



## Show Time!



Cottesbrooke resident Aimee Cole was presented with the inaugural Yvonne Daws Trophy by show organiser Derek Daws for her stunning Dahlia 'Labyrinth'. The trophy is in memory of Yvonne, who was known for her love of flowers and who sadly passed away earlier this year. More show news on page 7.



Cold Ashby's Andrew Bott was crowned supreme champion this year in the village produce show. He made a clean sweep winning the Best in Show Produce Cup, The Dave Penney Man Cake Cup and The Best Cake in Show. Congratulations! More show news on page 4.

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## WHAT'S ON

### OCTOBER

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- 5th Oktoberfest, Cottesbrooke
- 6th Harvest Festival, Thornby
- 9th Creaton WI
- 10th Guilsborough Friends
- 12th Coffee Morning, Cottesbrooke
- 12th Creaton Walkers
- 17th FOSM History, Creaton
- 19th Harvest Supper Hollowell
- 20th, Autumn Farm Walk, Thornby
- 21st Health Walk, Brampton Halt
- 25th Hopewell Coffee Morning

### NOVEMBER

- See p.6 for all Cold Ashby Events
- 2nd Coffee Morning, Cottesbrooke
- 2nd Bonfire Night Hollowell
- 9th Creaton Walkers
- 14th Guilsborough Friends
- 15th Hopewell Coffee Morning
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- 16th Creaton Playing Fields Quiz
- 17th, Christmas Fayre, Nagarjuna, Thornby
- 17th Christmas Fair, Cottesbrooke
- 17th Creaton Singers Christmas Carols
- 18th Health Walk, The Stag, Maidwell
- 20th SSSPPG Guilsborough Surgery
- 21st FOSM History, Creaton
- 22nd GMADS Quiz Guilsborough
- 28th Sound Bath pm, Cottesbrooke

### 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



## Mark Revitt-Smith

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Mark Revitt-Smith, born in Ravensthorpe, and long time resident of Guilsborough. For many years, Mark coordinated the distribution of Village Link, until ill health prevented him from continuing. Mark was both well known and well-liked in the community. His funeral was held at St Etheldreda's Guilsborough on Wednesday 28th August. His family kindly provided us with an excerpt of the Eulogy and some of the wonderful photos shared that day. See page 14.

### Attention Christmas Creatives!

No competition this year, but the Editors would welcome your festive-themed pictures, photos, or poems for the December/January edition. Please send an email to [editorial@villagelink.org](mailto:editorial@villagelink.org) by 4th November.



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## HOW MANY HIDDEN CREATURES CAN YOU FIND IN THIS STORY?

### ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL

Last year saw our ship posted to Oslo, then on to Stockholm. After our boat had docked I went to Tornado go-karting. We can't risk unkind words but it's quite a battle, murdering each other. Russia came last!

I like humbugs and find a few ease long journeys. Winning the trophy enabled me to buy a big bag, which was good, what with the price of myrrh I now expect to pay. It was cast from a gold ingot.

Later, at last, I found a shop that does nails and screws, but I could not get the mop or cup I needed. When I'm next in Bangor I'll ask if they have a tap I require and get a pen and a new dustpan there and also buy a king size bradawl .

Unfortunately, when the smoke wisp I'd erred in not reporting earlier, got lots of oxygen, it turned into a blaze and the flaming old building was reduced to ashes.

In Meldon Keynes I was molested when passing by a drab bit of wall. A bystander had a go at me and tried to grab the rucsac owned by my brother.

I was practising my sermon key points and was loth to stop so, 'Splat!' I pushed him over and Jack also put the boot in.

Working in the church I was peeling off a coating of emulsion when I found some lost richly decorated wall paintings and I asked my mother to bring me the anti-germ spray I could do with, or send it to deal with the fungi Raf fetched up attacking.

Rather than having just oats for breakfast I enjoy a bowl of muesli. On top I like to add Eric's sliced apples and some big nuts. Both are delicious.

I find it helps if I crib exams even though I wrote an essay on how to stop igloos being built on thin ice whilst using stoves with Camping Gaz. Ellen, my teacher, suggested I change 'on' to 'at' or to 'is', even though 'on' looked fine to me.

My new farce, with a really chic Kenyan girl in, got terrific reviews, though they made errors in printing the programme, and round Rome Daryl went the wrong way to the theatre.

I had to fly to Africa this evening, and I wanted to stop and admire the new terminal buildings. I had tried to ask if I could transfer returned tickets when someone cried, 'A bomb is on board!', and my bad German wasn't much help.

Yesterday had been my birthday. I put the lasagne in the micro, cod I left on the fridge, and we partied till late with help from Lyn, xylophonist extraordinaire. Whilst I played the ukulele, phantom dancers flitted though the bushes and a servant eloped with our local French teacher. It proved to be a very good evening.

By Roger Brandon -Jones  
 Answers on page 19

### How good is your local knowledge?

- Q1 In which of our local villages was Amphyllis Twigden, great-great-grandmother of George Washington, first President of the United States, born?
- Q2 Which of our village churches was featured in the Royal Mail's 2020 Christmas stamp collection, with its beautiful stained glass nativity window?
- Q3 Which village is home to a thriving Buddhist Centre and café?
- Q4 A former resident from which village was incarcerated in the infamous Colditz prison camp during WW2, sharing a double bunk with Wing Commander Douglas Bader?
- Q5 Which village's 17th century manor house was home in 1933 to Captain Robert Treeck, a Baron and German agent, reporting directly to Hitler, who vanished abruptly in September 1939?
- Q6 Which village features in Simon Jenkins' popular book 'England's Thousand Best Houses'?

Answers on page 19

# COLD ASHBY NEWS

## NEWS FROM THE MEMORIAL HALL

### OPEN GARDENS BBQ

Thankyou to everyone who joined us on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July for our BBQ to celebrate Cold Ashby Open Gardens. It was a lovely evening, and a good time was had by all. Huge thanks go to Andy Sellers who cooked the BBQ and to Mandy Carson and Gemma Sellers who prepared the salads.

### COLD ASHBY VILLAGE SHOW

Cold Ashby Village Show has been a tradition in the village for many, many years and we are pleased to uphold this important date in the Cold Ashby calendar. There were some fantastic entries, and our judges, Mick Lill, Anne Maynard, Julie Webb and Ann Brumby had some difficult decisions choosing the winners. Congratulations to all who took part and especially our winners. Our supreme champion this year was Andrew Bott who made a clean sweep winning the Best in Show Produce Cup, The Dave Penney Man Cake Cup and The Best Cake in Show. Thank you to our judges, to all who entered, and everyone who made donations or donated items to sell in aid of hall funds.

