including a look at the history of the Church building, and the local connections with the Civil War.

The Orland Family

Another talk will look at the Orland family in the 18th and 19th centuries. Inspired by the two gravestones by the lychgate, Patsy Hollingum will explore this family who held important mills in the area, including a windmill near to Green Lane. If you have any connection with the Orland family or know anything about the mills in the area, please contact Patsy, email: hollingump@gmail.com.

CAKE & COFFEE MORNING



Come and enjoy a free cake and coffee and wallow in bit of history.

- Cakes for sale
- WI Craft Items
- Bees & Honey
- Raffle
- History Exhibition

Have your say about the history of Creaton.

- What is your story?
- What is the story of your house?

EAT CAKE AND CHAT

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 22ND 10AM - 12 NOON CREATON VILLAGE HALL

Friends of St Michael's History Group

Crib Nib

The origin of the phrase 'level pegging' is likely to have come from "the nation's favourite card game". Some times level pegging can seem but a dream.





CREATON NEWS

OVER THE COUNTER

The shop has been delighted over the summer to provide as many ice creams and cold drinks as possible during the hot weather. Now the air is cooler yet each season brings its benefits for the shop. Back to school has seen the welcome return of trades people in the village buying breakfast and lunch. We offer a great range of sandwiches, fresh fruit and treats, and you can warm up a delicious Joseph Morris sausage roll or pie in the microwave, and while you are waiting, get yourself a freshly-brewed coffee.

Memories of those summer holidays do not need to be too far in the distance. Bring back those idyllic moments over breakfast with our croissants and other French pastries. We have these available 6 days a week and you can also buy frozen ones to bake at home.

We have been thrilled to welcome several young volunteers, both those returning to Creaton during the university holidays and those volunteering for first time. It is a great way to learn retail and customer service skills, as well as being fun. You can volunteer at the weekend and after school. Pop into the shop and have a chat with whoever is behind the counter.

Christmas is only about 10 weeks away, so come and have a look regularly as we stock the shelves for the festive season. You can order all your meat, greengrocery and grocery items from us.

We know we are doing well - our customers tell us, and they keep coming back! However, do you have any ideas for how we can improve the shop? Please come and talk to us when you are next in the shop. We always like to hear new ideas for shop design, product range and advertising. Creaton Village Shop is your shop and we love to see you supporting it.

Creaton Volunteer Drivers wanted

Do you drive?

Do you sometimes have a little spare time to help others? Would you be willing to take people who cannot currently drive to the hospital, doctors, dentist etc?

Creaton used to have a scheme for providing this service and there have been several requests to revive it.

You would be paid mileage at the Government rate and for parking.

Going on the register does not commit you to anything. As each request for a lift comes through you would be able to accept or ignore it.

Interested? Please contact Jane on 07879 604029 or email <u>Janekimberlin@btinternet.com</u>

Creaton URC

You are warmly welcome to join us for our

Sunday Worship and Junior Church.

Sunday October

5th I Iam Harvest Festival with Jon Heard

St Michael's

5th 2:30pm Concert by The Creaton Singers

12th I Iam Morning Worship Rev Jay Phelps

19th 11am Morning Worship with Rev Geoff Townsend

Communion

26th I I am Morning Worship Andrew Bodsworth

November

2nd I Iam Morning Worship Rev Liz Adams

9th 10:50am Service for Rev Geoff Townsend

Remembrance Sunday

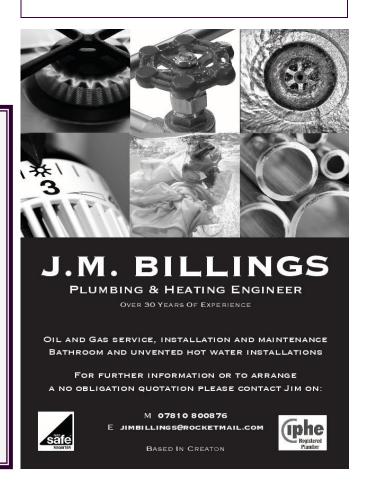
16th I Iam Morning Worship with Jon Heard

Communion

23rd I Iam Morning Worship Wendy Pitman

30th I Iam Joint Service at Long Buckby

Poppies coffee shop is open every Wednesday and Friday from 10am to 12 noon. You will be very welcome.



