



OH, WHAT A GLORIOUS SUMMER!

Right: Thornby's Big Breakfast, so popular it will be back!
Below left: Guilsborough's Wild West Festival with Bucking Bronco
Below right: Cottesbrooke Handlebards entertain with Twelfth Night
Centre right: Hollowell's Steam Rally - a super scorcher!
Bottom: Creton in Bloom raises over £6,000 for Church and others
Inside cover: Cold Ashby's Proms in the Paddock at sunset



Suzie Cazenove, got in touch after Cottesbrooke Open Gardens: "Many people stopped and asked for the Latin name of this plant know as: Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow. The Latin name is: Brunfelsia pauciflora"



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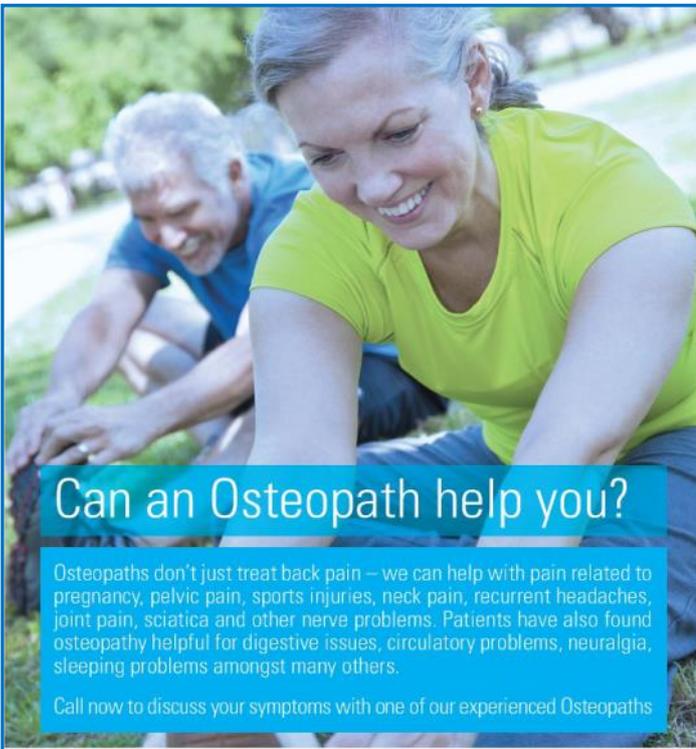
Diary Dates

August

4-5th Hollowell FAFF (Fete and Flower Festival)
5th Sir John Lowther Cricket Match, Guilsborough
8th Creton WI outing
11th Creton Walkers
18th & 19th Thornby Church Flower Festival
24-26th West Haddon Festival
28th Cold Ashby Film evening
30th Deadline for Phone Box ideas to Guilsborough PC (see p11)

September

8th Ride & Stride around the Churches
8th Produce Show, Cottesbrooke
8th Creton Walkers
8th British Legion WW1 Party, Guilsborough
10th Guilsborough PC meeting
11th Creton PC meeting
12th Creton WI meeting
20th Creton History Group
22nd Creton Singers at Spratton
23rd Guilsborough Apple Day
27th Fish & Chip Supper, Guilsborough
Most Mondays mornings: MMM at Guilsborough



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OPEN GARDENS WEEKEND

SATURDAY 28th &



SUNDAY 29th July 2018

COLD ASHBY

Welcomes all visitors,
from 2pm-6pm each day
In aid of St Denys Church

CAPFA Social Evenings with Film

On the fourth Tuesday of every month, Cold Ashby Playing Field Association holds a social evening where we show a film.

This is an opportunity to meet neighbours and an evening of entertainment. Wine and cheese are served at half time as well as sweets and choc ices for the younger guests. There is a modest charge for the snack: Adults £5.00 - Children £1.00

The next film on 28th August is:



When "Lady" Sandra Abbott discovers that her husband of 40 years is having an affair with her best friend, she seeks refuge in London with her estranged, older sister Bif. The two could not be more different - Sandra is a fish out of water next to her outspoken, serial dating, free-spirited sibling. But different is just what Sandra needs at the moment, and she reluctantly lets Bif drag her along to a community dance class, where she starts finding her feet.

PROMS EVENING RAISES £600 FOR ST DENYS CHURCH

On Saturday 16th June, over 80 people gathered at The Byre in Cold Ashby for the village's annual church fundraiser, 'Proms in the Paddock'. The weather stayed dry and the evening was a great success thanks to a fantastic live performance from Kettering Town Silver Band, who entertained the audience with a stirring setlist of foot-tapping tunes. Amongst them, the band played Land of Hope and Glory, Jerusalem, and a lively melody of singalong Disney classics - needless to say, there was plenty of patriotic flag-waving and hearty singing. In total the event raised over £600 for St Denys church in Cold Ashby.

Deborah Sampson, Church Warden, said: "Thank you to all those who joined us, we were delighted to see so many people and lots of new faces. Once again the band was superb and we were treated to a magnificent sunset as they played their finale (see photo on opposite page). Next up is our Open Gardens weekend and we look forward to welcoming you all on Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th July."



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COTTESBROOKE NEWS

EAST AFRICAN ADVENTURE

"I have just returned from Zimbabwe where I was working on a very small 10,000 acre reserve that primarily focuses on rhino conservation as well as other animals such as elephants. Our daily routine consisted of waking up at 5.30am and going to the elephants (some mornings we would also feed and clear out the rhinos) to perform handling and teaching, all for the purpose of mental stimulation, and then clearing out their 'bomas' (enclosures) which took at least an hour and a half due to them excreting 10kg an hour as they eat up to 6% of their body weight a day! We would then always walk with the elephants and rhinos as they are allowed to roam around during the day but under protection at every moment- the anti poaching team who put their life on the line from being killed by poachers but also the animals, are totally incredible. Their skill and ability to track and look after these animals is mind blowing. We would also carry out tasks to help with the conservation of the animals such as rolling up telephone wires, knocking down brick walls, hoeing hectares of fields and building stone bridges, as well as a lot of work with the community such as teaching kids, helping with gardening, ploughing fields and handing out clothes. Working with the community is imperative as they realise the importance of the animals and learn to not poach them, as without the animals there, there would be no tourism and as a



result they would suffer from the lack of help and money that the tourists bring to them. It is very hard for me to keep this passage so short as I felt that I learnt more in one month there than I have in 18 years, and every single day was different, so to write it all down is impossible! It was the most incredible experience that was humbling and impacting on many levels. The two biggest things that I have learnt is firstly how happy each and every person is out there, despite having SO little and it really opened my eyes to how lucky we all are, and also how rife the poaching has become to the point that the people I was working with believe rhinos will be extinct within the next 5 years. It breaks my heart that we humans are the ones killing these such special and amazing species and are causing them to become extinct purely because as a race we are selfish and are killing them as a means to an end. I know that this is very brief, but it really was a life changing experience and I cannot recommend enough getting out there to work with amazing animals, amazing people and to be in Africa which is the most amazing place- it feels like you aren't on earth because of the landscape and all of the different things that you get to see every day. It changes your perspective on life. People told me before I went that it would steal my heart and it is fair to say that they were right"! Isobel Macdonald-Buchanan (see photo in colour on back cover).

