



SO HAPPY TO BE BACK!



It was fantastic to hear the much-missed whistle and chug of the first steam engines arriving in Hollowell for the 2022 July Rally. After two years without the Rally due to Covid restrictions, the whole event seemed in jeopardy once again at the beginning of the year, until the event's founders, Allen and Jane Eaton stepped out of retirement to take the reins. Instead of the usual year of planning, they had a nail-biting 3 months to pull everything together. But those attending the

rally would never have known. It was wellies and hoodie weather on the Saturday, but the visitors still came and had a fantastic time and with the arrival of the sun on Sunday morning, they poured through the gates. Allen and Jane wish to thank all the local volunteers who responded to requests for help to set up the field and worked over the weekend. Allen says the Rally field has now been secured for the future and he looks forward to next year's event with a new Chairman at the wheel.

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AUGUST

- 6th Quiz Night Cold Ashby
- 7th Open Gardens Cottesbrooke
- 13th Creton Walkers
- 20th Skittles Night Cold Ashby
- 23rd Film Night Cold Ashby
- 27th Elvis at Cold Ashby Golf Centre
- 28th Coaching Guils Tennis Club

SEPTEMBER

- 3rd Produce and Cake Shows in both Cold Ashby and Cottesbrooke
- 4th Tournament Guils Tennis Club
- 10th Creton Walkers
- 10th Hollowell Village Breakfast
- 14th Creton WI
- 15th FOSM History Group, Creton
- 17/18th Hollowell Open Studio
- 23rd Hopewell Café (4th Friday monthly)
- 24th Race Night Cold Ashby
- 24th Concert by Creton Singers, URC, Creton
- 24/25th Hollowell Open Studio
- 27th Film Night Cold Ashby

AND REGULARLY ...

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

PEREGRINE FALCON SPOTTED ON ST ETHELDREDA'S GUILSBOROUGH



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The Black Horse Public House, Cold Ashby, Survey Feb - Mar 2022

Scope of the survey - to identify wishes of Cold Ashby residents about what they want to happen with/at The Black Horse. Other public campaigns and engagements will also be analysed and integrated into the results and conclusion of this survey. Population and number of households in Cold Ashby are based on 2011 census and Cold Ashby Housing Needs Survey Report, July 2012.

Methodology - over 100 survey forms had been distributed in Cold Ashby, residents were asked to mark what they want to happen with/at The Black Horse and/or make any suggestions, 1 survey form per resident, anonymous and non-anonymous forms had been accepted.

Results of the survey analysis:

- Wet led pub** - 27 yes, which equals to 26% of all responses
- Pub with basic food** - 21 yes, which equals to 20% of all responses
- Restaurant/gastro pub/fine dinery** - 8 yes, which equals to 8% of all responses
- Shop** - 9 yes, which equals to 9% of all responses
- Post office** - 6 yes, which equals to 6% of all responses
- Afterschool club** - 2 yes, which equals to 2% of all responses
- Nursery** - 1 yes, which equals to 1% of all responses
- Cinema** - 1 yes, which equals to 1% of all responses

Anything else specific - Do: residential, follow your heart, tidy building, publicised activities, village life approach, welcoming environment, a good and resonating landlord, we wish you good luck with your endeavours with the Black Horse, we wish you every success in running a business from the Black Horse whatever you decide to do, exterior of the pub improved, improved exterior to be an asset to the village / **Do Not:** noisy extractor, smell of burgers, extra parking, a night club or a night bar, a bank - 29, which equals to 28% of all responses.

* 1 survey form has been disqualified due to the breach of terms and conditions of the survey. Total survey forms submitted - 49 (18% of the population) where 21 were non-anonymous (8% of the population) and 28 were anonymous (10% of the population). **Total responses for wet led pub - 27 (10% of the population) and total responses for all other types of pub - 29 (10% of the population).**

Cold Ashby Parish Council meeting to discuss WND/2022/0437 on 06.07.22 analysis:

Total attended - 21, where: councillors - 7, residents - 12 (4% of the population), local authority representative - 1, police constable - 1. **Total residents including councillors - 19 (7% of the population).**

Save The Black Horse Online Campaign on Change.Org analysis:

Total signatures - 230. Total comments - 14 (2 non-resident, 12 resident). **Total filtered signatures, assumed residents - 58 (21% of the population)**

Save Our Pub Fly-Posting Campaign in Cold Ashby, June - July 2022 analysis:

Total posters - 43. Located on lampposts/traffic signs/electrical posts - 19. Located on commercial properties - 5. **Located on residential properties - 19 (16% of households/population).**

Conclusion and Proposed Solution:

It is reasonable to argue that around 13% (36 residents) of Cold Ashby population is actively interested about what is happening with/at The Black Horse. 13% population support is not sufficient to have The Black Horse Public House as a viable enterprise, whether it is just wet led pub or any other types of hospitality set ups. It could be argued that the possible solution could be for The Black Horse to become a destination pub, which will require the following measures taken - 1. 50 k investment into creation of kitchen facility and other redevelopment measures 2. Involvement of 2 part time members of staff (manager and maintenance person) and in excess of 2 volunteers to allow 5 days operation 3. Members of staff and volunteers must be representatives of the local community who is passionate about The Black Horse and who understands the local culture and what the community wants.



