

## Guilsborough School celebrates 50th Anniversary with open day in July

Guilsborough School is celebrating its 50th Anniversary with an open day on Saturday the 4th of July this year. This event will run from 10am to 1pm and invites all past, present and future students. Pupils are currently working on the displays and taking part in activities in preparation for the big event.

Guilsborough head teacher Christine Staley said: **"We are very excited to have achieved this milestone and we would like to involve as many people as possible in the celebrations. We would love to hear about people's memories of the school and what they are doing now. We would also like any items people are happy to loan to the school for our celebration event"**.

If anyone has any items they could loan to the school, they are asked to get in touch with either Mrs Gibson (school PA) or Sarah King on 01604 740641.

For more information on the 50th anniversary celebrations, or to leave your own memories, visit [www.guilsborough.northants.sch.uk/anniversary](http://www.guilsborough.northants.sch.uk/anniversary).



Students today compared with students when the school opened

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### What's On

#### APRIL

- 1st—GMADs Juniors
- 5th—Pychley Point to Point
- 23rd—St Georges Day celebration, Creaton
- 25th—W.I. Sales, G'boro
- 29th - Village Get Together, G'boro

#### MAY

- 2nd—Flea Market, G'boro
- 4th—Cold Ashby Car Boot Sale
- 4th—Disclaimers at Ward Arms
- 9th—Hollowell Quiz Night
- 14th—16th GMADs Dead Man's Hand
- 16th—Creaton History Group, Stowe House
- 16th/17th G'boro Open Gardens
- 17th—Creaton Car Boot Sale
- 25th—Cold Ashby Car Boot Sale
- 31st—Cottesbrooke Open Gardens

### Local Band Disclaimers raise over £2500 for Charity

Funding from local businesses enabled the Disclaimers to produce a charity CD. Money raised through sales of the CD and charity band nights have raised in excess of £2500 for Macmillan Cancer Support, Guilsborough Pre-School, Guilsborough Patient Participation Group and more recently the British Heart Foundation. See page 10 for more details including some staff and children from Guilsborough Pre-school receiving their donation.



### WEST HADDON GRAVEL EXTRACTION PLANS OFF

Councillor Chris Miller has confirmed to Village Link that proposed Minerals (Sand and Gravel) extraction proposals for Lodge Farm, West Haddon has not been included in the Northants County Council Proposed Submission Document and therefore will not proceed under this current plan.

**Councillor Miller told us "I am only too aware of the strong feelings that existed against the gravel extraction proposals for West Haddon".** Chris also informed us that the West Haddon gravel extraction proposal attracted the largest number of objections for all the proposed sites in Northamptonshire.

Thanks to all that raised their concerns, helping to keep our community as peaceful as it is today.

# When snow came to our villages—a winter to remember.....



We have had a number of photos from the snow, as well as letters of thanks to members of our community that gave considerable help to others during the snowy weather. We would like to give special recognition to Neb Lawton in Guilsborough for his unselfish attitude displayed during the recent snowfalls. Without Neb's work on the clearing of important access areas throughout the village many of us, in particular Church Mount and Church Walk, would have been snowed in for over a week.



Well done Neb. Thanks for the skiing photos sent from Cold Ashby Golf Club. If we have this weather every year, some of us may be able to save some money on winter skiing trips!!



## A MESSAGE FROM SEATONS

There is nothing like a bit of cold weather to focus attention on village shops. As we battled with the snow and ice in February, all at Seatons were delighted to welcome old and new customers to our store. Thank you for your support!

All gritting through Guilsborough came to a halt and so did most traffic with the exception of the much criticised 4+4s. So for a glorious few days village life was concentrated on the Fish Pond Field "Winter Sports Centre" and Seatons. Eat your heart out Waitrose!

We are now back to the economic gloom that prevails everywhere and from which Seatons enjoys no exemption. Please remember that we were here when you needed us and that we continue to need you through good times as well as bad. The Government wants you to carry on spending and surely, with its wide varieties on offer, Seatons is one of the best places to do just that.



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# COLD ASHBY NEWS

## COLD ASHBY BOWLS CLUB.

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The Cold Ashby Bowls Club will be touring in Somerset in 2009 from May 29th — 31st, Playing matches on Friday May 29th, Saturday May 30th and Sunday May 31st, and returning Home on the Sunday evening. This is an excellent weekend of bowling, and are staying at a very good hotel. If interested in this tour contact Wendy Smith on 01604 — 740528 for further details.

