



AREA PLANNING: HAVE YOUR SAY

A new plan is being hatched to shape the future growth of West Northamptonshire. Daventry District Council, Northampton Borough Council, South Northamptonshire Council and Northamptonshire County Council are working together on the new document, which will set out the direction of economic and housing growth for the area up to the year 2050.

The Plan is necessary due to new unitary plans for the county and developments around the Oxford-Cambridge Arc, which has been identified as an area of significant economic potential.

A public consultation is asking for people's views on the sorts of things the new Strategic Plan should consider, such as housing requirements, priorities for economic development and community infrastructure needs. The consultation runs until 11 October 2019 and people can find out more and fill in an online questionnaire at <https://westnorthantsplan.inconsult.uk> Copies of the relevant documents and consultation are also available from libraries and council offices.

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28/02/19 – 4 lambs, 1 ram butchered in Whilton
06/03/19 – 5 ewes butchered in Harpole
23/06/19 – 5 lambs believed killed and stolen in Holcot
06/07/19 – 2 rams butchered in Rushton
08/07/19 – 15 lambs butchered in Crick/West Haddon
09/07/19 – 21 lambs butchered in Whilton
13/07/19 – 13 lambs butchered in Kelmarsch
17/07/19 – 9 lambs butchered in Clipston
04/08/19 – 6 lambs butchered in south Northamptonshire
19/08/19 - 11 lambs butchered in Whilton
30/08/19 - at least 26 lambs and ewes butchered between Duston and Harpole
09/09/19 - 25 sheep butchered in Thornby

Theft is also a problem:

14/04/19 - 1 ewe stolen, Lilbourne
14/04/19 - 4 ewes stolen, Helmdon
30/04/19 - 37 ewes stolen, Preston Capes
19/07/19 - 77 lambs stolen, Holcote
22/07/19 - 2 lambs stolen, Caldecote
22/07/19 - 58 lambs stolen, Yelvertoft
07/08/19 - 15 lambs stolen, Hollowell
08/08/19 - 64 ewes stolen, West Haddon

In the words of local PC Sam Dobbs "We know that these offences will need the resources of teams of offenders. We need to know about trailers and country vehicles seen in suspicious circumstances, but also people-mover type vehicles which could conceal more people than the driver. Remember, you may hold the jigsaw piece which allows us to complete the puzzle or to have the break that we need. Information and intelligence from our communities is key to Operation Stock. The force is urging anyone who sees any suspicious or unusual activity in rural areas which could be relevant to the investigation to report it via 101, or online quoting Operation Stock. Information can also be shared anonymously via Crimestoppers on 0800 555111. In an emergency, such as when a crime is in progress, always call 999.

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What's On?

October 2019

5/6th—Red Barn Supper Club, Creton
9th—Creton WI AGM
12th—Creton Walkers
12th—Race Night Guilsborough
13th—Harvest Festival Hollowell
12/13th Photo Exhibition, Spratton
14th— Guilsborough PC meeting
17th—FOSM History, Creton
19th—Creton Litter Pick
20th & 21st—Shoe Box Donations Collection Guilsborough
22nd—'Rocket Man', Cold Ashby
26th—Pumpkin Fun, Ravensthorpe and Guilsborough
28th—Tennis Club AGM Guilsborough
31st—last date for shoe boxes Guilsborough

November 2019

2nd—FOSM Christmas Fair, Creton
2nd—Bonfire Hollowell
4th— Guilsborough PC
4th—Village Link Picture Competition Deadline! Send your entries ...
9th—Creton Walkers
12th & 15th—Guilsborough Primary School Open Days
13th—Creton WI
13th to 16th—Frankenstein GMADS Guilsborough
14th— Supper Club, Red Lion, Thornby
16th—Creton PFA Quiz Night
21st—FOSM History, Creton
22nd— Quiz Evening, Thornby
23rd—Christmas Fair Guilsborough
26th- 'Yesterday', Cold Ashby
Most Mondays—Guilsborough MMM
Every Thursday Wellbeing Group Hollowell



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The Witch and Sow is undergoing major changes with new Chef consultant, Craig Haywood.

We have now developed no less than four new menus including a new children's menu with a colouring page - we can guarantee chef's Pasta Pomodoro with Parmesan will go down a treat!

We now have a slimline lunch menu and separate dinner/ evening menu, with some old favourites and new dishes mixed in. Chef Craig is taking us in a fresh direction as described in his letter alongside.