AEP UK LTD is fundraising 250,000£ towards its property portfolio re-development requirements. In return AEP UK LTD is ready to pay 5% interest per annum, fixed for 3 years, and provide 1st charge on the plot of land and property known as The Black Horse, Cold Ashby as a collateral. Buyout clause can also be discussed/negotiated. All questions and negotiations should be addressed to Paul Kuznecovs on paul@balticlink.co.uk or on 07939597604.

CLIMATE CHANGE WILL BE BACK ON THIS PAGE FOR THE NEXT EDITION!

COLD ASHBY NEWS

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

There were two celebration days here at Cold Ashby to mark the Queen's jubilee. The first was on Friday 3rd June where our Platinum Generation residents and friends of the village were treated to a traditional afternoon tea by the Village Hall Trustees.



It was a memorable occasion, and the guests all had a lovely afternoon where they were waited on and treated like royalty. Special thanks goes to the Village Hall Trustees who organised the event and to Carole Oliver, Julie Webb, Fiona and Alex Taylor, Michael and Joanne Park, Ruth Sleigh and Dave and Eleanor Harris for their help in making it such a special event.

Like many others, our second celebration on Sunday 5th June had to have a last-minute change of venue due to the inclement weather so instead of our planned outdoor event we held our family fun day picnic inside the village hall. The weather didn't deter everyone's enthusiasm for having a great time celebrating as a community. Special thanks to Alex and Fiona Taylor for organising the event and to the village hall trustees for stepping in at the last minute. Our generous Parish Council ensured that no-one went thirsty by paying for everyone's drinks and on behalf of the village we would like to thank them for their kind generosity.

Charity Skittles night

This Spring, Cold Ashby lost two of its well-known and well-loved residents: Bob Gammage and Phil Bott. Both were keen skittles players and so a charity evening in their memory has been organised and will take place on Saturday 20th August at 8pm at

Cold Ashby Village Hall. There will be a skittles match, which is £2 pp to enter and each team will compete to win The 'Bob and Phil memorial cup' There will also be a raffle and all proceeds made on the evening will go to Alzheimer's Research and Prostate Cancer. Everyone is welcome to join us...there's no need to prebook.

Merry Comrades Circle May Day reunion

The Merry Comrades Circle was a children's charity set up in conjunction with the local newspaper The Mercury and Herald to raise funds for the benefit of patients in local Northamptonshire hospitals. There were branches throughout Northamptonshire and Cold Ashby had a particularly active branch between the 1950's and mid 1980's. Each year in the village they held a traditional May Day, where one of the village boys and girls was crowned May King and May Queen. All of the other children in the village dressed in their best clothes and paraded around the village stopping off at certain points to dance around the Maypole. To reward them for all this hard work the children were treated to a special May Day tea in the village hall and entertainment was provided afterwards in the form of traditional games. It has been nearly forty years since the last May Day, so it was decided it was high time for a reunion with an opportunity to experience the traditional May Day tea and dance once again round the Maypole.



Over 40 ex Merry Comrades and their families attended and had a fabulous afternoon reminiscing about past days, swapping stories and looking after the old photos. The highlight of the afternoon was being able to dance round the Maypole to the old traditional songs and tunes we loved.

Special thanks goes to Margaret Harris who lovingly restored the Maypole to its former glory and to Julie Webb, Carole Oliver and Barbara Crew-gee for their help in preparing and serving the special May Day tea.

COMING UP ...	Event	Where	Time	Price
Saturday 6 th August	Quiz night	Cold Ashby Village Hall	8pm	£2.50 (max of 6 members) Light buffet inc.
Saturday 20 th August	Charity Skittles night	Cold Ashby Village Hall	8pm	£2pp
Tuesday 23 rd August	Cheese, Wine and film night 'THE DUKE'	Cold Ashby Playing Fields Pavilion	7.30pm	£5 inc. supper
Saturday 3 rd September	Produce and cake show Social evening	Cold Ashby Village Hall	4-7pm 7pm	TBC
Saturday 24 th September	Race night	Cold Ashby Village Hall	8pm	£2.50 Light buffet inc.
Tuesday 27 th September	Cheese, Wine and film night 'BELFAST'	Cold Ashby Playing Fields Pavilion	7.30pm	£5 inc. supper

COTTESBROOKE NEWS

A JUBILANT JUBILEE CELEBRATION

On the 5th of June, the village came together to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of our beloved Queen. The weather held off, allowing celebrations to take place both outside and inside the bunting clad village hall. With an amazing turnout exceeding 100, the community spirit was in abundance. Residents young and young at heart took part in exciting rounders matches and there was an impromptu tug of war competition, showcasing the strength of our neighbours. A fantastic hog roast with all the trimmings was served to all attendees. Food and drink were excellent and plentiful. Alastair MacDonald-Buchanan gave a touching toast to round out a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon. Many thanks to the Committee who worked hard to make this event such a success and to Alastair MacDonald Buchanan for his generous contribution. God Save The Queen!

Upcoming Events

7 August 2022 - Cottesbrooke Open Gardens with delicious teas and plant sale. Buy tickets at the door.

3 September 2022 - Produce Show and Auction. Entry forms will be delivered to residents through letterboxes. Please see Derek & Yvonne Dawes for more information.