## St Denys Church AGM

Monday 6th April at 7pm at the church

Everyone welcome and we are always looking for new people to get involved in helping to run and maintain an impressive village landmark

## DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Cold Ashby Open Garden weekend will be on the 8th and 9th of August

## Cold Ashby Village Hall Lottery Winners All £25 Winners

3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	Mrs W Smith	10
10 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Mr Don Bott	21
17 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Mr Andrew Bott	39
24 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Ms Rita Lomas	3
31 <sup>st</sup> Jan	Mr Andrew Bott	39
7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Mr Jack Lill	28
14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Mrs C Harpham	15
21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Mr M Park	44
28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Mrs K Bott	23
7 <sup>th</sup> March	Mr Owen Davis	35

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## BOWLS CLUB CAR BOOT SALES.

Now is the time to clear out the attic etc, and remember, some of the items that are thrown away could be worth a few "Bob", so instead of throwing away your unwanted items, bring them along to the Cold Ashby Bowls Club Car Boot Sales.

The Cold Ashby Bowls Club will be holding a Car Boot Sale on Monday 13th April at the A5199 & A14 Junction 1, just outside the village of Cold Ashby. Gates Open 7-30am.

ALL WELCOME, Pitch Fees Cars & Light Vans £6-00, Transit Vans £11-00 all include free raffle ticket. Parking by Donation.

For Details Tel: 01604 – 740528.

Future Dates for 2009

Monday 4th May

Monday 25th May

Sunday 19th July

Monday 31st August

Sunday 20th September

## PANTOMIME SUCCESS!!

Congratulations to the "Cold Ashby Millennium Players" (CAMP) for the excellent three performances of "BEAUTY & THE BEAST" held on the 23rd, 24th and 25th January, all performances were sold out. The Cold Ashby Village Hall Committee would like to thank everyone for making this pantomime a huge success

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# COTTESBROOKE NEWS



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26<sup>th</sup> JUNE, details to follow



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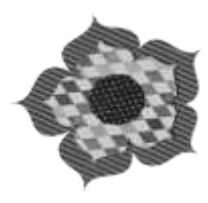
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*"Over 70% of people come to us following recommendations from friends, families or doctors"*

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**Cottesbrooke Open Gardens**  
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**31<sup>st</sup> May**  
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**Art workshops for Children**  
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Artist and teacher Rachele Roberts is pleased to offer the Easter, May half term and Summer 2009 dates for the art workshops held at Cottesbrooke village hall for children. There are a wide choice of activities on offer, from painting, sculpture and textile work, something for everyone! For further details of the workshops, dates, times and booking form please look at events 2009 on [www.rachelleroberts.co.uk](http://www.rachelleroberts.co.uk) or phone 01604 505258



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# CREATON NEWS

## Great Creaton Primary School News

The school is continuing to develop and is now oversubscribed.

We have started serving hot meals in the hall at lunchtime, provided by Kingswood Catering and these are proving to be extremely popular.

We have acquired a greenhouse and plan to encourage the pupils to grow different vegetables.

Our outdoor musical instruments are now in place and being used and enjoyed by the pupils.

**“Creaton University” is nearly 1 year old and we would like to extend the range of courses offered to the pupils. If anyone is able to give up 2 hours per week on a Friday afternoon for a 6 week period to teach our pupils a new skill e.g. calligraphy, engraving, jewellery making, game keeping, forestry, antique restoration, upholstery, dance, drama, your hobby ..... the list is endless - please contact the school.**

I would like to thank the pupils, staff, governors and a large number of our parents for the effort they put into the school to make it the successful happy school it is.

Richard Camp – Head Teacher

## CREATON IN BLOOM

Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> June 2009

Gardens Open 1 p.m. £3.50  
BBQ & Jazz Band from 12 noon on  
The Green  
Display of Morgan and vintage  
Cars & Stalls

Teas from 3 p.m. £1.50  
Songs of Praise 6 p.m. in St.  
Michael's church

All proceeds to St. Michael & All  
Angels, Creaton

## St Michael and All Angels

The Organ Pipe Draw result was as follows:

- 1st Hillary Hammer
- 2nd Peter Kitson
- 3rd G. Seaton



## The Friends' of St Michael Creaton History Group

### St George's Day Celebration

This is Social event with a St Georges Day Quiz by Kate McEwan

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2009 at 7.30p.m

#### St Michael's Church, Creaton

Admission: Free to Members.