VILLAGE GARDENS OPEN

Visitors enjoyed viewing eight gardens in the village and cream teas at the Village Hall on the 27th of May. Congratulations to Joyce & Eric Wright who were the winners of the Cottesbrooke Gardens Open Day. A big thank you to all who took part on the day.



Cottesbrooke Cottage was open on Sunday, and also featured in the Village Walk itinerary.

VILLAGE WALK

On the 22nd of June at 6.00pm Derek Daw led a Historical Walk through the Village finishing at the Village Hall with wine and cheese. A small village with a huge history. How lucky I feel to be able to learn stories and history of the buildings in the village I grew up in and call home. I so enjoy sitting down with Derek when he visits our Yard and hearing tales of the village and Estate life. Joined by over 60 people on Friday 22nd June for the stories to be shared, it made Cottesbrooke come to life. Starting at the Village Hall the crowd followed Derek down to No 1 Station Road, finishing at Cottesbrooke Cottage and then back for Cheese and Wine at the Village Hall. Thank you Derek for giving up your time to share your memories and knowledge of this lovely village with us, you are a true Gentleman!
Henry Jackson – Bothy Cottage

PLOGGING

"Plogging for the Planet" was shown on Sky TV on 9th June. Jogging became "plogging" in Sweden as joggers took rubbish bags with them and picked up plastic bottles, cups, straws etc. instead of leaving them on the path – an extremely good idea that we could all join in with, even if we are not jogging!



DONATIONS

A donation of washable building blocks was given to Northampton General Hospital for the Children's creative ward from the village.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

A Produce Show to be held at the Village Hall – **8th September**. Ride and Stride is to visit Cottesbrooke Church also on the **8th September** – it will be manned all day with refreshments available.

INSPIRATIONAL SAYING

“People are like stained glass windows. They sparkle and shine when the sun is out, but when the darkness sets in their true beauty is revealed only if there is light within” – Daily Word 27th July 2018

SKY WATCH



A rare sight – the only airworthy World War 2 Lancaster Bomber flew very low over Cottesbrooke Village on Sunday 24th June on its way back to base in Lincolnshire. The sound of the four Rolls Royce Merlin engines thundering away is so evocative and amazing.



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CREATON NEWS

Creaton Village Shop

At the time of writing, the predictions for who will win the World Cup are rather up in the air. Life is full of surprises and football is as good as an example as any. Interestingly, the connection between the World Cup and the opening of the new shop are in the same ball park in terms of predictability. We know that the World Cup will be won, but as I write, we don't know who. Similarly, we know that the new village shop will be opening in Creaton, but as yet we cannot say on what date. And as we all appreciate suspense and anticipation, we will let you know as soon as we do.



Can you spare 2 hours a week?

It has been shown that helping out for a few hours a week can improve your stress levels and could seriously extend your life.

You may already know about the mental health benefits of volunteering. Studies have shown that volunteering helps people who donate their time to feel more socially connected, thus warding off loneliness and depression and it is a great way to drop all that stress.

But did you know that research has shown that volunteering also has positive benefits beyond mental health? A growing body of evidence suggests that people who give their time to others might also be rewarded with better physical health—including lower blood pressure and a longer lifespan.

So what is there to lose? Creaton Village Shop are looking for people who can give a couple of hours to the community shop and, of course, feel better - in a lot of ways. To find out more, talk to Patsy Hollingum on 01604 505280 or email her at volunteers@creatonvillageshop.co.uk.

CREATON SINGERS

We were delighted to perform at the concert which raised £982 for the new village shop. The Singers performed a song, specially written and composed for the concert, telling the story of the new shop. It's available on <https://youtu.be/POS7hj6KzUM> At Creaton in Bloom in June the Singers entertained visitors as they enjoyed a delicious cream tea in the United Reform Church.

Practice sessions are now taking place for the concert on **Saturday 22 September** in Spratton Church when the Northampton Male Voice choir are performing, with the Creaton Singers as the support act. Save the date! Tickets will be on sale in Creaton shop.





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CREATON NEWS

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August 2018		
Date/ Time	Service	Led By
Sunday		
5 th 11am		Vaughan Griffiths
12 th 11am		Rev. Elizabeth Kemp
19 th 11am	Worship & Holy Communion	Jon Heard
26 th 11am		Rev. Geoff. Townsend
September 2018		
2 nd 11am	Bangladesh (cafe style Service)	Ian Heard and Elders
9 th 11am		Rev. Elizabeth Kemp
16 th 11am	Worship & Holy Communion	Rev. Geoff. Townsend
23 rd 11am		Bryan Heard
30 th 11am	Joint Pastorate Long Buckby URC	Rev. Elizabeth Kemp

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Vera and Geoff Curtis would like to express their thanks to everyone, for their words of comfort, condolences and cards received on the sad loss of their son Jeremy.

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CREATON W.I.

We meet in the United Reform Church [Next to the Post Office] at 7.30pm on the second Wednesday of each month. If the meeting is to be held at a different venue this will be stated.

August 8th. All day outing to Boundary Mills

September 12th. Women in the RNLI By Mike Alcock

We welcome you to our meetings as a guest or a new member. Come to meet old friends or to make new ones.

Please contact Daphne on 01604505546 for more information.

theWI
INSPIRING WOMEN

CREATON NEWS

WALKING GROUP

Summer means walking in fields of gold and that is what the Creaton Walking Group have been doing! The photo was taken during the June walk near Watford on part of the Jurassic Way. Some of the walkers also recently completed the 290 mile Macmillan Way from Boston in Lincolnshire to Abbotsbury in Dorset via Creaton High Street!

The group are pleased to welcome new walkers who are able to enjoy our 8 mile / 3 hours or so walks over beautiful countryside with wonderful wildlife and birdsong.

The walks take place on the second Saturday of the month and are followed by an optional pub lunch. Meet at the lych gate at 10am.

