



Steamed Up and Dancing!



Hollowell Steam and Heavy Horse Show 2024



In early July we enjoyed another amazing weekend at Hollowell Steam, with the regular favourites plus some new attractions. Read about it on page 16.

Maypole dancing was revived for the young in Guilsborough and for the slightly older in Cold Ashby in the Summer. See page 15 for the Primary School report and page 4 for the Memorial Hall account of what went on.



Looking forward to August, there are some fabulous activities for families around and about with Summer Picnics at the Churches on Thursdays (left) and 'make your own' sessions at Buckby Library & Hub (page 20).

Join us in August!

Fantastic Beasts Summer Picnic

8th - St Etheldreda's Church, Guilsborough
15th - St Denys' Church, Ravensthorpe
22nd - St Andrew's Church, Spratton
29th - St Michael's & All Angels, Creaton

Thursdays in August
11am - 1pm
Yummy snacks and animal themed activities!

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- Thursdays - Fantastic Beasts Summer Picnics - see advert on this page.
- 3rd Cottesbrooke VH Coffee Morning
- 7th Hollowell Big Breakfast
- 8th Guilsborough Friends: Crick Walk
- 11th Guilsborough GPFA Sir John Lowther Cricket Match & Lunch,
- 13th Creaton Walking Group
- 14th Hollowell Learn To Sail Children
- 19th SSSPPG Health Walk (see back page)

SEPTEMBER

- See p.6 for all Cold Ashby Events
- 3rd Creaton PC Meeting
- 7th Cottesbrooke VH Coffee Morning
- 7th Hollowell Big Breakfast,
- 7th Hollowell Learn To Sail (Children)
- 8th Creaton Concert
- 8th Guilsborough Tennis Tournament
- 11th Creaton WI
- 12th Hollowell Harvest Supper
- 12th Guilsborough Friends: Bees, Flowers & Honey
- 14th Ride and Stride (see page 21)
- 14th Creaton Walking Group
- 14th Hollowell Learn To Sail (Children)
- 15th Creaton CPFA Curry Night,
- 21st/22nd Hollowell Learn To Sail (Adults)
- 22nd/23rd Cold Ashby Harvest Festival & Supper
- 26th Cottesbrooke VH Soundbath

AND REGULARLY ...

- Monday mornings MMM, evenings Knitwits Guilsborough;
- Tuesday evenings, Creaton Singers;
- Thursday mornings indoor bowls, Creaton;
- Sunday am and Tuesday pm, Tennis Guilsborough;
- Thursday evenings, Badminton Guilsborough.
- Thursday evening Nia Guilsborough.

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BIRDING NOTES

August/September 2024

Little Tern

Midsummer can be a quiet time for local-patch birding. In the lull between spring and autumn migration, scarce birds are generally few and far between, and resident/summering birds can behave unobtrusively as they complete their breeding activities. I therefore arrived at Hollowell Reservoir on the



morning of June 22nd with fairly low expectations. Walking down the north-west side towards Guilsborough Bay I could see three or four Common Terns which had been present for the previous few weeks. I then noticed that there was another much smaller tern moving fast above them, heading towards the sailing club. Fearing that this bird could be a 'fly-through' about to depart, I quickened my pace to try to get a better look from the vantage of Guilsborough Bay Point. As I reached that location the bird headed back towards me, giving better views. Through my binoculars I could see from the striking head pattern and long black-tipped yellow bill that I was looking at a Little Tern: my first for Northamptonshire, and in fact the first time I'd seen this species anywhere away from the coast. I was fortunate to be able to watch the bird for half an hour as it patrolled the reservoir from end to end, often hovering and then diving for small fish, one time doing this no more than 20 metres in front of me, hitting the water with a loud 'smack' as it did so. The bird also exhibited its typically dashing, fast flight action, very different to the buoyant flight of the Common Terns; it also showed off its distinctive structure, with relatively short tail streamers and long, swept-back wings.

Little Terns breed in small colonies around the coast of the British Isles. As a breeding species they are scarce and local, with a British population of around 2,000 pairs. I have often seen them in Norfolk and Northumberland, but they are fairly rare inland, so I was very happy to encounter this bird on my local patch. Most recent Northants records have come from sites along the Nene Valley, but as this shows, they can occur at any small to medium body of water as they migrate overland. This individual is likely to have been a late-arriving summer visitor heading from the west coast of Africa to its coastal breeding grounds in north-west Europe.

Hollowell Reservoir has recently proved fruitful for tern species: in the last twelve months I've also seen Common, Arctic, Black and Sandwich Terns here and - the highlight in terms of rarity - last July, a Caspian Tern, which I wrote about in an earlier edition of this article. Thanks for your continued interest in this feature: I appreciate the many kind comments that I have received. If you are interested in my work as county bird recorder, see my website <https://joncookbirding.wordpress.com>, or feel free to contact me by email at joncooknorthantsbirds@gmail.com.

Jon Cook, Hollowell, July 2024.

Said the mother Tern to her baby Tern

"Would you like a brother?"

Said the baby Tern to the mother Tern,

"Yes, one good Tern deserves another."

