



## PAST & PRESENT ON PARADE

The 80th Anniversary of VE Day, organised by the local branch of the RBL was held in Guilsborough Village Hall on 8th May and was supported by over 100 people. Entertainment was provided by GMADS which included several Churchillian moments. Live 1940's music was provided by Jim Carroll and included a singalong of popular wartime songs. Memories of VE day were shared by three locals, Ann Moss, Pauline Boyes and Pam Cook. A 13-page booklet covering Guilsborough during the war years is available from David O'Neil. More photos on page 3. Pictured top right: GMADS recreation of the BBC announcements beginning with the declaration of war, significant events during the war and Churchill's declaration of the end of the war. Pictured below left: Pam Townsend as a roving reporter interviewing three women in the audience who remember VE Day. Ann Moss (pictured speaking to Pam Townsend) was there at Buckingham Palace and was among those who climbed the Victoria Memorial (b/w photo courtesy of the National WW2 Museum).



Congratulations to Ron Boyes of Church Mount, Guilsborough, who celebrated his 100th birthday on 1st April 2025. Read his story on page 15.



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7th Hollowell Pub and Skittles night  
8th Cottesbrooke Village Gardens Open  
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12th Guilsborough Friends  
14th Creton Walkers  
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21st Open Morning, Hollowell Sailing Club  
21st Guilsborough Village Clean Up  
27th Hopewell Coffee Morning, H'well  
28th & 1st July—Adult Learn to Sail at Hollowell.  
28th Creton Quiz Night  
**See back page for July What's On and regular events!**

### COTTESBROOKE VILLAGE GARDENS

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## VE DAY COMMEMORATIONS



Left top: Frank Letts handing over the British Legion Standard to Tony Letts after over 20 years of service. Whilst they have the same surname they are not related. Tony Letts' father Rio Letts was the Standard Bearer before Frank Letts.

Left centre: Singers Jim Carroll and friend leading the sing song of favourite wartime songs including of course: "There'll be bluebirds over, the white cliffs of Dover" and, "We'll meet again".

Below right: Nationally, church bells were rung at 6.30pm to commemorate the 80th anniversary of VE Day. Merrick, Julie and the gang rang them in Guilsborough before our village hall celebration.



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# COLD ASHBY NEWS

## NEWS FROM THE MEMORIAL HALL

### **Social evenings, Sunday Café and Afternoon Tea**

We have had a busy couple of months at the Memorial Hall and we'd like to thank everyone for their support at our regular social evenings and Sunday Café. It has been great to see everyone enjoying themselves and both have such a community feel about them and it's lovely to have so many visitors from outside the village join us too. Your support is very much appreciated. Our first Afternoon Tea, back in March, was a lovely occasion and we are grateful to those who joined us and gave such glowing feedback. A huge thank you to Mandy Carson and Gemma Sellers for preparing the tea, it was very much enjoyed by all. Thanks also to Fiona Gunn-Stokes, Carole Oliver and Julie Webb for their help at all the events.



### **Quiz night**

A super night was had by all who joined us for our Quiz night back in April. It was a brilliant quiz, and the scores were very close but eventually "We missed the plug!" team were crowned champions. Huge thanks go to Pete Walton who designed and delivered the Quiz. Special thanks as well go to Gemma Sellers and Mandy Carson for cooking and serving the food. Thanks to everyone who joined us.

### **Skittles presentations**

Cold Ashby Skittles team was delighted to be chosen to host the finals and presentation nights for both the Welford and District and the Pytchley League skittles. It was fantastic to have so many people join us, and two very good evenings were enjoyed by all that attended. The team enjoyed playing in both leagues and look forward to the Summer season ahead, where we will have two village teams playing out of The Memorial Hall. Thank you to Rod Bailey for his help in manning the bar.

## NEWS FROM ST DENYS

### **Palm Sunday**

It was a joy to see so many joining us for our Palm Sunday Service at St Denys Church, complete with a visit from Zebedee the donkey. Thank you to all that attended.

### **Open Gardens**

Our Open Gardens in aid of St Denys Church is Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July. **Please see our advert on page 5 for more details about the event.**

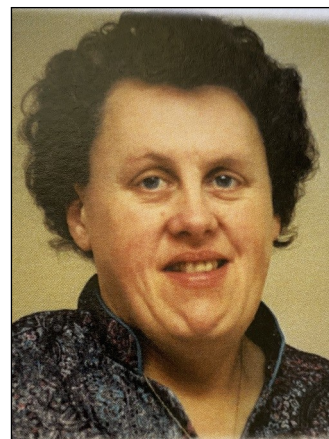


## FAREWELL TO GLENIS AND RITA

This Spring we said farewell to two of our long-standing village residents, Glenis Hesk and Rita Lomas. They both had a career in education as school teachers and taught many Northamptonshire students throughout their long careers - all of whom are very grateful for the skills and knowledge that they imparted to them. Rita was also church warden and a member of St Denys PCC for many years and was a regular church attender. Both of them were very active in their support for village events and village life and will be very much missed by our community.



Glenis Hesk



Rita Lomas





## Cold Ashby Memorial Hall

### Sunday Cafe

Join us for breakfast between  
09:30-12pm

Sunday 22nd June

Saturday 19th July

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toasties and cakes available to  
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## Cold Ashby Memorial Hall

### Presents



Saturday 28th June @7:30pm

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from 1970's with our resident DJ and  
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70's tabletop quiz

Raffle

Buffet Supper available to pre-order @ £6

## Cold Ashby Memorial Hall

### Presents



Everyone is welcome to join us from  
7:30pm on :

Saturday 7th June  
and

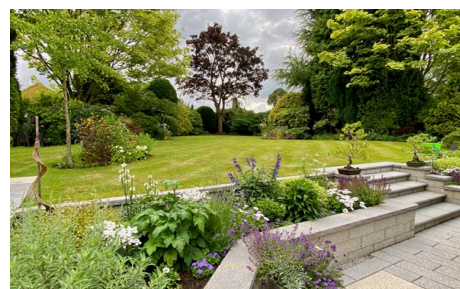
Saturday 12th July

Come along and enjoy a drink, a chat  
or a game of pool, darts  
or skittles.