CREATON PARISH COUNCIL

Creaton Parish Council Contact Details

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 noticeboard on Violet Lane. We also have a Facebook page.

Parish Council Meeting dates:

Meetings are held bi-monthly on the first Tuesday of the month The Parish Council will be holding a village litter pick on Sunday at 7.30pm at Creaton Village Hall. The next meeting date is: 4th November 2025.

West Northants Council Consultations

https://westnorthants.citizenspace.com/

Planning Applications

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

> https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/planning-applicationsand-enforcement/view-and-comment-planningapplication

Fix My Street

West Northamptonshire Council are responsible for highway issues such as potholes, fly tipping and grit bins. You can report concerns directly to them on the Fix My Street website: https://

www.fixmystreet.com/

Parish Councillor Vacancies

There are now two vacancies remaining on the Parish Council. If Council website www.creaton.org.uk and are also posted on the you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor please contact the Parish Clerk for more details.

Litter Pick

5th October, 10am to 12pm, meeting outside the Jomidar Lounge. Equipment will be provided. Everyone is welcome.

Neighbourhood Development Plan

West Northants Council hold regular consultations on a range of A national government decision has led to the withdrawal of issues. Full details of current consultations can be found online at: funding for Neighbourhood Development Plans, including those which are already underway such as Creaton's. The Parish Council and the group of volunteers who have been working on the plan have been looking at ways to complete the plan without this grant funding. Different options are being considered but the Parish Council has decided that it would like to complete the Creaton Neighbourhood Development Plan and extends its thanks to the volunteers who have given their time to working on this for the benefit of the village.

> Once complete, residents will have an opportunity to vote on the plan. The plan, once adopted, will have a role in informing planning decisions made by West Northants Council and help ensure that any future development is in keeping with Creaton's vision and heritage as defined by its plan.





Sat 11th & Sun 12th October 2025



GUILSBOROUGH NEWS



FUNDRAISING UPDATE

The Guilsborough Playing Field Association (GPFA) is responsible for managing and maintaining the playing field at the edge of the village, next to the academy. The field provides a recreation facility for villagers for both formal and informal sports. The association has been under financial pressure for several years since costs have increased and funding reduced following the pandemic.

A village meeting was held early this year to have an open discussion on the best way to address the shortfalls and ensure that the playing field remains a sustainable asset. Many thanks to all those who attended that meeting, we wanted to provide a short update of progress so far this year.

There has been an uptick in fundraising and support, many thanks to all those who have attended the various events, we have also secured additional cricket rentals throughout the summer. which have generated extra income. The Parish Council has provided a grant to help with required tree safety work and talks are ongoing to secure other long-term funding. Despite these efforts we have seen exceptional costs this year, especially relating to tree safety. This means we will continue to run a deficit, but at a more manageable level, whilst options for long term funding are progressed.

The GPFA continues to be open to discuss any ideas to cut costs or to further enhance fundraising and would be keen to hear from any volunteers who would like to get involved. Please contact Freddie De Lisle 07768 646962

A big thank you to all those villagers who have volunteered and those who have attended the various fundraising events over the summer.





Haddon Ladies Cricket team + dogs! The team plays at gpfa regularly

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 look forward to welcoming new members.

Our Programme for the next 3 months:

Thursday 9th October The Good Loaf Baker -

speaker Suzy Van Rooyen

Thursday 13th November Kinky Boots

speaker Steve Pateman

Thursday 4th December Christmas Party -

Guilsborough Village Hall

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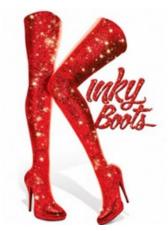
KINKY BOOTS - The True Story Behind the Hit Film

Guilsborough Friends invite you to a very special evening with **Steve Paternan** the man whose remarkable journey inspired the award winning film.