Spike Milligan

COLD ASHBY NEWS

NEWS FROM THE MEMORIAL HALL

MERRY COMRADES MAY DAY REUNION

What a fabulous afternoon we had on Saturday 18th May when we celebrated May Day with a traditional 'May Day Tea' and danced around the Maypole reminiscing about days gone by in the village. Thank you to everyone who came and enjoyed this nostalgic afternoon. Special thanks to Gemma Sellers, Mandy Carson, Julie Webb and Carole Oliver for preparing the lovely tea.



MIDSUMMER MADNESS

Well done again Cold Ashby on another superb evening at The Memorial Hall for our Midsummer Madness evening on Saturday 22nd June. Huge thanks, as always to Dave Harris for doing such a great job as compere and DJ. Thanks also goes to Mandy Carson and Gemma Sellers for preparing the cheesy platters and Eton Messes, and to Fiona Gunn-Stokes, Julie Webb, Andrew Bott and Helen Bott Flemington for their help throughout the evening.

A SPECIAL BIG THANK YOU TO OUR WONDERFUL COLD ASHBY COMMUNITY

On behalf of our committee, I would like to thank members of our community for their continued support either by attending our events, or by donating items for use by the Memorial Hall or by volunteering and giving up their time in order to improve events or facilities at the hall. We are so lucky to have such a fantastic support and a wonderful group of people who work together and give so much for the greater good of the village. We are truly grateful.



**Cold Ashby
Village Show**
Saturday 31st August
Cold Ashby Memorial Hall
Vegetables, flowers,
preserves, baking and crafts
Everyone welcome to enter



Cold Ashby Memorial Hall
Sunday Cafe
Join us for breakfast between
10-1 pm
Sunday 11th August
Sunday 8th September
Bacon, Sausage, Egg rolls,
Toasties and cakes available
to eat in or takeaway

COLD ASHBY NEWS

SUNDAY CAFE

Thank you to everyone who has been joining us for our monthly Sunday Cafe and we look forward to seeing you again at our next cafe on **Sunday 11th August from 9:30-12pm.**

ALAN'S CHARITY AGAPANTHUS



One of our village residents, Alan Peel, grows beautiful Agapanthus which he sells to raise funds for Cancer Research. Alan has a large collection for sale at the price of £10 per plant. You can call Alan on 01604743480 or call at 3, West Haddon Road, Cold Ashby should you wish to make a purchase. **They will be in flower from mid-July.**

Cold Ashby Golf Centre

Open Air Summer Concert

Big Hair & Take a Chance on Queen

Saturday 10th August - 7pm for 7.45pm start

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Shaun Taylor Fun Day
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Saturday 14th September
2.30pm-5pm
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Raffle
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Face painting
Bouncy castle

Refreshments
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COLD ASHBY EVENTS FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER.

Everyone is welcome to join us for the following events and residents' support will ensure that we are able to keep these important village facilities open and provide opportunities for entertainment, social interaction and keep the village pool and skittle teams going.

Date	Event	Place	Details
Sat 3 rd August	Social night	Memorial Hall	From 7:30pm
Wed 7 th Aug	Skittles CA a v BH	Memorial Hall	From 7:30pm
Fri 9 th Aug	Social night	Pavilion	From 7pm
Sun 11 th Aug	Sunday Cafe	Memorial Hall	9-30-12pm
Wed 14 th Aug	Skittles CA a V LBRC	Memorial Hall	From 7:30pm
Sat 17 th Aug	Social Night	Memorial Hall	From 7:30pm
Wed 21 st Aug	CA b V CSB	Memorial Hall	From 7:30pm
Fri 23 rd Aug	Social night	Pavilion	From 7pm
Tues 27 th Aug	Film Night	Pavilion	From 7pm £ 5 for wine and cheese
Wed 28 th Aug	CA a V CA b	Memorial Hall	From 7:30pm
Sat 31 st Aug	Cold Ashby Village Show	Memorial Hall	More details in letter delivered to households
Sat 31 st Aug	Games Social night	Memorial Hall	From 7:30pm
Mon 2 nd Sept	Pool Night	Pavilion	From 7:30pm
Sun 8 th Sept	Sunday Cafe	Memorial Hall	9:30- 12pm
Mon 9 th Sept	Pool Night	Pavilion	From 7:30pm
Sat 14 th Sept	Social Night	Memorial Hall	From 7:30pm
Wed 18 th Sept	Skittles League Pairs knockout	Memorial Hall	From 7:30pm
Sun 22 nd Sept	Harvest Festival	Church	09:30
Mon 23 rd Sept	Harvest Supper	Memorial Hall	More details nearer the time
Tues 24 th Sept	Film Night	Pavilion	From 7pm £ 5 for wine and cheese
Wed 25 th Sept	Skittles League Presentation	Memorial Hall	From 7:30pm
Sat 28 th Sept	80's night	Memorial Hall	From 7:30pm

Pool nights some Mondays from 7.30pm at the Cold Ashby Playing Field Pavilion. Bar open.

Please check village Facebook pages for further details of planned events listed above.

NEWS FROM ST DENYS CHURCH

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 ** OPEN GARDENS **
 ** Thank you to everyone who attended **
 ** our Open Gardens on Sunday 21st **
 ** July. More details on the event will **
 ** follow in the next edition. **
 **

HARVEST FESTIVAL AND SUPPER
Harvest Festival will take place at St Denys Church on Sunday 22nd September at 09:30 and everyone is welcome to come along. **Our Harvest Supper** will take place on Monday 23rd at The Memorial Hall. A two-course supper will be served. Please see village posters for more details and how to book nearer the time.