## Cold Ashby Open Gardens

Sunday July 20th 1-6pm

In aid of St Denys Church



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# COLD ASHBY NEWS

## COLD ASHBY EVENTS FOR JUNE AND JULY

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 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Social Night	Memorial Hall	From 7:30pm (see poster)
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Skittles CAB v KA	Memorial Hall	From 7:30pm
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Skittles CAA v BH	Memorial Hall	From 7:30pm
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Sunday Cafe	Memorial Hall	From 9:30- 12:00
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> June	70's Night	Memorial Hall	From 7:30pm (see poster)
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Skittles CAA v CSB	Memorial Hall	From 7:30pm
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Skittles CAB v BH	Memorial Hall	From 7:30pm
Sat 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Social Night	Memorial Hall	From 7:30pm
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Skittles CAA v CAB	Memorial Hall	From 7:30pm
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Saturday Cafe	Memorial Hall	From 9:30-12:00
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Cold Ashby Open Gardens	Memorial Hall	From 1-6pm (see poster)
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> July	Skittles CAA v LBRC	Memorial Hall	From 7:30pm

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# COTTESBROOKE NEWS

## Spring Clean Thank You!



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## EXCITING VILLAGE EVENTS COMING UP

Summer is nearly finally here, and we've got some fantastic events lined up that we're sure you'll love. Whether you're after a fun afternoon with friends, a chance to unwind, or just want to enjoy some delicious local produce, there's something for everyone. Here's a quick look at what's coming up in the next few months:

### **Village Summer Party**

Mark your calendars for the Village Summer Party on 6th July from 2-4 pm! This will be an afternoon of fun, laughter, and community spirit. There will be games, music, and plenty of delicious treats to enjoy. It's the perfect chance to catch up with old friends, meet new neighbours, and just enjoy a great time with everyone in the village. Bring the whole family!

### **Produce Market**

Our Produce Market on 30th August is not to be missed! If you love fresh, local food, this is the place to be. You'll find everything from seasonal fruits and veggies to homemade goodies. It's a great way to stock up on delicious, locally-grown produce, and support our village's farmers and producers. Plus, it's always a lovely day out with lots of smiles and friendly faces.

### **Harvest Supper**

As the harvest season rolls in, we'll be celebrating with a cozy Harvest Supper in September (date to be confirmed soon!). It'll be a wonderful evening filled with locally-sourced food, great company, and all the warmth of the season. Keep an eye out for more details – we promise it will be an evening to remember.

### **Gospel Choir**

Looking for a little soul-stirring music? Come and see a local Gospel Choir perform, date tbc, it's going to be amazing! Expect powerful, uplifting tunes that will fill you with joy and energy. We'll share more details soon, but trust us, you won't want to miss it!

### **Sound Bath Sessions**

If you're looking to relax and recharge, our Sound Bath sessions are just what you need. These calming sessions will help you unwind and find a peaceful moment for yourself. The dates are 19th June, 31st July, and 28th August – so pick one (or more!) and come enjoy the soothing sounds that will leave you feeling refreshed and relaxed.

There's so much fun ahead, and we can't wait to see you at these events! It's a wonderful time of year to come together as a community, so don't forget to save the dates. See you soon!



# COTTESBROOKE NEWS

## COTTESBROOKE 7<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL PRODUCE & CRAFT SHOW 2025

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**Thursday 19th June**  
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## Cottesbrooke Village Residents Coffee Morning



**Join us for a warm welcome**

Enjoy coffee, conversation,  
and community

1st Saturday of the month!

10am – 12 (noon)



## Creaton Singers

We hope you get to listen to the Creaton Singers whilst enjoying a cream tea at Creaton in Bloom? The performance includes some songs new to the Singers and some old favourites.

Once that Creaton in Bloom is behind us the Creaton Singers will be practising for their concert on Sunday 5th October at 2:30pm in the URC. This is in aid of HFT, a charity that supports adults with learning disabilities to have better quality of lives and have similar opportunities as those more fortunate than them. They help both the individuals impacted as well as their families by providing hugely beneficial resources and services they would otherwise go without. Ollie Perrins-May is running a marathon in Athens in aid of this charity and the Creaton Singers are delighted to be supporting Ollie who has lived in Creaton all his life and whose Grandfather is one of the founding members of Creaton Singers. Save the date!

If you think you might be interested in joining the Creaton Singers come along to the URC in Creaton High Street on a Tuesday evening at 7:30pm for a taster session. All abilities very welcome.

## Creaton Walkers

Spring arrived early and the countryside exploded with blossom and birdsong. The Creaton Walking Group enjoyed the delights of the area around Pitsford reservoir, encouraged by the coffee shop and ice cream van!



The June walk will explore the Harlestone area with the usual lunch at a local pub.

If you enjoy walking, come and join this friendly group. We meet on the second Saturday of the month at 10am at Creaton lychgate. Well-behaved dogs welcome. We walk for about 8 miles followed by an optional pub lunch. Bring walking boots and water.

Next walks are on:

Saturday 14th June

Saturday 12th July

## Village Hall

The Village Hall Committee are pleased to announce that the decoration of the cloakroom and toilets is now complete and very nice it looks too!