The Village Hall Committee is always happy to welcome new members who are interested in creating fun events for our community. Contact us through the Cottesbrooke Residents Facebook Page.



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CREATON NEWS

Creaton in Bloom

A massive Thank You to everyone involved in whatever way with Creaton in Bloom 2022.

Despite 3 years off, other jubilee events, and an inaccurate weather forecast, it was a fun afternoon and a great result!

Due to your efforts, we raised over £6,000 for local causes.

To take a look at a great selection of pictures from the day, visit <https://www.facebook.com/creatoninbloom>

Creaton Walking Group

The summer with its wonderful array of colours has provided the backdrop for some delightful walks. Sywell Wood was alive with wildlife and birdsong when the walkers passed through on a picturesque circuit from the Horseshoes in Sywell Village. Being so close to the airfield meant the walkers were also entertained to close ups of various aircraft landing and taking off.

Another walk took in the delights of Leicestershire, with its very well-marked paths and bright yellow signs, which is always a great help when the map reading skills need assistance! Foxtton village now has a café in the grounds of the Black Horse pub which is highly recommended for a welcome rest when walking!

If you enjoy exploring the beautiful countryside come and join this friendly group. We meet at Creaton lychgate on the second Saturday of the month at 10am. Walks are about 8 miles over public footpaths and end with an optional pub lunch. Well-behaved dogs are welcome.

Next walks are on:

August 13th; September 10th; October 8th



Creaton Singers

Creaton in Bloom cream teas provided the perfect venue for the Creaton Singers to perform a few of their favourite songs. These included *How Can I keep from Singing* and *It's a good day*, appropriately chosen as we reflect back on the last 2 years. It has been very tough but with restrictions lifted we have been able to practice and perform publicly, which has been such a pleasure.

The number of Singers has increased over the summer which is very encouraging. If you would like to join the Creaton Singers we meet on Tuesdays from 7:30pm to 9pm in the URC, Creaton.

The Creaton Singers would like to invite you to a concert on Saturday 24th September at 7:30pm at the URC in the High Street. Tickets are £5 each and can be bought from the Village Shop. The programme will be a mixture of lighthearted and slightly more serious pieces, many of which will be familiar to you. Do come along and support your local singing group and have an enjoyable evening out with friends and neighbours.



Creaton Playing
Field Association

Charity No. 1085011



The field continues to see plenty of action as we all enjoy the drier weather and longer days.

The shelter awaits its repair but we are pleased to report that our two entry gateposts have been replaced and should stand us in good stead for many years. The play bark levels on the field have been topped up with 6 bulk bags at a cost of £1,100 and have added to the depth of the safer surfacing. We plan to purchase a further 3 bags over the next few weeks to improve the levels even more. A very expensive business!

The field was inspected by ROSPA on 15th June and a few areas of housekeeping and little niggles identified. No area was found to have a significant risk which is comforting to know. We will work through the report and make the recommended improvements and repairs.

We will be setting a date for this year's quiz in the next month so look out for this and keep the date free. Please remember this is one of the highlights of the social calendar in Creaton and our limited tickets become "the hottest ticket in town"!

We are always looking for new helpers so please look out for notices or make yourself known to one of the committee members.

Mark Woollven
Treasurer

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CREATON NEWS

Creaton WI

Thank you to everyone who supported our stall at the wonderful Jubilee Open Gardens Day! Our free information bags to raise awareness of the signs and symptoms of ovarian cancer (a recent WI national campaign), were well received. If you would like one, please contact us as below.



August 3rd is our day-trip to Olney with a visit to the Cowper and Newton museum. You are most welcome to join us, please contact Daphne as below.

The talks at our autumn meetings in Creaton United Reformed Church at 7.30 p.m. are:

- September 14th - *Walking the Camino de Santiago Way* with Julia Doherty
- November 9th - *My Everest Marathon* by Mark Barraclough, GP

Please do come along!

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

Creaton URC

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

Sunday	August	
7th 11am	Worship & Holy Communion	Rev Geoff Townsend
14th 11am		Rev Nigel Adkinson
21st 11am		Rev Geoff Townsend
28th 11am		To be advised
	September	
4th 11am	Worship & Holy Communion	Rev Geoff Townsend
11th 11am		Jon Heard
18th 11am		Rev Geoff Townsend
25th 11am		To be advised

Poppies coffee shop is now open two days a week from 10am to 12 noon on Wednesdays and Fridays only. You will be very welcome.

A message from Reg Thomas...

"Please accept my and the family's heartfelt and sincere thanks to our very good friends in Creaton for their cards, kind messages and loving support given to me following the sudden passing away of my dear wife Jean. I and the family have been completely overwhelmed by everyone's kindness, it has made us appreciate just how fortunate we are to live in such a caring and supportive community. Thank you so much."

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Friends of St Michael History Group



The Friends will start again on Thursday 15th September at 7.30pm in St Michael's and all Angels, Violet Lane, Creaton.

Roy Smart will give a talk about the fascinating life of Beryl Markham and called "Out of Africa". So please come along, meet old friends and make new ones. All welcome for complimentary refreshments afterwards.