### 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 6th October from 9:30-12pm.

### COLD ASHBY SKITTLES TEAM NEWS

We had a great summer season with 2 skittles teams playing in the league for the first time in a number of years. We are very grateful to both teams for continuing to support The Memorial Hall and ensuring that the tradition of skittles continues in the village. The teams are very grateful to Mandy Carson for preparing and making the skittles refreshments every week. We look forward to a busy Winter Season which starts in Mid-October, when we will be playing on Wednesdays and Fridays.

## Cold Ashby Memorial Hall presents: Charity Race Night

Raising money for Warwickshire & Northamptonshire Air Ambulance in memory of Darren and Chris Sellers

Saturday 16th November

First Race 8:30pm

£5 for stake money

**Raffle**

Chilli & Rice supper available to pre-order £5

Served at 7:30pm

(See Mandy or Fiona to book)



## Cold Ashby Memorial Hall

### Sunday Cafe



Join us for breakfast between

09:30-12pm

**Sunday 6th October**

**Sunday 3rd November**

Bacon, Sausage, Egg rolls,  
Toasties and cakes available to eat  
in or takeaway



## NEWS FROM ST DENYS CHURCH

### OPEN GARDENS

Thank you to everyone who attended our Open Gardens on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July. The weather was perfect, and the 250 visitors had a lovely afternoon wandering round looking at some beautiful gardens, supporting various stalls and enjoying a glass of Pimms or having tea and cake at The Memorial Hall. A huge amount of work goes into this event and the PCC are very grateful and thank everyone who gave up their time and effort or made donations to make it another success raising a grand total of £3,255 in aid of St Denys Church.



**HARVEST FESTIVAL  
AND SUPPER**

Thank you to all who joined us for our Harvest Festival and Harvest Supper in September. More details will follow in the next edition.

**CHRISTMAS CRAFT &  
GIFT FAIR**

**Denys Church, Cold Ashby Invite you to our Christmas Craft and Gift Fair**

Saturday 9th November 10-2pm  
Cold Ashby Memorial Hall  
A variety of lovely stalls  
Raffle

£1.50 admission includes tea/coffee

Cold Ashby Skittles Teams invite you to join us for our:

**Pairs Knockout Competition**

**COMPETING FOR THE BEV LINNELL TROPHY**

Cold Ashby Memorial Hall  
**Saturday 26th October at 8pm**

£2 entry per pair (names to Fiona by 20th October)

**Raffle**

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# COLD ASHBY NEWS

## COLD ASHBY EVENTS FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER

All are welcome to join us for the following events. 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 skittles teams going.

Date	Event	Place	Details
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Sunday Cafe	Memorial Hall	09:30-12pm
Sat 12 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Social night	Memorial Hall	From 7:30pm
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Skittles CA v KA	Memorial Hall	From 7:30pm
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	Film Night	Pavilion	From 7pm £5 for cheese & wine
Sat 26 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Pairs Skittles Knockout Competition	Memorial Hall	From 7:30pm (see poster)
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Skittles CA v BH	Memorial Hall	From 7:30pm
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Sunday Cafe	Memorial Hall	09:30-12pm
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Cold Ashby Bonfire and Fireworks	Cold Ashby Playing Fields	From 6:30pm (see poster)
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Craft and Gift Fair	Memorial Hall	10-2pm (see poster)
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Charity Race Night	Memorial Hall	From 7:30pm (see poster)
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Film Night	Pavilion	From 7pm £5 for cheese & wine
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Skittles CA v SFC	Memorial Hall	From 7:30pm
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Social Night	Memorial Hall	From 7:30pm

Pool nights some Mondays from 7.30pm at the Cold Ashby Playing Field Pavilion. Bar open. Skittles matches at Memorial Hall every Wednesday. **Please check village Facebook pages for further details of planned events listed above.**



**Cold Ashby Playing Field Association**

**FAMILY BONFIRE**

This year our Family Bonfire Night is on

**Friday 8th November 2024.**

Gates open at 6.30 p.m.

Food and drink available from 6.30 p.m.

Bonfire to be lit around 7 p.m. followed by the firework display.

Admission charges £5—Adults , £1—Children.

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# COTTESBROOKE NEWS

## Cottesbrooke Village Produce Show - 31st August 2024



The Cottesbrooke Village Produce Show was a delightful event, bringing the community together and celebrating the residents' finest fruits, vegetables, flowers, and homemade goods. Organised by Derek Daws, the show ran smoothly, with everything beautifully arranged for the judges, who had fun tasting the array of cakes, liqueurs, and brandy; and there was a lively debate about who deserved to win the coveted Best in Show award.

In the afternoon, the doors opened to the public, allowing everyone to admire the impressive exhibits and see who had won rosettes. This year, Best in Show was awarded to Trudie and Mike Newman for their delicious cheese scones. A special moment of the day was the presentation of the Yvonne Daws Trophy, a new award in memory of Yvonne Daws, who was known for her love of flowers and who sadly passed away earlier this year. The trophy was presented to Aimee Cole by Derek Daws for her stunning Dahlia 'Labyrinth'. The event was, as always, a wonderful opportunity for the community to come together and catch up over tea and homemade cakes.



If you have something to add to the Cottesbrooke pages, you can get in touch via [cottesbrookevhc@gmail.com](mailto:cottesbrookevhc@gmail.com)

See overleaf for **MORE** village events taking place in **November!**



COTTESBROOKE VILLAGE HALL

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# COTTESBROOKE NEWS

## Sound Bath Evening

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Date: 28th November  
7pm at Cottesbrooke Village Hall

Contact: Sally  
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## Christmas Fair

COTTESBROOKE VILLAGE HALL

**Sunday 17th  
November  
10am - 3pm**

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## Kevin Sinfield, Marathon Man



Kevin Sinfield, ex Rugby League player and English Rugby Union coach is set to embark on the 5th of his incredible challenges in December in support of Motor Neurone Disease. Inspired by his former team mate Rob Burrow, who sadly lost his fight against MND earlier this year, Kevin is running 7 ultra marathons in 7 days. He will start day 6 in Northampton and has a checkpoint at Cottesbrooke Village Hall on Friday December 6th. More details in the next issue.



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## Creaton Singers



After the concert in September to celebrate 800 years of Creaton Village church, St Michael and All Angels, Creaton Singers have turned their attention to autumnal and Christmas themes. Whilst a little early to be thinking about Christmas, here are a few dates for your diary:

- Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December from 2pm to 3:30pm, come and hear the Creaton Singers at Welford Christmas Tree Farm. Get in the festive mood and choose your Christmas Tree whilst surrounded by festive cheer.
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December: Annual Carol Singing round the tree on Creaton Green from 7pm followed by a concert at 7:30pm. This will be Glennis' last concert as Musical Director of Creaton Singers so please come and join in thanking her for everything she has done over many years leading the group. She will be sorely missed.