COTTESBROOKE NEWS

Village Hall

All village residents are kindly invited to stop in for a coffee, cake and a catch-up with neighbours old and new!

3 August, 10-12: Coffee Morning

7 September, 10-12: Coffee Morning

26 September: Soundbath

Please see Sally Fordy to reserve your place for a relaxing evening.

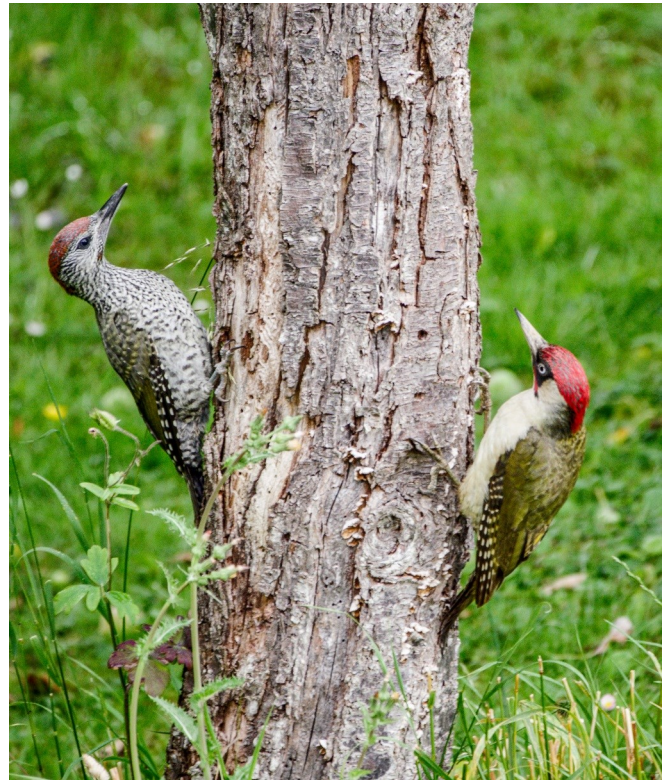
Yvonne Dorothy Daw

24th April 1947 to 27th December 2023

Derek Daw wishes to announce that he has had great pleasure in donating £700 to Cottesbrooke Church from plant sales. The plants were propagated by his late wife, Yvonne, who had raised plants in her nursery at Station Road, Cottesbrooke for many years for the church and other charities.

Yvonne was a well known Horticulturalist, Head Gardener at Coton Manor followed by Head Gardener at Cottesbrooke Hall and was a well known Show Judge throughout the Midlands. It was wonderful that so many people, in fact 191, attended the Memorial Service for her in Cottesbrooke Church, which was beautifully conducted by the Rev. Allison Twigg.

Derek and his family would like to thank everyone for their condolences and help over the last months.



Many people are lucky enough to capture a picture of one Green Woodpecker, but here Steve Nicholas has managed a pair. They are colourful characters with a taste for ants, and their laughing cry is one of the defining sounds of the British woodland. The full colour version can be found on the Village Link website: villagelink.org.uk.

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CREATON NEWS

Walking Group

On the second Saturday in June it was raining in Creaton, but not in the West Haddon and Winwick area when the Creaton Walking Group enjoyed a beautiful, dry walk over Honey Hill and back to The Pytchley for lunch where they were joined by six supporters.

The group were particularly delighted to be joined by a visitor from London who had never experienced a country walk before, but who kept up very well and loved the company. Also the group were joined by a dog who was on doggie day care who loved the walk and was very impressed by the sausages at the Pytchley!

The July walk involved the last leg of the Via Beata route which two members of the group look after (from Raunds to Watford) and was a circular route via Watford. One day some of the group plan to walk the whole of the Via Beata from Lowestoft to St David's, across the widest part of Britain.

If you enjoy walking and can easily manage eight miles come and join the group on the second Saturday of the month. We meet at Creaton lychgate at 10am.

Next walks are on August 13th and September 14th.

Creaton WI

What a gorgeous day it was for Creaton in Bloom! Thank you to everyone who supported our stall; you may have noticed from the decorative banners that we are proud to be celebrating 100 years of Creaton WI, quite an achievement!



Our programme for the rest of the year is:

September 11th "Sustainable Floristry"

Kate Gardner (Gardner's Blooms, Harpole)

October 9th Making Mosaic Coasters

Jane Wimbury

November - Centenary Celebrations (Members only)

December 11th "Women in Art"

Grainne Purkiss

Other than in November, meetings start at 7:30pm in the United Reform Church and non-members are very welcome.

Please just come along or contact President, Daphne Clark, 01604 505546 or email wicreaton@gmail.com for more information.

The Creaton Singers



The Creaton Singers greatly enjoyed entertaining visitors to Creaton in Bloom teas and were encouraged by the many compliments they received. It made all the hard work practising worthwhile. Glennis Ambrose, the Musical Director, put together a mixture of well-known and lesser known songs, and this included audience participation, making for a very jolly afternoon. The Creaton Singers have been invited to be part of the concert celebrating 800 years since Creaton's church, St Michael and All Angels, was founded. Practices are in full swing as the singers get to grips with ancient English for some of the older songs! The concert is on **Sunday 8th September 3pm - Save the Date!** (see below). If you enjoy singing, why not come to a practice session? Creaton Singers meet every Tuesday from 7:30pm until 9pm in the URC on Creaton High Street. It's great fun and no audition is necessary!