CREATON NEWS

Over the Counter

The members of Creaton Community Benefit Society, the shop staff and customers were very sad to learn that Tom Gillott (opposite) had passed away. Tom and his brother Alan were such strong supporters of the shop and without them the shop would not be there. We will always be grateful to them for their generosity in letting us have the shop on their land.

With fuel prices increasing, save petrol by shopping at Creaton Village Shop, and of course, if the shop doesn't have what you want, then just ask. It can usually be available in a couple of days. However, it might be timely to remind you that there are a wide range of products to suit most pockets including fresh vegetables, fruit, meat, dairy and vegan and 'free-from' options.

An expanding range of pastries are now on display - tongs and bags provided - and table and chairs outside the shop for you to rest, eat your croissant or donut and perhaps have an ice cream! And talking of ice cream, the shop sells Gallones and Your Cool, both locally made. Buying local is not just about going to the village shop, it is also about trying to source products that are locally produced. If you are a beer drinker you cannot get more local than Creaton Grange Ales, and not too far away we get our bread from Wesses in Market Harborough and specialist artisan bread from Long Buckby.

As a community shop, its very existence relies on its customers and it is always striving to meet the needs of those it serves. We are listening to feedback so please keep telling us where we can improve, what we can do to entice to use Creaton Village Shop regularly.

As a community shop, it also relies on the community for half of its workforce. If you have a spare 2 hours, not necessarily every week nor at the same time every week, please volunteer. It is great fun and you meet some lovely people. Remember, Creaton Village Shop is Your Shop.



Tom Gillott at the opening of Creaton Village Shop
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Parish Clerk: You can contact our Parish Clerk for Creaton Parish Council, Katrina Jones on creatonpc@gmail.com.

Agendas and minutes of meetings are available on the village website www.creaton.org.uk



Parish Council Meeting dates 2022:

Meetings will continue to be held bi-monthly on the second Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm at Creaton Village Hall. There will be meetings on 13th September; and 8th November.

Planning Applications:

Please look on the Daventry section of the West Northants Council website for full details of all Planning Applications.: <https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/view-and-comment-planning-application>

New Website Coming Soon

The Parish Council has instructed a website developer to create a new website for the village and Parish Council which will be available soon. The website address will remain the same, which is: www.creaton.org.uk

Neighbourhood Plan

The Parish Council is continuing to explore the possibility of developing a neighbourhood plan. If any residents would be interested in being part of a neighbourhood planning group please contact the Parish Clerk.

Highways Update from West Northants Council:

“New highways contract to deliver improvements from this autumn

Residents should start seeing immediate improvements to roads and signage in West Northamptonshire when the new highways service launches this autumn, according to proposals set out by Council’s preferred contractor.

Cleaning road signs, removing vegetation, replacing worn road markings and providing better updates and information to residents, parish councils and businesses are among the plans for the first few months of the new highways maintenance contract, agreed between the council and the contractor, when it starts this September.”

Councillor Vacancies

The Parish Council currently has three vacancies and would welcome applications from any residents wishing to give a little of their time to helping the village and who can attend a bi monthly meeting.

For more information about the role please contact the Parish Clerk at creatonpc@gmail.com.



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BRIXWORTH COMMUNITY LARDER

Weekly pop-up shop starting on Wednesday 27th July
4:30pm to 5:15pm
Brixworth Village Hall, Holcot Road, Brixworth

The Community Larder operates a membership programme providing access to surplus groceries (store cupboard items, fruit, vegetable and bread) at heavily discounted rates. Once joined, members can shop at the larder once a week and choose their items. Those unable to attend due to being immobile or isolating can arrange for a bag delivery. For further information search for Brixworth Community Larder on Facebook.

GUILSBOROUGH NEWS

The GPFA participated in the Hollowell Steam & Vintage Rally in July, with a very successful Bottle Stall Raffle; we thank all who contributed bottles, especially those from the village.



Guiltsborough Parish Council, if they are supportive towards a solution, to convene a meeting of the key stakeholders mentioned above, to discuss the matter in further detail with a view to a possible solution.

So far this summer, the Guiltsborough Playing Field has been regularly used for cricket games by adults, men and women, and Juniors. Northamptonshire Sports, used the Guiltsborough Playing Field on seven occasions for up to seven schools to participate in such sports as Kwik Cricket, Cricket, Athletics, Orienteering, and Tri—Golf; this also enables older pupils from Guiltsborough Academy to participate and practice their leadership skills in organising younger children. Guiltsborough Primary School also used the Field and pavilion for a sports event.

Verge Parking to Guiltsborough Playing Field. The GPFA has been concerned about the parking on the verge to the Playing Field, the poor state of it, and the safety issues that arise. The GPFA has been in contact with West Northamptonshire Council (WNC), the Neighbourhood Police, Northamptonshire Highways, Guiltsborough Parish Council, the Head Teacher at Guiltsborough Academy and the local MP, Chris Heaton-Harris. WNC have reported that the local Neighbourhood Police have deemed the area to be dangerous for pedestrian users and motorists, especially when attending the Academy. The WNC have asked

Football Agreement with West Haddon Junior

Football Club (WHJFC). The GPFA has agreed a 10-year lease with WHJFC for up to two junior teams to play at Guiltsborough, as there is demand for football from youths in many villages in the area, including Guiltsborough. Guiltsborough Junior Football amalgamated with WHJFC a few years ago. It now enables the GPFA & WHJFC to apply for grants from the Football Foundation to improve the pitches over a 7-year period.