£2 for Non-members. 50p for children

For further information call

01604 505 548 or 01604 505 598



## United Reformed Church

## SERVICES IN CREATON

2009



Date	Time	Service	Led by
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	11 am	Morning service	Martin Buckby
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April <i>(see notice board outside church for time)</i>		Good Friday morning walk followed by informal service	
Sunday 12 April	11 am	Easter day morning service and Holy Communion	John Horrocks
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	11 am	Morning service	Glen Beck
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	11am	Morning service	Reg Thomas
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	11am	Morning service	Jon Heard
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	11am	Morning service and Holy Communion	Revd. Malcolm Deacon
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	11am	Morning service	Jill Coe
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	11am	Morning service	John Horrocks
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	11am	No service at Creaton Joint Morning service at Long Buckby URC	

# CREATON NEWS

## Creaton Playing Field Association Spring 2009

Well Spring is almost upon us and the field continues to earn its keep with enthusiastic sports persons young and old enjoying the recreational facilities on offer. For those not so sporting, or those needing a rest after exertion, our benches have recently undergone total restoration. We hope that our efforts are appreciated, as they were looking very sad.

Work on the petanque area will commence soon and we are hopeful that this will be fully operational by Easter. Knowledge of the French language is not required but you will need to bring your own boules.

As soon as the weather is better and conditions on the field allow, we will be topping up the chipped bark levels around the play equipment. The cost will be around £500.

All being well we are planning to hold four Car Boot Sales on the field at 12.00 noon on the following Sundays:

17<sup>th</sup> May, 14<sup>th</sup> June, 19<sup>th</sup> July, 13<sup>th</sup> September

This is your opportunity to release some equity from your loft and to fight the credit crunch. If you are a buyer, here is your chance to snap up some bargains regardless of the current rate of VAT.

Refreshments will be available in our new tent and parking will be **available on the field. Even if you don't manage to sell or buy anything,** sale days tend to be a good social occasion for the village with the **chance to catch up with fellow villagers and find out what's been going on.**

Important reminder: Please remember that our Annual General Meeting, to which everyone is invited, will take place at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall on Friday 24th April at 8.00 pm. The attendance of as many people as possible would be appreciated. This is an opportunity to discuss the management and plans for the field over the past twelve months as well as future plans. If you want any further information please speak to Martin on 505723 or Mark 505534.

### BIG TURNOUT FOR CREATON LITTER PICK

There was an excellent turnout for the 2009 Annual Creaton Litter Pick. Our thanks go to all who helped including; John Hale, Carolyn Wilson, Susan Luchetti, Michael Montgomery, Michael and Margaret Rogerson, Julian Hunt and team, the Watson family, the Stanley family, the Corbett family, the Masters family, Stan Perrins, Bob Osborn, Reg Thomas, Linda Toombs, Richard and Patsy Hollingum. Our very special thanks go to Chris Patching and Karen Vessey, who took on the "Knickknacks" and not only removed the litter but all the vegetation that had crept across the path. Woe betide any dog owners who allow their dogs to foul this footpath!

We would also like to thank Sylvia Winter for donating "rewards" for the children, and Highgate House who have given a Meal for two at Highgate House, and a bottle of wine as prizes for the Free Draw into which all the adult helpers were entered. Winners will be announced shortly.

17 bin liners of rubbish were collected, mostly general rubbish. This year there were no vodka bottles at the bottom of Teeton Lane, which is good. However, the drinkers have now moved to Grooms Lane as a large number of vodka bottles were found there.

There will be another Litter Pick starting at 11 am on Sunday, 29th March, the day before the Village of the Year Competition. This will be based at Highgate House, and all helpers will be rewarded with a free drink after they have completed their good deed. If you would also like to take advantage of the last day of the special offer of Sunday Lunch for £15 per person, do remember to book in advance. Terrace Restaurant: 01604 731747

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# CREATON NEWS

## Creaton Parish Council News....

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### Affordable Housing

Parish Council recently had a meeting with East Midlands Rural Affordable Housing to try to progress this issue. As a result, EMRAH are looking into several different sites and will report back to Parish Council as soon as possible.