The hall is looking good, having had a new kitchen and full redecoration throughout, so everywhere is clean and bright. The new fence at the front of the hall really sets things off nicely. These works have been carried out alongside other pressing maintenance issues that are only to be expected from a 90-year-old property.

We are a small, long serving committee, but do our best to make the hall as user friendly as possible. We appreciate the toilets and cloakroom were in need of a bit of TLC but, funds allowing, we have addressed this and had very good feedback from all our regular users who are very happy with the finished

result. The hall offers a range of activities throughout the week and is also available to hire for fundraising and social events. If anyone would like to join our small friendly committee, you will be made very welcome.

Jill Woollven, Treasurer"

## Creaton WI

The topics for our next two meetings are a little different, both having a charity focus, and guests are most welcome:



- June 11<sup>th</sup> The Art of Perfumery with Master

Perfumer Beverley Bayne who has worked on scents for famous brands including Penhaligon's and Jasper Conran. Come and test your "nose" and learn how to identify different fragrance characteristics using smelling strips of perfumery raw materials. Beverley volunteers for Fifth Sense, a charity supporting people with an impaired sense of smell or taste. She will explain how our sense of smell works and why it is so important. Tickets £5 to include refreshments, and must be reserved in advance, please.

- July 9<sup>th</sup> Charity Serv OBN, will give an insight into the wonderful work of their volunteer motorcyclists who provide a rapid response courier service transporting blood and other urgently needed products to hospitals in Northamptonshire, Bedfordshire and Oxfordshire.

Meetings start at 7.30 p.m. in the United Reform Church. For more information or to reserve a Perfumery ticket, please contact President, Daphne Clark, 01604 505546 or email [wicreaton@gmail.com](mailto:wicreaton@gmail.com).



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We meet on the first Monday of each month and hold monthly photography competitions. We may also have a guest speaker, hold a workshop, or join another local club and share a photography walk or professional speaker.



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# CREATON NEWS

## Over the Counter

So it looks like Summer has come to Creton and in the Village Shop Dave has his legs out and one or two others have shed their jumpers! Perhaps now is the time to stock up on charcoal, burgers, sausages, salad and rosé wine – other colours are available. And, as the excellent Joseph Morris meat continues to fly off the shelves, did you know that you can order any meal you fancy and it will usually be in the shop by the next day? Looking for something to try? How about lamb shank, or mixed grill meats?

On the baking front, we welcome the return of Pastel de Nata but only for a limited period! Baked fresh every morning, get some whilst they are there.

Always on the lookout for potential volunteers there is a particular gap at the moment that is hard to fill, that of a Sunday. If you are able to offer a few hours regularly on a Sunday morning, you will be welcomed with open arms. As usual, ask at the shop to find out what a shift entails and hand in your details—please!

Creton Community Benefit Society, the company behind the shop, will be holding its AGM on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July. Proceedings are held in the Village Hall and start at 7:30pm. The guest speaker this year is Sally Fell who is not only one of our excellent volunteers but she also supplies the shop with delicious ready-meals which she has cooked at home. Sally has had an interesting

life in catering; so come and hear her story.

The AGM is open to all members of the Benefit Society. To become a member you pay £20 for one share which will give you life membership and an opportunity to have a hand in the way the shop develops. To join, please ask in the shop or come along to the AGM.



John has done another good job with the flower beds and the fill of forget-me-nots with tulips coming through drew much appreciation. The colour scheme also seemed to work nicely with the bunting put up as part of the VE Day celebrations.



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## HISTORY NOTES

### Friends of St Michael History Group

The final talk of the 24/25 season was given by John Perkins. Called 'What have the Puritans ever done for us?', it was an interesting look through the many, many things that have influenced our language, our poetry, and our literature, that arose out of the Puritan period. It was clear at the end of the evening that the Puritan period had left its mark in all areas of life, and not just in whitewashed church walls.

The season started with a new Committee. Over the period there were two successful Cake & Coffee mornings that will help fund the next season's speakers and allow FOSM to make a donation to the work to be carried out on the War Memorial. The Cake & Coffee morning in March included a display about land ownership in Creton. One aspect was who owned what at the time of Enclosure in 1782. The largest landowner then was Robert Andrew. His family lived in Harlestone but they had owned land in Creton for many years. His is but one of many examples where Creton land was owned by many who did not live here. Creton seems not to have been a place with its own 'Lord of the Manor'.

The 25/26 season starts in September.

### Heritage Group

The work in the Church is now almost complete and looking wonderful. We now look forward to deciding how to display the results of our research. We still need to fill a few gaps, so if anyone has any information or knowledge of the history of Creton, please do contact us via the website:

<https://cretonheritage.wordpress.com/contact-us>

## Creton URC

You are warmly welcome to join us for our

Sunday Worship and Junior Church.

Sunday	June	
1st 11am	Morning Worship with Communion	Jon Heard
8th 11am	Morning Worship	Rev Geoff Townsend
15th 11am	Morning Worship	Andrew Bodsworth
22nd 11am	Morning Worship	Susie James
29th 11am	Morning Worship at Crick URC	

### July

6th 11am	Morning Worship	Jon Heard
13th 11am	Morning Worship with Communion	Rev Jay Phelps
20th 11am	Morning Worship	Rev Geoff Townsend
17th 11am	Morning Worship	Rev Geoff Townsend

Poppies coffee shop is open every Wednesday and Friday from 10am to 12 noon. You will be very welcome.

## Creton Old Pictures



This little group are enjoying celebrating Queen Elizabeth's Silver Jubilee in 1977.

After a variety of games in the daytime, including a tug-of-war, tossing the bale, and dressing up, there was a dance in the marquee in the evening.