The next walks are on: 11 August; 8 September; 13 October.



CREATON IN BLOOM

Creaton in Bloom, took place on Sunday 3rd June and was a huge success, thanks to all the hard work by a dedicated team, everyone who supported the event and wall to wall sunshine!

The 12 gardens which were open looked beautiful and were much admired. In the church the flower display, themed 'England is a Garden', was stunning and the scent delightful. The bar was very popular as many visitors relaxed in the sunshine listening to the live music. Everyone enjoyed a delicious barbecue lunch, all freshly prepared, and were able to listen to the Creaton Singers whilst enjoying a cream tea.

In addition to the gardens they were able to visit Open Farm Sunday with informative displays on our food chain and the chance to see the farm machinery close at hand. The steam engines and vehicles kindly supplied by Hollowell Steam were very popular as well as the classic car display. Many stalls including a bouncy castle added to the fun for all ages.

The event raised £6918 for St Michael and All Angels Church fabric fund and various other local organisations and amenities. A huge thank you to everyone who made this a record year and a very enjoyable day.

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History Group

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Thursday 20th September 7.30pm in St Michaels Church: **Shackleton's lost men.**



Come and join us and stay for complimentary refreshments. All welcome. Members free Non-members £3.50.



Parish Clerk:

You can contact our Parish Clerk for Creaton Parish Council, Katrina Jones on creatonpc@gmail.com or by telephone on 01604 740862. As you will be aware we meet bi-monthly with the exception of Planning Meetings and Extraordinary Meetings.

Dates for Parish Council Meetings in 2018 are:

11th September 2018; and

6th November 2018

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

We are pleased to welcome a new parish councillor, Christopher Reading.

Projects and Councillors who lead these areas for our Village:

Village Shop & Post Office Development - Cllr James Hill

Creaton Heritage Project – Cllr Michelle Aveyard

Creaton in Bloom – Cllr Geoff White

Creaton Community Events – Cllr Maxene Atkinson

Planning Chairman – Cllr Geoff White

School Liaison – Cllr Anna Hughes

Defib and First Responders -Cllr Sue Leggett

Grass Cutting – Cllr Geoff White

Annual Parish Meeting – Cllr Sylvia Winter &

Cllr Maxene Atkinson

PCC Link – Cllr Anna Hughes

General Communication – Cllr Sylvia Winter (CPO)

Street Lighting – former councillor Reg Thomas

At the start of each Parish Council Meeting there is a 15-minute slot for you to come along and discuss any issue that you have or to offer your help in your community. The Parish Councillors are residents just like you.

We hope you take the time to attend and make our community the very best it can be.

Like and follow the Creaton Parish Council Facebook Page to receive news and updates from the Parish Council.

Street Doctor: Report Your Problem:

This is a function for all residents to use and not just for Parish Councillors. The system lets you see previous entries, up to date repairs and outstanding repairs, so please report any concerns directly to Street Doctor. You can report trees, roads or anything else that concerns you. You can do this on Northamptonshire County Council's website . Or call Tel: 0300 126 1000 (This number is charged at local rates, including from mobile phones) or report online.

Any concerns from Trees to Potholes, this system diverts to the correct person, landowner etc. and is the most effective way to report things that concern you as a resident. Please use this service to highlight any issues you have.

Heritage Project Update:

The Heritage Group have now submitted a bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund for funds for vital works to St Michaels Church and the Churchyard.

Consultations:

As you may be aware, there are a number of consultations currently taking place in Daventry, such as consultations on: dog control; community governance; and on the future of Northamptonshire County Council and Daventry District Council. Full details of all consultations can be found on the Daventry District Council website and information will also be shared on the Parish Council Facebook page.

The consultation on the closure of Great Creaton School is still ongoing and residents can object to, or make comments upon the proposal to close the school by writing to: Strategic Planning Team, Northamptonshire County Council, PO Box 216, One Angel Square, Angel Street, Northampton, NN1 1ED or via:

schoolconsultation@northamptonshire.gov.uk

Planning Applications:

- a. DA/2018/0240: Creaton House 24, The Green, Creaton, Northamptonshire, NN6 8ND: Work to tree within a conservation area
- b. DA/2018/0345: Thorneycroft 15, The Green, Creaton, Northamptonshire, NN6 8ND: Work to trees within a conservation area
- c. DA/2018/0298 & DA/2018/0299: The Dial House, High Street, Creaton, Northamptonshire, NN6 8NA: Listed Building Consent for extension, internal alterations and re-roofing of kitchen, conversion of outbuilding including insertion of new staircase, demolition of existing conservatory and lean-to extension and reduction of floor levels, and construction of two single storey extensions to link main house to outbuilding.
- d. DA/2018/0430 3, Horseshoe Close, Creaton, Northamptonshire, NN6 8NW: Single storey side/front extension and porch. Rear balcony deck with patio doors.

Planning applications are on the Daventry District Council website and updates received by the Parish Council will be added to the Parish Council website and included in relevant meetings. You can contact Daventry Council's Planning Department on - 01327 871100 if you are not on email or via the Website.

GUILSBOROUGH NEWS

Guiltsborough Apple Day

11am Sunday 23rd Sept 2018

The Witch & Sow

Bring your apples along. We will turn them into juice that you can take away with you to either keep as juice or brew your own cider (bring something to put it in!).

A day of celebrating the apple (and maybe drinking some cider).

If you know of apples that never get picked or go to waste let us know
Gip.ingles@gmail.com

GUILSBOROUGH APPLE CORPS



One of my pet hates is waste and, living in the countryside, one of the biggest wastes each year is rotting fruit. It was two or three years ago that I drove past an old orchard in September where none of the apples had been picked and were all rotting on the ground.

Having been on holiday in Spain earlier that year I had seen great big warehouses that were co-operative centres for village wine: everyone pitches in their grapes and this is subsequently fermented into wine and then divided up

depending on your contribution of grapes. My thought was why couldn't you do something similar with apples and cider. After a few Google searches it became apparent that this was already happening in many villages around the country and I contacted a member of a community cider group over in Oxfordshire to talk through how they do things. Piddington village hold an Apple Day every autumn, followed by a harvest supper, where everyone brings along apples and helps to press them into juice, the 'Cider Alchemists' subsequently turn this into 'liquid gold' and this is enjoyed at a barbecue event in the summer. There was even talk of 'Wassailing' a few trees in the winter. Singing to trees might be taking it a bit far...!

