



## Throwing Gold at 80

For many of us a simple walk along a country footpath every now and then is enough to keep us thinking we are fit but for Creton resident John Love, physical exercise is something that he has been doing for most of his long life.

At the age of 80, John recently competed in the Midland Masters Track & Field Championships, gaining medals for the British Standard for 80 year-olds in the Hammer Throw, the Discus Throw and the Shot Put.

John's athletic ambitions started at the age of 15 when he joined Northampton and County AC in 1954. For the next 40 years he competed in track, cross-country and road races with some local success. His running also took him to Israel to take part in the World Masters Cross Country Championships.

At 60 he changed from Track racing to Field events and for the past 20 years has been throwing things for fun and for competition.

Often seen of a morning practicing on the Playing Fields in Creton, John is undergoing chemotherapy for cancer having already had his kidney removed, and yet his illness does not stand in the way of keeping fit. In the recent Midland Masters John won first places in the Shot Put and the Hammer Throw and a second place in the Javelin. All three were Personal Bests.

During his working life, John was the Estate Plumber at Althorp, but he still found time to not only take in part in sport but also train the next generations of athletes. For many years he was

a coach with the Northampton Phoenix AC, which sometimes had as many as 40 in the squad. He was also their President for 20 years.

John is now an honorary member of Rugby & Northampton AC that superseded Phoenix. He is also qualified Track & Field official and spends many of his weekends around the Midlands officiating and helping at Special Needs Track & Field events.

IF YOU KNOW OF ANOTHER 'LOCAL HERO' WHO MIGHT AGREE TO BE PROFILED, PLEASE CONTACT THE EDITORIAL TEAM!



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- Most Mondays—Guilsborough MMM
- 1st - Raventhorpe Picnic
- 3rd & 4th - Hollowell FAFF
- 10th - Creton Walking Group
- 14th - Creton WI Annual Trip
- 15th - Spratton Picnic
- 18th - Guilsborough Cricket & WI Lunch
- 19th - Guilsborough WI
- 20th - Cold Ashby Cinema—Dumbo
- 22nd - Guilsborough Picnic
- 24th - Creton Singers at Market Harborough
- 29th- Thornby, Supper Club, Red Lion

### September 2019

- Most Mondays—Guilsborough MMM
- 11th - Creton WI
- 14th - Creton Walking Group
- 15th - Thornby, Sunday Breakfast
- 16th - Guilsborough WI
- 23rd - Creton Conservation Area Appraisal
- 27th - Guilsborough Coffee Morning
- 29th - Thornby, Quiz, Red Lion
- 29th - final date of exhibition for Hollowell artist at 78 Derrigate
- 29th - Hollowell Big Breakfast



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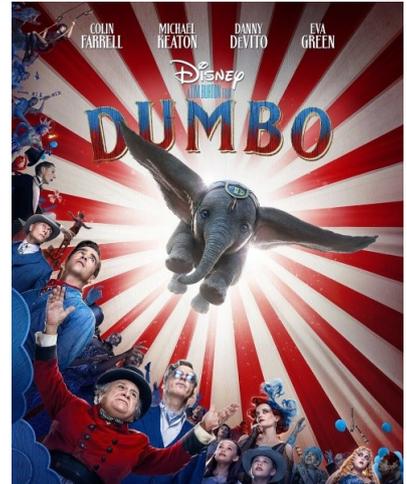
Just a reminder that this new Village Link is likely to be distributed during the last weekend of July ... so don't forget to visit the lovely gardens of Cold Ashby 2pm-6pm on Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th July.

## COLD ASHBY CINEMA FILM NIGHTS

### Dumbo – 20th August

A young elephant, whose oversized ears enable him to fly, helps save a struggling circus, but when the circus plans a new venture, Dumbo and his friends discover dark secrets beneath its shiny veneer. Further details of these and future films can be seen on the CAPFA Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/ColdAshbyPFA/>



## FRIENDLY CLUB NEWS

Cold Ashby Friendly Club has raised a total of £220 for the Air Ambulance.

Thank you to everyone who put money in the box or donated.

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# COTTESBROOKE NEWS

## DEREK'S DAWDLE

On Thursday 20th June villagers of all ages turned out in their numbers to follow Derek for this year's walk through the village.

He not only talked about the history of the village and its renowned hall but also added his own memories about the changes, which had taken place from the varying uses of cottages to their respective occupants over the years.

Even a short downpour on the day didn't dampen any spirits! Derek's tales, which shone a light on colourful characters of the past, captured his audience - many of whom had taken part in last year's walk already.

The story of the Langham legend which he mentioned in the church, certainly added a spooky touch to his recounting.

A big thank you to Derek for having delivered yet again, two hours filled with interesting facts and anecdotes, which made everyone marvel, think and smile about past life in this little village.

The occasion was rounded off by a get-together for some cheese and wine tasting in the village hall.

Thank you also to Holly and Henry for all their work and preparations and to everyone who contributed to making the evening a success.