It is said that the dance was a bit of a challenge. Due in no small way to the slope of The Green, the easy moves were going down the hill but the ones up hill became increasingly harder. Obviously this was not in any way linked to the occasional celebratory drink taken during the evening.

If you can put names to these faces or can share stories of the Silver Jubilee, do contact Creton Old Pictures through the Village Link.

# 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: 1<sup>st</sup> July 2025.

## May Parish Council Elections and Annual Meetings

Six Parish Councillors were elected to the Parish Council following an uncontested election: Sylvia Winter, Ian Horne, Mitch Hunter, Simon James, Chris Reading and Ross Everson-Watts.

At the Annual Parish Council Meeting, Sylvia Winter was elected as Chair and Ian Horne was elected as Vice-Chair of the Parish Council.

The Parish Council would like to thank James Hill who decided to step down from the Parish Council. He served for many years on the Parish Council, most of those as Chairman and made a considerable contribution of his time and expertise, particularly on planning matters which will be greatly missed.

There are now two vacancies remaining on the Parish Council. If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor please contact the Parish Clerk for more details.

Thank you to all those who came to the Annual Parish Meeting to give a report or sent a report. If you would like to provide a report for your village group for the website please email it to the Parish Clerk.

## 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>

## Fix My Street

West Northamptonshire Council are responsible for highway issues such as potholes, fly tipping and grit bins. You can report concerns directly to them on the Fix My Street website:

<https://www.fixmystreet.com/>

## Police Liaison Representative

Over the next 6 months, April – Sept, the Neighbourhood Policing Team will be focusing on the following areas:

- \* Road safety and traffic offences
- \* Burglary
- \* Vehicle crime

Neighbourhood Policing Teams work with their communities and local partners to identify and agree the policing priorities for the local area in order to focus on the crime and antisocial behaviour issues that matter to local people.

My last catch up with PCSO Kevin Lumbis advised that Creaton is listed as a village with a low crime rate.

Remember if you do see anything suspicious or a crime taking place dial 101 or for more serious matters dial 999.

Take care all , keep safe.

# Quiz Night!

**Creaton Village Hall – 28<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

**7:00 Arrival for 7:30 start**

**Teams of up to 8 people**

**Bar available. Light supper provided.**

**Tickets available from Creaton Village Shop. £12 PP**



Ollie  
Perrins-  
May's  
JustGiving  
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Ollie Perrins-May is running a marathon in Athens (Greece) to raise money for HFT, a charity that helps adults with learning disabilities to lead lives that we so easily take for granted. They help individuals and their families by providing resources and services they would otherwise go without. The Athens marathon is one of the most iconic and most difficult marathons in the world. The Athens marathon is the birthplace of the original marathon in 490 BCE and was the home of the first Olympic marathon in 1896.

This marathon has a gruelling uphill climb for over 20km (13 miles) and a total elevation of 820ft (which is equivalent to the height between the ground and the top floor of the Eiffel Tower) through the humid city of Athens.



# GUILSBOROUGH NEWS

## Fundraising News

The GPFA ran a successful Pop Up Pub in the Village Hall on April 11th. Many thanks to the volunteers who helped run the evening.

Caroline Houghton posted:

"Thank you so much to everyone who came to the village hall last night... what a wonderful evening! Thank you all for your support. More people than we could have ever hoped for! Guilsborough at its best! We raised around £450 for GPFA. Look out for the next one.... We will be holding another Pop-Up-Pub soon (date to follow) so we can do it all again!" Caroline may send us a date before the end of the week. The second Safari Supper held on May 10th was a great success, with 20 couples touring the village for different courses of delicious food. Caroline and Jim did a great job organising it and raised over £1000 for GPFA funds—thanks to all who participated.

Hollowell Steam—GPFA will be running the Bottle Stall again and would appreciate any donations of bottles of wine or spirits before the end of June—contact Katie 07747604067 if you have bottles you would like collecting or want more information.

We are also making progress with securing long-term funding by increasing the use of the Playing Field to the benefit of the community. Watch this space.

Finally, a heads up that we are having a Millionaire's Evening in late September. Be ready with party clothes and hone your skills at blackjack and roulette.



The group will now take a break but eagerly await the start of next season and will once again base themselves at Guilsborough Playing Field. In September they'll be moving from 9-a-side football to playing 11-a-side, meaning there is space for 3 or 4 more girls to join their merry crew. If you're going to be in Yr9 in September and are

interested, please contact [www.westhaddonjfc.org.uk](http://www.westhaddonjfc.org.uk)

## U18 Football

Congratulations to WHJFC U18s on completing their final ever match as kids football. This group started training together in September 2012 and over the years players have joined and others have left, however five of the original squad are still with the team having completed 13 consecutive seasons. For the past year, some of the squad have been blending junior football with playing for the village men's team and we hope others will continue along this pathway.



## Football News

### West Haddon Junior Football Club

#### U13s Girl's Football

Congratulations to WHJFC U13s on completing their first season as a squad.

This team formed in February 2024 and commenced playing fixtures in September 2024. They play all their home fixtures at Guilsborough Playing Field, with visiting opponents often commenting on the idyllic surroundings.

The team finished fourth in their league and celebrated with a fantastic and well-deserved end-of-season gala meal at The Pytchley in West Haddon.



## Guilsborough Tennis Club

at Guilsborough Academy ●●●●

Tennis for All at Guilsborough Tennis Club!

Join our friendly community tennis club at Guilsborough Academy courts. We meet regularly on Tuesday evenings at 6pm and Sunday mornings at 10am.

Players of all abilities welcome! Just bring your racket and enthusiasm.

First session is completely FREE. Annual membership costs just £10 for individuals or £20 for families.