Follow Steve's incredible story as he shares how he stepped into the shoes of four generations at his family's traditional shoe factory and how one daring idea to make kinky boots changed everything.

Date: Thursday 13th November

Time: 7.30pm at Guilsborough Village Hall



Tickets: only £5 on the door.

Includes a glass of wine or non alcoholic drink and savoury snacks.

Don't miss this one off event — an evening of entertainment, community, and inspiration. Bring your friends along to enjoy the story that took the world from Earls Barton to the West End and Broadway.

GUILSBOROUGH 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 2025-26.



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 also welcomed Miss Botting and Miss Kazakevics who have both had huge smiles on their faces after their first week with their new classes.



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 — $\frac{\text{www.guilsboroughprimary.co.uk}}{\text{www.guilsboroughprimary.co.uk}} \text{ or you can keep up to speed via our } X \text{ (aka Twitter) profile } - \\ \text{@guilsboroughpri/x and our Instagram account -Instagram.com/} \\ \text{guilsboroughprimary.chool}$





Guilsborough Village Hall Fundraiser



7pm Saturday 25th October

Guilsborough Village Hall

£12.50 per ticket, including ploughman's

Tickets from: 07342 382706 Or https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/guilsborough-village-hall







Bring a group of friends as a table!





Monday Morning Meet

Guilsborough Village Hall
9 – I Iam every Monday (excluding Bank Holidays)
All welcome, baby – OAPs.
£2.50 per Adult, Children Free
Meet for a chat, knit, hot drink & cake.
For more information contact Janet 01604 740640



GUILSBOROUGH NEWS



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Vacancies

We still have two councillor vacancies to fill. The role isn't arduous but is interesting and quite important. Meetings are only once a month with a maximum length of 2 hours but usually more like an hour to an hour and a half. We are not a politically aligned council so the only politics are local politics. Please do give consideration to joining us in helping shape our local environment.

Fault Reporting

If you spot a road, pavement or signage issue you can report these faults on https://www.fixmystreet.com. Also fly tipping, blocked drains, overgrowing vegetation and lots more can be reported and it does get responded to. Street lights are usually the responsibility of the Parish Council though so any faulty ones in Guilsborough should be reported by email to clerk@guilsborough-pc.gov.uk.

Donation

We have made a donation to the Royal British Legion to cover the cost of poppies to be displayed on posts at the time of Remembrance in November.

Guilsborough Oil Buying Group

Are you aware that Compass Energy operate a scheme that helps benefit our parish? If you purchase oil from them, they make a pro rata donation to the parish (at no cost to the customer) which we use to the benefit of as many parishioners as possible. If you do use Compass Energy then please do remember to say you're part of the Guilsborough Oil Buying Group.



A successful 21st Guilsborough Plate tennis tournament was held on Sunday 7th September. It was a fun event won by father & son Jan and Freddie Agius, with runners-up Graham Metcalfe & Luc Belaiche.







Prizes were presented by organisers

For more information about playing tennis at GTC please contact Graham on 07894 424328 or Chris on 07857 707503

HOLLOWELL & TEETON NEWS

Bacon, Banter & Broad Smiles at the September Big Breakfast

It was a beautiful, sunny, autumnal morning for the September Big Breakfast in the Village Hall.

The sunshine and the delicious smell of sizzling bacon ensured a large and jolly turnout of folk, who chose to linger and chat with friends.

It was great to see welcome visitors from the surrounding parishes of Guilsborough, Creaton and Ravensthorpe.

The hot rolls were a triumph, the baristas brewed copious amounts of delicious coffee, and the homemade cakes were that perfect combination of fresh-baked and flavoursome.

Our enthusiastic young tombola team of Ben Clarke and Jacob Oswin kept the punters entertained, as a battle broke out to carry off the sparkly, silver, leaping dolphin ornament, generously gifted by an anonymous doner.

A special thanks goes to the clearing team and kitchen staff who worked non-stop and with great good humour throughout the morning. Thank you to all who helped make the breakfast such a success and to everyone who came along.