If you know of anyone who might be interested in becoming Musical Director of Creaton Singers please call Jane on 07879 604029.

## Creaton Walkers



Summer has been and gone during which time the Creaton Walking Group have been out and about, come rain or shine to walk some beautiful local routes. The group completed their section of the Via Beata ending up in Watford and were delighted to be

joined by a visitor from London and a local dog on doggie day care.

September as ever coincided with the Historic Churches Ride and Stride, taking in as many local churches as possible and admiring their architecture. It is always enjoyable to chat to the volunteers on duty in the churches.

If you enjoy walking in our beautiful countryside and can comfortably manage 8 miles / 3+ hours, do join the group on the second Saturday of every month. Meet at Creaton lychgate at 10am.

Next walks are on:

- Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October
- Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November
- Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December

## FOSM History Group

September's AGM saw Kate McEwan, Ann Hanson and Stuart McGregor standing down after many years of service to the Friends of St Michael's. Thanks to them and the rest of the Committee for many years of interesting talks and raising funds for the Church's Fabric Fund.

The new team kicked off with a History Quiz and the next meeting, on Thursday 17th October will feature Ruth Thomas talking about "Factory Life in the Boot and Shoe Industry".

## Creaton WI

Creaton Women's Institute held its first meeting in November 1924 and we are very proud to be celebrating our centenary this year! As part of our celebrations, members have been getting together to enjoy afternoon tea at different local venues, including Kelmarsh Hall and Thornby Hall Centre for Buddhism, culminating in a special tea, with entertainment, in the United Reform Church in November. Non-members are very welcome at our other two meetings this year:-



- October 9th: **Making Mosaic Coasters**  
Jane Wimbury
- December 11th: **Women in Art** a talk with slides  
Grainne Purkiss

Both these meetings start at 7.30 p.m. in the United Reform Church. Please just come along or contact President, Daphne Clark, 01604 505546 or email [wicreaton@gmail.com](mailto:wicreaton@gmail.com) for more information.

## Creaton Playing Field Association

Charity No 1085011

### Quiz Night

The Quiz Night will be held in the Village Hall on 16 November, with tickets going on sale in Creaton Village Shop. Get your team names sorted and your thinking caps on!



### Tellytubby Hill

Tellytubby Hill is being enjoyed by a new generation of children but some of the wooden support stakes on the front have become loose and rotten. Work is therefore being undertaken to replace these and make the mound stable. Thanks go to Ian, Rod and Dorian for their hard work.



# CREATON NEWS

## Over the Counter (at Creaton Village Shop)

Creaton Village Shop and Post Office is a community shop, owned by the community it serves and managed by Creaton Community Benefit Society. The AGM held in July was a success with over 40 members attending and another 40 sending apologies. Everyone was very interested to hear the latest news on how the shop is doing. Following the meeting, Sue McGlasson told the audience about her flower business and there was the opportunity to see some of the lovely flowers that are available for sale in the shop. The flowers are a very welcome addition to the range of products. If you would like to support the shop by becoming a member of the Society, please get in touch with the Secretary: [societysecretary@creatonvillageshop.co.uk](mailto:societysecretary@creatonvillageshop.co.uk) or ask in the shop.

The new chillers continue to get glowing comments and the extra space means that we are now offering a wider range of products, including some exciting new cheeses. The new chillers are also much more environmentally friendly so it is a win/win. And whilst we talk about new products, we have been trying a few new pastries so pop in and check out what is new.

Though we might get some raised eyebrows, Christmas is heading our way fast and the shop knows how to cater for our customers at this time of year. We are holding our annual Tasting Evening on Thursday 7th November at Ducklings (formerly Creaton Village School) at 7:30pm. This will be your opportunity to try some new wines, tasty cheeses and lots of other exciting seasonal things. Seeing as we have already mentioned Christmas, it is not too early for the shop or you to be planning ahead. As ever, you can order your meat requirements, including turkey, vegetables and all the accompaniments for a great Christmas, and we can deliver your order if you are not able to fetch it. Ask at the shop how to order.



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## Creaton Heritage Project

### Church Windows

The stained glass windows in St Michael & All Angels came from two manufacturers. The windows in the Nave/South Aisle were made by Mayer & Co of Munich. The East Window, behind the Altar, was made by Powell Brothers of Leeds.

The East Window was installed in 1891, an event that warranted a write-up in the Northampton Mercury:

The Northampton Mercury, Friday May 15th 1891

*The Church - stained glass of a very rich and effective character has just been inserted into the east window of the ancient church of Creaton. The subject, which is carried throughout the three openings, is the Ascension. The Saviour, clothed in a white robe and surrounded by a radiating golden glory, is seen rising from the midst of His disciples, who are no merely dignified figures calmly watching their vanishing Lord, but men struck with sudden consternation, thrown on their knees, with outstretched [arms] and open mouths, their empty centre showing how suddenly He had been taken from them. On each side of the ascending Saviour is an angel as though directing the attention of the Apostles below, and bearing a riband with the legend "This same Jesus which is taken from you into Heaven, shall so come in like manner." The colouring of the window throughout is bright yet subdued, a large amount of beautiful silvery white glass being used, and positive colours, where introduced, being small in quantity and choice of tone, the whole producing an effect somewhat similar to the old glass painting and consequently being well in keeping with the late 14th century architectural surroundings. This window has been designed and executed by Messrs Powell Brothers, of 30, Park-square, Leeds.*

The top tracery light (see right) contains the letters IHS, initials for the Latin Iesus Hominum Salvato - Jesus Saviour of Mankind. Below this are the Archangels Michael (on the left) and Gabriel. Michael is carrying a flaming sword and Gabriel a stem of lilies. Because these are quite high up, Gabriel is sometimes taken to be Archangel Raphael. Whilst Gabriel carries lilies, Raphael is often seen with a fish. I suggest binoculars to have a good look. The East Window was part of a number of changes to the church, particularly the Chancel, towards the end of the 19th century. The organ chamber was added in 1888 and a makeover took place in 1898 when the altar, triptych, wall paintings and oak fittings were put in. It is thought that the ceiling was painted blue with gold stars and indeed one or two can remember that still being the case in the 1950's. That all went when the roof to the chancel was replaced.