## COTTESBROOKE CORRESPONDENTS

If you have a story or a picture that would be of interest to your fellow villagers and neighbours, please get in touch and we can send out our roving reporter!

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# CREATON NEWS

## WALKING GROUP

Hurray! Summer has finally come and the countryside has burst into a wonderful collage of flora and fauna. The Creaton Walking Group have been out enjoying the wonderful Northamptonshire countryside.



The photo is from the end of a lovely walk from Great Brington, taking in Long Buckby, Whilton and Little Brington. The Althorp Coaching Inn in Great Brington kindly seated us in a private room before serving a delicious lunch. Other walks have extended to the Rockingham forest area of our county.

If you enjoy walking come and join this friendly group of walkers and dogs. We meet on the second Saturday of the month at 10am at the lychgate in Creaton. Walks are about 8 miles before an optional pub lunch. **The next walks are on 10th August, 14th September and 12th October.**

## CREATON SINGERS

\*\*\* SAVE THE DATE\*\*\*

On Saturday 24 August at 7.45pm the Creaton Singers are putting on a concert at The Octagonal Hall, Our Lady of Victories, Fairfield Road, Market Harborough, LE16 9QQ. The programme consists of a number of well-known songs and has some solo pieces too. Tickets are £7 each and include a glass of wine and nibbles. All proceeds are to provide the floor and plastering for an extension to St Michael's Primary School in Ghana for 500 extra pupils. For further information contact Jane Kimberlin on 07879604029 or buy tickets on the door. The Creaton Singers are practising hard for the concert and have been pleased to welcome new members. We meet every Tuesday from 7.30pm to 9pm in Creaton URC on the High Street.

## CREATON IN BLOOM

Creaton in Bloom was a hugely successful day, with the Red Arrows providing a Fly Past! What an amazing sight! The day raised £7,047 for local charities and amenities including the fabric fund for St Michael and All Angels church.

Over 500 people visited the gardens and the Open Farm Sunday display of farm machinery, had a barbeque lunch, enjoyed a cream tea, listened to music and enjoyed the displays and stalls on the Green including steam and traction engines, classic cars and the local Fire Engine.

The Creaton in Bloom organisers are extremely grateful to everyone who supported the event in any way and look forward to seeing you again next year!

*For a picture of the Red Arrows over Creaton, see the back page.*

## CREATON WI

We meet in the United Reform Church in the High St. at 7.30pm on the second Wednesday of the month. If the meeting is to be held at a different venue this will be stated.



**August 14th** Annual Outing  
**September 11th** The Agony and Ecstasy of a Canal Hotel Boater by Barry Watson.

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## Speed Sign Project

In an effort to tackle the problem of speeding vehicles in the village, the Parish Council is looking into the purchase of a portable speed display sign for Brixworth Road, subject to agreement from Northamptonshire Highways.

We would be grateful for any volunteers who could help us with this project. If you can help please contact the Parish Clerk.

## Police Liaison and Neighbourhood Watch

We would like to make another appeal for volunteers to act as a police liaison between the Parish and the police. The village is also in need of a volunteer to take on the role of Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator since the long standing village co-ordinator moved away from the area. If you can help please contact the Parish Clerk.

## Consultations

Following the consultation carried out by Daventry District Council on merging Cottesbrooke with Creaton Parish Council, it has been decided that Cottesbrooke will have its own Parish Meeting and Creaton Parish Council will stay the same, so no changes will be made to either Parish.

## Information

You can find information about the Parish Council via:  
Creaton Parish Council Website ([creaton.org.uk](http://creaton.org.uk))  
Creaton Parish Council Facebook Page  
Parish Notice Board  
Bi-monthly Parish Council Meetings  
Village Link Magazine

## Planning Applications:

- a. **DA/2018/1129:** Land Off Teeton Lane (To The South Of Berkeley House), Creaton, Northamptonshire: The demolition of existing buildings. Construction of 18 dwellings, associated access, landscaping, parking and other associated infrastructure
- b. **DA/2019/0390:** Works to a Tree in a Preservation Area, at 1 The Green, Creaton.
- c. **DA/2019/0208:** 17 The Green, Creaton, Northamptonshire NN6 8ND. Replacement of windows and doors.

Please look on the Daventry District Council website for

planning applications.

**“Please keep me on my lead ..... Look after Me”**



**Reminder: Dogs are not permitted on the Playing Field unless they are on a lead and being walked along the footpath to cross the Playing Fields.**

**There are new powers to take greater enforcement action against dog fouling and loose dogs.**

## Parish Council Meetings – 2019

Creaton Parish Council Meetings: New dates for 2019.  
Creaton Village Hall, 7.30pm. First 15 minutes for the Public Forum:

- Tuesday 10th September
- Tuesday 12th November

**All held in Creaton village hall, Teeton Lane, unless otherwise advised, Planning Meetings may be held separately if required.**



Creaton Parish Council

**CREATON**

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## CREATON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS continued

### Our visit to The Queen's Garden Party

Tuesday 21st May 2019 was a red letter day and will remain as such for the rest of our lives. It was the day that my wife Jean and I were honoured and delighted to attend The Queen's Garden Party at Buckingham Palace.