Also, if you would like to lead the Creaton Singers, please contact Jane on 07879604029. Glennis is sadly, but understandably, retiring as Musical Director, but will continue to play and sing. An opportunity for a budding musician!

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Creaton Heritage Project



As you may know by now, St Michael & All Angels is to celebrate 800 years of being in the community, and that means that most of the building has been around that long. However there are some major parts that are newer. The extension to the left of the Porch houses the organ and was built in 1888. The masons that did it did an excellent job. If you take a walk round the outside of the church, have a look at how they have fitted the extension seamlessly to the main body of the building.

Creaton URC

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

Sunday	August	
4 th 11am		Jon Heard
11 th 11am		Andrew Bosworth
18 th 11am	Holy Communion	Rev Geoff Townsend
25 th 11am		Rev Nigel Adkinson

Sunday	September	
1 st 11am	Holy Communion	Jon Heard
8 th 11am		Rev Geoff Townsend
15 th 11am		Rev Jay Phelps
22 nd 11am		Wendy Pittman
29 th 11am	Joint Service Creaton	Rev Jane Wade

Poppies coffee shop is open Wednesdays and Fridays, from 10am to 12 noon. You will be very welcome.



Creaton in Bloom 2024

THANK YOU

A huge Thank You to everyone involved in whatever way with Creaton in Bloom 2024. It was another very successful year, thanks to you and the weather! Due to your efforts, we raised **£8,907** for:

£6,798	Fabric Fund, St Michael & All Angels
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CREATON NEWS



Creaton Playing Field Association

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Under 10s Football

On Saturday 15th June Creaton Playing Field was transformed into a full 9-a-side pitch for a post season match between West Haddon and Moulton Magpies Under 10s as they get ready for next season.

A couple of volunteers measured and line marked out a pitch on Thursday night and our fantastic volunteer mowing team ensured the grass was as smooth as the Wembley surface, or close enough!

It was great to see all the boys put on a brilliantly entertaining match with West Haddon walking away with a 6-3 win!

Save the Dates!

Given the success of our Curry Night earlier this year, we are holding another one on 15th September 2024. And here is an early notice that we will be holding our Quiz Evening on 16th November.

Thank You

Thank you to Creaton in Bloom and Benyons for their very generous donations to the much needed new play surface.

Updates

We are looking forward to Cottesbrooke Estate replacing the drain pipe that has collapsed, which should prevent the flooding of the playing field.



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We have been told that summer is here, which is, of course, good news! Here at the shop we have everything for your barbecue and outdoor parties. Come and spoil yourself with asparagus and strawberries (though possibly not strawberries on the BBQ).

If you are thinking of looking for summer elsewhere, don't forget that the Post Office can provide you with your foreign currency. Do give us a few days' warning if you are looking to top up on Lev or Dirham or Lira.

Have you seen our new chiller? We think it's pretty cool. It has allowed us to extend our range so do have a look next time you are in. Even better, it is environmentally friendly and will help our efforts for sustainability significantly.

We extend a warm welcome back to our younger volunteers returning from university for the summer or now off school for a well-earned break.

If you enjoy working in a dynamic and fun environment, whether you are young or young at heart, do come and have a chat with anyone serving in the shop. If you would prefer not to work behind the counter, you could join our baking team producing delicious pastries.



CREATON PARISH COUNCIL

Creaton Parish Council Contact Details

You can contact our Parish Clerk for Creaton Parish Council, Katrina Jones on creatonpc@gmail.com.

Agendas and minutes of meetings are available on the Parish Council website www.creaton.org.uk and are also posted on the noticeboard on Violet Lane. We also have a Facebook page.

Parish Council Meeting dates:

Meetings are held bi-monthly on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm at Creaton Village Hall. The next meeting date is on:

3rd September 2024

The remaining meeting for 2024 is:

5th November

West Northants Council Consultations

West Northants Council hold regular consultations on a range of issues. Full details of current consultations can be found online at:

<https://westnorthants.citizenspace.com/>

Planning Applications

Please look on the West Northants Council website for full details of all Planning Applications:

<https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/planning-applications-and-enforcement/view-and-comment-planning-application>

Mowing

The Parish Council has reviewed its mowing plan and will be adding more frequent cuts to some areas, such as where overgrown verges have posed a problem to pedestrians or residents on parts of Hollowell Road and Teeton Lane.

Overgrowth

Residents are asked to please check for any overgrown vegetation on their property which may be impinging on public roads or footpaths and kindly cut it back.



WE HAVE VACANCIES

We're looking for:
Creaton residents to join the Parish Council.

Do you want to make a difference to the local community and improve your local area? If yes, why not become a Parish Councillor?

For more information email:
the Parish Clerk at
creatonpc@gmail.com

GUILSBOROUGH NEWS

GUILSBOROUGH FRIENDS

We are a local friendly group for ladies and gentlemen, usually meeting at 7.30pm, at Guilsborough Village Hall, the second Thursday of the month.

During the summer months we arrange outside events, weather permitting. Social activities include:

- Guest speakers
- Garden visits
- Meals out
- Visits to local places of interest and much more

£3 per meeting, unless otherwise stated, which is used to cover refreshments, costs and make charitable donations.

We look forward to welcoming new members.