The Creaton Heritage Project is researching the history of St Michael's and the community, as part of the 800th anniversary of the church which will take place in 2026. If you have any memories or information, please contact Bob Tomalin at: [bobatcreatonheritage@gmail.com](mailto:bobatcreatonheritage@gmail.com)

### Creaton Cribbage Notes

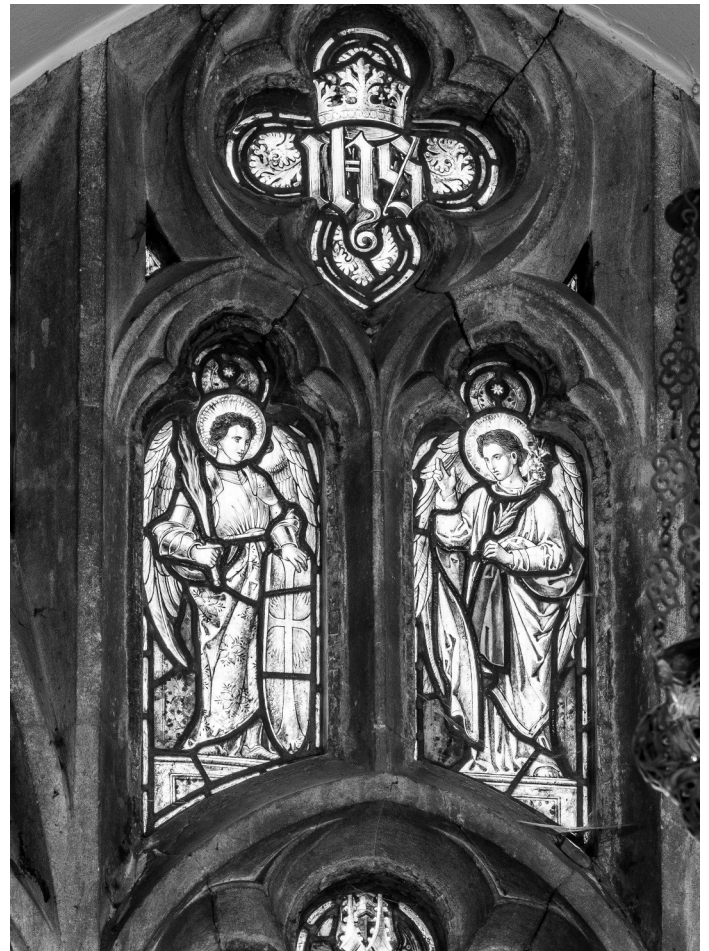
There has been, and continues to be, a long-running cribbage competition in the village between CR and PD. For some time PD has been leading the

**Creaton URC**

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

<p>Sunday</p> <p>6<sup>th</sup> 9:30am</p> <p>13<sup>th</sup> 11am</p> <p>20<sup>th</sup> 11am</p> <p>27<sup>th</sup> 11am</p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> 11am</p> <p>10<sup>th</sup> 11am</p> <p>17<sup>th</sup> 11am</p> <p>24<sup>th</sup> 11am</p>	<p><b>October</b></p> <p><b>Harvest Sunday at Parish Church</b></p> <p><b>Holy Communion</b></p> <p>Rev Geoff Townsend</p> <p>Rev Jay Phelps</p> <p>Rev Nigel Adkinson</p> <p><b>November</b></p> <p><b>Holy Communion</b></p> <p>Jon Heard</p> <p>Claire Ette</p> <p>Andrew Bodsworth</p> <p>Margaret Hooper</p>	<p>Rev Geoff Townsend</p> <p>Rev Jay Phelps</p> <p>Rev Nigel Adkinson</p> <p>Jon Heard</p> <p>Claire Ette</p> <p>Andrew Bodsworth</p> <p>Margaret Hooper</p>
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Poppies coffee shop is open Wednesdays and Fridays, from 10am to 12 noon. You will be very welcome.



Detail of the East Window, St Michael & All Angels, Creaton

way but at the start of September it appears that luck, if that what it is, shifted to CR who won that round 3-0. Do send in your card game notes.

# CREATON PARISH COUNCIL

## Creaton Parish Council Contact Details

You can contact our Parish Clerk for Creaton Parish Council, Katrina Jones on [creatonpc@gmail.com](mailto:creatonpc@gmail.com).

Agendas and minutes of meetings are available on the Parish Council website [www.creaton.org.uk](http://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:  
5<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

## 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/>

Current consultations include: the draft West Northamptonshire Local Transport Plan; the draft West Northamptonshire Tree and Woods Strategy; and the Climate Change Strategy.

You can also give your feedback on the recent Northamptonshire Stage of the Tour of Britain cycling race.

## 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>

## Update from Police Liaison Representative

Hello All

Following on from a recent PLR meeting

- Information regarding Knives  
As from the 24th September it will be illegal to Sell, Possess, Manufacture and provide the transportation of Zombie Knives. No doubt a stiff penalty will be incurred if caught. Northamptonshire Police Force are running a campaign.
- Safe and Sound - a mission for public safety  
To rebuild neighbourhood community services, the need for our communities to feel safe, and Policing to be accessible, for Women and Girls to feel safe whilst carrying out their daily life.
- Also a stronger public safety system to support the development of problem-solving courts.

Stay safe all.

Cllr Ian Horne

## Litter Pick

A village litter pick will be held on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October, meeting at Lilac Cottage, High Street at 11am. Equipment will be provided. Even if you can only spare a little time, your support would be appreciated to help keep the village looking tidy.

## Overgrown vegetation

A number of complaints have been received regarding overgrown vegetation, particularly on the Jetty and Horseshoe Close where footpaths are affected. Please can all residents check the vegetation around their boundaries and trim it back if it has become overgrown.

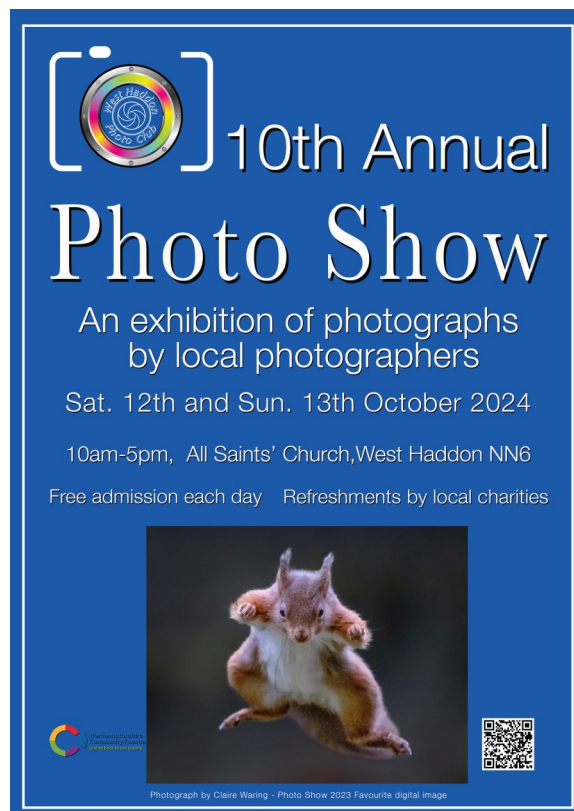


**WE HAVE VACANCIES**

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?