**Village Spring Clean** - The main Village Spring Clean was held on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2009 - Thanks very much to those who participated and to Creaton Post Office for **supplying the children's prizes plus Highgate House** for supplying the Free Raffle Prizes for the adult participants. **In addition, Parish Council has organised a further "tidy up"** on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March (immediately prior to the Village of the Year judging). Equipment and areas will be given out at Highgate House from 10 am - If you would like to participate and afterwards have a meal at Highgate House you will receive a complimentary drink on return of the equipment plus the last opportunity to purchase a meal at the discounted rate of £15 - **YOU WILL NEED TO BOOK**. In addition, participants will receive a voucher for Sunday Lunch in the future at the reduced rate of £15 per person.

**Memorial Trees:** Cllr Toombs has found out some interesting information on trees planted as memorials within Creaton:-

*It is said that the three large trees on the village green were planted in the memory of the only sons of the three big houses of the village. Lieut WHF Landon of Creaton House (died 1915), Lieut MC Wroughton (died 1914 age 23) of Creaton Lodge, and Lieut Charles Eyre-Cootes of Highgate House (died 1918 age 21)*

*July 1 1902 - an oak tree was planted on The Green to commemorate the Coronation of King Edward VII. The Ceremony concluded with the singing of the first verse of Hearts of Oak.*

**New Planning Applications** - If you have any comments/objections to make on the following planning applications, please contact the relevant case officer.

DA/2009/0039 Retention of barn in association with adjacent stables for agricultural implements/vehicles, feed/hay and straw - Land Off Welford Road, Creaton, Northamptonshire - Parish Council unanimously objected to this retrospective planning application and have the backing of both District Cllr Peacock and County Cllr Millar who will be representing the Parish Council at the DDC planning committee meeting. Please contact the Clerk if you would like further details.

### Update on planning issues

**Mabbutts Timber Yard** - There has been no formal planning application for development of this land as yet but the owners have approached both Brixworth and Creaton Parish Council's with several ideas to gauge the reaction. Creaton and Brixworth Parish Council had similar concerns eg Pollution of land, size of vehicles and increase in traffic.

DA/2007/1152 - Clay Cottage conversion of redundant barn - it was reported that this was much larger than planning permission was given for and the access remained unchanged contrary to the terms of the planning permission - This is being investigated.

### Planning Decision Notices

Great Creaton Primary School - Installation of a new pole and supports for a wind turbine and removal of TV pole and installation of two solar panels on the existing slate roof and removal of an existing pole and wind turbine - Planning Permission GRANTED

DA/2008/1171 - 4 The Green, Creaton Northants, Two storey extension to rear, modifications to front dormer and replacement of windows - Planning Permission GRANTED

**Brixworth Windfarm** - Apparently the letters of Objection to the planning application versus those in support are almost the same. STOP BRI XWORTH WI NDFARM Campaigners have said that MORE OBJECTIONS ARE NEEDED. Please ask your neighbours and friends - even spouses/partners? - to lodge their protest if they are able with [TYoung@daventrydc.gov.uk](mailto:TYoung@daventrydc.gov.uk)

## The Friends' of St Michael Creaton History Group

### Visit to Stowe House & Landscape Gardens



Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2009

Leaving Creaton at 9.30am, returning 6.30pm  
Non-National Trust Members £27.20 National Trust  
Members £21.10

Pre-booking is essential as places are limited.  
For further information call  
The Treasurer on 01604 505 548

# GUILSBOROUGH NEWS

## Pig Roast & Croquet Competition

GUILSBOROUGH PLAYING FIELD ASSOCIATION are hoping to have a Pig Roast & Croquet Competition with a marquee in Guilsborough for the weekend of Saturday 20th or **Sunday 21st of June 2009**, and will confirm this in the next Village Link. Also watch the Village Notice Board and flyers for more details.



## Saturday May 2nd 2009 Flea Market

### GUILSBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL 9am - 4pm

Attic/House Clearance, Bric-a-brac, Books, Produce, Plants, Crafts. Refreshments available. For table bookings please contact Patricia Underwood on 01604 740392.

In aid of Helen House Hospice for Children and Guilsborough Church Organ Restoration Fund.

## GUILSBOROUGH VILLAGE GET TOGETHER

Sunday 28th June : 12 Noon

BRING your own picnic and rug to the park field, beside the fish pond at the bottom of Nortoft Hill



Come and meet other people from the village  
SCHOOL BAND—PAY BEER TENT—EVERYTHING ELSE FREE

For more info contact Hugh Lowther on 740028

## W.I. Nearly New Sale

Saturday April 25th

11am to 2pm

GUILSBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL

A "nearly new" sale of clothes, accessories, household good etc.