Hollowell Village Hall Lotto Relaunches with Live Draw and Lucky Winners

After a break of a few months the Village Hall Lotto (formerly The Tote) was relaunched with a live draw at the Village Hall Breakfast. The Village Hall trustees like to keep abreast of the times, so an electronic random number generator was used by Village Hall Chair, Hannah Oswin to select the winners. They are as follows:

Lee Gane
Ron Morrell
Viv Benjamin
Andrew Captainino
Bill Douglas
Sue McCubbin



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY EVENTS IN HOLLOWELL

Fire, Fun & Fairground Thrills— Hollowell's Got It All

Enjoy a spectacular Bonfire night at Hollowell Rally Field on Saturday 8th November.

Gates open at 3pm The bonfire will be lit at 7pm and fireworks at 7.30pm. Entry is £2, regardless of age. Cash only. Beer tent, food stalls, steam engines and a small funfair will all be on site.

Cafe Christmas A Big Breakfast with tinsel,

on **Saturday 6th December** – if anyone would like to reserve a table to sell Christmas gifts etc. please email Emily: emilyinthegarden@gmail.com

Pub Night In The Village Hall

The Pop-Up-Pub, the Steam & Whistle, will open its doors again on **Saturday 18th October**, 7pm to 11pm in the Village Hall.

Why not come along and enjoy a pint of Northamptonshire's finest and a game of traditional skittles with friends and neighbours. We can promise hot dogs, a tabletop quiz and convivial company.

Parent & Child



Creative Mindfulness Workshop at Hollowell Village Hall, Saturday 11th October 2025, 2pm until 4pm.

Connect with your imagination and your child or grand-child through a guided story meditation. Then create magical art together from your imaginings!

The workshop facilitates creativity through play and experimentation. You do not have to be an artist to achieve a beautiful and meaningful masterpiece.

Please do come along for some connection, fun and creativity.

All ages are welcome from 4 years old upwards!





£20 per parent & child (£5 for additional children) *£10 deposit required from each parent to book.

Contact Millie: millie.japonica@gmail.com



HOLLOWELL & TEETON NEWS



ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR HELP WITH YOUR FUEL BILLS?

The Miss Jane Letts Hollowell Charity was set up in 1940 with a bequest from the estate of James William Boothe Letts. The bequest established an income to purchase coal or blankets for distribution to "poor widows and other deserving poor" of the Parish of Hollowell. In the mid 1990s, the terms of the Charity were altered so that it could also contribute towards household electricity bills.

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. Please email the Jane Letts Trustees for more information at **janelettscharity@gmail.com** or write, care of March Barn, Church Hill, Hollowell NN6 8RR.



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Move Better and Feel Better: New Pilates Classes at Hollowell Village on Monday Mornings.

ALL WELCOME



Instructor Katherine Mills is a certified Pilates teacher and chartered physiotherapist.

Whether you are completely new to exercise or looking to progress your fitness, Katherine's classes are suitable for everyone.

Classes start on Monday mornings at 9.30am for an hour. Class sizes are kept small with no more than 8 in a class to enable one-to-one guidance throughout the session. £12 per class or £10 for blocks of 6 classes.

To book please go to

https://revitalise-physio-led-pilates.live.baluu.co.uk
For more information email Katherine at
pilatesrevitalise@gmail.com



HOLLOWELL & TEETON NEWS

Hollowell Artist, Charles Kitchen, Showcases 40 Years of Landscape Mastery in Corby.

This Autumn, Corby welcomes a very special exhibition: Into the Light by Hollowell artist **Charles Kitchen**. Charles has spent more than forty years exploring the ever-changing relationship between light, colour, and landscape. His paintings, inspired by both coastal and inland scenes, translate the shifting moods of nature — the glow of evening sun, the shimmer of coastal skies, or the drama of passing weather.

Most of the works on display have been painted in oils, created either in his studio or outdoors, 'en plein air', where the immediacy of the environment finds its way directly into the brushstrokes. Charles resists the idea of developing a fixed personal 'style'. Instead, he approaches each scene as a unique conversation between artist and place, working to evoke its spirit rather than to simply record its details.