Members enjoy court access during daylight hours (outside school times).

Whether you're looking to improve your game, get active, or simply make new friends, you're very welcome on court!

For more information, please contact Graham on 07894 424328 or Chris on 07857 707503.

# GUILSBOROUGH NEWS



## From the Headteacher

We are fully back into the swing of things after what was hopefully a restful Easter break and it's wonderful to see all the pupils engaged in their learning once again.

We had a very busy Spring term and especially during the last week. On Thursday 6th March we had an incredible World Book Day, one that included some fabulous Drama workshops and fun activities for children to take part in. I know both children and teachers said it was a day to remember.

Thank you to Jenny Wilson for the super drama workshops and the grand finale, where all classes performed their own twisted fairytales to the whole school, which were amazing!

The whole school took part in World Science Week and we really enjoyed being young scientists. We looked at the topic 'Adapt and Change' and did lots of investigating, researching, experimenting, making predictions and saw plenty of new learning happening around our school to mark this important event. At the end, each class explained their findings in our celebration worship assembly.

During March we also held a dress down day to raise money for Comic Relief; we wore silly socks and had funny hair. We're extremely grateful for your donations and proud to play a small but important part in this wonderful cause.

Thank you to the parents who could join us for our seasonal walk. We really did pick a beautiful day and the children were full of energy, excitement and enjoyment! It's such a privilege to be surrounded by such a stunning environment.

The final couple of weeks were full of Easter celebration! Thank you to our Reception and Year 1 team for putting together a super Easter Bonnet Parade. I've had many comments from parents, staff and pupils expressing how magical it was to be celebrating together. Air House won the Spring term house points and for their treat we had a Karaoke morning and Easter egg hunt. Air house blew us away with wonderful singing and completed the Easter egg hunt in record time! All had a wonderful time celebrating their win.

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 and Follow us on X [@GuilsboroughPri/](https://twitter.com/GuilsboroughPri/) and on our Instagram at [instagram.com/guilsboroughprimaryschool](https://www.instagram.com/guilsboroughprimaryschool)



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## Guilsborough Friends

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

Our June and July meeting are:

- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June: Visit to 3 local gardens, which, are opening for the first time for the National Garden Scheme.
- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July Summer Supper, Hollowell Sailing Club.

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

For further information contact:

Janet Minney 01604 740640

Elizabeth Southgate 01604 740064



The photo was taken following a talk by Northamptonshire Domestic Abuse Service. NDAS were guests at our April Meeting and were incredibly grateful that they had been chose as our Charity of the Year. £500 was raised at the Supper in February for this charity.



# MMM



## Monday Morning Meet

Guilsborough Village Hall

9 – 11am every Monday (excluding Bank Holidays)

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£2.50 per Adult, Children Free

Meet for a chat, knit, hot drink & cake.

For more information contact

Janet 01604 740640



Top Right—World  
Book Day

Above and left –  
Easter Parade





# LONG BUCKBY LIBRARY & HUB

Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm: this is **World Environment Day**. Long Buckby farmer, Mark Jelley, will be giving a talk on **'Local Solutions to Global Challenges. What role should our family farms play?'** Come along to what will be a very interesting evening. It's free entry but please book your place; donations are invited – thank you. Refreshments will be available.

Our June **film night** is the last of the season until September. So come to **Paddington in Peru** on Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 7.30 pm! "Paddington returns to Peru to visit his beloved Aunt Lucy, who now resides at the Home for Retired Bears. With the Brown Family in tow, a thrilling adventure ensues when a mystery plunges them into an unexpected journey through the Amazon rainforest and up to the mountain peaks of Peru." Tickets are £7 from the library or the Peephole in the High Street, Long Buckby. Refreshments including ice creams available.

On Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 7.30pm, we will have a great evening of music by local group **Sixties Reunion Trio** who will be performing pop, country and western and rock & roll numbers from the 1950s to the 1980s. The evening is café style and refreshments will be available. The evening is free entry, but please book your place! Donations are invited – thank you.

**Links with local schools:** we will be having a **book sale** and children's tombola at Long Buckby's Infant School Friends Summer Fete on Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 12-4.00pm. Come along and find your book bargains! The fete will be on Long Buckby Sportsfield (NN6 7PX).

And coming soon from July and during August: the **Summer Reading Challenge**. There will also be **children's summer holiday activities**. More on our website soon!

Our **public computers:** you can use them with no charge. You just

need a library card to log in. If you are not a library member, it's easy and free to join. You can either do this online (<https://buckbylibraryhub.org/join-long-buckby-library/>) or just pop in to see us.

**Art for all:** in July, there will be paintings by local artist, Norman Chandler, in our refreshment area. Our Tuesday afternoon art club is currently full however if you are interested in joining an art club, please contact us in the event we might be able to start a new one.

## Health and wellbeing sessions (June and July):

**Chatty Café**, every other Tuesday, 10.30-12.00 – turn up for a friendly welcome from our Chatty Café volunteers. The dates in June and July are 1<sup>st</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> June; 5<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> July.

**Wellness sessions with Lou:** alternating Tuesdays with Chatty Café, 11-12.00. Practical tips and a friendly chat about different health issues. Again, just come along on any of the following dates: 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> June; 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> July.

**Short and longer health walks:** short (30-40 minute) health walks are on Tuesdays, 10-11am. The next sessions are on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> June; 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> July. Longer (90 minute) health walks are on the last Friday of the month, 10.30-12.00. Come and enhance your stamina and fitness in good company and fresh air!

Our **social games** afternoons: every Wednesday, 2-4pm. Just come along – you can join in the games or just read the paper, have a cuppa and a chat.