My vision for the Witch and Sow is a destination pub with excellent locally sourced produce, as much as is possible. Obviously we can't get cod out of the local reservoir hahaha. I have over 28 years of chef and management experience working at venues such as Royal Ascot, the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow 2014 and Hampton Court Palace, to name just a few.

The Witch and Sow has excellent prospects and I intend to recruit a strong gastro pub chef, who will share my vision for this lovely venue and maintain a good level of consistency. Moving forward, I would like to include more game and some dishes that are new to everyone.

I am very happy to announce that all of the desserts at the Witch and Sow are now home made on the premises, including our custard. The only thing we now buy in is the wonderful ice cream from Gallones in Northampton. Our bread is now made by an artisan baker and I can assure you that you will not be disappointed. This fledgling company has been good enough to take us on as a customer and we feel very honoured that they are now supplying us. Their bread really complements our lovely selection of lunch time sandwiches.

As you can see we are making some lovely changes and really hope that you can join us soon.

Yours, Craig K, Haywood

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Forthcoming Film and Social Nights



24th September: First Man

About Neil Armstrong, the first man to walk on the moon and the space mission which took him there on 20th July, 1969.

22nd October: Rocket Man

Based on the life of Elton John.

26th November: Yesterday

A failing musician mysteriously becomes the only man who remembers the Beatles.

COLD ASHBY OPEN GARDENS 2019

Well, it was certainly lovely weather for ducks! Thank you to all those who braved the elements and turned out in force for our Open Gardens weekend in July. Despite **the rain we still raised over £2800, which** was an unexpected amount and much welcomed by the church committee.

This year's income was helped by having 3 new gardens along with excellent stalls and games, tasty Caribbean snacks and an entertaining Punch and Judy show. Very many thanks to all those who donated so generously and helped make the weekend a success.

Next year we will celebrate our 30th Anniversary of Cold Ashby Open Gardens and we are already planning an extra special event. It will be on 25th and 26th July 2020 - put it in your diaries!



A NEW FUTURE FOR COLD ASHBY GOLF CLUB

When Cold Ashby Golf Club hit financial difficulties last year it seemed to many members that they would have to say farewell to their beloved course and look for somewhere else to play their favourite game. But a small group of members spotted an opportunity and formed themselves into the founding board of a formally registered not-for-profit co-operative society, to be owned eventually by all its members.

The board, with the approval of the club's current owners, set about gathering support **for their idea from the club's staff and its** current committee. They called a meeting of all members, where its ideas and plans were unanimously approved.

The board made sure the finances were sound, opened a bank account, and entered into negotiations with the landowners. A website followed, (www.spanglefish.com/coldashbygolfcentre/index.asp) where members could read the plans for the future, learn how a members-led co-operative works and download an application form. The response was good. Former members have rejoined en masse and there are even newcomers attracted by the members-led structure. So, thanks to the enterprise and hard work of those founding members, on 1st November, Cold Ashby Golf Centre will be open for business, owned by its members.

COTTESBROOKE NEWS

COTTESBROOKE 2ND PRODUCE SHOW



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can phone Richard Hollingum on 07887 652599

CREATON NEWS

WALKING GROUP

The weather has been perfect for walking and seeing the harvest being gathered in. Creaton Walking Group have enjoyed walks in the Cold Ashby and Twywell areas over the summer. September as usual coincided with the Ride and Stride for Historic Churches so the walkers explored the Long Buckby and West Haddon area, enjoying the historic buildings and the biscuits on offer!


We are a friendly group who love exploring our beautiful countryside. New walkers and well-behaved dogs are always welcome. Meet at Creaton lychgate at 10am on the second Saturday of the month for an 8 mile circular walk followed by an optional pub lunch.

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CREATON SINGERS



A big thank you from the Creaton Singers to everyone who so generously supported our concert which took place on 24 August in Market Harborough. **We raised £1,383 towards the completion of the extension to St Michael's Primary School in Kyirapatre in Ghana.** The photos show the singers relaxing before the concert (above) and in action (below)!

With the onset of autumn the singers have turned their attention to Christmas and are working on a range of songs old and new. Dates for your diary to hear the Creaton Singers are:



Saturday 7 December and Sunday 8 December 2pm to 3:30pm: Welford Christmas Tree Farm

Tuesday 17 December: 7pm Singing on Creaton Green, followed by a mini concert in Creaton Village Hall at 7:30pm

Saturday 21 December 7pm: Kislingbury Church

We practice every Tuesday in Creaton URC on the High Street from 7:30pm to 9pm. New singers always welcome, especially Tenors and Basses.

