

## The New Creton Village Shop is Open for Business

After nearly two years of planning, raising money and building, Creton Village Shop opened its doors at the end of August. The shop and Post Office replace the one in the High Street which closed on the retirement of its owners, Sylvia and David Winter. The new shop, built on land leased from Tom and Alan Gillott, stands on the A5199 Welford Road opposite the junction to Teeton.



The Grand Opening took place on Saturday September 8th when Mrs Joan Tice OBE and Mr Tom Gillott, both cut the ribbon and officially launched the shop and the Post Office.

The days leading up to the Grand Opening were very busy. The Post Office set-up was beset with phone line problems but by 5pm on the Thursday the glitches had been ironed out. Then early Friday morning, BBC Radio Northampton were in the shop from 7am, broadcasting interviews as part of the Annabel Amos programme. One of the guests was local MP Chris Heaton-Harris who has supported the project from the start.

The shop employs three part-time assistant managers and the staffing is augmented by having one volunteer member of staff on at all times as well. Patsy Hollingum, the Volunteer Director, says that although there are over 30 people on the books, there is always a need for more

volunteers. With shifts ranging from two to four hours, it is not much time out of someone's week to help keep this community asset buoyant.



Now that the shop is up and running, Chair of the Management Team, Charles Matts, suggests that the hard work really starts. Building a shop and getting it open is a project with an end. Now the challenge is to build the business

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### "LEST WE FORGET" ...



It is 100 years since the end of WWI and several special commemorations have been planned further to the RBL 'party in the pub' which took place in September. Guilsborough GMADS' Lest We Forget takes place on 8th & 9th November at 7:30pm see page 12. A vigil will also take place at St Etheldreda's Guilsborough on 10th November at 7pm.

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### What's On October

- 3rd— Shoe Boxes & Blankets, Guilsborough
- 6th—Harvest Supper Guilsborough
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- 8th—Harvest Supper Cold Ashby
- 10th—W. I. AGM Creton
- 13th— Walking Group Creton
- 13th—Quiz Night Thornby
- 13th—Harvest Supper Hollowell
- 15th—History Society and AGM Creton
- 15th—WI Guilsborough
- 23rd— Tennis Club AGM, Guilsborough
- 23rd— PFA film night Cold Ashby
- 25th—Bowls Club AGM Cold Ashby

### November

- 2nd—Cold Ashby Bonfire & Fireworks
- 3rd—Hollowell Steam Bonfire
- 6th—Creton P.C. meeting
- 8th— History Group Creton
- 8th & 9th GMADS "Lest We Forget" Guilsborough
- 10th—WW1 Vigil, St Etheldreda's
- 10th— Walking Group Creton
- 14th— W.I. meeting Creton
- 16th—Steam & Whistle—Hollowell
- 17th onwards—Welford Xmas Tree Farm
- 18th— Bowls Club Lunch Cold Ashby
- 19th— WI Guilsborough
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## CLASH OF THE TABLE TENNIS TITANS

Cold Ashby's new table tennis facility gave two former titans of the sport the chance to revive their former skills and recapture something of their former glory this summer. Bill Bentley, chairman of the village hall committee and Rod Bailey, parish council chairman, went head to head on the new ping pong table in the village hall and demonstrated that age is no barrier to a good workout if you choose the right activity.

Bill played at county level (Rutland, Bill!) and Rod was a star years ago in Liverpool (under 5's champion 1903-1905), so expectations were high when they clashed in the ultimate village grudge match. In the end, it proved impossible to separate them and they will have to repeat the performance every week until one of them emerges victorious.

Bill and Rod are not the only ones to enjoy the excellent table tennis equipment and environment in the village hall at extremely low cost (from £10 a year per individual, £15 per family or group) and anyone interested can contact Angela on 07799 473656, or [angedw.g@gmail.com](mailto:angedw.g@gmail.com). You don't have to be former champions or as elegant as Bill and Rod. It's a surprisingly good workout, great fun and at these prices and on your doorstep, there's no excuse not to, is there?

*Graham Jones*



## COLD ASHBY OPEN GARDENS RAISES £4,000 FOR ST DENYS CHURCH

On Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2018, almost 300 people visited Cold Ashby as part of our annual Open Gardens weekend to raise funds for St Denys Church. Even though the weather turned against us at the last moment, it didn't stop visitors enjoying a tour of the village gardens and stalls, buying lots of homemade crafts and cakes, indulging in cream teas, playing tombola, sipping Pimms, and generously donating lots of money to the St Denys Church fund.