**Neuro-diversity self-help:** We have a WhatsApp group for sharing information and support and aim to hold a monthly meeting on a Thursday. Please contact Bridget Arregger (07724 205301) or Hannah Oddy (07802 624235) for more details.

Do check our website (<https://buckbylibraryhub.org>), phone 01327 842591 or email [info@buckbylibraryhub.org](mailto:info@buckbylibraryhub.org). Or just pop in to see us if you are in Long Buckby (NN6 7QB).



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# HOLLOWELL & TEETON NEWS



JOIN US THIS YEAR  
**5th & 6th JULY 2025**

The rally promises all the traditional delights, from steam engines, vintage vehicles, tractors and cars, to heavy horses and vintage prams.

There will be Tractor Pulling and Birds of Prey, and, on Sunday only, a Fun Dog Show with Pedigree and Novelty classes.

The ever-popular auction returns, starting around 10am at the bottom of the rally field. Saturday only.

There is also a full vintage and modern fun fair, alongside a range of side stalls.

E M Rogers Transport will celebrate 80 years with a display of their vehicles and in the sky The Battle of Britain Memorial Flight flypast on both days. Tickets may be purchased on the gate or through the Rally website. There is an early bird discount on offer for a short time only: <https://www.hollowellsteam.com/>  
There is also limited camping available on a first come, first served basis.

## Hollowell and Teeton Parish Council

Web: [www.hollowellandteeton.org.uk](http://www.hollowellandteeton.org.uk)

### A Quiz: Street Lamps in Hollowell & Teeton Parish

Q1) How many Street Lamps does the Parish Council have responsibility for?

Q2) Which lamp was the first to be Upgraded to LED?

Q3) How many Street Lamps are to be Upgraded to LED in May 2025?

Q4) Which Street Lamp remains at 36 watts but has been fitted with a Part Night Cell?

Q5) How Has the Parish Council been able to fund the upgrade of Street Lamps?

Answers overleaf!

## The Best Bacon Butties in the Business – Hollowell Village Hall Big Breakfast

This is always a popular day in Hollowell and people turned up in the Village Hall one Saturday at the end of April hungry and enthusiastic. The Big Breakfast was underway and from the moment the doors opened, the Village Hall team served coffee and breakfast rolls with smiling efficiency.

Whether you chose a bacon roll, a sausage roll or went a bit wild and added an egg, you were guaranteed something delicious. Homemade cake rounded off the breakfast for those with a sweet tooth.



Also on the menu was a catch up with friends, a joke shared with neighbours and the chance to win something interesting (and possibly surprising) on the tombola.

The kitchen and the coffee bar might have been manned by old hands, but the tombola was run with charm and aplomb by a much younger generation of villager and thanks go to Ben Clarke and Jacob Oswin for the work they did.

All funds raised go to support the Village Hall, which is pretty and perfectly sized. It's an increasingly popular venue for children's parties and family anniversaries, organised by people from Hollowell and surrounding villages.

If you are interested in booking it, please contact the Bookings Clerk on 01604 740796 or book on-line through Hollowell & Teeton parish council website.



## Spotted in Hollowell and Guilsborough!

Two recent cases have been reported of ants eating through Gigaclear cables, requiring replacement cables from the cabinet to the house. Check your internet boxes on your pathways in case the little critters have decided your cables look tasty!

# HOLLOWELL & TEETON NEWS



Hollowell & Teeton  
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## A Brighter Future - Briefing on Upgrade to LED of Street Lamps in Hollowell & Teeton Parish

### The Parish Council has responsibility for 32 street lamps:

There are 13 Bracket Lamps fitted to wooden poles and one Bracket Lamp fitted to a wall (No's 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 20, 24, 30 & 31) all at 36 watts.

18 Steel Poles (No's 1, 2, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 29 & 32 – at 36 Watt except Lamp No 10 + Highfield Park 25, 26, 27, 28 all at 42 watt).

Lamp No. 10 has been upgraded to LED (18 watt) but not fitted with Part Night Cell whereas Lamp No. 22 remains at 36 watts but has been fitted with a Part Night Cell.

In 2023 the Council was required to undertake an inspection of all 32 Street Lamps within the parish to comply with BS 7671.

This was completed by the Street Lamp Maintenance Contractor Eon, and the subsequent report identified Street Lamp No. 10, fitted on a bracket, to be 'in a very poor condition' and failed the inspection which is why it has been replaced with a steel pole and upgraded to LED 18 watt. Eon has since advised that when they surveyed the lights, they found that some of the brackets were still in good condition and did not need to be replaced, but as part of a quotation to upgrade to LED Eon identified eight brackets requiring replacement.

### Upgrade to LED:

The Council has been in receipt of funding from West Northamptonshire Council as a share of monies collected through the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). At the Parish Council meeting on the 19th March 2025 the Council approved the expenditure from the CIL funds towards the upgrading of some of the street lamps. The change from 36 watt to 18 watt LED will offer potential savings on electricity charges which continue to be one of the larger costs for the Parish.

### Eight Lamps fitted to brackets that require replacement:

PLS 6, 20 & 30 CHURCHILL, PLS 11, 12, 13 & 14

GUILSBOROUGH HILL, PL 24 CREATON LANE TEETON.

Eon proposed - Remove existing lantern & bracket to tip, supply & install new galvanised steel bracket fitted with 18w Holophane LED lantern and dusk to dawn photocells.

The Council will continue to review options for further upgrade of remaining Street Lamps

### 19 Lamps installed on steel columns or brackets:

PLS 1 to 5 CREATON RD (3 – 5 Bracket), PLS 7, 8, 9 & 29 CHURCHILL (7 & 8 Bracket), PLS 15 & 16 ORCHARD CLOSE, PLS 17, 18 & 19 SPRING CLOSE, PL 21 RAVENSTHORPE RD TEETON, PL 22 HOLDENBY RD TEETON, PL 23 CREATON LANE TEETON, PL 31 GUILSBOROUGH RD (31 Bracket), PL 32 RAVENSTHORPE RD TEETON.