CREATON PLAYING FIELD ASSOC.



Quiz night

7.30pm, 16th November in the village hall
Tickets are available from Creaton Village Shop

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.

The date for the next Parish Council Meeting is:

12TH November 2019

Meetings are held in Creaton Village Hall, and start at 7.30pm. The first 15 minutes are for the Public Forum; we hope you can come along.

Annual Village Walkabout 2019

The Parish Councillors have completed the walkabout for 2019 where we inspect areas of the village that CPC as a body are responsible for, in addition to areas owned and managed by others.

During this walkabout we highlighted areas that are in need of repair, maintenance, or causing issues to others in the village with a view to access and safety. As part of this process we follow plans and procedures, and report all identified items to the respective body.

During the annual walkabout we collectively spoke to several **members of our community along the way. It's worth highlighting** that all residents can report issues such as footpaths needing attention, damaged or broken street signs and many others on online. This service can be tracked until the works are completed. **It's easy to use and important for other residents if you notice something that needs attention that it's reported. Please feel free** to use this service.

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*Street Doctor

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*Potholes

What can you do? As the weather turns to autumn and the leaves start to fall we would ask as Parish Councillors and residents within the community that you do a visual check on your hedges. These are to ensure that there is no encroaching onto the footpaths making them inaccessible for less mobile or visually impaired residents. Overgrown hedges also promote the growth of moss on the footpaths. Taking a little time out may well help to have a look at potential problems. If you have Grit Bins outside your property please clip back shrubs etc. to allow easy access.

CPC

October Village Litter Pick & Coffee Morning

Saturday the 19th of October

10 to 12 Noon

Poppies Coffee Shop, URC, High Street, Creaton



Creaton Parish Council was awarded £1000 from Tesco Bags of Help for a small project with an aim to keeping our community as clean and as litter free as possible.

To date we have supported Creaton Playing Field Association in purchasing new waste bins for use on the playing field and the purchase of litter picking equipment. These items are available for use by the local community, many of whom are regularly out and about around the village picking litter - thank you for your commitment.

In addition to this we have community litter pick sessions. These provide an opportunity to get some fresh air, keep the village looking tidy and meet up with the local community. Our next event will be held in October and will be our Autumn Litter Pick.



The session starts at 10am. We meet in the United Reformed Church on the High Street. We have refreshments available during the two hour slot provided by URC Volunteers. You are invited to pop in, lend your support or just come along for a chat.

If you would like to borrow litter pick equipment please contact our parish clerk.



Creaton Parish Council

Big Birthday

As many of you will be aware Creaton Village Shop & Post Office Celebrated its First Birthday.

We are sure our village benefits from this valuable community asset. Thank you to the Management Committee, Staff and Amazing Volunteers.



CREATON NEWS

FRIENDS OF ST MICHAEL'S HISTORY GROUP

17th October: Northampton Castle - Guy Ravine
21st November: Wallis Simpson - Roy Smart

Talks take place in St Michael's Church and start at 7:30pm. They last approximately 1 hour and are followed by complimentary refreshments.

Annual membership is £14:50 or pay at the door, £3.50

Also look out for the
FOSM CHRISTMAS FAIR
VILLAGE HALL
Saturday 2nd November
10am to 12 noon

CREATON WI

October 9th A.G.M.
November 13th The History of
Ladybird Books by Bill Raven-Hill



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

We welcome you either as a guest or a new member. Come along to meet old friends or make new ones. Please contact Daphne on 01604 505546 for more information.

UNITED REFORM CHURCH

Minister: Rev Elizabeth Kemp

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October 2019

Date/Time	Service	Led By
6th 11am	United Harvest Thanksgiving with St Michael's, at Creaton URC	John Heard
13th 11am		Rev Elizabeth Kemp
20th 11am		Rev Geoff Townsend
27th 11am	Worship & Holy Communion	Rev Elizabeth Gray-King

November 2019

3rd 11am		Bryan Heard
10th 10:50am	Remembrance Sunday Worship & Holy Communion	Rev Elizabeth Kemp
17th 11am	Tear Fund Service followed by lunch	Carolyn Wilson
24th 11am		Suzie James

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CREATON NEWS

OVER THE COUNTER

Tales from Creaton Village Shop

Well, it's been an action-packed few weeks in the shop. The highlight has to have been the first birthday - yes, Creaton Village Shop & Post Office has been open one year, much to everybody's surprise. When pushed, no one could agree whether it had only been open a few months or even a couple of years, but all astonished to learn it has been one year.