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the Parish Clerk at  
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**10th Annual Photo Show**

An exhibition of photographs by local photographers

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Photograph by Claire Waring - Photo Show 2023 Favourite digital image



# 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 10<sup>th</sup> October

**Blood Bikers and Babies Charity  
A talk by Captain Kamran Irani**

With its roots going back over half a century, the rapid response motorcycle based charity, is run by unpaid volunteers. Their *mission as Blood Bikes*, is to support member groups in providing a professional rapid response medical transport service, to the NHS, free of charge. A valuable service. Please help us support this charity. Admission £5 on the door, refreshments included.

### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November

**Antique Evening  
“What happens when the TV arrives”  
Talk by Denise Cowling from Gildings  
Auctioneers.**

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*Gildings* is a family owned *auCTIONEERS* and valuers based in Market Harborough specialising in antiques, jewellery, art & collectables. Established 44 years ago it now features regularly on TV. We will be hearing about what happens behind the scenes when the TV arrives. You are welcome to bring small items (no furniture) for valuation at your own risk. Admission £5 on the door, refreshments included.

### Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Party

For further information contact:

Janet Minney T 01604 740640  
Elizabeth Southgate T 01604 740064



## QUIZ NIGHT

GMADS (Guilsborough Music & Drama Society) presents a quiz night on **Friday 22nd November** 7pm for 7.30pm in Guilsborough village hall. Many of you will know Dave, the quiz master from the *Witch & Sow*, who always manages to set challenging yet fun questions with something for everyone. Get together with a few friends to make a table of 6-8. We can add you to a team if you don't have enough people. Tickets just £12 per person including a ploughman's supper. Bar opens at 7pm (cash only), quiz starts at 7.30 p.m. Booking essential, contact Karen on 07981 754852 or Amanda on 07508 058998.

Visit [www.gmads.co.uk](http://www.gmads.co.uk) for more information.

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For more information contact  
Janet 01604 740640

# GUILSBOROUGH NEWS



## Mark Revitt-Smith

Never happier than when he was connecting people through a variety of social events, Mark Revitt-Smith was popular and well-known locally and his sad death in August has left many of us mourning a much-loved friend and neighbour. Mark was a devoted and extremely proud family man who is

survived by his wife, Judithe, children Emma and Julian, and grandchildren Thomas, Oscar and Evie.

For many villagers, an early memory of Guilsborough is of a friendly welcome from Mark accompanied by an invitation to his home for a gin and tonic. Little did they know that those gins, along with his champagne cocktails, enjoyed a powerful reputation which spread as far as Norfolk where Mark, Judithe and their family also enjoyed spending time together. Known simply as 'The Revitt' to his many friends, Mark was born and raised in Ravensthorpe and moved to Guilsborough in the early 1970s. Over the years he was an enthusiastic proponent of several village causes, projects and events that raised funds and brought people together. He also served on the Parish Council, including a stint as Vice Chairman.

As a knowledgeable and keen countryman his early working life was on livestock farms. He then worked in the pig and poultry sector before establishing his own highly successful business with a close and loyal network of customers across the country.

A full attendance for Mark's funeral at St Etheldreda's church in Guilsborough saw many family, friends and business associates pay tribute to this hugely likeable, charming and caring man.



## GUILSBOROUGH ACADEMY NEWS

Guilsborough Academy is thrilled to kick off the new academic year and warmly welcomes all students. We have already started work on preparing for future admissions, and to help ease the transition, we are offering Taster Sessions and Open Days for prospective students, which can be booked here -

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/guilsborough-multi-academy-trust>

This year, following being awarded the Eco-Schools' Green Flag in 2024 and as part of our commitment to community development, we are introducing termly litter-picking events in the local area. This initiative aims to improve the environment while fostering stronger community ties. We are inviting residents of the village and surrounding areas to provide input on where the litter-picking efforts should be focused. If you have any suggestions, please email

[kwright@guilsboroughacademy.sch.uk](mailto:kwright@guilsboroughacademy.sch.uk).

We look forward to engaging with the community and making a positive impact together!

Your ongoing support is much needed and very appreciated.

Mr Simon Frazer



## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

We have identified the next 11 street lamps most likely to fail which will be converted to the new LED lamps. This will help reduce our electricity costs due to their greater efficiency. West Northants Council are pushing ahead with their pothole repair program but please do continue to report them via their dedicated website at [www.fixmystreet.com](http://www.fixmystreet.com). You can use this website to also report overgrown vegetation, obstructed footpaths and fly tipping so please do make good use of this.

We are receiving some complaints regarding parking, not just on public grassed areas where it's causing considerable damage, but also close to junctions and on bends where it prevents drivers seeing oncoming traffic.

We currently have vacancies for councillors so if you have an interest in helping support your community please do speak to any councillor or email [clerk@guilsborough-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@guilsborough-pc.gov.uk)

Lastly, due to the availability of councillors, our October meeting has had to be rescheduled and will now be held on Monday 21st October.

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# GUILSBOROUGH NEWS

## **Sir John Lowther Cricket Game**

On Sunday August 11<sup>th</sup>, the Annual Sir John Lowther Cricket game took place at the Guilsborough Playing Field. 70 enjoyed a good lunch provided by the Ward Arms and bar provided by the Red Lion at Thornby, plus watching some fine cricket by Hugh Lowther's XI, who played some adventurous cricket to win by 3 wickets against an experienced Guilsborough Gentlemen's team captained by Jim Houghton of Guilsborough.



Thoughts will shortly turn to preparations for 2025 and our winter training programmes, we are always keen to welcome new players of all ages and abilities. Indoor training over the winter is an ideal time to give cricket a try to rediscover your touch if you are coming back to the game after a break. It would be great to see some new

faces. Please contact [jim.houghton72@outlook.com](mailto:jim.houghton72@outlook.com).

## **West Haddon Junior Football Club U5/6's, Year 1 + Reception**

Is your child in Year 1 or in Reception? We are launching our U5/6s training group on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September and will train each Saturday morning throughout the season, 10am-11am.

Boys and Girls, all Welcome. No need to buy new football boots if you don't have them, trainers will be fine.

The subs will be £50 for the year but nothing to pay immediately; come along and have a trial run until October half-term and ensure your child is enjoying it before paying any money.

If any parents fancy helping out with these sessions, it would be fantastic and very much appreciated.

Northampton Road, West Haddon, NN6 7AS

10am – 11am.