Our Programme for the next 3 months:

Thursday 8th August Crick, Historical Walk and Talk

Thursday 12th September - Illustrated talk Bees, Flowers and Honey (See below)

For further information contact:

Janet Minney T 01604 740640

Elizabeth Southgate T 01604 740064

Bees, Flowers and Honey

Guilsborough Friends would like to extend an open invitation to this illustrated talk, by Graham Padden from Northamptonshire Beekeepers Association.

Northamptonshire Beekeepers' Association (NBKA) is a Registered Charity, It was founded in 1882 and became a Registered Charity in 1987. Its primary objective is to "advance the education of the public in apiculture in Northamptonshire"

Thursday September 12th at 7.30pm at Guilsborough Village Hall

Tickets £5 per person on the door. To include refreshments.

Further information available from:
Elizabeth Southgate T 01604 740064
Janet Minney T 01604 740640



VISIT TO WOODCOTE MANOR

Sue and Geoff Woodward open their garden regularly for the National Garden Scheme (NGS) So far this year they have raised £1426 and hope to raise in excess of £2000. Several more openings are planned this year and are detailed in the NGS booklet.



Wendy Howe, Pat and Tom Lawton enjoying the garden

View from the bottom of the garden (right) A border in the garden. (below)



GUILSBOROUGH NEWS

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

On 6th June the Parish Council, along with the Guilsborough & Hollowell branch of The Royal British Legion, joined in the national Remembrance of the 80th anniversary of the D Day landings by lighting a Lamp of Peace at 9:15pm followed by the reading of a proclamation. Col. Evans also said a few words. It was well attended and thank you to those that joined us. If you feel like you missed out then a date for your diaries is Thursday 8th May 2025, which will be the 80th anniversary of VE Day.



Parish Council Chairman Tony Hart






Colonel Evans

Breaking with tradition this year, instead of holding our Annual Parish Meeting as a formal meeting we held a **Village Showcase Event** on 22nd June which was quite well attended. Certainly, more parishioners attended than we would usually have seen at the Annual Parish Meeting, so we're rating it as a great success! We had approximately 20 village organisations and businesses represented, highlighting just how much goes on in village life, and we would like to thank all of you for helping make this a success.



Clockwise from top left, the GPFA served up some great hot rolls, our local Fire Service demonstrated CPR and invited others to have a go, some of the exhibitors, the fire engine attracted interest, Merrick Bowles lead the hand bells and lastly, more exhibitors.

Monday Morning Meet
 Guilsborough Village Hall
 9 – 11am every Monday (excluding Bank Holidays)

All welcome, baby – OAPs.
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GUILSBOROUGH NEWS

CRICKET NEWS

The season is well underway for both juniors and seniors. There is extensive use of the Guilsborough Playing Field for junior, ladies' and men's games and training throughout the week. The U15s are having a stand out season - they are leading the Northampton District League, the Rugby District Cricket League (RDCL) and have made it to the final of the RDCL Cup. Ian Hardwick from Guilsborough, is having a very successful season, as the new junior cricket manager.



SIR JOHN LOWTHER CRICKET GAME

On Sunday August 11th, the Annual Sir John Lowther Cricket game will take place at the Guilsborough Playing Field. Sir John was the Lord Lieutenant of Northamptonshire for many years and sold the land so that the village had a recreational field for team sports. It is an opportunity for the village to come together, watch some cricket, enjoy a good lunch in marquees, in the delightful Playing Field setting on the West Haddon Road. Children are very welcome at reduced prices. Hugh Lowther's XI will play a Guilsborough Gentlemen's XI.

VANDALISM AT THE PLAYING FIELD

There has been some vandalism at the Playing Field between 28th May and June 3rd. On one of the artificial surface run-ups of the cricket nets, it looks as if someone had a disposable BBQ. Also the wicket on square has had divots scraped out. A replacement run-up artificial surface will cost over a thousand pounds; a temporary repair will be attempted to enable the net to be used. It is appalling that someone could be so stupid. We assume they did not want to sit on the grass (too wet...) but failed to understand that heat can also go down from the BBQ as well as up. A report has gone to the police about both incidents.

STEAM RALLY BOTTLE STALL THANKS



Our sincere thanks to everyone who donated bottles and volunteered to man the stall over the weekend. It was a great success!

The Annual Sir John Lowther Memorial Cricket Match and Village Lunch



Sunday 11th August 2024

Good food, good wine and good company!

This ticket includes a 2 course buffet lunch to be held at Guilsborough Playing Field

Cricket match starts 10.30am

Licensed bar open from 11.30

Lunch served at 12.30pm

Tickets £25 adult, £10 children, Under 5s free.

Please put this date in your diary. Those who would like to attend should contact the GPFA Secretary, Graham.Byars@hotmail.com or 0771 2649833.



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September

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Caroline on 07840 846842 or Chris on 07857 707503.

A Wonderful Day...

Jenny Fulcher and Harry Hutchins were married at Guilsborough Church on July 12th. By all accounts it was a wonderful day, topped off with the Wedding Breakfast at Dodford Manor.



Congratulations to the Bride and Groom!

GUILSBOROUGH NEWS



PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

From the Headteacher...