In that first year the shop has sold over 14,000 newspapers and magazines, nearly 13,000 items of confectionery, and over 7,000 bottles of milk and cream. It has also sold 1,600 lottery tickets and 500 Scratchcards.

The birthday was celebrated with a party for the small army of volunteers that keep the shop going. Held in the Village Hall, there were games, a quiz and a chance for everyone to get together and chat about their experiences. Heather, one of the youngest, said how much working in the shop had boosted her confidence by meeting people of all ages.

BBC Radio Northampton's Tom Percival also spent the early morning at the shop, interviewing customers, volunteers, staff and members of the Management Committee. Some of the interviews went out live on the Breakfast Show and others

were dropped in during the day. Lots of pictures did the rounds on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

The shop also ran a Birthday Prize Draw. To enter, customers had to spend £10 or more in one transaction to be given a free Draw entry. The draw was won by Elaine Warden of Creaton, who collected the basket of local food and drink from staff member Andy Fox.

This was also a time for all connected with the shop to reflect on its progress and its future. Subtle changes continue to take place to get the stock right. As well as the general products one would expect a village shop to sell, Creaton Village Shop increasingly specialises in local foods and products. "Local" is anything produced within Northamptonshire and also anything within a thirty mile radius of Creaton. There is a good range of foods for people with special dietary requirements, particularly gluten and dairy intolerance.

And it must not be forgotten that this is a Community Shop, run by and for the good of the local community. For example, the shop can arrange home delivery for those who are unable to get to the shop through illness or infirmity. Be a part of the community and use Creaton Village Shop & Post Office.

Vigilis



Heather, one of our young volunteers, cutting the birthday cake



Food and chat at the Shop's First Birthday Party for the volunteers



Tom Percival talking to volunteer John Palmer



(Left) BBC Radio Northampton's Tom Percival interviewing Ed Matts who brews Creaton Ales. Creaton Village Shop & Post Office is the only place the bottled version can be currently purchased!



Elaine Warden collecting her prize from Andy Fox



(Right) BBC Radio Northampton's Tom Percival interviewing Simon Robinson, the Operation Director of Creaton Community Benefit Society. CCBS runs the community shop on behalf of the local community.

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Shoe Boxes & Blankets

2019



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 - toothpaste, soap, toothbrushes, wrapped sweets, scarves, gloves, hats etc on:

Sunday October 20th at Brunch

View the blankets and meet Derek from the Blythwood Project.

or

Monday 21st October - 3 M's

In Guilborough Village Hall.

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

Any spare wool can be donated to make more blankets. Contact Janet: 01604 740640



The House of Frankenstein 13-16 November, 7.30pm

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Tickets will be £10 Wednesday to Friday.

Charity Gala Night Saturday 16 November

The gala performance is in aid of *Northampton Association for the Blind*, in memory of Nigel Townsend, who played an active part in this charity and was a founder member of GMADS.

Drinks and canapés served from 7pm.

Dressing up for the occasion would be great, though NOT OBLIGATORY. Think Dracula, a mad scientist, a werewolf, a monster, Phantom of the Opera, Lucrezia Borgia, Quasimodo, Cruella de Ville, Rocky Horror, or anything else which fires your imagination! A prize will be awarded for the best costume!

There will be a very special raffle to raise funds for this local charity. If you can donate a prize then please call Dorothy on 01788 510392.

Tickets available from www.wegotickets.com/gmads or Frances Scammell on 740549, Wednesday - Friday **£10**, Saturday Gala Night **£15**.

Make up help needed for the show. Preferably someone with experience but we welcome anyone who wants to let their creativity run wild! Contact Director Pam Townsend on 740900 or pam@ireton42.co.uk

PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council meets monthly in the village hall. The October meeting will be on 14th and November on 4th. Members of the public can observe meetings, minutes are displayed on the lantern notice board in the centre of the village and more information can be found at the parish council website www.guilboroughpc.org.uk