Any questions or to let me know you're coming, please contact Rob Paul 07982 468834



**Cricket News** Another successful season for Haddon CC drew to a close at the end of September; all of our senior men's and ladies' sides have performed well, maintaining their league standings with 3 games to go mid September. Our Ladies' side is based at the Guilsborough ground and plays in the Northamptonshire 8-a-side competition. It has been great to see so many new players join the team this season - it is open to ladies of all experience and abilities. A high point for the club this year has been the impact that younger players, who have been through the clubs junior sections in recent years and are now in the senior sides, with both wickets and runs, the likes of Ethan Clough, Sam Helmn, Brandon Wakeford and Elliot Clough, all in the 15-17 age group have been some of the clubs strongest performers. Our U15s side has also had a stand out season completing the league and cup double in the Rugby District and finishing runner-up in the Northampton District League.



The **20th Guilsborough Plate Tennis Tournament** took place on Sunday 8th September. After a night of thunder and rain on Sunday morning, we thought that we might be unlucky with the weather. Thankfully, the skies cleared, the sun shone and the wind died down, so we had a perfect afternoon for a closely contested Tennis Tournament. Pairings were drawn from the hat, and the 14 players (7 Couples), played each other. After 36 games (and some tie-breaks!), the final contenders for the Championship were decided; Chris Benbow & Luc Belaiche versus Ian Miller & Robert Sabin, who had both scored 25 games each to reach the final. Chris & Luc were the Champions.

A fun social event took place at the Ward Arms (Witch & Sow) after a very energetic afternoon, where drinks and refreshments were much needed.

If you would like to find out more about GTC please contact Graham on 07894 424328, or Chris on 07857 707503.



Above left *The Champions, Chris Benbow & Luc Belaiche, above right with runners up Ian Miller and Robert Sabin. Right - The players and ball girl.*

# GUILSBOROUGH NEWS



## PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

*From the Headteacher...*

We are very pleased to be back this Autumn term, energised and raring to go. It has certainly been a super start to our new academic year 2024-25.

We welcomed our new intake of pupils in Reception, together with those who have joined in our other year groups, and they've all got so quickly back into school life after several weeks away over the summer.

We wanted to share 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 building work happening around our school - this was so we could make our front playground even safer with our new higher gates and entry system. Our playgrounds have been retarmacked and we have also had a new refurbished front entrance area, new toilets in this area and Reception/Year 1 and new hall doors. The school is looking amazing!

We're looking forward to plenty of celebration events between now and the end of the year, a maths day, a day of languages, our Young Leaders Awards, as well as other trips and visits that we've got coming up.

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](http://www.guilsboroughprimary.co.uk) or you can keep up to speed via our X (aka Twitter) profile – @guilsboroughpri/x and our Instagram account -Instagram.com/guilsboroughprimarieschool.

## VILLAGE HALL

### What's On

Monday Morning Meet -3 M's Coffee Morning for all ages

Pilates Basket ball Time to Move

Yoga Parish Council Fitness Class Nia

Bowls Amateur Dramatics GMADS

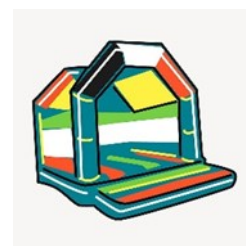
Brunch Pre-School Guilsborough Friends

Guilsborough Village Hall hosts a number of regular activities during the week. A list can be found on the notice board by the front door of the hall showing times and contacts.

### Events and Parties

We also have space for parties & events.

Our insurance now permits us to have bouncy castles - providing strict guidelines are followed .



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# HOLLOWELL & TEETON NEWS



## ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR HELP WITH YOUR FUEL BILLS?

The Miss Jane Letts Hollowell Charity was set up in 1940 with a bequest from the estate of James William Boothe Letts. The bequest established an income to purchase coal or blankets for distribution to the “poor widows and other deserving poor” of the Parish of Hollowell.

In the mid 1990s, the terms of the Charity were altered so that it could also contribute towards household electricity bills. To benefit you must be a resident of Hollowell or Teeton. Evidence that you are in receipt of a means-tested state benefit is helpful.

Please email the Jane Letts Trustees for more information at [janelettscharity@gmail.com](mailto:janelettscharity@gmail.com) or write, care of March Barn, Church Hill, Hollowell NN6 8RR.

## HOLLOWELL AND TEETON PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY FOR COUNCILLOR



The Parish is comprised of two wards (Hollowell with 6 Councillors and Teeton with 2 Councillors).

There has been a long-standing vacancy for a Councillor for Teeton ward and residents of Teeton are urged to consider stepping up to fill the vacancy.

There will be an election for all 8 Councillors in May 2025 and residents of both wards are encouraged to put their names forward.

### Budget and Precept: 2025 - 26

One of the primary responsibilities for the Council is to set an Annual Budget and determine the level of Precept (Council Tax).

The Council will consider draft proposals in November and is required to submit a demand for Precept to West Northants Council in January.

Residents should make their views known to the Council, to assist in the decision making, but recognise that the cost of maintaining services and expenditure over the next 12 -18 months is likely to require an increase in (Parish) council tax.

May I remind you that information about the Council, Minutes of meetings, Policies and Budgets can be found on the Council web site.

A. G. Crisp

Chairman

Website: <http://www.hollowellandteeton.org.uk>

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Steam and Whistle pub night on Saturday 16th November. See advert (right) for details.

Cafe Christmas on Saturday 7th December – if anyone would like a table to sell Christmas gifts etc. please email

[emilyinthegarden@gmail.com](mailto:emilyinthegarden@gmail.com) or Tel 01604 740796.

### HOLLOWELL BONFIRE

Enjoy a spectacular night of fireworks and a bonfire at Hollowell Rally Field for Bonfire Night on Saturday 2nd November.

Gates open at 5pm, followed by lighting of the bonfire at 7pm and fireworks at 7.30pm. Entry is £2, regardless of age. Cash only.

Beer tent, catering units, steam engines and a small funfair will all be on site.

### VILLAGE HALL LOTTO WINNERS

Ben Hall, Jayne Reynolds, Penny Bell, Ron Morell, Ann Wyatt, Sally Capehorn, Amanda Thomas, Clare Bramwell, Gavin Statham

The advertisement for Hollowell Village Hall features a background image of a bowl of red curry with vegetables and a red chili pepper. The text is overlaid on a white circular shape. The text reads: 'Hollowell Village Hall brings you... A BEER AND CURRY NIGHT AT THE "STEAM AND WHISTLE" DELICIOUS HOMEMADE FOOD TICKETS £12.50 PLEASE RESERVE IN ADVANCE: hollowellvillagehall@gmail.com'. At the bottom, a red oval contains the text: 'SATURDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 7PM TO 10.30PM'.