A. G. Crisp, Chairman

## "Freedom of the Parish" for Councillor Allen Eaton

Allen Eaton MBE was awarded the "Freedom of Hollowell and Teeton Parish" at a meeting of the Parish Council in March.

His fellow

councillors wished to thank him for more than forty years of distinguished service to village, encompassing work on the Pocket Park, the Jane Letts Trust, the Millennium Bus shelter and many more projects to which he lent his skill and ingenuity. Councillor Eaton stood down from the council at the local elections at the beginning of May.

Allen is also well known for his charity work with Hollowell Steam Rally, which he created and ran for 33 years and for which he was awarded the MBE.



## Hopewell Coffee Mornings

Coffee mornings will remain on the fourth Friday of the month.

The next dates are:

Friday 27th June

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July

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](mailto:wearehopewell@gmail.com). EVERYONE WELCOME





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## Hollowell Lent Lunch 2025



It was Lent and it felt like Spring when 45 of us gathered for the Lent Lunch in the Village Hall in Hollowell. The room was bright with spring plants and sunny colours and filled with the comforting smell of home-cooking.

Everyone tucked in to bowls of soup, plates of cheese and delicious homemade cake and the conversation flowed, as people from Hollowell and the surrounding villages caught up with each other. It was great to see the Uplands Ministry Team out in force, they are supportive and good fun.

Many thanks to all of those who helped; the soup makers, the servers, the washers up and the organisers. It was such an enjoyable event. Nearly £400 was raised which will be split between supporting the church in Hollowell and WaterAid.

# THORNBY NEWS

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On the Sunday of the London Marathon in April I was straight home from taking church services to watch the television coverage. My friend's daughter, Laura, was running in it. For her it was the twelfth of twelve marathons that she'd run in the year following the death of her husband from Leukaemia. He'd only been in his mid-thirties and he left behind a

very young child as well as his wife and family. Laura was raising money for the Anthony Nolan Trust. The 27th April, the day of the marathon, was her sixth wedding anniversary so she ran the last leg of it wearing her wedding dress.

I've often heard people say that they find watching this event emotional and uplifting and for me, this year, that was absolutely true. I was so moved by Laura's story, but also by the love and support that surrounded her. Her friends had her wedding dress ready, hanging on a road sign for her to put on when she got near the finish line and their pleasure at being able to support her like that was obvious, as was their love and care for her.

What's so powerful is that her story was repeated more than 56,000 times, with each person who ran raising money for a charitable cause close to their heart, usually with a moving tale attached – a lost loved one perhaps, or people who need extra help at home or abroad. And each runner was surrounded by a loving community of family and friends supporting them. That's a lot of people all together.

At the moment we might feel that we could do with our faith in humanity restored and there it was – 56,640 people and their little communities, showing people's very best qualities and what can be achieved when love and care are motivators.

Just before Easter I heard someone on the radio say, 'I'm a firm believer that the only undefeated weapon in the history of the world is love, and it won on a cross, it won in an empty tomb and it's still winning today.'

I'm so glad that the London Marathon came just a week after Easter Sunday; these two reminders of the power of love are just what our hearts need.

## St Michael & All Angels, Creaton



St Michael's has been closed for some time but will soon be fully open again. Over the past months, the organ has been taken out for major repair, and the tower has had a complete makeover including a beautiful new screen and storage cupboards. The Church is open for services as advertised, (see page 22) otherwise check the notice on the door.

## Bishop John's Leaving Service



Bishop John's leaving service will take place on Sunday 28th September at 3:30pm in Peterborough Cathedral. All are welcome to attend, no tickets are required.



## A concert of music for a summer's afternoon

**Sunday 8th June, 4.00pm**

**St Denys Church, Ravensthorpe, NN6 8EP**  
**Tickets £10 (under 16s free)**

(ticket includes a glass of wine or soft drink, and light refreshments)

Tickets available from [www.ticketsource.co.uk](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk) (search Belcanto or Ravensthorpe)

Belcanto is a Northamptonshire based female voice choir who have toured and competed widely. We always aim to sing a wide variety of musical styles to suit all tastes in our concerts.

Proceeds to be shared between St Denys Church, and the choir's funds

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# CHURCH ROTA

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Uplands Group of Churches Service Planner June and July 2025									
	1 <sup>st</sup> June Easter 7	8 <sup>th</sup> June Pentecost	15 <sup>th</sup> June Trinity	22 <sup>nd</sup> June Trinity 1 Proper 7	29 <sup>th</sup> June Trinity 2 Proper 8	6 <sup>th</sup> July Trinity 3 Proper 9	13 <sup>th</sup> July Trinity 4 Proper 10	20 <sup>th</sup> July Trinity 5 Proper 11	27 <sup>th</sup> July Trinity 6 Proper 12
Cold Ashby	White	Red	White/Gold	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
Cottesbrooke	11.00am BCP Communion	10.00am Group Service with Confirmations Creation		9.30am BCP Communion	10.00am Group Service Spratton	Group Service Rally Field  8.30am Holy Communion Ravenssthorpe	11.00am BCP Communion		9.30am BCP Communion
Creation	7.00pm Songs of Praise		9.30 CW Communion				9.30am BCP Communion	9.30am CW Communion	
Gulishborough	11.00am CW Communion		Brunch @11 Village Hall  6.00pm Evensong	9.30am CW Communion			11.00am CW Communion	Brunch @ 11 Village Hall  6.00pm Evensong	9.30am BCP Communion
Hollowell				11.00am CW Communion					11.00am CW Communion
Ravenssthorpe	8.30am BCP Communion		9.30am CW Communion	11.00am WFA				9.30am CW Communion	11.00am WFA
Spratton	11.00am WFA		8.30am BCP Communion	11.00am CW Communion			11.00am Worship for All	8.30am BCP Communion	11.00am CW Communion
Thornby	9.30am BCP Communion						9.30am BCP Communion		