Lunch (two courses plus coffee) for £10 will be available

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Sunday 5th April

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## Junior G.M.A.D.S. Performance

The children have used a 6 session workshop to produce a short play, in the tradition of Greek Theatre, based on "Jason and the Golden Fleece".

This will be performed on Wednesday April 1st in Guilsborough Village Hall. Tea is served from 5pm. The performance is at 5.30pm and lasts under an hour.

DO COME ALONG, ENJOY A CUPPA, AND SUPPORT THE CHILDREN  
Pam Townsend

## Films come to Guilsborough—Mama Mia

90 of all ages attended and thoroughly enjoyed Mama Mia, the first film from Centre Screen, a subsidised scheme from Northampton County Council and Media (UK Film Council), whose principle aim is to provide access to the best in the world and contemporary cinema, including archive presentations, to community venues across the East Midlands. The visual and sound quality were excellent and the large screen was easily seen by all. Centre Screen charge a £80 fee, and the gross box office surplus is split 50:50 between Centre Screen and the Guilsborough Playing Field Association who arranged the showing in the Village Hall. £280 was raised for the GPFA, half from ticket sales and half from beverage and snack sales. Thanks to all who attended.

The future: the GPFA are committed to arranging 2 more films in 2009, and are planning for 2 in the Autumn, and more in 2010. Those who attended completed questionnaires on films they would like to see, and other views are welcome (Family, Classics e.g. Casablanca, Gone with the Wind, Children's, Opera, Ballet, Comedy, etc..) -please send to Graham Byars, email: Birdfield@msn.com.

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Wednes 18th March:	The Misplaced Saxon History of Northampton
Thurs 30th April:	The Vikings in Northamptonshire
Thurs 28th May:	Northamptonshire and the Plantagenet Kings
Thurs 25th June:	Simon de Senlis: The French Connection
Thurs 30th July:	Delapre Abbey
Thurs 17th September:	Northampton's Forgotten Castle
Thurs 29th October:	The Battle of Naseby
Thurs 26th November:	The History of Highgate House
Thurs 10th December:	American Connections in Northamptonshire

For further information and to book your place:  
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# GUILSBOROUGH NEWS

## BANDS BUMPER Guilsborough Donation!

Following the launch of Guilsborough's own band "The Disclaimers", 3 charities have now benefited from the sale of the CDs, and other activities. The CD 'Letters from Guilsborough' was written and recorded in the village by a group of talented and musical individuals. Band members are John Brooks, Paul Phillips, Gip Ingles and Hannah Nichols. The idea to raise money to improve cancer care was inspired following the tragic loss of Paul Phillip's wife Linda last year and following production of the CD, it was decided that 2 other local charities should benefit also.

### Macmillan Cancer Support

A grand total of £1380 was raised for Macmillan Cancer Support. This money comprised of CD sales, kind donations from local villagers and £200 from Carol Singing around the village of Guilsborough, which Ted Thompson received on behalf of from Macmillan Cancer Support.

### Guilsborough Pre-School

The sum of £432.50 was raised for Guilsborough Pre-School

### Guilsborough Patient Participation Group (GSPPG)

£432.50 was donated to GSPPG to help support patients and their carers using Guilsborough Surgery. Thank you!!!!

A big thank you goes to those who gave funds to make the CD:

Dave Collins of H G Collins, The Ward Arms, Tracy's Hairdressers, Seatons Store and FLE Group

A big thank you to Nobby and Kate at The Ward Arms in Guilsborough for hosting the CD launch and for a very kind additional donation of £200 towards the charities!!!!!!

For further info on 'The Disclaimers' events, please contact Louise on 743554 or

[www.thedisclaimers.co.uk](http://www.thedisclaimers.co.uk)

Disclaimers play Bank Holiday Monday 4th May 2009 at the Ward Arms in Guilsborough at 3pm, supporting Air Ambulance.

Guilsborough's own "Disclaimers"

open Spratton Folk Festival 2009!