A group was set up on Facebook after a meeting in the pub and 'The Guiltsborough Apple Corps' was created. Having never pressed apples OR made cider before, it was decided that 2017 would be a 'dry run', where we could experiment and make mistakes but learn. We hired a press and met at the Witch & Sow in September last year. Everyone brought apples and got to work turning the apples into juice. With help from various members the brewing process began, with everyone reporting on progress at various points from there. It's a long process and you need to be patient, but the results have been great and at the Guiltsborough Festival I offered tasters of my cider which were well received. This year we intend to do the same but advertise it more widely. We haven't come up with a cooperative approach yet but would welcome anyone who wants to have their apples turned into juice (30kg batches). We can pass on our knowledge to date and you can have a go at making your own cider or we can turn your juice into cider and we'll give you 25% back in May/June time. Gip.



FESTIVAL SUCCESS

Our Friday night 'Hoedown' had villagers dressed in 'style' and dancing to the excellent band from the start, (Rev Chris !). Outside was a popular spot with the wonderful evening weather. Saturday had us relaxing after all that exertion, with a Western film night. Sunday all the cowboys took to the street with stalls, games and entertainment from the Ukelele lady to Mia with her horses. She gave us a lesson in lassoing and Rodeo Bull riding! Overall we will be donating approx £7,000 to our main Village Charities.. A big thank you to so many who worked hard to make the weekend a success, Chris and Committee.



Great Fancy Dress!



Entertainment by GMADS



The Plant Stall Ladies

For more photos see p19 (flowers in church) and VillageLink Website www.villagelink.org.uk

PHOTOGRAPHY



I have an interest in photography and would like to know if anyone out there might be interested in meeting up as a group to share knowledge, expertise, experience and swap ideas to take better photographs. I have taught the basics of using the various settings on a digital camera but would like to improve and share the knowledge with others. If anyone is interested, please contact Graham Fowler on 740497 or on graham_fowler@hotmail.com and we'll take it from there.

ACADEMY NEWS IN BRIEF

Over the next year the school is being decorated in readiness for its' 60th year and the old caretaker's house has been converted into a training centre which will be lead by Miss Nunley who has been promoted to Assistant Principal . Mr Ditchburn has celebrated 35 years at Guilsborough and has had a very positive impact on so many students and staff over that time. We are also supporting our own students with career opportunities working for the academy. Our latest recruit for September is a current 6th former taking a year out to be a curriculum support member of staff working within the maths and science departments. If you know of anyone who is looking for an interesting and rewarding career, why not suggest they come and visit us to see if teaching is something they may want to consider? They have nothing to lose apart from a couple of hours of their time and they may find they have a talent and passion for helping others to learn. info@guilsborough.northants.sch.uk. (Extracted from the school newsletter)



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Vacancy for a Parish Councillor.

The Parish Council has a vacancy for a councillor. Anyone interested in this position is invited to nominate themselves by providing their full contact details and a brief resume (preferably by email) as to why they are interested in becoming a Councillor to the Parish Clerk by 31 August 2018. If you would like further information as to what is involved in becoming a Parish Councillor, please contact the Parish Clerk (Carol Holifield 01788 834425 / guilsborough.pc@gmail.com) in the first instance. Please note that prospective candidates must permanently live or work within a 3 mile radius of Guilsborough and have done so for the preceding 12 month period.

No.60 Bus Service

Daventry District Council have confirmed that they will provide funding to maintain our No.60 bus service until March 2019 which gives all affected parishes time to consider and consult on how to maintain this service going forward. Whilst this is very good news we are a long way off a permanent solution.

New Swings

The new infant swings have been installed and hopefully will provide years of enjoyment for many young ones. Without wanting to give slightly older children any ideas, I have already had to speak with some children using it as a climbing frame! Please do deter any children from using it in this manner.

HGV Traffic

Instances of vehicles clearly exceeding 7.5 tons using our village as a short cut are on the increase, with two names cropping up very frequently. Palletways and PC Howard have both been contacted with information also being passed on to the Police and the Traffic Commissioners. Obviously, some of these lorries are legally travelling into the village to drop off and pick up goods. There's frequent deliveries to the shop and grain lorries will soon be collecting from farms amongst others.

If you see what is obviously an HGV over 7.5tons and they appear to be using our village as a short cut please do report it to us by emailing Guilsborough.pc@gmail.com including time and date and preferably photos showing the vehicle and registration plate.

Future Northants

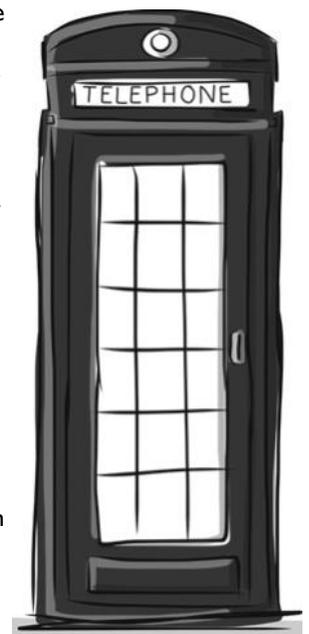
Hopefully many of you will have seen on the Parish Council's website, Guilsborough Hub on Facebook or publicity material from DDC that there has been a consultation on the future local government structure. The current 8 District and Borough Councils are going to be replaced by far fewer Unitary Bodies, probably 2 or 3. The current debt of £14 billion will be carried over and have to be repaid so although there will be savings from economy of scale and reduction of senior officers it's almost a certainty that Council Tax will increase considerably.

Creative Ideas required—Get your thinking caps on!

The Parish Council intends to co-ordinate the refurbishment of our Iconic K6 telephone box situated next to the bus shelter in Guilsborough. We will be repairing and repainting the exterior but would like some suggestions regarding its change of use/ location or even colour!

The more elaborate and imaginative ideas you have the better, but remember that we only have a very limited budget so the more ideas we get the more we will be looking for local skills and assistance to contribute towards re-purposing of this British icon.

A basic condition refurbishment will cost around £250 and include paint and pane replacement in situ. However, your imagination and ideas will count towards the final development use, so please send your thoughts to guilsborough.pc@gmail.com with pictures if possible and whether you have artist skills to contribute. Deadline for suggestions and ideas is 30th August 2018



GUILSBOROUGH NEWS

BOTTLE STALL SUCCESSES

The GPFA would like to say a Big Thank You to everyone who donated bottles and helped at the stalls for Guilsborough Festival and Hollowell Steam.

Both were a great success and the monies raised will help to fund the GPFA throughout the year. Without your donations they would not have happened, so thank you!