After expenses, just under £4,000 was made over the weekend, which is a fantastic result - especially given the dark clouds and wet weather that lingered throughout the weekend! Already, a large portion of these funds have gone into a major project to repair and repaint the church gutters and downpipes, with more work coming up including rebuilding part of the wall, stonework repairs to the lych gate, and interior decorating.

Events such as Open Gardens are absolutely vital to keep the church in good condition. See back page for one of the beautiful gardens in full colour.

Church Warden Deborah Sampson and the church council would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to everyone who took part in the event - we couldn't do it without you! Next up is our **Harvest Supper** at Cold Ashby Golf Club on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October** - we hope to see you there!



# COLD ASHBY NEWS

## CAPFA SOCIAL EVENINGS WITH FILM

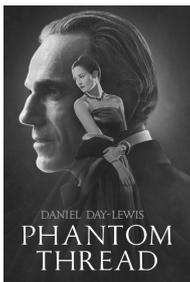
Come along to Cold Ashby Playing Fields wine and cheese evenings, with film, from 7.30pm at the Cold Ashby Playing Fields pavilion. £5 per adult, £1 for kids, includes wine and cheese served at half time, with sweets and choc ices for children.

Next Events:

### Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct (half term week): Peter Rabbit (cert PG)

Peter Rabbit and family wreak havoc in hopes to win back the Manor House of Old McGregor and the affections of their neighbour, Bea.

This is one for the kids, and will start earlier at **7.00pm**.



### Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November: Phantom Thread (cert 15)

Set in the glamour of 1950's London, renowned dressmaker Reynolds Woodcock (Daniel Day-Lewis) meets Alma and finds his carefully tailored life disrupted by love.

If you would like to receive notice of future events, please email [alexandfi@hotmail.com](mailto:alexandfi@hotmail.com) and we will add you to our mailing list. This will only ever be used to let you know about Cold Ashby Playing Field events.

**Cold Ashby Bonfire and Fireworks on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 18:30 at the Playing Fields, Stanford Road, Cold Ashby.**

**The entrance costs are £3 per adult and £1 per child up to 16.**



## THE A.G.M. OF COLD ASHBY BOWLS CLUB

The AGM will take place at the Sports Pavilion, on **Thursday October 25th 2018 at 7.30pm**.

If you would like to PLAY BOWLS next summer come along and meet us. Experienced bowlers or just beginners, old members or new all are welcome.

Another date for your diary.

Cold Ashby Bowls Club Presentation Lunch will be on **Sunday November 18th 2018 at 12.30pm** for 1.00pm at Cold Ashby Golf Club.

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## RAIN OR SHINE THE FETE GOES ON

Patience, perseverance and a positive attitude is a trait of Cottesbrooke villagers.

Thank you to all of you who helped in the setting up in the drizzle and to all of you who attended. Teas and cakes were exceedingly popular that day!



Children from the village helped to sort the toys for the stall. A big thank you goes to the Macdonald Buchanan family for allowing the village to use the gardens of Cottesbrooke Hall for the Fete. See back page for a colour photo of mum and children on a giant tractor from the farm.

## NATURE WATCH

The finality of summer was vividly pronounced on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> August by a large group of House Martins, preparing to migrate, swooping down the side of our house, cascading like a waterfall and rising like surf time and time again. At 6:50 pm they were all gone. What a strange sensation it was to stand looking through our glass doors. It was like being on the underside of a "waterfall" of House Martins. Chris Utley

## PLASTIC REDUCTION

Don't buy a bag – use a box or re-use your own bag! Many people already do.

## INSPIRATIONAL SAYING

### Native American Wisdom

From father to son, I am poor and naked but I am the chief of the Nation. We do not want riches but we do want to train our children right. Riches would do no good, we could not take them with us to the other world. We do not want riches we want peace and love.



Joanne Tromans & Dylan Hartley were married at All Saint Church Cottesbrooke on Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup> of July by our new Vicar the Rev. Allison Twigg.

## PRODUCE & CRAFT SHOW

The inaugural Cottesbrooke Produce Show was held by the Village Hall Committee on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September in the Village Hall. 37 exhibitors entered 123 exhibits in 25 classes! The best in show award, sponsored by Ensase Consultants, was won by Julie Westaway for her collection of garden produce. The Village Hall Committee would like to thank all those that entered, printed show schedules, helped with the teas, provided cakes, the auctioneer, those that sold plants and the five judges. £453 pounds was raised towards the upkeep of the hall.



# CREATON NEWS

## CREATON SHOP OPENING continued from front page

and make it thrive, as a shop, as a Post Office, and importantly as a community hub. As Charles said at the Grand Opening, we have a very grateful community for building the shop, now we must use it.



Mrs Joan Tice OBE and Mr Tom Gillott, who cut the ribbon at the grand opening.