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GUILSBOROUGH NEWS

REPORT ON THE ANNUAL SIR JOHN LOWTHER MEMORIAL CRICKET GAME AND VILLAGE LUNCH

On Sunday 15th August, in marquees erected at the Field, over 75 villagers enjoyed a delightful lunch provided by the Witch & Sow and their new chef Craig, in the idyllic surroundings of the Guilsborough Playing Field, West Haddon Road just past Guilsborough Academy. They were entertained at the event by the annual Sir John Lowther Cricket Game, between Hugh Lowther's XI and West Haddon & Guilsborough Cricket Club. WHGCC scored 166 off 40 overs; **Hugh Lowther's XI were on course to reach this total but then lost wickets to fast good seam bowling by Graham Cottle, (WHGCC captain), and in the end were 20 runs short of their total. So once again WHGCC triumphed in a game and occasion that was enjoyed by many.** At lunch, Hugh Lowther said how much his father would have been pleased to know that the annual game continues, as he, (Sir John) raised the first team to play Guilsborough Cricket Club in 1949, 70 years ago. In that first game Sir John amazed the opposition and on-lookers, by extending his leg to stop a fast moving ball on the way to the boundary with a loud "clunk". He had used his tin leg, following a mine exploding whilst fighting in Normandy. Hugh also thanked Jim Pye, who prepares all the wickets at Guilsborough, for all his hard work over many years; Jim was captain of Guilsborough Cricket Club, and played for Northampton 2nd XI, and now lives in Spratton.



village sport & recreation

FIELD USE

The ground has been used extensively during the spring and summer, with senior men's and ladies cricket, and junior cricket for boys and girls from ages 7 to 15. In addition, the Field was used by A) Northants Sports Association on 3 occasions for school activities, such as

Kwik Cricket and Tri-Golf when over 100 children attended on each occasion from 9 local junior schools, B) Both Guilsborough Primary and Guilsborough Pre-School for their Sports Days, C) Youths who play football on the practice pitch, D) Adults, fathers and sons for batting and bowling practice in the practice nets, E) joggers, walkers and keep-fit individuals. The GPFA have approached local football clubs such as West Haddon Football Club, to offer the GPFA facilities for football, as many boys and girls who play at West Haddon come from Guilsborough and surrounding villages to play at West Haddon. A grant has been applied for to install distance markers around the Field, to aid joggers and walkers to enable them to assess more accurately their fitness and performance.

The "Vision Project" that relates to the future and increased use of the Field for villagers has identified four routes that are to be progressed; they are an artificial grass games area, a cycle track, a pavilion extension, and tennis courts. These routes will be developed and progressed by a dedicated team of the GPFA.

VOLUNTEERISM

Have you given any more thought to it, following the last article in Village Link? We would be delighted to hear from you; we have roles to suit your talents!

Graham Byars Secretary graham.byars@hotmail.com

CRICKET NEWS

West Haddon and Guilsborough CC have had another enjoyable season field 4 junior sides and 4 adult sides, including a Ladies Team. The club are always looking for new players for both juniors and adults at all levels of experience, preparations for the 2020 season will start in January with indoor training. If you would be interested in finding out more information please contact jim.houghton@olivehorse.com or 07748920176.



TENNIS CLUB NEWS

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ANNUAL TOURNAMENT :

The 15th Annual Guilsborough Plate Tennis Tournament took place on Sunday 1st September, and was won by Chris Benbow and Simon King (pictured right):

AGM: The Guilsborough Tennis Club (at Guilsborough Academy) AGM will be held on on Monday 28th October at 7pm at the Witch & Sow. All welcome.

RACE NIGHT :

Saturday 12th October 7pm
Guilsborough Village Hall



GUILSBOROUGH NEWS

PRE-SCHOOL NEWS

Guilborough Pre-school might be in its 51st year but it is going from strength to strength with a new Secret Garden (aka a private allotment space) and weekly music lessons that are open to all.



We were offered the allotment space just before the end of the last term and it is already known to the preschool children as 'The Secret Garden'. It's a beautiful secluded spot and will be used regularly by the preschool children where, with lots of help from staff and villagers alike we hope, they will grow flowers and vegetables, enjoy digging, picking fruit and learning about nature by making a bug hotel. A new monthly Forest School session will also be held in the space which will include a mud kitchen, fire pit and seating. What an exciting time!

Of course the clearing and developing of the space has been hard work and the Preschool were very grateful for the time volunteered to them by a team from Nationwide's Northampton office recently. They dug and bordered the growing areas and fire pit complete with tree stump seating and made a compost heap, the difference made in just a day was huge. The Witch and Sow, have generously donated some tables and seating from their garden and plans are afoot to decorate with the children's beautiful artwork in September.