Other recent fund raising events include a golf day at Cold Ashby golf club. The GPFA field has also recently been used for the Primary School sports day, the pre-school sports day and a Pilates class.

The GPFA and West Haddon & Guilsborough Cricket Club (WHGCC), were deeply sorry to hear the news of Nigel Townsend's sudden death.

Nigel was an ardent player and supporter of cricket at Guilsborough, and underpinned the wicket preparation at Guilsborough over many years. He also helped with other duties at the Field on many occasions for which we are thankful. The GPFA and WHGCC plan to remember Nigel's contribution to Guilsborough cricket and the GPFA with a tangible item at the Field.



WH&GCC

Senior cricket is played on Saturdays at the Field, Ladies cricket is played on a Wednesday and Junior games/practices on a Tuesday/Thursday. The practice nets are frequently used at other times by many senior and junior cricketers from the area.

SCT COFFEE MORNING THANK YOU

A Huge Thank You to all who attended and supported our Coffee Morning in May. We raised the amazing sum of £575 for the specific project part of our charity Inspirational Gems. This is the re-opening of the BMT (Bone Marrow Transplant) Flat at Rainbow House, London where families can stay together while children are receiving treatment at Gt. Ormond St Hospital. The flat has just recently re-opened and work has started on refurbishing Rainbow House. We stayed there as a family many years ago and we have been invited to come and see all the work that has been done. The Team at The Sick Children's Trust wish to pass on their appreciation too. Thanks also to the Village Clean-Up team who, after a morning's hard work, came and supported us at the end and enjoyed coffee and cake. Paul and Pauline Jacobs



GPFA

village sport & recreation

ANNUAL CRICKET MATCH AND LUNCH

The Sir John Lowther Cricket Match and Village Lunch will take place on **Sunday 5th August** at Guilsborough Playing Field on the West Haddon Road. This is a community event and all are welcome, the match starts at 11am and lunch is at 1pm.



Tickets can be obtained from any of the GPFA Committee, and Graham.Byars@hotmail.com, 01604 740545

WEST HADDON FESTIVAL 24TH TO 26TH AUGUST

This event raises funds for West Haddon and Guilsborough Cricket Club amongst other charities so why not come along, attractions and entertainment for all ages.

Friday 6.30-11pm Beer, Live music, children's activities and dancing

Saturday 12noon-11pm 1st XI cricket, more beer, live music and dancing plus pentaque open day.

Sunday CARNIVAL DAY 12noon-11pm. Softball cricket tournament, more live music and dancing, Ladies and youth cricket,



WH&GCC

All weekend BBQ, Food, Prosecco, Gin Bar, Beer and lots more family fun! **COME ALONG AND HAVE SOME FUN!**



NIGEL

"Losing my soul mate, and Bettie her son, in such a sudden and shocking way has been very traumatic for us both. However, the Guilsborough community spirit has been a huge comfort, with overwhelming support and offers of help. Nigel would have been very proud of his village and his friends. On behalf of Bettie and myself, I would like to thank everyone for their kind words, cards and flowers. It is very humbling and much appreciated."

Pam Townsend



THANK YOU to everyone who donated during Christian Aid week and those who so kindly helped with the door to door collection. We raised £675 door to door and a further £140 was raised at brunch on Sunday.

GUILSBOROUGH NEWS



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In collaboration with MU, we are making these to send to children in Uganda.

We are sending 10+ dresses and 8+ pairs of shorts.

If you would like to have a go at making either – I can give you a pattern and instructions.

Alternatively, if you have any suitable cotton fabric we could use to make up more dresses and shorts – please donate at MMM.

Sue 01604 740916 / 07771926519



MMM



Monday Morning Meet

Guilborough Village Hall

9 – 11am every Monday (Excluding Bank Holidays)

All welcome baby – OAP's.

Baby & toddler toys for youngsters.

Meet for a chat, coffee/tea, cake.

Only £2/adult - includes refreshments.

For more information contact:

Janet 01604 740640

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

The summer holiday period during August is usually a less active period for our regular users. We therefore plan to use this time to perform some maintenance activities. This year we will be decorating the Kitchen and potentially doing some structural work in the main hall. This may mean some disruption and possibly occasions when the hall cannot be used. Regular users will receive updates, but do please ask if you have any questions or concerns.

The ongoing feedback we get from our users is that our Village Hall is a well equipped and attractive events venue. If YOU would like to use it we will be delighted to show you around. Please contact Sue Needham on 07342 382 706 or info@guilboroughvh.uk



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WWI PARTY

The Royal British Legion is holding a "party in the pub" to Commemorate the end of the 100th year of the end of the 1st world war. It will be held on

Saturday September 8th at 7.30pm.

£10 a ticket which includes a BBQ and there is always a generous raffle with all proceeds donated go towards the local branch of the RBL. Join us for this prestigious event.

To obtain your tickets please contact either Bill Hain on 07823 774274 or Merrick Bowles 01604 740138

PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

What a super year it has been at Guilborough C of E Primary School!

A huge thank you to all parents and members of the community who provided food, made other donations and joined us at our whole school picnic. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon and there were certainly many comments made to me and others about how lovely it was. The maypole dancing was great and I hope you all had chance to have a look around our Peace Garden. Doesn't it look fantastic! The whole school mural and crucifix donated by St Etheldreda Church certainly finish it off well.

We had a YEEE HAH time at the Guilborough Festival and a big YEEE HAH thank you to our PTA, parent helpers and staff who ran and organised our hamper stall! Well done to the lucky winners and thank you to everyone that bought a ticket. You helped to raise £169 for our school! Community spirit is definitely something we should be very proud of at Guilborough.

My first year as Headteacher has flown by. We've certainly made lots of positive changes at the school. I'm now looking forward to the new academic year and welcoming our new Reception children in September.

Also, Good luck to all of our Year 6 pupils who will be moving on to secondary school. I wish you all every success in the future. You have

been a super cohort and you will be missed by all. Please remember to follow us on our website, Facebook page @guilboroughprimary and on our Twitter profile @guilboroughpri. Thank you for all your support.



MAKE A POPPY

To commemorate 100 years since the end of the 1st World War, we are hoping to produce a 'made' poppy display for church.

Poppies can be knitted, crochet, sewn, felted, papercraft or however you can make!!

Patterns/information available from: Janet 740640 or Sue 740916



WW1 MEMORIES WANTED

I am putting together a short pamphlet on WW1 in Guilborough.

Please send any stories, local pictures of 'our boys' (and girls!), or other info to me.