We arrived at the Hyde Park Gate entrance to Buckingham Palace at 2.30pm. At 3pm the gates were opened and we were ushered to a waiting

Policeman who promptly checked our identity, in the form of our driving licences, then smiled and said "Welcome Reg & Jean have a nice visit". This initial relaxed atmosphere set the tone for the entire visit.

The weather was just perfect. We were free to wander round the enormous and beautifully laid out garden which covers almost 40 acres including a 3 acre lake.



At 4pm The National Anthem announced the arrival of the The Queen and Members of the Royal Family. On this occasion The Queen was accompa-

nied by The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge and The Duke of York.

The Gentlemen at Arms formed lanes for The Queen and Members of the Royal Family to move through the guests. We were fortunate to be at the front of the line where the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge walked, therefore, we were quite close to The Royal Couple as they made their way along the line pausing to speak to groups who were presented to them. We were impressed on how natural they were when talking to people.



There were three tea tents: The Royal Tea Tent, The Diplomatic Tea Tent and The Main Tea Tent. Our tea was served from the Main Tea Tent, the menu consisted of a wide range of delicious sandwiches (with crusts cut off of course) cakes and a plentiful supply of ice cream.

Following this we sat by the lake in the early evening sunshine. At 5.45pm the Royal Party departed and at 6pm The National

Anthem was played signalling the end of the Royal Garden Party. We were quite reluctant to leave. It was so relaxing sitting in the peaceful surroundings reflecting on the enjoyable day and the relaxed and friendly atmosphere with 8000 people from all walks of life and backgrounds, enjoying the day together. It just felt great to be part of it.

We were among the last guests to leave the garden, and as we walked through the gates at the front of the Palace our thoughts were "how fortunate we were to have had the honour and privilege of attending The Queen's Garden Party at Buckingham Palace".

Our sincere thanks to our friends on Creaton Parish Council for their kind consideration in putting my name forward and to NALC for nominating me.

Reg Thomas

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#### August 2019

Date/ Time	Service	Led By
4th 11am		John Heard
11th 11am		Rev Elizabeth Kemp
18th 11am		Lindsey Cole
25th 11am	<b>Worship &amp; Holy Communion</b>	Rev Geoff Townsend

#### September 2019

1st 11am		Jon Heard
8th 11am		Rev Elizabeth Kemp
15th 11am	<b>Worship &amp; Holy Communion</b>	Rev Geoff Townsend
22nd 11am		Vaughan Griffiths
29th 11am	<b>Group Joint Pastorate Service at Long Buckby URC</b>	Rev Elizabeth Kemp

POPPIES COFFEE SHOP is open daily from 9am to 12 noon Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. All welcome.

# CREATON NEWS

## OVER THE COUNTER

### Tales from Creaton Village Shop

I am told that local is all the rage and I can quite see the advantage. The stuff doesn't have to travel far therefore it has saved lots of those road miles and it may well be fresher for it as well. But what is really interesting is seeing the variety of different food that is produced locally.

We probably all know about Weetabix and Shredded Wheat, but just as important are all the small producers, many of them now under the umbrella of 'artisan' makers. On the shelves in the shop we can find muesli, various crackers, quiches and ice cream—so that's my meals sorted. I also see that the meat comes from Rugby and lots of the jams, chutneys and preserves come from Market Harborough.

What next? Well I don't know. Perhaps locally produced boot polish (though I am sure someone will tell me it already exists). If it does, I might just try it.

*Vigilis*



## FIELD NOTES



The Small Tortoiseshell butterfly is a bright creature you will see fluttering along the hedgerows. It can be seen at almost any time of year if the weather is good and are often found over-wintering in sheds.

It is one of the most widespread of butterflies in the UK, possibly helped by the abundance of nettles on which it lays its eggs. When they have hatched out, the caterpillars chomp their way through their favourite food plant.

According to the Butterfly Conservation Trust the population density of Small Tortoiseshell butterflies has gone down by 3% since the 1970s, and this of low concern. Keep an eye out for them particularly from Spring right through to Autumn.

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# GUILSBOROUGH NEWS

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## Guilborough Music & Drama Society

### The House of Frankenstein 13-17 November

We present a comedy horror set in the grim castle of Baron Frankenstein. We meet mysterious, menacing and comical denizens of the night seeking cures for their weird afflictions. Mayhem ensues.....

Tickets will be £10 Wednesday to Friday. A charity gala performance at £15 on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November is a chance for the audience to vamp it up with fangs, fur or fancy dress to enjoy pre-show drinks and canapes and win fabulous prizes in an extra-special raffle. Tickets available end September.

**Make up help needed** for the show. Preferably someone with experience but we welcome anyone who wants to let their creativity run wild! Call Dorothy on 01788 510392. See poster on page 19.