It really has been a busy summer term with so much happening at

Guilsborough C of E Primary School. We've enjoyed a whole school trip to Cadbury's World, Year 6 Residential, A Hindu visitor to our school, Cross Country event and so much more! Niall our Pacesetter coach has been very busy with the sports here at Guilsborough. These have included lots of competitions and tournaments with neighbouring schools, house competitions, Pacesetters events and our Sports Day. Thank you to all parents who could join us for these events.

Year 4 have been taking part in swimming this term which they have thoroughly enjoyed. The progress the children made was brilliant and their water safety lesson went really well! Well done Year 4.

Year 6 have taken part in a transition Prayer space which helped them feel calm about their move to secondary school. These spaces have helped many of our previous pupils to reflect on their move to secondary school in a very positive way.

It was lovely to see so many parents and families at our Whole School Picnic. The sun was shining brightly and the Year Reception/1 and 2/3 Maypole dancing was a joy to watch. Well done to Mrs Holcombe and Mrs Preston for choreographing such a well practised performance.



The Year 6 residential was a big success, despite temporary incarceration!

We are very excited for our end of term Year 5/6 performance of 'Guilsborough Musical'. The rehearsals are in full swing and I must say... both the teachers and children are very excited! We also look forward to our Year 6 leavers afternoon where we will have tissues at the ready.

Year 4 thoroughly enjoyed our PDET Just Sing afternoon and evening performance at the Derngate Theatre this term. This was an event where our PDET family of schools came together to sing. It was a super event and I know parents enjoyed watching their children perform at the evening show. It's times like these where I sit back, listen and feel so proud of all of our children and feel grateful for being part of the PDET trust family.

Please remember, if you need any information about what's happening at Guilsborough Primary we have lots of information on our website – www.guilsboroughprimary.co.uk – or you can keep up to speed via our Facebook account – Guilsborough C of E Primary School (a closed group for parents, guardians or carers) – or through our Twitter profile – @guilsboroughpri and YouTube channel.

Have a wonderful summer break!

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HOLLOWELL & TEETON NEWS

SINGIN' IN THE RAIN

On an all too rare warm and sunny evening in June, a small group of Hollowell Hens visited Kilworth House Theatre to watch Singin' In The Rain.

Before the performance we enjoyed a glass of Prosecco and a lovely picnic on the lawn, before making our way through the trees to the remarkable open-air theatre.

It was a fabulous production; the standard of the singing and dancing was excellent and the live band was amazing.

We all thoroughly enjoyed the evening; perhaps the highlight was the title song complete with pouring rain and puddles on stage - we were very glad we didn't have seats in the front row!

LAST CHANCE THIS YEAR TO LEARN TO SAIL AT HOLLOWELL

RYA Stage 1 for children: 7 & 14 September

RYA Level 1 for Adults: 21 & 22 September

Children: If you missed the school holiday courses, there is one more opportunity for juniors and youths from 8 years upwards to learn to start to sail. By the end of it you will be able to sail out and come back and gain RYA Stage 1 certification. The members cost of £60 includes instruction, use of a boat and buoyancy aid, an RYA logbook and certificate. Once stage 1 is completed members can come to our coaching sessions which run every other Sunday morning during the season. Non-members are welcome on the training course too at a cost of £110.

Adults: Run over two days our instructors will take you from the very basics up to being able to sail a single-handed or double handed dinghy. For the double handed course an instructor will be in the boat with you for the majority of the course. For those wanting to learn to sail a single handed boat this can be accommodated. At the end of this course you should be able to sail a triangle 'under instruction' but often you will be able to do this on your own. Minimum age: 16 years. Cost: £100 members, £175 non-members. For more information and to book visit www.hollowellsc.org.uk



STEAM RALLY REPORT

You never quite know what you are going to find at Hollowell Steam & Heavy Horse Show and the 2024 event did not disappoint. A quick wander round the field revealed ferret racing in one corner, a "Bike Battle" in another, and dancing sheep in a third. There were Bernese Carting dogs with their gorgeous Swiss carts, owls and reptiles, though fortunately not in the same tent, a juggling and magic show, plus a mobile rifle range. At one point I found myself transported as I watched a line of Land Rovers perform the "who can move the slowest whilst reversing" race in the Main Ring. Who needs Tiktok or YouTube? This was entertainment of a real and otherworldly quality, where anything could happen right in front of you. The steam engines chuffed and tooted, the heavy horses tossed their manes and the fairground whirred merrily along. It was a shame that the dodgy summer weather and possibly the football, meant the numbers attending were a little down. Congratulations should be offered to the Rally Committee and their many volunteers, for the tremendous effort that goes into putting on this traditional country show with a twist.

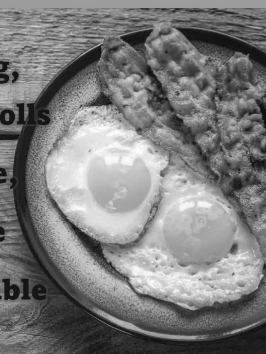
THE BIG BREAKFAST

The popular Village Hall Big Breakfast is coming up on Saturday 7th September 9.30am to 12 noon. And please save the date for the Harvest Supper on Saturday 12th October. Book early to avoid disappointment: emilyinthegarden@gmail.com

Saturday 7th September 2024

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9:30am

To

12 noon



HOLLOWELL & TEETON NEWS

HOLLOWELL VILLAGE HALL SURVEY

The Hollowell Village Hall Committee would like to express its thanks to all those that contributed to the recent 'Village Hall Survey'. We received 51 responses (just short of 40% of houses in Hollowell and Teeton), from a wide variety of community members, reminding us of the important part that the Village Hall plays in the fabric of our parish.