Thanks! David O'Neil, History Soc., Nortoft Cottage.

david@nortoft.co.uk. T: 740864



HOLLOWELL AND TEETON NEWS

HOLLOWELL FAFF

Fete and Flower Festival

Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th August 2018 2-5pm
Entry Adults £5 & Children Free

We would be delighted to see you at our first FAFF

Activities include:

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

A magnificent floral display in the church based on the theme "Hatched, Matched and Dispatched". Don't miss our Spectacular wall of "Lilies for Loved Ones".

Treasure hunt, can you follow the map and solve the clues around the village? Fab prize to be won.

Competitions – best artist, best photographer, best home craft, best biscuits, most interesting vegetable, best individual bloom, best dressed teddy (or similar toy), best decorated jam jar.

Home-made teas in the Village Hall.

Stalls include, bric-a-brac, plants & flowers, raffle, hook-a-duck, home-made jams, books, Pimms, handmade cards & crafts, bikes, toys & games, maggot racing, nerf gun range and more.

Vintage vehicles.

Toilets and parking at the Village Hall.

There will be a Songs of Praise service at 6pm on Sunday 5th August in St James Church, Hollowell.

ALL WELCOME

For more information please call 01604 740796
or email: hollowellfaff@gmail.com

HOLLOWEL FAFF

Fete and Flower Festival needs your help

We would welcome donations of home-made cakes and jam, bric-a-brac, toys and games, bikes and bike bits, plants, and books. Please contact Viv 01604 743760 or Emily 01604 740796 or email hollowellfaff@gmail.com

Lilies for Loved Ones

The Church Flower Festival will include a wall of lilies in memory of loved ones and their names will be included in a record of remembrance. Sponsorship of a lily is £2. If you would like to remember someone you have lost please contact Wendy on 01604 211372 or email johnevanstr203@gmail.com
Fund raising in aid of the Village Hall, Church and Pocket Park.

Competitions

Children and Grown-Up entries open for

Best Biscuits ☒ Best Home Craft ☒ Best Photographer
Best Artist ☒ Best Bloom ☒ Most Interesting Vegetable
Best Dressed Teddy (or similar toy) ☒ Best Decorated Jam Jar

All entries for judging to March Barn at the top of Church Hill, Hollowell between 9am and 11am on Saturday 4th August. £1 per entry. Submissions from outside the parish are welcome. Any queries Tel 01604 740796

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FUNDRAISING FOR WW1 MEMORIAL BENCH

A crowd funding appeal is underway to raise £350 to purchase and install a World War I bench to commemorate the centenary of the Armistice in November. Daventry District Council is offering 30 benches to community groups at half price. It is hoped the bench would form the commemorative focus in Hollowell and Teeton for remembering those villagers who fought in that war. If you would like to contribute contact

Graham Leah email: graham@tuitus.com or go to https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/hollowellmemorialbench?utm_id=107&utm_term=Ez8kr67eB



HOLLOWELL AND TEETON VILLAGE HALL TOTE WINNERS

And the lucky £10 winners are...

Philip Litchfield, Marie Bramwell, The Hollowell Family, Claire Morrell, Bob Carnell, Mike Tomalin, Ben Hall, Dawn Fountain and John Evans. Congratulations all!

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HOLLOWELL & TEETON NEWS

BATON TWIRLER OFF TO WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Caitlin Jilbert of Hollowell is heading off to Florida for the World Championships this month. Seventeen year old Caitlin has been twirling from the age of 9 with Top Hat Theatre School in Northampton, and with the England squad since 2014. She has been selected to represent her country in three different events in the international competitions this year: solo, pair and team.

This is a fantastic achievement and has taken many hours of training and dedication to reach this level. An excited Caitlin told us, "It has always been my ambition to represent my country in a sport that I love, and I wouldn't have got there without the support and encouragement from my family, friends and coaches – especially my coach, Tracey Clarke, who always believed in me."



POCKET PARK NEWS

Our fabulous new aerial runway was installed in the Pocket Park at the end of June much to the delight of the village's younger residents. And two weeks later the wooden Canyon Bridge was built, to complete our wooden Jungle Trail. Many thanks to Hollowell Steam Rally, The Big Lottery Fund, Northampton Community Foundation, Hollowell & Teeton Parish Council and everyone else who has contributed towards this project.

From all at Hollowell Pocket Park Action Committee



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HOLLOWELL HENS CROQUET TRIP



In early June, a group of Hens and Mens spent a thoroughly enjoyable evening learning to play the not so gentle game of croquet, hosted by the Northampton Croquet Club in the

beautiful grounds of St Andrew's Hospital. In the warm evening sunshine we learnt that croquet is a game of skill, strategy, angles and tactics, and when all else fails, a dose of brute force. Thank you to Judy Brown for organising the event, we hope to return for another visit next year.

VILLAGE HALL BBQ

A very successful Family BBQ was held at the Village Hall on Saturday 16th June. Over 50 villagers tucked into locally made, freshly cooked burgers and hotdogs with all the trimmings, plus a selection of beers and wines.

The party went with a swing and people from all parts of the village enjoyed the company of fellow villagers and their visitors. The weather was much better than forecast – always the case in Hollowell – and all were able to enjoy the occasion outside of the Hall.

The event made £280 which goes towards the refurbishment of the Hall, due to start in earnest in July and August.

One of our visitors – a four legged friend – was somewhat reluctant to leave the BBQ!



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Community Governance Review - Daventry District Council resolved on 16th May 2018 to carry out a Community Governance Review [CGR] throughout the parishes of the Daventry District. The whole review takes 12 months to complete.

H & T P C has considered the options this review provides and decided to submit proposals to amend the Parish boundary at three locations a) around Ravensthorpe Reservoir, b) on the Teeton to Guilsborough road adjacent to Gulliver's Lodge and c) across Hollowell reservoir.

Local Government Reform in Northamptonshire – This affects you and the Parish Council! Please note the following web site link for updates on the work being undertaken by all the district and borough councils on the restructuring of local

government in Northamptonshire. <https://www.daventrydc.gov.uk/your-council/northamptonshire-local-government-reform/>

Bus Service Route No. 60 (Welford – Northampton) – various initiatives have been considered to try to maintain this service. The funding provided by Northamptonshire County Council ceased on 21 July 2018. H & T PC is not able to fund the substantial subsidy payments required to keep the service running to March 2019 and further into 2019 – 2020. Several residents attended the Parish Council meeting held on 20 June 2018 where details were provided about the costs of operating the service and subsidy required to keep it going. As 'good neighbours' it was suggested that residents who are able to assist with transport should consider offering an informal service to those residents who have no alternative method of travel.