Whilst all this is going on outside, indoors the Preschool weekly Monster Rockers music and singing sessions will be returning in the autumn- The Monster Rockers, music sessions will be held on Wednesdays in term time at 9.30-10.30am. Places must be booked due to limited space and that can be done by calling Dawn or Alexis on 01604 740761.

Guilborough Preschool is always very popular and now with these fantastic additions to offer it's even more appealing. There are some spaces available in September 2019 for children from age 2 to 5. The preschool is open Monday to Friday, 9am-3pm term time (15 and 30 hours funded places welcome). Why not book a show round or call to find out more about the Monster Rockers stay and play sessions? Call Dawn and the team on 01604 740761 or contact admin@guilboroughpreschool.org.uk



The Village Gardener

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Autumn/Winter gardening, jobs and projects ?

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Email: daveid0929@gmail.com

Garden sheds, greenhouses, barns etc. also cleared.



PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS



We are very pleased to be back this Autumn term and wanted to share with you some news about some developments that have taken place during the summer holidays, together

with a little about what we have coming up in this first school term.

You may have seen lots of pictures on Twitter or Facebook of our new magical reading forest at our school. Mr John Smith, an artist from the Midlands came in over the holiday period to bring the children's ideas to life. This area is certainly helping inspire the passion and enjoyment from reading! The children are delighted with the area and it was lovely to see their excited faces on the first day back!

Also, having successfully become a 5* RHS School we have decided that we are going to work towards achieving our Eco Schools Award. Last academic year I had a group of children who came to see me expressing a real passion for environmental issues and showing courageous advocacy in wanting to do all that they could to support this very current and important cause. From this discussion it was clear that we could do more as a school to LOVE OUR PLANET. We will have an eco-warrior to represent every class and our first 'Project Friday' will be called 'Love Our Planet'. We're all really looking forward to working together as a school to make a difference.

Please see our school website www.guilboroughprimary.co.uk and Twitter profile @guilboroughpri to find out about all of the exciting things we are doing at our school and for any important updates.



The new art in school

See P12 for details of the Primary School Open Days in November

GUILSBOROUGH NEWS

Monday Morning Meet

Tai Chi
Pilates
Painting for Pleasure

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Clubs & Societies



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Guilborough Village Hall

Saturday 23rd November 2019

10 – 2 pm

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Information
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Sue 01604 740916

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Open Days

Reception Places Sept 2020

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

Our open days are:

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

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

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

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

Please call 01604 740307 to book a visit.

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



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

HOLLOWELL & TEETON NEWS

HOLLOWELL FETE AND FLOWER FESTIVAL

More than four hundred visitors came along to the second Hollowell FAFF -- a Fete and Flower Festival that included nine contrasting Open Gardens. Stalls ranged from homemade jam, to second hand bikes, plants, hook-a-duck and maggot racing. There was a vintage vehicle display, arts and craft exhibitions and tractor and trailer rides around the village, plus BBQ and homemade teas in the village hall. Visitors were particularly delighted by the floral display in the church, this year on the theme, "To Everything There is a Season". Thank you very much to everyone who came along to visit and to the volunteers who helped to make our second FAFF such a success.



Here are some of the FAFF photos which show how successful the festival was; see P17 for some of the wonderful displays in the church.



HOLLOWELL & TEETON NEWS

HOLLOWELL AND TEETON PARISH COUNCIL

Update on Millennium Bus Shelter Clock – Thanks to the efforts of Chris Jilbert the Council are pleased to report that both clocks have been re-installed and are now working correctly (but you had noticed that - hadn't you?).

Hollowell Pocket Park – Replacement of the 'Dog Bin': We have 'gone green' in the Pocket

Park with the installation of a Broxap K 9 Dog Bin located just inside the gate off the Creaton Road. This replaces the original wooden bin made by Peter Tucker which was installed when the Park opened in May 1997.—see picture right



Street Lights – As the darker evenings draw in please note any problems with the village street lights and report to the Clerk, Gill Greaves, as soon as able (Email: pc-clerk@hollowellandteeton.org.uk) giving details of lamp number, location and the fault.

WELL BEING GROUP

Join the Age UK Northampton Wellbeing Group every Thursday 10am-12noon in Hollowell Village Hall.

Mental & physical stimulation for the over 55's. The sessions include an hour of fun exercises each week such as chair exercises, stretching and movement to music or Tai Chi. After this we have a coffee break and then quizzes and talks on many interesting topics.