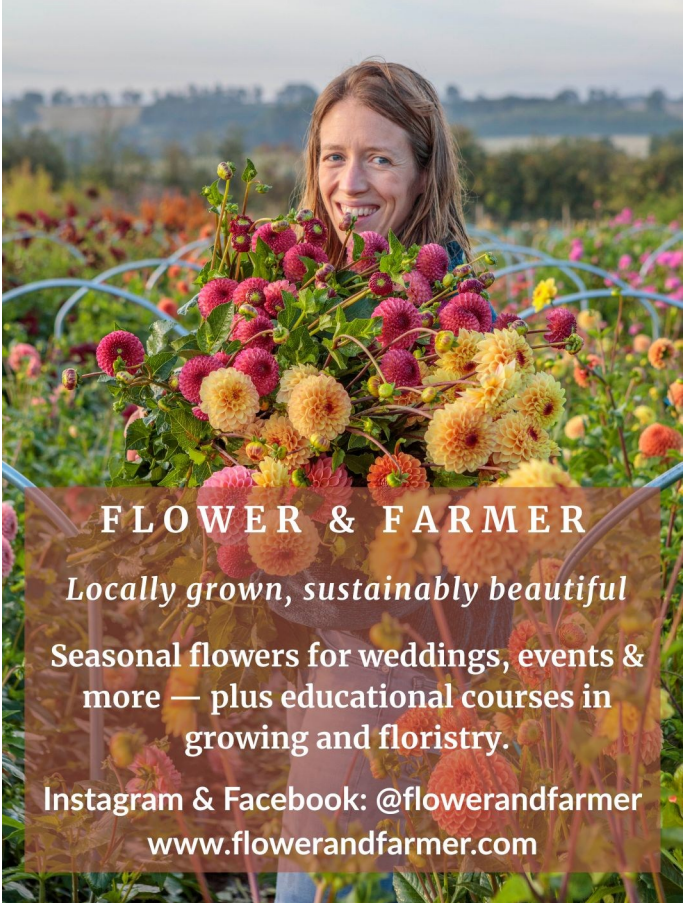
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## RDA COTTESBROOKE RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION

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TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT VOLUNTEERING please contact Vanessa Barrow on 07977 544156 or email [vanessabarrow@hotmail.com](mailto:vanessabarrow@hotmail.com)



On Saturday the 22nd March. Saxon Spires Practice launched a Walk the Doc Fundraising



Event for Cancer Research at the Park Run in Brixworth Country Park. The fundraising was to support one of their GP's Dr Susie Northover. Dr Northover has been forced to retire after being diagnosed with a rare and incurable brain tumor. Large numbers of walkers and runners turned up on a dry but cool Saturday morning. Saxon Spires Patient Participation Group manned a cake stall which was laden with donated cakes. They proved to be popular and a bucket collection on the stall raised an amazing £490.

Dr Northover completed the 5K course supported by members of the Practice Staff. She crossed the finishing line with a wave and a broad smile on her face. The final total raised to date on the Just Giving Page, including Gift Aid is £6,395.76. A fitting tribute to a much loved GP.

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](mailto:ssppg2022@gmail.com) or phone 01604 880552

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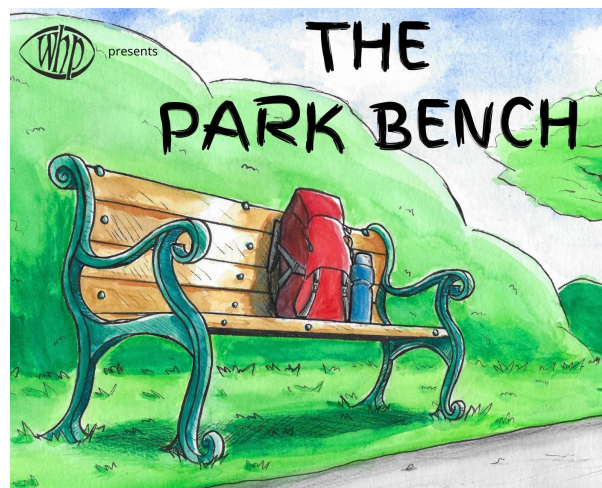
Hollowell Sailing Club Open Morning for ages 8 to 88 on **Saturday 21st June**. Try sailing free of charge, but booking is essential. Visit [hollowellsc.org.uk](http://hollowellsc.org.uk) for more information.

### WHAT'S ON JULY

See p.6 for all Cold Ashby Events  
5th & 6th Hollowell Steam Rally  
6th Cottesbrooke Village Party  
9th Creton WI—blood transport  
11th Guilsborough Friends  
12th Creton Walkers  
25th Hopewell Coffee Morning, H'well  
26-27th Adult Learn to Sail at Hollowell  
31st Cottesbrooke Sound Bath

#### AND REGULARLY ...

Monday mornings MMM, evenings Knitwits Guilsborough; Tuesday evenings, Creton Singers; Thursday mornings indoor bowls, Creton; Sunday am and Tuesday pm, Tennis Guilsborough; Thursday evenings, Badminton Guilsborough and Nia Guilsborough. Sunday am Soul Yoga, Cottesbrooke.



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