THORNBY NEWS

Thornby Church Flower Festival

18th and 19th August

2pm to 5pm

Depicting Musicals Through the Years, including;

Joseph and His Amazing
Technicolour Dream Coat,

My Fair Lady,

Oklahoma,

Oh What a Lovely War,

White Christmas,

Mary Poppins and many more.

Take a walk down memory lane, remember
some great shows and see the lovely flower
arrangements in our beautiful church.

Afternoon tea in the Village Hall

Tombola, Bric-a-brac and Raffle



BIG BREAKFAST



On Sunday 10th June, Thornby's Big Breakfast took place. Residents and friends from surrounding villages enjoyed a tasty breakfast, prepared by the Village Hall Committee members in aid of village hall restoration funds.

It was a lovely sunny morning and our pretty village hall was filled with people and chatter as they relaxed and read the newspapers over a leisurely breakfast. The menu offered a Full English Breakfast, Bacon or Sausage Butties plus the option of Croissants and Danish Pastries all served with fresh coffee and tea.

The event was very well attended and the majority of people asked us to do it more often.

Our thanks go to all those who attended, it really helps us in our efforts to maintain and restore our charming historic hall and raise much needed funds towards our £5000 target to repair the bell tower.

Don't miss out next time - as it was so popular we will be doing another breakfast this year - so watch out for details!! *Alison Pallister*



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MESSAGE FROM REVEREND CHRIS PECK
RECTOR OF THE UPLAND GROUPS OF PARISHES

CHURCH NEWS

As I write this, Guilsborough is reeling from the sudden, tragic loss of Nigel Townsend, following on the heels of the sudden death of Tim Batten, the bootmaker from Ravensthorpe. Over the Easter period Spratton marked the ending of the life of Harry Chadwick who died aged 19, Hollowell the tragic deaths of Chelsie Rose aged 17 and Martin Oswin, and Creaton that of Bob Grange who died unexpectedly in his sleep.

Every death is special to those involved, and our hearts go out to those who mourn, but every so often there is a death that rocks a whole community and we have had a run of these in the Uplands. Each one reminds us of the importance of community. We are blessed in the Uplands to have good, strong, mutually supportive communities who rally round when there is a tragedy, but this is something we should never take for granted. Strong community needs to be worked at; it takes every member playing their part, going the extra mile, turning out to support community events, making their gifts available. One of the images St Paul uses is that of a body; each part needs the other, and if one part suffers the whole body suffers.

Community doesn't just happen; each of us has to play our part. When tragedy strikes, people often turn to the church; it is a huge privilege to be there to walk alongside those preparing for the funeral of a loved one, but also to help mark births and marriages. As Christians we believe that God is there through all the ups and downs of life; the joys as well as the sorrows. Part of what we affirm in the church is the unchanging nature of God's love and the reality of eternal life made possible through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. No matter how tough it may feel, nothing on earth can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

So may you know God's blessing whatever part of the journey you are on, and may each of us play our part to strengthen our communities to be places of support and strength through the tough times as well as the good times.



Shoe Boxes & Blankets 2018



Just to remind you that we will be sending shoeboxes & knitted blankets to the Blythwood Project this year.

If you would like to put a box or blanket together yourself, we will need them ready by the end of October.

Alternatively, you can bring useful items eg. toothpaste, soap, toothbrushes, wrapped sweets, scarves, gloves, hats on:

Wednesday 3rd October 2 - 4.30

Guilsborough Village Hall.

Tea & Cakes. View the blankets.

There is a box in church and at MMM for donations.

Contact Janet: 740640

Saturday 8th September



WILD WEST DISPLAYS

During Guilsborough Festival on 22-24 June, there were some wonderful and imaginative displays at St Etheldreda's on the theme of the Wild West.

Below are the Brownies' 'Dream Catchers', Bell Ringers' 'Bell Saloon' and the Royal British Legion's 'Wagon Train'. Some of the other contributions are shown in colour overleaf on P19.