Dates July 10-12th July 2009

[www.sprattonfestival.com](http://www.sprattonfestival.com)



John Brooks and Staff and children from Guilsborough Pre-School

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# GUILSBOROUGH NEWS



## New arrivals.....

2 Neaton Lane, Nortoft—Nick and Jenni Schanschirff

6 Neaton Lane, Nortoft—Stuart & Samantha McHarg with baby

Lime Cottage, Nortoft—David Ellis and his mother Joy

Wills Close—Paul & Carol Tamara

## Lunch in the Marquee and Fine Cricket Sunday 26th July

Guilborough Cricket Club Presidents Day—a day where all the village can meet. The last 2 years have been a great success, so please come along and enjoy a very pleasant Sunday.



Cost £16—tickets from Tony Wren on 740314.

Match starts 11.30am, lunch 1pm. Afternoon tea, licensed bar

## HELP on Saturday 6th June

We are doing our ANNUAL VILLAGE CLEAN UP  
PLEASE come and join us—many hands make light work  
Meet on the Green at 10am armed with gloves, brushes and shovels!  
When our village is looking good, relax in The Ward Arms!  
If you would keep the front of your property weed free  
**always, it would be a great help .....THANK YOU**

## Guilborough Parish Council and the Schools

In January the sixth formers at Guilborough School invited members of the village to tea. The group, consisting of Arun Chhotu, Callum Thomson, Marcus Kinsey and Matthew West (all year 12), worked hard to plan the tea which took place on the 28th January and was a great success. The Parish Council would like to say a big thank you to the sixth form for arranging this, and Matthew West (Guilborough School Sixth Form) would like to thank all those involved in the planning of the event as well as those that helped out on the day and a special thanks to Mr Ditchburn for his help and advice. This will be the first of many events to strength the relationship between the school and the local community.

## ARC Future Dates for Your Diary

The garden of Janet and Richard Mizen at The Lawns, Highfield Park, Creton will be open at 2.30 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday 12th July.

Teas will be served and there will be Plant and Cake Stalls

A Coffee Morning will take place at Louise Metcalfe's home at Hillside, Nortoft at 10 a.m. to 12 noon on Tuesday 3rd November, when a wide selection of arc's Christmas Merchandise will be available for sale.

ngs gardens open  
for charity

Guilborough & Hollowell Gardens  
Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th May

1am—5pm

Combined admission £4—Children Free—  
Cream Teas

St Etheldreda's Church, Guilborough  
Annual General Meeting

6 p.m. Sunday 19th April 2009

You might not be a regular church goer, but the church locally plays a big part in the lives of everyone in our community.

The AGM of the Parochial Church Council is a public meeting and it is important that everyone has the opportunity to elect those who will be representatives for the coming year.

If anyone should like to be nominated for the PCC, applications should be made to the Church Wardens by Sunday 14th April.

## The Ward Arms Guilborough



The Ward Arms in Guilborough are now open 7 days a week with a new look menu in the restaurant for lunch and evening meals. All our food is freshly prepared, locally sourced and home cooked. Served by our friendly staff.

For reservations call 01604 740265. High Street, Guilborough, NN6 8PY



# HOLLOWELL & TEETON NEWS



Come to church at Hollowell for  
**EASTER EVENSONG**  
 Easter Sunday April 12th 6.00 pm

**WELCOME TO HOLLOWELL**  
 Karen and Adam Shuter with son Will and daughter  
 Hannah at Hill House, Guilsborough Hill.



## The first ever Hollowell Lent Lunch

on March 3rd at Gill and Ian Brown's house was a lovely friendly event. Nearly £100.00 was raised in aid of St James church. Thank you Gill for making us all so welcome and for those delicious soups and to Ian who did the washing up!



## QUIZ NIGHT IN AID OF RNIB

TALKING BOOKS FOR THE BLIND & PARTIALLY SIGHTED



**SATURDAY 9th MAY 7.30pm**

**HOLLOWELL VILLAGE HALL**

Quiz Master Andrew Willson

**BAR & RAFFLE**

£5 with light refreshments (child £2)

Tickets from Mike Taylor - 743289

Numbers limited so book early



## NEW PATH AT HOLLOWELL CHURCH

Walk quietly and with confidence along the shiny new pathway from the churchyard gate to the door of Hollowell St James church.



## CALLING ALL HOLLOWELL RESIDENTS

Did you know that Hollowell Village Hall belongs in trust collectively to you?

So come along to the hall and meet the trustees at the

**HOLLOWELL VILLAGE HALL  
 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Wednesday May 6<sup>th</sup> at 8.0 pm



## LOOKING FOR A HALL?

For a small but very convenient venue for a gathering of up to 80 people try.....