# HOLLOWELL & TEETON NEWS

## HOLLOWELL BIRDING NOTES – THE MARSH HARRIER

Marsh Harriers breed almost exclusively in large reedbeds, but they can be seen in very varied habitats and widespread locations. In Northamptonshire, Marsh Harriers are scarce or uncommon visitors in most years, but records are increasing in frequency and becoming more widespread, with birds now often seen regularly away from more typical large wetland sites. In recent weeks I have seen them on several occasions at Hollowell Reservoir. At Borough Hill near Daventry a couple of weeks ago, I watched one drift high over the hill heading south and I recently saw a male bird from my back garden as it flew over Hollowell village towards Creton.



Across Europe there is a migratory population of Marsh Harriers which breed in late spring across the continent and into Russia, moving south to spend the winter in Africa. There is also a resident population in western Europe and the British Isles. Immature and non-breeding birds from this population can be nomadic in their movements and therefore appear away from typical wetland reedbed habitats. They will often feed in cultivated areas and in open, dry country; I have seen them in recent years in late summer on recently mowed meadows, often associating with commoner raptors such as Buzzards and Kestrels.

Marsh Harriers have two main distinct plumage types. Adult males usually appear multi-coloured and contrasting, with separate areas of brown, silver-grey and black feathers. Female and juvenile birds are chocolate brown overall, with cream on the crown, chin and upper forewings. Juvenile birds may appear very dark brown overall: good views will also reveal pale feather fringes. There can be some variation within these types, as there are pale and dark morphs or forms. Birds moulting between juvenile and adult plumage can show characteristics of both main types. An extreme example of this plumage variation has been evident locally this year, with two young leucistic birds being seen in many locations across our region after fledging at the Otmoor RSPB reserve in Oxfordshire. These birds exhibit a remarkable combination of black and white plumage. One of these striking individuals was seen recently in Northamptonshire at the Wildlife Trust reserve at Lilbourne Meadows.

Marsh Harriers can be mistaken for other medium to large raptors, but with experience of the combination of plumage types and structural differences they are usually distinctive. Often as large as a Buzzard, but with relatively longer and slimmer wings and tail; and a different flight action, often quartering low over their hunting grounds with sudden changes of direction and height, or gliding or soaring with their wings held in a shallow 'V'.

Marsh Harriers are not known to have recently bred in Northamptonshire, but with plenty of suitable habitat along the Nene Valley, it seems likely that they will do before long. Meanwhile, it's worth keeping an eye out, these impressive birds can turn up across the year almost anywhere in our region.

Jon Cook <https://joncookbirding.wordpress.com>

## HOLLOWELL HARVEST SUPPER

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October 7pm is the ever-popular Harvest Supper at the village hall.

This is a fun, informal evening centred around a delicious, three course, home-cooked meal, made with village produce. Bring your friends and neighbours (tables usually of 6), or come alone and we'll find you a table to share.

We can guarantee an enjoyable evening. Tickets £15. To confirm your seat, email

Emily Curtis [emilyinthegarden@gmail.com](mailto:emilyinthegarden@gmail.com) or Tel 740796.

All welcome.

## HOPEWELL COFFEE MORNINGS

Hopewell Coffee Mornings will move about a bit this quarter, usually on the third Friday, but sometimes the fourth Friday of each month between now and Christmas. Please make a note of the following dates. 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. Lifts are available for those struggling to get here. Contact Paul on 07780 265614 or email: [wearehopewell@gmail.com](mailto:wearehopewell@gmail.com)

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## COME FOR A WALK! Sun 20th October

How about joining our Autumn farm walk on Sunday 20th October, and exploring unseen areas of your village countryside? Due to very wet weather in May we were unable to walk, however we all enjoyed excellent refreshments at Thornby House.



The Autumn walk takes place at 10am, meet outside the Red Lion. Tractor & trailer available for those not so good on field walks. Call Barbara Tanser on 01604 740505 or Ann Bennett 0779 6466948 to book your ticket. The walk lasts approximately a couple of hours, with hot refreshments afterwards at Thornby House. £6.50 pp (children half price) cash payment only. If you are not walking, you are still most welcome to join us at approximately 12.30 for the delicious lunch. Please note that dogs cannot be taken as the walk passes through fields with livestock.

## HARVEST FESTIVAL Sun 6th October



The annual Harvest Festival will take place in our beautiful church of St Helens at 3pm and all are most welcome. Following the service there will be refreshments

and the annual auction of donated goods and produce. Thank you for your generous donations, these can be either left in the porch the morning of Saturday 5th October or left with Ann Bennett or Barbara Tanser.

### Village Hall Annual Tidy

Many thanks to the committee members giving up their Saturday on July 20th to clean and tidy the hall. A fantastic job by all. Special thanks to Dave Stacey for helping keep the Jubilee bench in good condition. Big thanks to our amazing neighbour Mark, for his generosity, kindness, and support. His impressive hanging baskets have made the building look even more beautiful, and we are all very thankful for your care and attention.

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### Answers to Find the Animal quiz on page 3

Hippo	Hyena	Spider	Monkey	Giraffe	Otter	Crocodile
Sloth	Rhino	Fox	Sloth	Stoat	Deer	Lynx
Haddock	Dingo	Flamingo	Platypus	Lion	Dromedary	Elephant
Dog	Snails	Donkey	Jackal	Adder	Cat	Antelope
Skunk	Porcupine	Mole	Emu	Gnu	Panda	Cheater
Lemur	Gorilla	Rabbit	Ostrich	Ibex	Newt	Bat
Camel	Tapir	Wallaby	Tiger	Pig	Ferret	Rat
Bugs	Panther	Goat	Ray	Gazelle	Bison	
Weasel	Zebra	Cow	Toad	Chicken	Badger	

### Answers to the Local Quiz on page 3

1. Creaton
2. St James, Hollowell
3. Thornby
4. Cold Ashby - Colonel Peter Dollar
5. Guilsborough - Guilsborough Hall
6. Cottesbrooke - Cottesbrooke Hall



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I don't know how old one has to be to remember the character from a 1913 children's story book, Pollyanna, the little girl who went through life playing what she called 'The Glad Game', always finding something to be grateful for in every situation. She came in for a bit of stick in latter years; over-analysed

perhaps, and accused of being in denial. But really, her philosophy of gratitude is pretty trendy these days, with well-being coaches and therapists urging us to be grateful. There are any number of gratitude quotes on the internet, all helping us to see ways to be thankful for what we have in our lives. Travelling through life with an attitude of gratitude (or gladness!) really does seem to make a positive difference to our mental health in the face of all that disturbs us about the world.

This feels to me like the secular world taking a healthy dip into the Christian world, where we've always been encouraged to be thankful in our prayers and praise, before we begin to hold up to God those things that we trust will change for the better somehow, through God's power and grace.