Your responses to the fourteen questions have really helped us understand more about why the hall is used, its perceived value to the community and the opportunities for its future use. We will use them to tailor our activities.

The "word cloud" right has been created from the comments made in our survey about what the inhabitants of the parish value most when using the hall.

Hollowell Village Hall was given in trust to the village in 1972 to serve as a focal point for the inhabitants of Hollowell, providing a community space for events, education and leisure activities. The Village Hall Committee is run by unpaid volunteers, who work to put on fantastic events throughout the year. These include the Steam & Whistle pub nights, The Big Breakfast, Café Christmas, Quiz Night etc and they raise vital funds for the Village Hall.

The hall is run as a not-for-profit for the village and it only survives due to village contributions and external grants.

Every event supported by villagers helps towards the £8,000

per annum that it costs to maintain the hall. Put simply, without such continued support, the village hall would close.

We look forward to putting on events for the enjoyment of everyone in our community and we are always looking for volunteers to join our committee in order to continue the great voluntary work already being undertaken. If you fancy helping out and joining our friendly team, then please contact email us at hollowellvillagehall@gmail.com

We hope to see you at the hall soon!





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HOLLOWELL & TEETON NEWS

THE MOST ROMANTIC MAN IN THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE UPLANDS?

June 3rd was just an ordinary Monday evening for most of us, but for Richard and Silvija Atkins it was rather special; it marked the first anniversary of their idyllic wedding in Hollowell Church and Village Hall.

Richard, a romantic at heart, wanted to surprise his lovely wife with something different and unexpected. He did just that! Enlisting family and friends, he organised the Hall to be decorated in the soft colours of the wedding with arrangements of peonies to replicate Silvija's bouquet. The table was set beautifully, and candle lit and a four-course meal was prepared and simmering gently in the kitchen.

Richard and a still unaware Silvija, arrived to, "just take a nostalgic look at the church." Wandering round to the Village Hall to peep through the window, the scene they encountered was exactly what Richard had imagined. Silvija's surprise that it was just for them, made all his hard work worthwhile.

They were delighted to have a chance to enjoy the evening together in this beautiful setting and I'm sure reminisced about the wedding and their first year of married life.



HOPEWELL COFFEE MORNINGS

There will be **no** coffee morning in August, whilst we take our usual annual break. From September to December, coffee mornings will be held on the 3rd Friday of the month, starting on September 20th.

Why not come and join us for a cuppa, a piece of delicious cake and a catch up with friends? We meet in Hollowell Village Hall, 10.30am to 12.30pm.

For more information, or for help with transport, please call Paul on 07780 265614 or email: wearehopewell@gmail.com.

EVERYONE WELCOME.



VILLAGE HALL PUB NIGHT

Where better to be on a chilly, wet May evening than the Hollowell Steam and Whistle pop-up-pub in the village hall? Visitors thoroughly enjoyed the barrel of Cobbler's Ale acquired from Phipps Northampton Brewery Company. The traditional Northamptonshire skittles table was dusted off for some informal challenges and practice, and there was much scratching of heads over the tabletop quiz questions. A relaxed and convivial evening was had by those able to attend. Huge thanks to the organisers.



HOLLOWELL CHURCH

Since our appeal for support last year we have been encouraged by increased attendance at our monthly service and are very grateful to those who have made this commitment and who are giving people lifts to church and helping out in other ways. Everyone is always welcome at our services.



VILLAGE HALL LOTTO WINNERS:

Caroline Stocks, Sheila Douglas, Mandy Crutchley
Suzie Defoe, Rene Hill, Sue McCubbin
Helen Brown, Judy Brown

THORNBY NEWS

THORNBY RESIDENT MARRIES IN PARISH CHURCH



Cara Brookes and Alex New were married in our parish church of St Helen on Saturday 29th June. Family and guests travelled from near and far to join the happy couple on probably the only fine Saturday this summer! A true community event with the church yard, church and bridal flowers all looking splendid. Their reception was held at Kilworth House Hotel.

Did you know? Thornby now has a website!



You can find useful information (for example parish meeting minutes) at www.thornby.org.uk
We would like to include more information about the history of Thornby. If any local residents have photos or written/oral histories that they can share, we would love to include them on our website. Please send to russellj carr@gmail.com.

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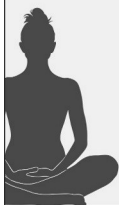
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- August 6th: make your own fishing game
- August 13th: make your own skittles
- August 20th: make your own puppet scenes
- August 27th: make your own colour-changing chameleon!

All sessions include a story, a craft and a library hunt. £2.50 per session. Everyone who completes the hunt gets a free gift. Book early as numbers will be limited.

Buckby Library & Hub at the **Buckby Feast**: we'll be having a **book sale** and a **tombola** at the Feast, on Feast Day, Monday August 26th. Come along for your bargain books and the chance of winning a small prize. The Buckby Feast is held on the sports playing fields, Station Road, NN6 7QA.

Finally, a heads-up for an **Auction of Promises**, a fundraising event on the evening of Friday September 27th. More soon on our website! For all our regular activities, please go to our website, where you can find our calendar as well as information about our special events: <https://buckbylibraryhub.org>. Email: info@buckbylibraryhub.org; Tel: 01327 842591

Here are some summer events at your library and hub in Long Buckby.