To enrol please contact Lifetime, Age UK Northamptonshire, 31 Billing Road, Northampton NN1 5DQ, Tel 01604 611200 or email ken.nokes@ageuknorthants.org.uk
Please come along for a taster when we restart in September. All welcome

HOLLOWELL AND TEETON VILLAGE HALL TOTE WINNERS

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HOLLOWELL & TEETON NEWS

CHANGES AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Hollowell Village Hall has continued its refurbishment program with the redecoration and retiling of the kitchen. The result is a bright new kitchen which complements the decoration of the rest of the Hall.

Over the last two years the Hall has had new windows, new heaters, a new floor, improved kitchen and a complete redecoration. It really looks very smart. The result of the improvements to the Hall is an upsurge in bookings for all sorts of events ranging from business meetings through to birthdays and wedding receptions.

The Village Hall Committee has also had a make over with a new crop of people who have volunteered to help with the running of the Hall and the events that it hosts. The Committee comprises Becky and Lee Gane, Emily Curtis, Philip and Elaine Litchfield, Chris Webb, Merrick Baker-Bates, Graham Leah, Paul Mourant, Hannah Oswin, Julia Green and John Benjamin. We hope to continue making the Hall an excellent venue for all kinds of events.



HENS BEAUTY EVENING

The Hens enjoyed an extremely jolly Beauty Evening in the village hall, thanks to Helen Brown, of Helen Louise Beauty in Long Buckby. The evening got off to a rather giggly start, partly because we were all feeling slightly naked about the face (having been instructed to turn up free of makeup) and partly due to the very welcome glass of Prosecco on our arrival. Helen calmly dished out headbands and steaming hot flannels and took us through the 5 steps to flawless skin. We patted on and wiped off all sorts of delicious smelling oils, cleansers and toners and enjoyed the experience of a mini facial. We left, with dead cells exfoliated, skin glowing, and wrinkles banished. Thank you Helen for being such a good sport.

HOLLOWELL HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE

6pm on Sunday 13th October with a harvest auction following the service. All welcome

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HOLLOWELL BONFIRE

Saturday 2nd November 2019.

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Bonfire Lighting 7pm
Fireworks Display 7.30pm

Entry £1

Details of the bonfire are now on a separate facebook page from the rally as they are now run by different teams.
Please search "Hollowell Bonfire Party" on Facebook.
(there are lots of photos on this new Facebook page)

THORNBY NEWS



THORNBY VILLAGE HALL
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

QUIZ EVENING

Change of date - The quiz will now be held on

Friday 22nd November

at Thornby Village Hall, 7.30pm

Contact Details 743860



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MESSAGE FROM REVEREND CHRIS PECK, THE UPLANDS GROUP OF CHURCHES

CHURCH NEWS

As I write this we have just had the hottest August Bank Holiday ever, while fires rage in the Brazilian rain forests. Whether we like it or not Global Warming is here, and will increasingly affect all our daily lives. We have less and less excuse for not acting to reduce carbon emissions. The Bible is clear that at the beginning of time God looked at his creation **'and behold it was very good'**. Human beings were given responsibility for looking after this planet, and it is to our shame that the church has been complicit in our exploitation of the earth. One lesson history has taught us is that change can come about through tiny acts taken by lots of people. It is all too easy to think: **'What I do won't make a difference', or to point the finger at other countries: 'But they are polluting more than we are.'** The necessary changes needed to secure the planet for our children and grandchildren are needed now, and it has to start with me and with you.

Looking forward, by the time you read this the evenings will be drawing in and we will be aware of the short days and long nights ahead. This is a time of year of mixed emotions as we celebrate harvest, giving thanks to God for his goodness, celebrate the lives of the saints on All Saints day, but then remember those dear to us who have died at All Souls, and

those who have sacrificed themselves so that we can enjoy peace on Remembrance Sunday. And then before we know it we will be into Advent with Advent Sunday on 1st December and the run up to Christmas.

One of the themes of this time of the year is **'Gathering'**; we celebrate the gathering in of the harvest; we gather together to remember and to support each other. The word **'church'** literally means those who are called out to gather together. Why not join us as we gather to give thanks at harvest; gather to remember the saints on All Saints and our loved ones on All Souls; and gather to give thanks for those who sacrificed their lives, committing ourselves to work for peace in our world at Remembrance.

As we do so, let's not only work for peace among nations but for peace with our earth, so that the prayer we sometimes use in our services: 'so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name' may become a reality in our world.