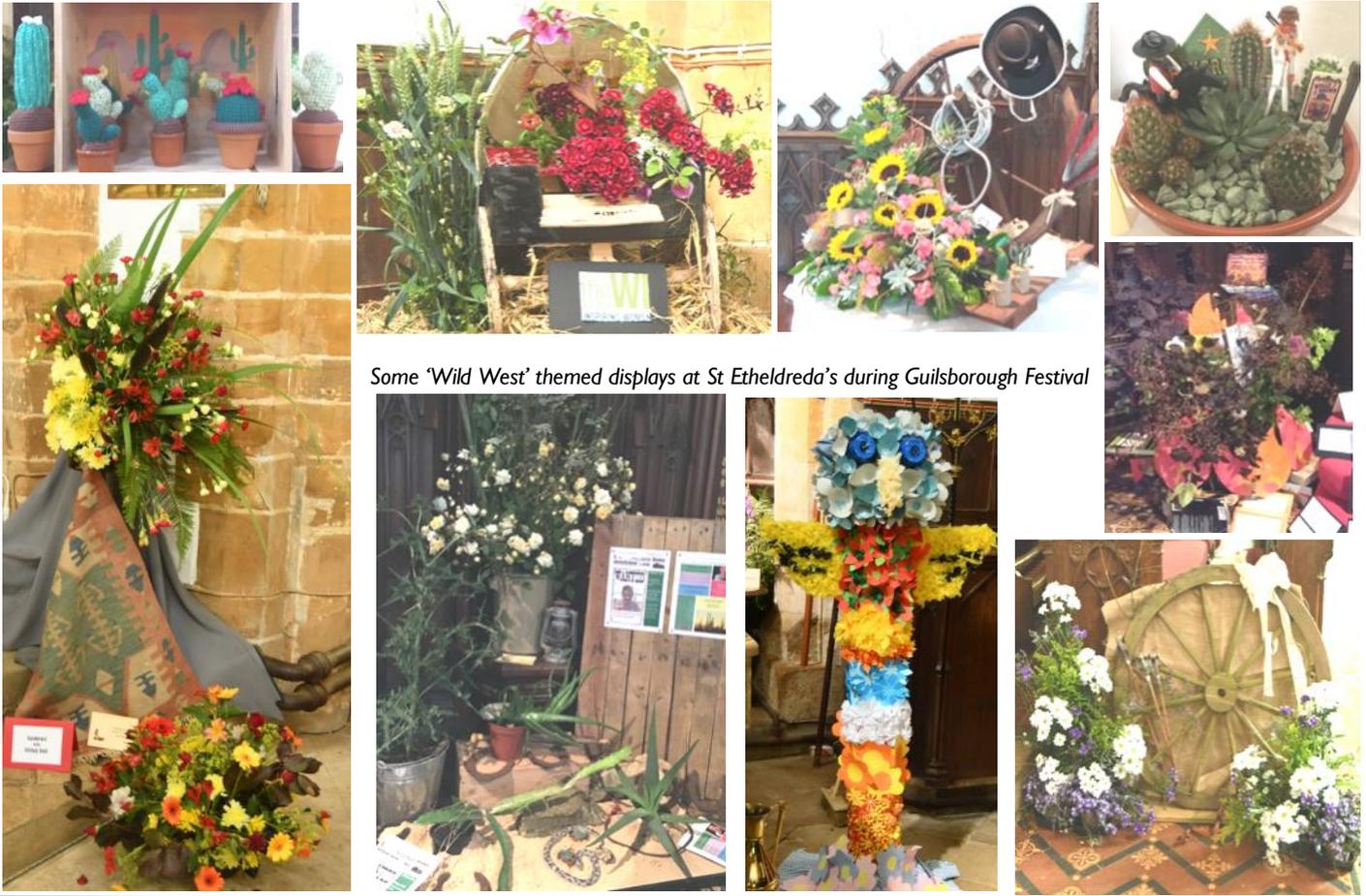
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		Service Planner - The Uplands Group of Churches									
		AUG 2018					SEPT 2018				
Week of Month	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th		
Sunday	Aug 5th 10th Sunday after Trinity	Aug 12th 11th Sunday after Trinity	Aug 19th 12th Sunday after Trinity	Aug 26th 13th Sunday after Trinity	Sept 2nd 14th Sunday after Trinity	Sept 9th 15th Sunday after Trinity	Sept 16th 16th Sunday after Trinity	Sept 23rd 17th Sunday after Trinity	Sept 30th 18th Sunday after Trinity		
Holy Day	Proper 13	Proper 14	Proper 15	Proper 16	Proper 17	Proper 18	Proper 19	Proper 20	Proper 21		
Colour	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green		
Cold Ashby	9.30am BCP Communion		9.30am Worship for All	No service	9.30am BCP Communion		9.30am BCP Morning Prayer	No service			
Cottesbrooke	11.00am BCP Communion	10.00am	No Service	9.45am BCP	11.00am BCP Communion	10.00am	No Service	9.45am BCP	Morning Prayer		
Creation	9.30am CW Communion		9.30am BCP Communion	9.30am Worship for All	9.30am CW Communion		9.30am BCP Communion	9.30am Worship for All			
Gulfsborough	11.00am BCP Communion	UPLANDS GROUP SERVICE	8.30 am BCP Communion	6.30pm Evensong	11.00am BCP Communion	UPLANDS GROUP SERVICE	8.30am BCP Communion	6.30pm Evensong	9.30am Worship for All		
Hollowell	6.00pm Songs of Praise	Common Worship with Communion	11.00am BCP Morning Prayer	11.00am CW Communion	Invited to join Gulls	Common Worship with Communion	11.00am BCP Morning Prayer	11.00am CW Communion	Common Worship with Communion		
Ravensthorpe	8.30am BCP Communion	COTTESBROOKE	9.45 CW	11.00am Worship for All	8.30am BCP Communion	RAVENSTHORPE	9.45am CW	11.00am Worship for All	HOLLOWELL		
Spratton	11.00am Worship for All		11.00am CW Communion	8.30am BCP Table Talk	11am Worship for All		11am CW Communion	8.30am BCP Table Talk			
Thornby	No Service		No Service	8.30am BCP Communion	No Service		No Service	8.30am BCP Communion			

BCP = Book of Common Prayer CW = Common Worship
 * Gulfsborough Village Hall
 Morning Prayer is held at 9am: Gulfsborough on Monday, Wednesday & Spratton on Tuesday & Thursday mornings



Some 'Wild West' themed displays at St Etheldreda's during Guilsborough Festival

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FAREWELL DR TWIGG

Dr Simon Twigg retired from Saxon Spires Surgery in July, Simon started with the practice 30 years ago this August. He was working with John Hughes and Catti Moss in the old surgery which is now the village shop.

The surgery was extended and made 2 storey and whilst this was being done they worked in a garage across the road from the surgery in a Coach house in the old Hall grounds! Julia Boon then joined the practice.

He, along with Catti, has led the practice through many changes, the new building in Guilsborough, the merger with Brixworth and he has played an instrumental part in the development of

the new surgery building in Brixworth, due to open later this summer.

He will be missed by patients and staff in so many ways and we wish him well in his retirement!



FISH AND CHIP SUPPER

Uplands Mothers Union is running another Film and Fish and Chip Supper on Thursday 27th September commencing at 7.30 at the Barn, Witch and Sow. Tickets and information available from Pauline Jacobs. Tel no 743792.



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Isobel Macdonald-Buchanan is recently returned from a one-month stint working at an animal conservation centre in Zimbabwe . Read her story on page 4.

HOME REPAIRS ASSISTANCE GRANTS FROM DDC

Home Repairs Assistance Grants (HRAs) can provide up to £5,000 to fund a range of work including the replacement or repair of central heating boilers and radiators, new security measures, replacement windows and doors, roof repairs, and much more.

Who can apply?

To apply for a HRA grant you must be a homeowner over the age of 18 and be living in the property as your main residence. You must also be in receipt of an income-related benefit such as: Council Tax Reduction (not single occupancy reduction) / Income Support / Income-based Job Seekers Allowance / Pension Credit (Guarantee Credit) / Tax Credits (Income-related) / Income-related Employment and Support Allowance.

What type of work is considered?

The grants covers a wide range of essential repairs, adaptations and improvements including: Repairs to leaking roofs and guttering / New door and window locks / Replacements for draughty and rotten windows and doors / Central heating repairs and installation / Essential minor repair works. Plus many more.

Top-up grants available

For work costing more than £5,000, eligible homeowners can also access a further £5,000 in the form of an interest-free loan, repayable only when the property is sold.

Disabled Facilities Grants

Disabled Facilities Grants (DFGs) can provide up to £30,000 to help people with a disability pay for a range of necessary improvements and adaptations to their home. The amount awarded is also subject to confirmation of the assessed needs of the disabled person by a suitably qualified professional.

Find out if you're eligible by emailing careandrepair@daventrydc.gov.uk or phoning us on 01327 871100