The result is an exhibition that celebrates the power of light, the diversity of the British landscape, and the dedication of an artist who continues to see each painting as a fresh beginning.

Into the Light invites us all to pause, look more closely at the natural world, and rediscover the beauty in the play of light across land and sea.

> **Dates:** 24th Sept to 18th October **Venue:** RoofTop Arts Centre in Corby **Opening Times:** 11am to 4pm

Admission: Free

Hopewell Coffee Mornings

Hopewell Coffee Mornings in October and November are on the fourth Friday of the month, but our December meet up will be held on the third Friday to accommodate seasonal festivities.

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: 24th October

28th November 19th December





THORNBY NEWS

Thornby Village Hall Annual Summer BBQ Saturday 12th July 2025.

A huge thank you to John and Sally for hosting our Village Hall BBQ on Saturday. It was very hot but the fantastic marquee and gorgeous shady spots under the trees were idyllic. John and Sally really do spoil us, we feel truly blessed for their generosity, attention to detail, help and support. Although a lot of hard work happens behinds the scenes, John's humour kept us all entertained. We all now know how to tie a very useful slip knot.

Thank you so much to you all for joining us, villagers, family, and friends. Thank you for the cash and tombola donations, and the 10 donated brilliant prizes in the raffle! Special thanks to Simon and Louise for always supporting our events with their generous raffle prize, Pete Straiton for his very popular raffle prize, to all the villagers that couldn't attend but still sent cash donations, raffle and tombola prizes and wished us well.

It really was a wonderful afternoon, for a small Village we are so lucky to always be supported so well. This event is our chance to get everyone together for a wonder afternoon and celebrate our stunning little Village Hall now used and enjoyed more than ever! We raised an incredible £254, this will help us to continue to enjoy and maintain the Hall.

Best wishes

The Village Hall Committee - Rose, Sue, Michelle, Alex, Nigel, Mike and Russ

Thornby Harvest Festival Sunday 5th October 3.00pm



Come & join us for this annual service.

Donations for the harvest display & auction can be placed in the porch

Saturday 9-12.00, Sunday 10.00 onwards

Refreshments will be served after the service during the auction of donated goods & produce.

All proceeds are in aid of St Helens Church

Thornby Village Hall

Hire charge £10 per hour

Fully equipped and newly decorated hall with a capacity to hold 40 people.

Ideal for intimate gatherings, childrens parties, courses, talks and meetings etc.

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

Contact Alex Todd - 07872839199

Christmas Fayre

Sunday 16th November

11am - 4pm

At Thornby Hall

Find unique gifts at this seasonal market fair, featuring handmade crafts from local artisans, in an atmospheric manor house.

There will also be a café and live bands, as well as free meditation taster sessions.

Cost: £2 admission, under 16s free





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CHURCH NEWS



Facebook has, apparently, become the social medial platform of the old and decrepit – or at least that's how Gen Z (13-28 year olds) or even Gen Alpha (those under 15 years old) probably see those of us who use it. I'm one of those old and decrepit folks and I enjoy how it allows me to keep up with friends and

family.

The idea that it's older people who use Facebook is borne out, perhaps, by the fact that the page called 'Ladybird Books Flyaway Home' has 81,000 followers. It features illustrations from the famous Ladybird Books going back to the 1950s and earlier, all from an extensive collection owned by an enthusiast called Helen. She selects a picture every day of the year and posts it on Facebook. So, in winter we have frosty fields and frozen ponds; in spring, blossoms and billowing sheets on the washing line; in summer, blooming gardens, seaside and sandals, harvest and baked hillsides; and in autumn late berries and fallen leaves; all followed by the December Advent calendar of wintry and Christmassy scenes. It's a joy for those of us with a nostalgic heart to have these daily pictures that reflect the changing seasons.