### SECOND CONSULTATION ON NEW WORKS TO GUILSBOROUGH CHURCH (ST ETHELDREDA'S)

Very soon a questionnaire will be available, asking for your views on details of new flooring, toilets, kitchen, chairs instead of pews (or not). If you want to receive a copy please email the Project Group c/o David@nortoft.co.uk or ring David O'Neil on 01604 740 865.

### CHRISTIAN AID THANK YOU

The annual Christian Aid collection and Big Breakfast raised £862 this year. Thank you very much to everyone who participated and donated and especially to those who worked hard collecting envelopes and organizing brunch.

### Picnic in the Parks 2019



Come and join in the fun.  
Bring a picnic, chair, blanket etc.  
12 – 2pm (weather permitting).  
All ages welcome.

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August, Ravensthorpe Playing Field**  
**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August, Spratton Playing Field**  
**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August, Guilborough Children's Play-ground**

Contact information: Janet 740640

### A MIDSUMMER'S NIGHT'S DREAM AT THE MIDSUMMER GARDEN PARTY



The Midsummer Night Garden Party organised by Janet Minney and a band of helpers was a great success and raised £760 for church funds. The Websters' garden was looking beautiful; lovely food was served by a cheerful group of Guilborough Girl Guides and guests were entertained by GMADS later in the evening.

The amusing and topical scene from A Midsummer's Night's Dream played by the drama group was the highlight of the evening as the audience moved around the garden with the players to great effect.

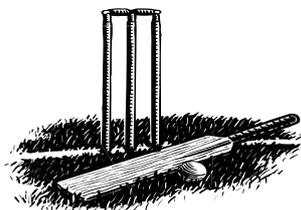
Janet would like to thank everyone who helped to make the evening such a success particularly the Websters, the Guides and all those who prepared food. (Colour photos on back page).



Welcome to Qurrat, Ronald, Aysha and new baby Samuel at Glebelands; and to Jo and Pierre at Garage Cottage.

# GUILSBOROUGH NEWS

## The Annual Sir John Lowther Memorial Cricket Match and W.I. Village Lunch



**Sunday 18th August 2019**

**Good food, good wine and good company!**

The ticket includes a 2 course buffet lunch to be held at

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**Cricket match starts 11.00am**

**Licensed bar open from 12 noon**

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## HOLLOWELL BOTTLE STALL

The GPFA had another good year at Hollowell Steam Rally.

The bottle stall was once again a success thanks to the help of a team of volunteers who manned the stall over the weekend. The stall raises valuable funds for GPFA to help keep the

playing fields running. Thanks to everyone who donated bottles, bought raffle tickets and especially to those who gave up time to help on the stall.



## SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Field has been well used this Spring & Summer for organised sport, e.g. senior cricket by West Haddon & Guilsborough Cricket Club (WHGCC) 2<sup>nd</sup> XI, St. Michael's Cricket Club from Northampton on alternate Saturdays, WHGCC Ladies on Wednesday evenings, plus WHGCC Junior games and practices. In addition South Northants & Daventry Schools Sports of Northamptonshire Sports have used the Field on 3 occasions, one for a Tri-Golf competition and 2 for Kwik Cricket competitions, where 10 local Junior schools participate with assistance from 6<sup>th</sup> formers of Guilsborough Academy. Furthermore, the Guilsborough Pre-School used the Field and pavilion for their sports day in July which was much enjoyed by all.

Once again, the GPFA would welcome new members to the General Committee, initially as observers but with a probability of taking a more active role in fundraising and grant applications, administrative, secretarial, and maintenance roles. The GPFA Secretary would be delighted to hear from anyone who can help.

The GPFA has applied for a grant to erect distance markers around the Field, so as to enable joggers/runners to assess and quantify their performance, but also to encourage more individuals of all ages to use the delightful Field and setting for recreational walking/jogging/running. More news in the next newsletter.

The GPFA would be delighted if a local Junior Football team/club would use the new football pitch for boys and/or girls football for the 2019/20 season, not only for games but for practices as well. Please contact the GPFA Secretary.

## JUNIOR CRICKET

It has been another season of record numbers for West Haddon and Guilsborough junior cricketers, this year the club ran four age group sides from U10 - U15 as well as a record number of U8s attending the All Stars sessions which ran from May and July. The senior club meanwhile runs two Saturday teams in the Northamptonshire Cricket League as well as a social team on Wednesday nights in the Rugby District T20 league and a Ladies team in the Last Woman Stands competition. New players are always welcome of all ages, experience and gender!

Please contact [jim.houghton@olivehorse.com](mailto:jim.houghton@olivehorse.com) for more info.

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP SERVE AT THE NEW BAR?

With the new Premises Licence being granted to the GPFA, the new servery is working well and is much appreciated by the cricketers and others. The GPFA hope to increase its use by others, but would appreciate help by villagers to serve behind the bar on occasions, mostly of a Friday, and sometimes on Sundays.. If you are able, please contact the GPFA Secretary, Graham Byars 07712 649833.