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## HOLLOWELL AND TEETON VILLAGE HALL TOTE WINNERS

### JANUARY 2009

MRS PEARSON, JAN WINTERBURN, CLAIRE MORRELL, CHRYSTAL BAKER-BATES.

### FEBRUARY 2009

SARAH & MARK, KATHLEEN LITCHFIELD, S FOUNTAIN, KATHLEEN LITCHFIELD.

### MARCH 2009

MRS C TAYLOR, A WALLACE, ANDREW WILLSON, JOAN TICE.

# THORNBY NEWS

## THORNBY COUNTRYSIDE VILLAGE WALK

Sunday 10th May 2009

Meet outside the Red Lion at 9.45a.m. for prompt 10.00am start. The walk will last for about two hours and will conclude with hot refreshments at Thornby House.

Thornby Farms have again kindly offered to take us through countryside to see more unknown corners of the local landscape surrounding our village. Those that came on the previous walks will recall the beauty of the hidden ponds and delights of the lambing sheds. As we walk, Thornby Farms will tell us about the husbandry they undertake to preserve this beautiful and exception countryside.

Dog are not permitted because of ongoing nature preservation programmes.

Adults £5                      Children under 12    £3

Reservations :- Barbara Tanser 740505, Ann Bennett 740715

Proceeds for the restoration fund St Helens Church, Thornby



## Plant Sale

Saturday 25th April  
11.00am

At Thornby Village Hall



## Italian Evening

Saturday 20th  
June 2009

7.30pm

At Thornby Village



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## *Service Planner April May 2009 – The Upland Parishes*

Date & Sunday	April 5 <sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday	April 12 <sup>th</sup> Easter Day	April 19 <sup>th</sup> Easter Two	April 26 <sup>th</sup> Easter Three	May 3 <sup>rd</sup> Easter Four	May 10 <sup>th</sup> Easter Five	May 17 <sup>th</sup> Easter Six	May 24 <sup>th</sup> Easter Seven	May 31 <sup>st</sup> Pentecost
<i>Colour</i>	<i>Red</i>	<i>White</i>	<i>White</i>	<i>White</i>	<i>White</i>	<i>White</i>	<i>White</i>	Sun after Ascen <i>White</i>	<i>Red</i>
Cold Ashby	<i>Group</i>	Communion 9am	Communion 8.30am		Communion 9.45am		Communion 8.30am		<i>Group</i>
Cottesbrooke	<i>Service</i>		Morning Prayer 9.45am Lay Band			Communion 9.45am		Morning Prayer 9.45am	<i>Service</i>
Creaton	<i>Procession with Donkey</i>	Communion 11am	Communion 9.45am	Family Service 11am Lay Band	Sung Eucharist 9.45am	Communion 9.45am	Communion 9.45am	Family/ Joint Service 11am	<i>at</i>
Guilsborough	<i>9.45am on the green</i>	Communion 10am	9.45am Sung Eucharist	9.45 Morning Prayer Lay Band	Communion 8.30am Evensong 6pm	Morning Prayer 9.45am	Sung Eucharist 9.45am	Communion 9.45am	
Hollowell	<i>10am Guilsboro' Church</i>	Evensong 6pm	Communion 11am		Morning Prayer 11am		Communion 11am		<i>Hollowell</i>
Ravensthorpe		Communion 9.45am	Communion 11am	Communion 8.30am	Communion 8.30am	Communion 11am	Worship for all 11am	Communion 11am	
Spratton		Communion 11.15am	Communion 8.30am	Communion 11am	All Age 11am	Sung Eucharist 11am	Communion 8.30am Matins 11am	Communion 9.45am	
Thornby		Communion 8am		Communion 11am		Communion 8.30am		Communion 11am	





# CHURCH NEWS

## Letter from the Vicarage

We now have the Revd. Mark Battison properly licensed and working in our parishes. Thank you to all those who came out on Monday evening (23rd March) to welcome him at his licensing service. As he works his way around the parishes over the next few weeks I just know he will be warmly received by everyone.

Please note that there is a slightly altered format for the services from the beginning of May. I have tried to even out the worship and make sure that Mark and I – and the Lay Band – spread our time and services (pun intended!) as equitably as possible. After three months of the new rota I shall review it to make sure any problems that might arise are evened out.