MESSAGE FROM REVEREND CAROLINE BURNETT. THE UPLANDS GROUP OF CHURCHES

I admit to a little jolt of excitement and pleasure when I see the first picture of each season: blackthorn in flower, a crowded sandy beach, golden decked trees, a bare landscape stripped of greenery or a chilly looking robin. The changing seasons revive our spirits and mark out our lives with times for rest and times to be active, times to stay close to home and times to explore and travel. They remind us of birthdays and anniversaries and bring back memories of bonfire parties and cosy winter evenings. I often wonder what it must be like to live in a climate where there are no seasons - just one long summer or winter. In church, the seasons we keep allow us time for reflection, growth, remembering, celebrating and for examining our thoughts and behaviours. As with the seasons dictated by the earth's orbit of the sun, the church's seasons allow us to experience life in all its depth and fullness.

In October the church enters a season of remembering; we remember our own loved ones departed and also those who've died in wars. Then we move on towards the seasons of Advent and Christmas. And so the year turns round again.

Our service for remembering our loved ones will be on Sunday 26th October, 5.00pm at Guilsborough Church. Do join us and lean into this opportunity to experience the changing scenes of



Shoe Boxes 2025

A message from the MMM team It's that time again and we need to start putting together Shoe Boxes.

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 sharpenrs, rulers, socks, underwear, hats, scarves, gloves & small tovs.

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

Joe Carpenter & Son an English Nativity Play

Friday 12th December at Spratton Church Saturday 13th December at Guilsborough Church at 7.00pm

Come along and see a Nativity Play with a difference!

Suitable for children from around eight years old.





Uplands Group of Churches Service Planner October and November 2025 12th October 19th October 26th October 2
10.00am Prayer Book Group Service Communion
Hollowell 11.00am Prayer Book Communion
5.00pm 9.30 9.30am Songs of Praise CW Communion Prayer Book for Harvest Communion
Brunch @11 9.30am 11.00am Village Hall Prayer Book Common Communion Worship Communion
6.00pm Evensong Evensong And Hope Service for the bereaved
11.00am Common Worship Communion
9.30am 11.00am 8.30am Harvest Festival Worship for All Prayer Book Communion
8.30am 11.00am 11.00am Prayer Book Common Worship for All Communion Communion
9.30am BCP Communion

LONG BUCKBY LIBRARY & HUB

On Tuesday, 28 October,19:00 – 21:30 we are showing the film, **Penguin Lessons**. A British teacher (Steve Coogan) takes a job in Argentina in 1976, and finds his life transformed when he rescues an orphaned penguin from the beach.

Then on Tuesday, 25th November, 19:00-21:30, the film is **The Ballad of Wallis Island**. This tells the story of Herb McGwyer, a folk musician who reunites with his former bandmate and ex-girlfriend to perform a private concert for an eccentric lottery-winning fan on a remote Welsh island, exploring themes of loneliness, reconciliation, and artistic rediscovery.

Doors open at 7pm and our films start at 7.30pm. Tickets are £7.50, from the Library or the Peephole in the High Street, Long Buckby. Refreshments are available - including ice cream!

On Thursday, 30th October, 19.00-21.00, we are hosting a presentation from author, Lorna Marlow. She will be talking about her journey in writing **Finding Home**. Finding Home is about a woman escaping a dangerous marriage. There will be time for Q&A and you will also have the opportunity to get your book signed or purchased if you wish. This talk is free entry; refreshments will be available at our counter bar.

Please do browse our website and calendar for all our many regular activities such as reading, art and craft groups, Rhymetimes for children, and all our initiatives in support of health and wellbeing. You don't have to be a member to participate – but it's free to be a member, and then you will have access to all our library services too! All welcome!

https://buckbylibraryhub.org/calendar/sam.holst@buckbylibraryhub.org; 01327-842591.

Postcode: NN6 7QB

















SUNDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER

Church Paddock, off Cold Ashby Road, **Thornby**. £8 per car pitch - CASH ONLY All proceeds in aid of St Helens Church—Enquiries to Ann Bennett. 07796466948

Fluttering By

It has seemed to be a good year for butterflies and there have been lots like this Comma, to see. However, impressions are often false and although the numbers are up on last year the results from the Big Butterfly Count show "it was definitely not a bumper year summer".



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