# GUILSBOROUGH NEWS

## GUILSBOROUGH TENNIS CLUB

**SPECIAL OFFER!**

At Guilsborough Academy

For the first season with the new tennis entrance off the West Haddon Road, membership for the summer holiday period, July 20th to August 31st, is offered at a dramatically reduced special offer price to encourage play:

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For more information contact Sarah Dalzell 07917 608238  
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## PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS



It's been a very busy end to the academic year so far. You may have seen our School Council walking around the village as they decided to have an end of year community planting afternoon. They have placed flower tubs around

Guilsborough to brighten up the area with plants we have grown at school and through our gardening club. Our green fingered activities have also received wider recognition. Just last week we were very proud to be awarded the 'RHS Five Star Gardening School' award.

The Year 6 residential to Caythorpe Court in Lincolnshire took place recently and I'm sure many fond and lasting memories were created together. The children completed lots of activities throughout their stay, including archery, high ropes, abseiling and many team games. They all had an amazing time!

It was lovely to meet our new Reception parents at our 'Welcome to Reception' information evening. The parents were able to talk to our staff and see our Reception learning environment. They also had a quick taste of our delicious school meals, saw samples of our uniform and met our wonderful PTA. We are looking forward to welcoming them to our Guilsborough family.

Our whole school picnic was a success once again, and we were so appreciative of the dry weather which meant that our Year 3 children could perform their maypole dancing. I was also very proud to be showing off our new playground canopy/shading that our wonderful PTA raised money for, along with support from The Wilson Foundation. The shading will be a real benefit to our school and community. The benches have also had a revamp in our school house team colours.

Please remember, if you need to know anything at all about what's happening at Guilsborough C of E Primary school we have lots of information on our website

[www.guilsboroughprimary.co.uk](http://www.guilsboroughprimary.co.uk), or you can keep up to speed via our Twitter profile - @guilsboroughpri.



## Open Days

## Reception Places Sept 2020

If you are looking for a school place for your child in September 2020, we would very much like to welcome you!

Our open days are:

**Tues 12th Nov 2019 at 1.30pm-3.00pm** **Fri 15th Nov 2019 at 9.30am-11.30am**

If these days are unsuitable, please call the office to arrange a separate visit as you are welcome at anytime!

During your visit you will have the opportunity to meet our Headteacher, Mrs Shilliam, and tour the school.

We hope that this experience will show you and your child the exciting, enriching, caring and nurturing environment we strive to create for all children at Guilsborough C of E Primary School.

Please call 01604 740307 to book a visit.

Please look at our school website or twitter page to find out more about us!



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For spaces available in other year groups please call our office on **01604 740307**

# GUILSBOROUGH NEWS

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Guiltsborough Women's Institute is for ladies of all ages in Guiltsborough and surrounding villages. We meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month at the Witch & Sow, 7.30pm for 8pm start, bar is open, tea and coffee complimentary after the speaker. (Bring your own mug). Visitors welcome, £5 per meeting.

**Next meetings and trips: -**

August 19<sup>th</sup> – Let's share our favourite recipes, great social event

September 16<sup>th</sup>— Strictly come WI

**Join our WI**

For more information Caroline Collins 07980 809002 or Mandy Manning 07969 884713

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

### NEW CHAIR PERSON

Guiltsborough Parish Council has a new chair person. After many years of service to the council Sarah Jaggard has passed the mantle of chair person on to Tony Hart. Tony has been vice chair for some years and so is well qualified for the post; Sarah will be staying on as a vice chair.

Sarah was presented with an engraved cut glass vase by the council at a recent meeting as a token of their gratitude for her years of service and guidance.

The Council currently has eight members and a clerk. There is a vacancy and if anyone is interested in this position they should contact the clerk.

The councilors have reviewed their responsibilities since the change in chair and now have the following as their areas of key responsibility:

#### **Tony Hart - Chair:**

Village Hall Trustee, Small Playing Field, Internal Audits, Web Site, Village Hall Management Committee, Village Link Liaison

#### **Sarah Jaggard - Vice Chair:**

Village Hall Management Committee, Police Liaison  
Church Liaison

#### **Katie Fulcher:**

GPFA Liaison, Budget Planning, Staff Committee, Village Link Liaison

#### **Graham Metcalf:**

Tree Warden, Planning Lead

#### **Ian Miller:**

Parish Assets, Academy Liaison

#### **David O'Neil:**



*Clr Hart The new Chairman of Guiltsborough PC*

Village Hall Trustee, Planning Lead, Church Liaison

#### **Gary Ashworth:**

Highways Assistant, Staff Committee, Footpath Warden, Snow Warden

#### **Dave Wooldridge:**

Highways, Planning Lead

#### **Carol Holifield - Clerk:**

Clerk's Duties, Responsible Financial Officer, Budget Planning, Street Lighting

The council would like to thank people who came and helped with the village litter pick and tidy up earlier in the summer. We filled a large number of bags with litter and debris and the village looked much smarter after the event.

The council are also hoping to produce a welcome pack for newcomers to Guiltsborough in the near future as an introduction to the village, so if you're an

organiser of a club or society and want to be included in the pack and the PC website do let us know.