As I write this there is, somewhere in the world, a great climate - change conference going on. It seems that every

successive speaker is seeking to outdo the last with dire predictions. The sea will rise over a metre; the sea is also turning acid; people will die of heat-stroke; oh, and you'll have to mow your lawn more frequently too. I kid you not. **And it's all our fault. When I was a small boy another bunch of Professors was telling us all then that we were heading towards a different global catastrophe: another Ice Age! And that was mankind's fault too. We do like to frighten ourselves don't we? The end is nigh? Methinks they doth protest too much...**

Michael Petitt



### *The St. Luke Passion* **(Music attributed to J.S.Bach)**

#### **A contemplation for**

*Good Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 6.00pm*  
**in**  
*GUILSBOROUGH CHURCH*

with the Combined Church Choirs of Creaton, Guilsborough and Ravensthorpe.



#### **Soloists:**

Tenor - Stan Perrins

Organist - Bruce Rae

Conductor - David Wells

This is a charming, inspirational and dramatic work and most appropriate for Good Friday. We hope everyone will enjoy it but also it may help us all to contemplate upon the meaning of the Passion story leading up to Easter.

### **Guilsborough Primary School School Communion**

School Communion will be held on the following dates :- Friday 24th April @ 9.00 am Tuesday 29th May @ 9 am Tuesday 26th June at 9.00 am Anybody will be most welcome.

**"Hold a Fish & Chip Supper to help spinal cord injured people live full and independent lives"**



**Great British Fish & Chip Supper**  
Friday 15th May 2009

For more information on how to set up your supper to raise money for the Spinal Injuries Association, please contact Elizabeth Wright on 0845 678 6633, extension 229 or e:mail fishand-chips@spinal.co.uk or visit [www.spinal.co.uk](http://www.spinal.co.uk)

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## HELP IMPROVE PATIENT CARE IN OUR AREA!

The GUILSBOROUGH SURGERY PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP has been established for 2 years now and acts as an independent representative on behalf of patients and their carers as well as creating new initiatives to improve patient education and provide support not otherwise provided by Guilsborough Surgery. We have a wide cross-section of members in the Group, and all of us have used the services of the Surgery. In the past years we have:

- Established a 'healthcare education' board in the surgery providing useful information on a range of topics
- Co-ordinated and managed forums for carers to meet medical and other support workers and discuss issues of concern
- Created a new leaflet for carers detailing the range of support services available
- Initiated a new 'Tai Chi' service for those patients who would benefit from gentle relaxing exercise
- Set up a 'Diabetes Awareness Day' for diabetics and locals who might want more information or a simple blood test check
- Researched the need for a 'local voluntary transport service'
- Regularly met with Surgery staff to discuss and agree issues of importance to patients
- Managed public meetings to discuss the implications of the Brixworth and Guilsborough Surgeries merger

We now want to increase our level of activity and generate more initiatives that can help users of **the Surgery and the local population as well. Plans are in place for a local 'healthy walks' scheme, more 'health-check' forums and walk-in educational sessions**, and developing a stronger link with the Surgery and the local Primary Care Trust as well as the National Association of Patient Participation Groups. If you are interested in becoming a member of our group, can help us with organisational and communication issues, and are able to meet for 1½ hrs every month at the Surgery (usually Wednesdays from 7.00pm-8.30pm), we would really like to hear from you. If you would like further information, or an informal discussion on what might be involved, I can be contacted **by phone on 01604 743554, or by email: 'john@fle.co.uk'**. **Our next meeting is planned for WEDNESDAY APRIL 1<sup>st</sup> 2009 at 7.00pm at Guilsborough Surgery.**

**STROKE IDENTIFICATION : Remember the 1st Three Letters....S.T.R.** A neurologist says that if he can get to a stroke victim within 3 hours he can totally reverse the effects of a stroke...totally. He said the trick was getting a stroke recognized, diagnosed, and then getting the patient medically cared for within 3 hours, which is tough.

### RECOGNIZING A STROKE—3 steps, STR

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S \*Ask the individual to SMILE.

T \*Ask the person to TALK and SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE (Coherently)

R \*Ask him or her to RAISE BOTH ARMS.

If he or she has trouble with ANY ONE of these tasks, call emergency number immediately

New Sign of a Stroke ----- Stick out Your Tongue. If the tongue is 'crooked', if it goes to one side or the other, that is also an indication of a stroke.

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