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I hope this letter finds you well and enjoying the warm, sunny days of summer. As the season unfolds, I am reminded of the beauty and abundance that surround us, a testament to God's glorious creation.

Summer in our villages is a time of vibrancy and community. The longer days provide ample opportunity for us to come together and celebrate the many blessings we share. I encourage you to take part in the various activities planned for the coming weeks, for the churches we will be enjoying running our weekly summer picnics, with crafts and fun and games for families. These events are wonderful occasions to strengthen our bonds, enjoy fellowship, and create happy memories.

Our church will also be hosting our regular summer services, including outdoor worship sessions that allow us to praise and reflect amidst nature's splendour. I invite you to join us in these gatherings as we give thanks for the season and seek inspiration from its beauty.

Let's also remember those who might find this time of year challenging. Whether it's the elderly who struggle with the heat or families facing financial pressures, let's extend a helping hand and show our love and support in every way we can. Wishing you all a joyful and blessed summer. May it be filled with sunshine, laughter, and a renewed sense of community.

Warmest regards,
Reverend Allison

FANTASTIC BEASTS SUMMER PICNICS



Thursdays in August between 11am - 1pm
8th Guilsborough
15th Ravensthorpe
22nd Spratton
29th Creaton

Fun for the family, we hope to see you there!



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MAY 2024

Thank you to those who distributed envelopes and to those who donated. Just under £240 was raised via the envelopes and online. The focus this year was for supporting rural communities in Africa to set up small businesses by supplying basic essentials - for example a safe - to begin an enterprise. Every £10 raised goes a long way.

Hilary Worton

REPORTED BY THE BBC: Two people have been arrested in connection with a series of church burglaries. The break-ins took place between March and June this year, mostly in rural areas in Northamptonshire.

Police said the incidents took place in Grendon, Spratton, Brackley, and Guilsborough with churches broken into and items stolen. A 33-year-old man and a 29-year-old woman have been arrested and bailed.

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	4 th August	11 th August	18 th August	25 th August	1 st Sept	8 th Sept	15 th Sept	22 nd Sept	29 th Sept	6 th October
Cold Ashby		10.00am Group Service Creaton		9.30am BCP Communion	11.00am CW Communion	10.00am Group Service Cold Ashby		9.30am BCP Communion Harvest Festival	10.00am Group Service Spratton	11.00am Harvest Festival
Cottesbrooke	11.00am BCP Communion				11.00am BCP Communion					11.00am Harvest Festival
Creaton	9.30am BCP Communion		9.30 CW Communion		9.30am BCP Communion		9.30 CW Communion			9.30am Harvest Festival with URC
Guisborough	11.00am CW Communion		Brunch@11 Village Hall 6.00pm Evensong	9.30am BCP Communion	11.00am CW Communion		Brunch@11 Village Hall 6.00pm Evensong	9.30am CW Communion Harvest Festival		11.00am CW Communion
Hollowell				11.00am CW Communion				11.00am Harvest Festival		
Ravensthorpe	8.30am BCP Communion		9.30 CW Communion	11.00am Worship for All	8.30am BCP Communion		9.30 CW Communion	11.00am Worship For All		8.30am BCP Communion
Spratton	11.00am Worship for All		8.30 BCP Communion	11.00am CW Communion	11.00am Worship for All		8.30 BCP Communion	11.00am CW Communion		11.00am Worship for All Harvest Festival
Thorndby	9.30am BCP Communion				9.30am BCP Communion					3.00pm Harvest Festival

Ravensthorpe Harvest Festival 20th October 9.30am

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GMADS production of Alice in a Garden was a great success! Special thanks to Mark and Gay Webster for hosting it in their beautiful garden, and weren't they lucky with the weather! Pictured clockwise left to right: the audience looks on as the Mad Hatter's tea party gets underway. Queen of Hearts (Amanda Miller) with Director, Pam Townsend. The White Rabbit (our very own Liz Sibbald) with the QoH and finally a suitably crazy game of croquet, complete with pink flamingos, and Alice (Nina Squires).



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Saxon Spires Patient Participation Group
Summer 2024

The SSPPG is a collaborative team of Patients and Practice Staff, including GPs and Practice Management.

Our meetings are held quarterly and alternate between Brixworth and Guilsborough Surgeries. We meet to review issues and identify ways of assisting the practice in its effort to improve the services available. The next meeting will be held at Brixworth Surgery on Wednesday 21st August at 6.30pm. New members are always welcome.

Health Walks will take place on the third Monday of each month. They will last for about 60 mins, beginning at 11am. The August walk will be on Monday 19th August, meeting at the Spencer Arms, Chapel Brampton NN6 8AE. If you would like to have lunch after the walk, please select your menu choice in the pub from 10.30am, Rosemary Ward will lead the walks.

A Get Up and Go Exercise Class aimed at preventing falls, improving your balance and coordination, is held at Naseby Village Hall on Tuesdays from 2.30pm - 3.15pm. The course is run by Northamptonshire Sport and you can book a place by calling 07312 247673. The cost is £6 per session.

Watch our Saxon Spires Patient Participation Group Facebook page for regular announcement on all activities or for more information drop us an email on ssppg2022@gmail.com or phone 01604 880552.

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