All the details of meetings and activities can be found on the Lantern notice board or the PC website [www.guiltsboroughpc.org.uk](http://www.guiltsboroughpc.org.uk)



# HOLLOWELL & TEETON NEWS

## VILLAGE SUPPER CLUB REPORT:

Hollowell's gastronomes were treated to their first ever 'Supper Club' in June in the Village Hall. It was a warm and sunny evening and the weather was just right for the Mediterranean themed, Italian-style menu.

Twenty diners enjoyed the delicious five course meal: antipasta, homemade ravioli in three flavours, stuffed roast pork loin, frangipani with home made ice creams and coffee and baci. The hall was beautifully decked out in Italian style with Italian fizz and wines carefully selected to compliment the dishes. The meal was entirely home cooked by Jim and Carrie Billings with help from Viv and John Benjamin. Annabelle Billings and her friend, Emily. 'Bravissimo' to the team.



## HOLLOWELL FAMILY BBQ

After a day of sharp showers and sunshine, the sun finally came out 'full time' for the Hollowell Family BBQ, held at the Village Hall. Over forty villagers booked their BBQ meals and many others just came along for a drink. A good crop of families with young children meant that there was always something going on! And with such a good crowd the event was noisy and fun.

The BBQ was ably cooked by Graham Leah, resplendent in chef's hat and shorts! By 10.00pm, everyone went home with a smile on their face!

All of the proceeds went towards the improvement of the Village Hall.

**The next Village Hall social event is 'The Big Village Breakfast' on 29th September.**



## HOLLOWELL HENS : CROQUET OUTING

At the end of June, the Hollowell Hens embarked on a second attempt to master the complexities of lawn croquet. This time the venue was March Barn, where, despite a slightly bumpy playing surface, the Hens managed to compete with the requisite degrees of animal cunning and low viciousness. Thank you to Alan Morrison who gamely stepped into the breach to remind us of the finer rules of the game.

## EXHIBITION FOR HOLLOWELL ARTIST

Hollowell landscape painter, Charles Kitchen, is exhibiting his work at the prestigious Northampton location, 78 Dergate - the historic house with an interior designed by noted architect Charles Rennie Mackintosh. Charles' exhibition opened in mid July and runs until 29th September 2019. This solo exhibition comprises paintings from a career spanning 35 years. Some of Charles Kitchen's work can also be viewed on his website, for example Barmouth Sand Dunes (right). For further details see the advert on page 19 and visit:

<http://www.charleskart.com/>



# HOLLOWELL & TEETON NEWS



## HOLLOWELL STEAM

The 33rd Hollowell Steam and Heavy Horse Show proved a great success with clear skies and sunshine for much of the week end. The Steam Rally is under new management with Robin Lewis now heading the team, but it proved a seamless transition, with everything superbly organised as usual. Mr Lewis said he was delighted with how things had gone, and he thanked all the volunteers for their work in setting up and running the rally and the public who'd attended the two day event. All money raised by the rally will be donated to charity at the annual "Give Away" celebration at the end of October.



## NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT IN THE POCKET PARK.

Hollowell Pocket Park Action Committee is delighted to announce that two new pieces of play equipment have been added to the collection in the Pocket Park. Both are rotating pieces and were chosen after consultation with our youngest residents. We are grateful to the Northamptonshire Community Foundation, Daventry District Council and Hollowell & Teeton Parish Council for their assistance in completing this installation. (Colour photo on back page).



## HOLLOWELL & TEETON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

- 1) Update on Millennium Bus Shelter Clock (*As Time Goes By*). Work has progressed and it is hoped that as you read this edition of Village Link you can look up to see the two clocks re-instated and displaying correct time (assuming you had noticed they had been removed?)
- 2) Hollowell Pocket Park – Replacement of the 'Dog Bin': It has become necessary to replace the Dog Bin located within the Pocket Park. The Council are reviewing the types of bin available and will arrange installation of a suitable receptacle as soon as possible.
- 3) Much to the delight of our youngest residents the Steam Engine in the Pocket Park now has a splendid new steering wheel after the original one was damaged. Many thanks to parish council chairman, Andy Crisp, for sourcing and replacing this vital piece of kit.

## HOLLOWELL AND TEETON VILLAGE HALL TOTE WINNERS

The winners are:  
Emily Curtis, Vince, Mrs Spencer, Chris Webb, D. Stoneman, Eddie Litchfield, Ali & Adam, Bruce Hunter.  
Congratulations to all.

# HOLLOWELL & TEETON NEWS

## HOLLOWELL FAFF 2019

### Fete and Flower Festival & Open Gardens

**Saturday August 3rd and Sunday August 4th from 2.00 -5.00pm**

Eight Open Gardens, magnificent floral display in the Church, Fete Fun , Teas, BBQ & Pimms.

Vintage Vehicles, Competitions and Stalls.