Football Post Grant The GPFA applied to Northants Community Foundation for a grant from the Winwick Wind Farm Trust and are to receive £2600 towards new football posts that cost £3000. These are for the Under 12s and Under 15s that are to play at Guiltsborough next season.

Cricket The season is in full swing at Haddon CC which is based at Guiltsborough Playing Field and at grounds in East and West Haddon. The team runs six senior men's teams across the NCL and RDCL as well as a ladies team ("the hombies"). The 2022 junior season has been very successful with the U13s doing the double of RDCL league champions and cup winners, the U15s finished runners-up in their RDCL division. At the time of writing the 1st XI have also qualified for the NCL T20 Cup finals day, where they will play Loddington and Mawsley for a place in the final.



Guiltsborough & Thornby Badminton Club

Looking for an activity that is a great way to get fit and meet people?
Looking to get back into Badminton?
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GUILSBOROUGH NEWS



PRIMARY SCHOOL

It really has been a busy summer term with so much happening in our school. I think after the restrictions of the previous two years it's now much more visible what we do as a school and how much we're part of a bigger community!

It was wonderful to see so many parents at our whole school picnic and what a joy it was to be back together watching the Maypole Dancing from Reception, Year 1 and Year 3 children.



We also had a wonderful whole school trip to Gulliver's Land that was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone involved. The children have also taken part in our extended curriculum which included World Environment Day, church visits, as well as the many sports competitions and events. Year 4/5 have been taking part in swimming this term, which they have enjoyed and the progress they have made has been excellent.

On Friday 8th July, the whole school took part in 'Picture News Morning'. This was such a big success last year that we decided to join in the fun again. Children were watching live lessons from the Picture News team and discussing what's going on in our world around us. It was an exciting morning with lots of new learning taking place.

We were so excited that finally this year we were able to have our Year 6 class performing a leavers assembly. It was a super performance by all and we will truly miss this wonderful cohort as they leave our school for pastures new. Good Luck Year 6! Please remember, if you need any information about what's happening at Guilsborough Primary we have lots of information on our website – www.guilsboroughprimary.co.uk – or you can keep up to speed via our Facebook account – Guilsborough C of E Primary School (a closed group for parents, guardians or carers) – or through our Twitter profile – @guilsboroughpri and YouTube channel.

Thank you all for your constant support.

Mrs K Shilliam Headteacher



Monday Morning Meet

Guilsborough Village Hall

9 – 11am every Monday (excluding Bank Holidays)

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GUILSBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

There have been a number of reports regarding an increase of littering in the playground which has been primarily caused by the unauthorized removal of a liner from within one of the bins. This has resulted in litter dropping straight through and onto the ground. Despite much searching, unfortunately a replacement liner cannot be found and so we are having to replace the bin at a considerable cost.

On a much happier note, it was wonderful to see so many people enjoying themselves at our Jubilee celebrations. It was unfortunate that the weather wasn't kinder to us, especially the Sunday morning, but we think, on the whole, the long weekend of activities was a great success. Our thanks go out to the many people who put time and effort into making it so; far too many to list individually but it would be remiss not to mention the main coordinators who put in such a lot of effort and they are Lisa Phillips, Amanda Miller, Hugh and Amanda Lowther. Thank you all very much for such a great team effort!



Pictured above: Winner, Best Decorated House. Top right (left to right): Amanda Miller, Colonel Evans and Lisa Phillips. Below them (left to right): Tony Hart, Amanda and Hugh Lowther (in Union Flag attire), David O'Neil, Lisa Phillips and Simon Caldwell, all Parish Councillors, pictured after dedicating the Platinum Jubilee tree. Photos from Facebook where many more can be found, including the Cake Competition and The Beacon.



Pictured left and below: Tea and cake being enjoyed in the Village Hall. The Outdoor Church Service prior to the lighting of The Beacon; and stalls on the Village Green.



GUILSBOROUGH NEWS

NEW ROOF FOR THE VILLAGE HALL – THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to everyone for the generous donations and efforts towards raising funds for the replacement roof for the Village Hall. We are also extremely grateful to have been awarded £5,000 grants each from: Guilsborough Parish Council West Northants Council and Winwick Wind Farm. We look forward to welcoming you back in the hall.

What's On from September:

Monday

MMM Coffee Morning, Bowls afternoon, Knitting evening.

Tuesday

Pilates morning, Art Class morning, Yoga evening

Wednesday

Pilates evening, Guides evening

Thursday

Nia evening

Friday

Yoga morning

For contact details and how to book see the website www.guilsboroughvh.uk, call 07342 382706 or see the notice board in the entrance way to the hall.



Thank you to all who contributed to the collection in Guilsborough in May this year. We raised £352 in envelope donations and online via the Guilsborough Hub, with a substantial amount to be added in Gift Aid. A good total once again in what has been a very difficult year.