Rev'd Chris



Church Restoration update from Rev Allison Twigg

Following the urgent repairs and restorations now done on the main churchyard wall, interior stained glass windows, church walls, roof and the bell tower, we have been asking the community their views on necessary improvements to the church building itself. About 70 written responses have been **sent in and are being analysed.** The church's Parochial Parish Council will consider the responses and seek further advice from advisory bodies as is necessary. The intention is to have a much more detailed consultation at a later date supported by a **range of plans based on the analysis of responses.** It's still early days and nothing has been decided.

HOLLOWELL FAFF

More photos of the wonderful flower displays in Hollowell Church during the FAFF:



CHURCH ROTA

Uplands Group of Parishes office (answerphone): 01604 743444

		OCTOBER 2019				NOVEMBER 2019			
Week of Month	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	
Sunday Holy Day	6th October 16th Sunday after Trinity	13th October 17th Sunday after Trinity	20th October 18th Sunday after Trinity	27th October Last Sunday after Trinity	3rd November All Saints	10th November Remembrance Sunday	17th November 2nd before Advent	24th November Christ The King	
Colour	Green	Green	Green	Green	Red	Red	Red	Red	
Cold Ashby	9.30am BCP Communion 5.00pm Harvest Festival 11.00am		9.30am BCP Morning Prayer	No service	9.30am BCP Communion 11.00am	<i>Invited to join Thornby</i>	9.30am Worship for All	No service	
Cottesbrooke	Harvest Festival 11.00am	10.00am	No Service	9.45am BCP Morning Prayer	9.45am BCP Communion	10.55am Remembrance Day Service	No Service	9.45am BCP Morning Prayer	
Creation	11.00am Harvest Festival at URC		9.30am BCP Communion	9.30am Worship for All	9.30am CW Communion	10.50am Remembrance Day Service	9.30am BCP Communion	9.30am Worship for All	
Gullesborough	11.00am BCP Communion	Hollowell UPLANDS GROUP SERVICE	8.30am BCP Brunch @ 11 6.00pm Evensong	9.45am CW Communion	11.00am BCP Communion	3.00pm Remembrance Day Service	8.30 am Brunch @ 11 5.00pm Evensong	9.45am CW Communion	
Hollowell	<i>Invited to join Gullesborough</i>	Common Worship with Communion	11.00am Morning Prayer	11.00am CW Communion	<i>Invited to join Gulfs</i>	6.00pm Remembrance Day Service	11.00am BCP Morning Prayer	11.00am CW Communion	
Ravensthorpe	9.45am Harvest Festival No Service		9.45am CW Communion	11.00am Worship for All	8.30am BCP Communion 5.00pm Taize	10.55am Remembrance Day Service	9.45am CW Communion	11.00am Worship for All	
Spreton	11.00am Worship for All	6.00pm Hollowell Harvest Festival	11.00am Holy Communion CW	8.30am BCP Communion	11.00am Worship for All	10.30am Remembrance Day Service	11.00am CW Communion	8.30am BCP Communion	
Thornby	3.00pm Harvest Festival		No Service	5.00pm Table Talk 8.30am BCP Communion		9.30am Holy Communion with names	No Service	5.00pm Table Talk 8.30am BCP Communion	

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A team (pictured left) from **Nationwide's Northampton office** recently donated their time to help **Guilsborough Preschool** with its new 'Secret Garden'. They dug and bordered the growing areas and fire pit complete with tree stump seating and made a compost heap. The **Witch and Sow pub** also generously donated some tables and seating from their garden. Full story on page 11.

Do you have a few hours to spare?

The Carers Sitting Service provides support by giving a break to those who have a caring responsibility for a husband, wife, partner, parent, relative or friend.

As a volunteer befriender you would be visiting someone in your local area. No qualifications are needed, we will provide some training and on-going support. It is important that you are a good listener, understanding, patient and non-judgmental. To find out more call Adam Wilson on 01933 677837 or email: adamw@northamptonshire-carers.org

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Christmas Picture Competition

Are you feeling creative?

Here's a suggestion to occupy active minds on a rainy Autumn Day.....

Create a festive picture to appear on the colour pages of the December/January copy of **Village Link** and send it either to anyone on the editorial team, or scan and send to:

editorial@villagelink.org.uk by **4th November**

Festive prizes will be awarded to different age groups, so remember to include your name, age (if under 18) and contact details with every entry.