**Competitions** We will be holding the following competitions and would be delighted to receive your entries: Best Artist ✕ Best Photograph reflecting a season ✕ Best Cake ✕ Best Three Blooms or Three Vegetables ✕ Best Miniature Garden on a Plate

There are child and adult categories in all classes. Please bring your entries for judging to March Barn at the top of Church Hill, Hollowell between 9am and 11am on Saturday 3rd August. Photos and art work may be dropped off earlier in the week if needed. £1 per entry. Submissions from outside the parish are welcome. Any queries Tel 01604 740796 or email

[hollowellfaff@gmail.com](mailto:hollowellfaff@gmail.com)

**HOLLOWELL FAFF**  
*Fete and Flower Festival*  
Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th August 2019 2-5pm  
Entry Adults £5 & Children Free

We would be delighted to see you at our second FAFF

Activities include:

Open Gardens ranging from wildlife gardens, veg gardens, pond and hilltop gardens.

A magnificent floral display in the church based on the theme, "To Everything a Season".

Competitions – best artist, best photographer, best cake, best three blooms or three vegetables and best miniature garden on a plate.

Home-made teas in the Village Hall & BBQ.

Stalls include, bric-à-brac, plants, raffle, hook-a-duck, home-made jams, books, Pimms, handmade teddies, handcrafted cards & gifts, bikes, toys and games, plus maggot racing and more.

Vintage vehicles.

Toilets and parking at the Village Hall.

There will be a Songs of Praise service at 6pm on Sunday 4th August in St James Church, Hollowell.

**ALL WELCOME**

For more information please call 01604 740796  
or email: [hollowellfaff@gmail.com](mailto:hollowellfaff@gmail.com)

# THORNBY NEWS

## THORNBY VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

*Back by popular demand!*

### SUNDAY BREAKFAST

**15th September, 2019 - 9.0am to Noon**

**Village Hall Thornby**

**From Toast or Croissant to Full English, the choice is yours.**

**Vegetarian option available.**

**Look forward to seeing you there.**

**In aid of Bell Tower Fund.**

*Contact Ann Galpin 01604 743860*

## THE RED LION, THORNBY

**Quiz nights:** Grab a team it's Quiz Night!

Sunday 29th September; Sunday 29th December

Maximum of 6 in a team. Entry £2 per person. 6.30pm.

**Supper Club 2019:** 4 seasons, 4 supper clubs, 2 remaining...

**Summer - 29th August;**

**Autumn - 14th November**

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## GATES/MEAD WEDDING

The wedding took place on 1st July at Thornby Church of Mr William Gates and Miss Stacey Mead.



## NORTHAMPTON MALE VOICE CHOIR

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

# CHURCH

As I drive around the villages that make up The Uplands Group of Churches, from the beauty of our villages and the hills, valleys and reservoirs that surround us constantly amazes me. As I travel from community to community for meetings and services and visits and events I often give thanks for the beautiful Northamptonshire countryside and for the green, rolling lushness of the landscape.

At this time of year, particularly with the 'generous' amount of rain we have had so far this summer, the countryside is full to overflowing with the bounty of nature; leaves, grasses, wildflowers, seed heads, moving with the breath of the wind, being beaten down by the heavy rain, drinking it up when it is light, lifting up towards the warmth of the sun (when it appears). And of course our farming community find all of this helpful and not so helpful at times in the course of producing food for our shops and tables.

As I look at the beauty that surrounds us, and the busy-ness of those that work the land here I am often reminded of a bible passage "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit... Abide in me as I abide in you."

The word that struck me here was abide. Abide means to remain, to wait, to continue to be held, to be present. It's a gentle word and I felt a great deal of peace when pondering it in a beautiful garden in the sunshine.

Jesus is the vine, God is the gardener, we are the branches of the plant, our job is to 'abide' to remain in God's presence and He will transform us into something beautiful. Plants will grow in their own good time and that's that surely? Perhaps it's not that simple?

This month the Pick Your Own season is in full swing;

strawberries, raspberries and all sorts of yummy goodness but nowadays we can have the fruit we want even when it's out of season and we can even grow our own strawberries or soft fruits early by forcing. The plants will produce fruit but generally at the cost of the plant itself.

Life can be a little like that, can't it? We feel like we have to force ourselves to bear fruit, to be successful, to keep up with the expectations of others, of society and even ourselves. The problem is that can sometimes be at the cost of our wellbeing. The news is full of stories of those that are struggling with their mental health. In a recent survey more than 74% of adults confessed to being overwhelmed or unable to cope in the past year. But it's not just the adults, 1 in 8 children/young people aged between 5 and 19 has a diagnosed mental health condition.

In that kind of world this bible passage has a lot to say to us. We don't have to conform to those expectations, we don't have to continually push ourselves, it's ok just to 'be' sometimes, in fact it's more than ok, it's essential! C.S Lewis sums it up brilliantly:

*"A car is made to run on gas, and it would not run properly on anything else. God designed the human machine to run on himself. He himself is the fuel our spirits were designed to burn, or the food our spirits were designed to feed on. There is no other."*

We're heading in to summer; it's the ideal time to slow down a bit and 'abide', to reconnect with ourselves, those we love and with God. I pray for lots of opportunities for all of us to do just that, I am sure we will all be better for it!