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To celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, Guilsborough Brownies planted an Oak sapling in the playing field by kind permission of Hugh Lowther. The acorn came from the Fishponds and was grown in the village! This was part of a Brownie Badge "Grow your Own" that we're doing this term. Brown Owl (Mary Fowler)

John Attwood, formerly of Guilsborough, will be 100 this month! For many years he was a pillar of the Church in Guilsborough and contributed the 'welcome to newcomers' pieces to Village Link. He now lives in Northampton with his family and will be celebrating this big Birthday with a tea party. Congratulations John, and many happy returns!



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HOLLOWELL & TEETON NEWS

JUBLILEE TEA PARTY

We all had a splendid time at the Jubilee Garden Party in Hollowell. The drizzle cleared and the sunshine arrived right on cue, as seventy villagers and visitors gathered in the beautiful gardens of Beech House. Merrick Baker-Bates proposed the toast and regaled the crowd with stories of the Queen, the band played the National Anthem and the Shuter team demonstrated their excellent royal and general knowledge to win the Jubilee Quiz mug. Many thanks to Diana for hosting so generously and to all the cooks and volunteers



for providing a delicious feast. The Platinum Puddings were amazing!

SHEEP RUSTLING

In mid-June fifteen ewes and 22 lambs were stolen from a field off Church Hill in Hollowell at the back of the Village Hall. It is thought the theft took place between Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th June and it is likely that a livestock trailer or some similar vehicle would have been used. If you saw anything suspicious please contact the police using the Crime Reference: 22000347459

HUGE BALE FIRE ON TEETON ROAD

On the evening of Thursday 9th July Hollowell & Teeton residents were shocked to receive an alert from a local driver that there was a huge fire on the Teeton to Guilsborough Road at the lay-by near Pastures Farm. Three hundred and fifty tonnes of elephant grass bales were ablaze creating an intense fire which could be seen in many of the surround villages. Elephant grass is a crop usually used in the UK in the process of low-carbon electricity generation and the bales were awaiting transfer to the plant. Residents were advised to keep their doors and windows closed. Four fire appliances and a water bowser were sent to the scene and the road remained closed with damping down continuing well into the following day. Wholehearted thanks to our brilliant local fire crews.



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HOLLOWELL AND TEETON PARISH COUNCIL

HIGHWAYS CHANGES?

West Northamptonshire Council (WNC)

has announced that the construction and infrastructure company Kier will be its preferred contractor to deliver a new highways service with increased investment this autumn. Any problems with roads or footpaths can be reported via the online service 'Fix My Street' (previously known as Street Doctor). <https://fixmystreet.northamptonshire.gov.uk/> If you report a problem via this service please consider copying this information to the Clerk so that the Parish Council can be made aware of the issue and monitor progress.

A recent example of this co-operation is reflected in the repairs to styles and gates on the footpaths leading from the Hollowell Village Hall car park up to the cross roads which were reported by Hollowell residents and required Northants Highways to consult with the land owner to arrange repair. The Parish Council monitored the progress and appraised Northants Highways of the likely increased use of these footpaths during the weekend of Hollowell Steam Rally. The repairs were completed in the week prior to the Rally. Parish Clerk: Gillian Greaves (Clerk) Tel: 07771980598 12 Berry Lane, Wootton, NN4 6JX Email: pc-clerk@hollowellandteeton.org.uk



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JOAN ROWELL - TRIBUTE

The funeral of long-standing former Hollowell resident Doris "Joan" Rowell took place in June in St James Church. Joan lived in Hollowell for more than sixty years residing with her husband Len at No 2 Creaton Road.

Joan was born in Cottesbrooke and was one of six children including her twin brother John, Dulcie, Edward and George. She and her siblings stayed very close throughout their lives, living close enough to see each other and going on shared family holidays to the south coast. Joan met Len at a local dance - he had a car and so he was able to take Joan and her siblings to dances all round about the local area including in Naseby and Thornby. She worked as a typist until she married Len and they began their married life living in an old bus. Their first child, Sue, was born in 1957 and Jayne in 1960. Their son Paul was born with the condition Spina Bifida and sadly he died when he was 11 years old. As well as caring for her family and always being there as mum and wife, always with a meal on the table at the end of the day - Joan was very involved in the life of the village in Hollowell.

She went to church and Sue and Jayne sang in the choir. Joan cleaned the church and would often sing hymns while she was doing it. Joan would do anything for anyone and looked after her neighbours when they were in need; she was a friend to everyone and she was very involved in village events like Bring and Buy sales and the Village Fête. Towards the end of her life Joan eventually went to live with her daughter Sue in Long Buckby. In spite of being physically frail she was on the ball right to the end. She was very proud of her grandchildren Lucy and James, her great grandchildren Billy, Ryan and Jordan and her great great grandchildren Mason and Liam. She will be so much missed by all her family and it's a loss for this village too, as one of its oldest residents goes to her eternal rest.

CB.



HAZEL ROSE - SUPER MOON



Thank you to Hazel Rose who took this amazing photograph of the June "supermoon". It was a stunning sight. A supermoon is a full moon that occurs when the moon comes closest to the Earth in its orbit. It appears larger and brighter because of its proximity to the Earth.

HOLLOWELL & TEETON NEWS

HOLLOWELL VILLAGE HALL

BREAKFAST IS BACK

The ever popular Village Hall Breakfast is coming up on Saturday 10th September 9.30am to 12 noon. We hope to see you there. And please save the date for our Harvest Supper "with a twist" on Saturday 15th October. Book early to avoid disappointment.