The season of Harvest Festivals, or Harvest Thanksgivings, is upon us. Although the grain harvest was brought in back in August and September there are still fruits and vegetables to be gathered and stored for the winter. In our churches we sing songs and use words that express our thankfulness to God for the abundant gifts that creation gives us, as well as our gratitude to those who work the land and seas and bring food to our tables in so many ways.

The joy of the harvest season is summed up in one of my

favourite harvest hymns is one that's rarely sung these days. It's to the wonderfully named tune 'Golden Sheaves' and its first verse has the words:

*Bright robes of gold the fields adorn,  
the hills with joy are ringing,  
the valleys stand so thick with corn  
that even they are singing.*

Driving around the Northamptonshire countryside back in August these words often came to my mind.

As we move towards the end of October and early November we go from the season of harvest to a season of remembering. We have our service of Remembrance and Hope at 5pm on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October at Ravensthorpe Church where we to come and remember loved ones departed; this service is open to all. And we have All Saints and All Souls days and we have Remembrance Sunday, all at the beginning of November.

Can we bring our approach of gratitude to this season as well?

The American playwright and writer Thornton Wilder said, 'The highest tribute to the dead is not grief but gratitude'. In the throes of grief this might be a difficult thought, but perhaps it is something to work towards as we make the journey through loss. To be grateful for and to those from whom we're parted by death might make a lot of sense and help us to take some tentative steps forward on that journey.

Pollyanna knew a thing or two about life: gratitude is good for us and it strengthens our relationship with God if we remind ourselves always of the blessings that God pours out for us.

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## CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL

Last year we sent 153 shoeboxes full of practical Christmas gifts, and 37 blankets, to families in Ukraine as part of the Blythwood Project. Most needed are: **toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, sponges, flannels, notepads, pens, pencils, crayons, erasers, pencil sharpeners, rulers, socks, underwear, hats, scarves, gloves & small toys.**

Please get your boxes and donations to Janet Minney **by end October!**

If you have blankets or knitted squares for blankets - please contact Janet so we can collect and start putting the squares together as soon as possible. There will be boxes for donations at the Monday Morning Meet (Guilsborough Village Hall 9-11 most Mondays), Guilsborough Church and at Janet's. Donations towards transport costs are also needed.

Thank you, in anticipation.

Contact Janet Minney 01604 740640

## FANTASTIC BEASTS—SUMMER FUN!



The Summer picnics were well attended and some wonderful creativity emerged! Creation's theme was four legged beasts of the Bible and there was quite a focus on lions, with painting, biscuits and crafts on the lion theme including Daniel in the lion's den. The children did paper folding, badge making and clay modelling as well, with some very imaginative animals made out of clay and twigs. Junk modelling was very popular too, with Jonah's whale being quite a highlight.

# CHURCH ROTA

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Uplands Group of Churches Service Planner October and November 2024								
	6 <sup>th</sup> October	13 <sup>th</sup> October	20 <sup>th</sup> October	27 <sup>th</sup> October	3 <sup>rd</sup> November	10 <sup>th</sup> November Remembrance Sunday	17 <sup>th</sup> November	24 <sup>th</sup> November
<b>Cold Ashby</b>		10.00am Group Service  Cold Ashby		9.30am BCP Communion				9.30am BCP Communion
<b>Cottesbrooke</b>	11.00am Harvest				11.00am BCP Communion	10.50am Remembrance Service		
<b>Creaton</b>	9.30am Harvest with URC		9.30 CW Communion	9.30am BCP Communion	9.30am BCP Communion	10.50am Remembrance Service	9.30 CW Communion	
<b>Gulfsborough</b>	11.00am CW Communion		Brunch@11 Village Hall  6.00pm Evensong	9.30am BCP Communion	11.00am CW Communion	3.00pm Remembrance Service	Brunch@11 Village Hall  6.00pm Evensong	9.30am CW Communion
<b>Hollowell</b>				11.00am CW Communion		6.00pm Remembrance Service		11.00am CW Communion
<b>Ravensthorpe</b>	8.30am BCP Communion		9.30 Harvest	11.00am Worship for All  5.00pm Remembrance and Hope service for the bereaved	8.30am BCP Communion	10.50am Remembrance Service	9.30 CW Communion	11.00am Worship for All
<b>Spratton</b>	11.00am Worship for All Harvest		8.30 BCP Communion	11.00am CW Communion	11.00am Worship for All	10.30am Remembrance Service	8.30 BCP Communion	11.00am CW Communion
<b>Thornby</b>	3.00pm Harvest				9.30am BCP Communion	9.30am BCP Communion		



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## Cottesbrooke Village Kitchen

# Autumn Apple Bread

### Ingredients

- 90g light brown sugar (packed)
- 1½ teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 2 large eggs
- 100g granulated sugar
- 120g butter, melted
- 125mL milk
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 120g plain flour
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1½ teaspoons baking powder
- 2 medium cooking apples peeled, cored, and finely diced tart baking apples

### Instructions

1. Preheat the oven to 180 C and set an oven rack in the middle position. Spray an 8.5 x 4.5-inch loaf pan lightly with nonstick cooking spray. Line the long side of the pan with a parchment paper "sling" and spray lightly with nonstick cooking spray again.
2. In a small bowl, mix the brown sugar and cinnamon until evenly combined. Set aside.
3. In the bowl of an electric mixer fitted with the paddle attachment beat the eggs and granulated sugar on medium speed until pale and creamy, about 2 minutes.
4. With the mixer on low, gradually add the melted butter followed by the milk and vanilla, and mix just until evenly combined.
5. Add the flour, salt, and baking powder to the batter and mix on low speed until evenly combined.
6. Add the apples to the batter and fold with a rubber spatula until evenly incorporated.
7. Spoon about ¾ of the batter into the prepared pan. Sprinkle about ⅓ of the brown sugar-cinnamon mixture on top of the batter. Spoon the remaining batter over top, followed by the remaining brown sugar-cinnamon mixture.
8. Bake for about 50 minutes, until the bread is golden brown and a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean. Let the bread cool on a rack for about 30 minutes, then use the parchment sling to lift the bread out of the pan and onto the rack. Let cool completely before slicing, a few hours or overnight. Store loosely covered with aluminum foil on the countertop for up to 4 days.

Recipe courtesy of Meg

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Health Walks will take place on the third Monday of each month. The October Health Walk is on Monday 21st October. Meet at Brampton Halt, Pitsford Road, Chapel Brampton, Northampton NN6 8BA. The November Health Walk is on Monday 18th November. Meet at The Stag, Harborough Road, Maidwell, Northampton NN6 9JA. Both walks will be 60 mins, starting at 11.00am. To order food for lunch please select your menu choice in the pub from 10.30am. The Walk Leader will be Leader Rosemary Ward.

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