Reverend Allison Twigg



## ST ETHELDREDA: THE WINDOWS

We are very fortunate to have some fine windows in our village church, designed or manufactured by William Morris and Edward Burne-Jones.

It is many years since the church windows have been cleaned. Thanks to a legacy (which is restricted to the preservation and maintenance of the building and the fabric) we have now been able to undertake this task. We engaged a firm of Architectural Glass Artists who did a comprehensive survey of all windows and completed the cleaning in early June. Scaffolding was brought in to clean the upper clerestory windows, and the difference in light was immediately noticeable. Microbial growth and green algae had built up over the years, and this was problematic for the cleaning of the precious stained glass windows, as the pigment had become very fragile.

Only limited, gentle cleaning with a special techniques and solutions was advised. Our 12<sup>th</sup> century parish church has many features of note. If you are walking, driving or cycling by, the church is always open in the daytime for visiting – or simply to take a rest in beautiful, quiet surroundings.

Our visitors book records comments from far and wide. We are lucky to have the church on our doorstep.

One of the windows after cleaning is shown on the right; another cleaned window is shown in colour on the back page:



		AUGUST 2019				SEPTEMBER 2019				
Week of Month	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	
Sunday Holy Day	4th August 7th Sunday after Trinity	11th August 8th Sunday after Trinity	18th August 9th Sunday after Trinity	25th August 10th Sunday after Trinity	1st September 11th Sunday after Trinity	8th September 12th Sunday after Trinity	15th September 13th Sunday after Trinity	22nd September 14th Sunday after Trinity	29th September 15th September after Trinity	
Cold Ashby	9.30am BCP Communion	10.00am	9.30 BCP Morning Prayer	No service	9.30am BCP Communion	4.00pm Bishop John Admission of Bob Tomalin as a Reader in the Uplands	9.30am Worship for All	No service	10.00am	
Cottesbrooke	11.00am BCP Communion		No Service	9.45am BCP Morning Prayer	11.00am BCP Communion		No Service	9.45am BCP Morning Prayer		9.45am BCP Morning Prayer
Creaton	9.30am CW Communion		9.30 BCP Communion	9.30am Worship for All	9.30am CW		9.30am BCP Communion	9.30am BCP Communion		9.30am BCP Communion
Gullsborough	11.00am BCP Communion		Gullsborough UPLANDS GROUP SERVICE	8.30am BCP Brunch @ 11 6.00pm Evensong	9.45am CW Communion		11.00am BCP Communion	UPLANDS GROUP SERVICE		8.30 am BCP Communion Brunch @ 11 6.00pm Evensong
Hollowell	6.00pm Songs of Praise	11.00am Morning Prayer		11.00am CW Communion	11.00am CW	11.00am BCP Communion	11.00am BCP Morning Prayer		11.00am CW Communion	
Ravensthorpe	8.30am BCP Communion	9.45am CW Communion		11.00am Worship for All	11.00am Worship for All	8.30am BCP Communion	9.45am CW Communion		11.00am BCP Communion	11.00am CW Communion
Spratton	11.00am Worship for All	11.00 Holy Communion CW		8.30am BCP Communion	8.30am BCP Communion	11.00am Worship for All	11.00am Harvest		8.30am BCP Communion	8.30am BCP Communion
Thornby	No Service	No Service	No Service	5.00pm Table Talk 8.30am BCP Communion	3.00pm Songs of Praise	No Service	No Service	5.00pm Table Talk 8.30am BCP Communion		

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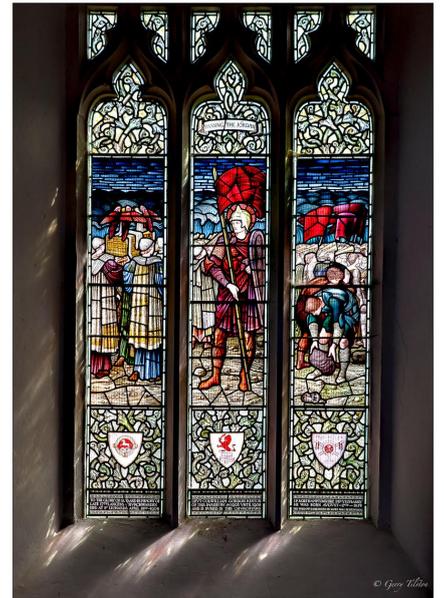
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GUILSBOROUGH: GMADS performed extracts from 'A Midsummer Nights Dream' at the Midsummer Garden Party at Four Acres and right, one of the newly cleaned windows in St Etheldreda.



HOLLOWELL: The Steam Rally featured classic cars as well as the faithful steam engines. See page 14 for the event report. Also pictured, youngsters enjoying the Pocket Park, again see page 14.



CREATON (below): Creton in Bloom goes from strength to strength, and this year was really special when the Red Arrows flew over the village, their signature smoke trailing behind. See page 5 for a report of the event.

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