PRIVATE HIRE

Hollowell Village Hall is available for private hire and is ideally suited for parties, family events and meetings. It holds up to 100 people (60 for seated dining). Please contact our Booking Clerk Emily Curtis for details 01604 740796.

HOPEWELL COFFEE MORNINGS

From September Hopewell Coffee Mornings will continue to take place on the fourth Friday of each



month in Hollowell Village Hall. It has been great to see so many people coming along. Why not join us for a cuppa, a piece of delicious homemade cake and a catch-up with fellow visitors 10am to 12 noon. The next Friday dates will be: 23rd September, 28th October 25th November, (NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO COFFEE MORNING IN AUGUST)

HOLLOWELL LOTTO

The winners of the Village Hall Lotto are: Becky Gane, Sheila Douglas, Elaine Litchfield, Gill Mister, Sheila Spencer, Charles Kitchen, Norah Daykin, Diana Leach, Sue McCubbin.

Our Lotto organiser apologises for the late delivery of some winnings last month. She has damaged her knee in training for the Berlin marathon. She will get to everyone as soon as she can, or you can help her by knocking on the door of 9 Church Hill.

HOLLOWELL BIRDING NOTES – PEREGRINES IN YOUR PARISH?

The Peregrine Falcon would appear to be one of Britain's conservation success stories. Under threat of extinction as a breeding species in the 1960s due to the insidious effects of organochlorine pesticides and because of persecution by man, the Peregrine Falcon is now widespread and increasing in many parts of the country.

It is in urban areas where, in my experience, the population growth has been most noticeable. I often see them from my work desk in Watford town centre, where a bird habitually perches across the street on a high ledge of the Holiday Inn hotel. I have several times been distracted during meetings by the spectacular sight of them hunting feral pigeons among the tall buildings around my place of work.

Closer to home, Peregrines can now be seen across Northamptonshire; and in recent years they have started to increasingly favour the churches in the towns and villages along the Nene Valley, with 4-5 pairs recently breeding successfully in these locations. Local enthusiasts have in some instances worked together with members of the clergy and their staff to enhance the breeding habitat in ways that also protect the buildings, for example by providing nesting platforms.

This morning I saw a Peregrine for the first time on the spire of the church of St Etheldreda, Guilsborough. I believe it was using this as a perch, rather than a nesting site. With its commanding 360 degree view, this would have provided a perfect vantage point.

Peregrines feed mostly on medium-sized birds including gulls and pigeons – I have often seen them marauding through the winter gull roost at Hollowell Reservoir. Possessing supreme aerial prowess and unparalleled vision (their eyeballs weigh as much as a human's) they are of course often quoted as being the fastest living creature on our planet. Between hunting forays, however, they often remain stationary for long periods of time – so it's worth keeping your eyes peeled as you pass by one of our beautiful parish churches – that grey, hunched object up on the spire might not be a gargoyle!

Feel free to contact me at joncooknorthantsbirds@gmail.com or see my website joncookbirding.wordpress.com for more about my work as county bird recorder.



CHARLES KITCHEN -LOCAL ARTIST'S OPEN STUDIO

As part of the Northants Open Studios event, local artist Charles Kitchen of Hollowell is opening his studio to visitors on two weekends in September. Charles is a landscape artist with over 40 years experience primarily working in oils, both in the studio and 'en plein air'. As well as landscape subjects in the UK, Charles also paints coastal scenes and subjects from abroad.

The studio will be open 10am to 4pm on 17th/18th September and 24th/25th September at 7 Spring Close, Hollowell. You can also contact Charles directly on 07897 859115.



THORNBY NEWS

BRIC A BRAC SUCCESS



It was a busy time at Hollowell Steam rally. After Covid and 2 years of zero fund raising events, Thornby PPC had a very successful Bric a Brac stand. A big **thank you** to all for digging deep in their homes for all the excellent donations. Even the heavy showers didn't deter avid bargain hunters on the first day, Sunday was equally busy!

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Creating an account is very simple on both sites. Every time you shop online remember to go to smile.amazon and Easyfundraising to be redirected to your retailer of choice. It's surprising how many retailers donate while we shop.

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Last Saturday in September (24th Sept 2022)

* **Paint your favourite landscape in watercolour**

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Last Saturday in October (29th Oct 2022)

* **Produce a fabulous print by hand**

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Last Saturday in November (26th Nov 2022) Themed activity

* **Make a fabulous backlit Christmas window**

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MESSAGE FROM REVEREND ALLISON TWIGG,
THE UPLANDS GROUP OF CHURCHES

CHURCH NEWS

“One more step along the world I go, one more step along the world I go.
From the old things to the new keep me travelling along with you.”

Words from a much loved hymn that always comes into its own at this time of year. It is a favourite school hymn and is often used at School leavers services, and for me it is not just a hymn, it is very much a prayer, because it is in many ways our prayer for the children who are leaving their primary school and moving onto the big exciting adventure of secondary school. It is a challenging and exciting time for them and it does mark a new phase of their lives and so our prayer for them as church is that they will always know God's presence and love with them wherever they go.

This time of year often marks a change for other people as well, as summer comes (we hope!) several couples will be getting married in the churches of the Uplands Group and we pray for them as well that they will know God's love and presence with them as they travel into this new phase of their lives together. For others this time of year can mean a change in jobs, particularly for teachers, but for others as well. Change can be a scary thing but it is necessary in order for us to grow. I have a favourite little picture in my study that says. 'If nothing ever changed there would be no butterflies'.

Even going away on holiday is a change, it hopefully is a change that will bring us rest and refreshment. It can widen our horizons as perhaps we visit new places, bring us into contact with new people, and maybe helps us to try out new things. But even if we are not going away there often feels as if there is a change to the pace of life as the days are longer and perhaps we don't have to rush around quite as much.



Summer is a time of year for us to give thanks to God for all that He gives us, and for all of the challenges and new chapters in our lives that come our way. So, whether or not there are changes ahead for us this summer, let us all echo the chorus of the hymn;

“And it's from the old I travel to the new, keep me travelling along with you.”

With many prayers,
Reverend Allison

HOLLOWELL VINTAGE STEAM RALLY - 2nd/3rd JULY 2022



Following the success of The Uplands Churches Tea Tent at this year's rally, Gill Brown and Chris Burn wish to extend a huge THANK YOU to everyone who gave their time and energy helping in the tent and for all of the generous donations of the many delicious cakes.

Also, thank you to Seaton Stores in Guilsborough for providing hundreds of hot pastries and to Stephen Troop for his milk deliveries.

We could not have achieved so much without all of your kind help.

Once again,

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Cold Ashby		10.00 Group Service		9.30 BCP Communion		10.00 Group Service		9.30 BCP Communion	5.00pm Harvest Thanksgiving
Cottesbrooke	11.00 BCP Communion	Thornby			11.00 BCP Communion	Spratton			5.00 Harvest Thanksgiving
Creaton	9.30 BCP Communion		9.30 CW Communion		9.30 BCP Communion		11.00 Harvest Thanksgiving @URC Church		9.30 BCP Communion
Guisborough	11.00 CW Communion		8.30 BCP Communion	9.30 CW Communion	11.00 CW Communion		8.30 BCP Communion	9.30 CW Communion	11.00 Harvest Thanksgiving
			Brunch@11 Village Hall			6.00 BCP Evensong	Brunch@11 Village Hall		
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Hollowell			11.00 BCP Morning Prayer	11.00 CW Communion			11.00 Communion with baptism	11.00 Harvest Thanksgiving Communion	
Ravensthorpe	8.30 BCP Communion		9.30 CW Communion	11.00 Worship for All	8.30 BCP Communion		9.30 CW Communion	11.00 Harvest Thanksgiving	8.30 BCP Communion
Spratton	11.00 Worship for All		8.30 BCP Communion	11.00 CW Communion	11.00 Worship for All		8.30 BCP Communion	11.00 CW Communion	11.00 Harvest Worship 4 All
Thornby	9.30 BCP Communion				9.30 BCP Communion				3.00pm Harvest Thanksgiving



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Buckby Library & Hub, Long Buckby

Here are some things to look out for in August and September, for children and adults alike.

Thursday afternoon crafting and creative activities for children (4-10 years) during the summer holidays, starting 28th July, 2.30-3.15 pm, and continuing through August. Come and make animal masks, mini-beast homes and bird feeders, sock animals, musical instruments, art for the Long Buckby Produce and Craft Show which takes place during the Long Buckby Feast Week and a scarecrow for the Feast Week scarecrow trail. (01327 842591)

info@buckbylibraryhub.org.

A Magician! 2pm on Monday August 22nd.

Check with the library to book places. An art exhibition in September, with art by Michelle Kilby & Mary Fowler. For a complete list of our bi-monthly art exhibitions, please go to: <https://buckbylibraryhub.org/art-exhibitions/>.

Also in September, come to a fundraising concert for the library on Sunday 25th, 2.30-4.30pm at St Lawrence's Church in Long Buckby, featuring Abington Wind Band, a Northampton-based community band of 40 years' standing. Tickets are £5 from Buckby Library & Hub (01327 842591;

info@buckbylibraryhub.org) and on the door.

Remember: it's free to join the library!

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Example of a free-standing blood pressure monitor used in some surgeries

SSPPG Launches Fundraising Appeal

A lot of people know about the SSPPG but an awful lot more (especially newcomers to the area) may be less aware of what it is and what it does. Saxon Spires Patient Participation Group (SSPPG) was set up several years ago to support the local surgeries at Brixworth and Guilsborough. It has a dual function: firstly, to act as an auditing group for the surgery and its effectiveness; secondly, to promote available services, link with other welfare groups, provide feedback and raise funds for additional equipment that would benefit the patients of the combined practices.

Membership of SSPPG is open to all patients of the Saxon Spires Practice and we are always on the lookout for new recruits to bring fresh ideas. Our Chairperson, Sue Brady can be contacted if you would like more information.

You are welcome to join us. Meetings are bi-monthly, alternating between the two surgeries. For details on future Meetings visit our Facebook page

And now we are on a mission to raise funds to equip the two surgeries...£5,000 is our initial target and we need your help, please.

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