Above: Opening Day.

Below right: Our MP gives the shop his vote



The Rakes Progress: Ben and Archie



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## THE ROAD TO CREATON VILLAGE SHOP

Creaton Parish Council started the journey to the new shop with a number of open meetings which resulted with the formation of Creaton SOS in November 2016. By spring 2017 support from the village and the surrounding communities was such that Creaton Community Benefit Society was formed to manage the project and the subsequent shop. 130 people bought shares totalling £80,000, a clear sign that this venture is backed by the community. A further £57,000 came from an EU grant and another £10,000 from the National Lottery.

The building sits on land owned by Tom and Alan Gillott and work started on it just after Easter. The construction was planned and organised by Bill Warden and Ben Hall and Ben took on the role of Project Manager, living with the construction alongside his day job. Once the shop was nearing completion, Operations Director Simon Robinson took to planning the internal fit out, the procurement of shelving and freezers and the stock.

The community shop is one of a growing number of community enterprises around the country where local people have organised themselves to save and run a valuable community asset. Creaton is the latest shop of its type in Northamptonshire and is pleased to have retained the Post Office providing all the services that its predecessor did.

# CREATON NEWS

## CREATON GRANGE ALES: A NEW LOCAL BREWERY IS LAUNCHED

A formal press launch event for Creaton Grange Ales, one of Northamptonshire's newest Microbreweries was held recently and members of the Village Link editorial committee were delighted to attend.

Creaton Grange Ales is a family run craft microbrewery based in Creaton. Started in 2017 by Ed Matts the mission is to create a fine hand crafted small batch beer, using quality local ingredients. Having been busy renovating the brewery, crafting the three beers, and building their brand for the past few months, it is now ready to formally launch.



Creaton Grange Ales proprietor, Ed Matts

Creaton Grange has been the heart of the Matts family farm for over 100 years and this closeness to nature and the agricultural supply chain is built in to the ethos of the company. When selecting suppliers and ingredients Ed has the mantra "local first".



Village Link team members Sarah Dalzell, Doug McEwan and Mark Revitt-Smith enjoy sampling the new brew.

## ACUPUNCTURE IN CREATON

Hayley Clark Acupuncture provides treatments from a private home clinic in Creaton. Established in 2008 as Hush Complementary Therapies, Hayley says: "Over this past year I have thoroughly enjoyed my move into Chinese Medicine. Acupuncture deals with the root cause of ill-health, rebalancing our energy flow (Qi). Needles are finer than a human hair resulting in little or no 'Ouch!'" See Hayley's advert on page 19 for contact details.

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October 2018		
Date/Time	Service	Led By
Sunday		
7 <sup>th</sup> (Time TBA)	<b>Joint Harvest Thanksgiving Service at St. Michael's Followed with Lunch at Creaton URC.</b>	
14 <sup>th</sup> 11am		Rev. Elizabeth Kemp
21 <sup>st</sup> 11am	<b>Worship &amp; Holy Communion</b>	Jon Heard
28 <sup>th</sup> 11am	<b>Tear Fund Followed with Lunch</b>	Carolyn Wilson
November 2018		
4 <sup>th</sup> 11am	<b>Worship &amp; Holy Communion</b>	Rev. Geoff. Townsend
11 <sup>th</sup> 10am	<b>Family Worship &amp; Baptism</b>	Rev. Elizabeth Kemp
10.45 am	<b>Remembrance Service</b>	Rev. Elizabeth Kemp
18 <sup>th</sup> 11am		Martin Buckby
25 <sup>th</sup> 11am		Rev. Elizabeth Gray-King

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# CREATON NEWS

## CREATON SINGERS

By the time you read this the Creaton Singers will have performed at the concert in Spratton church featuring the Northampton Male Voice Choir. If you came and supported us, we hope you had a great evening.

The Creaton Singers have decided to make a recording of their favourite pieces as a memento of the fun times they have singing. A challenging experience!

Hard to believe, but Christmas will soon be upon us, so practice has started for the annual concert starting on the Green and processing to the Village Hall. This will be held on Tuesday 18 December, so put it in your diary now. It gets Christmas week off to a great start!

## WALKING GROUP

The glorious summer weather has been a real bonus to walking this summer. The Creaton Walking Group explored the delights of the Leicestershire Langtons and also closer to home around Harlestone and Holdenby.

New walkers continue to join this friendly group, which is always a pleasure. Walks, which take place on the second Saturday in the month, are about 8 miles and circular, ending with an optional pub lunch. Meet at the lychgate at 10am

Dates of next walks:

**13 October; 10 November; 8 December**

## CREATON W.I.

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

**October 10th** AGM

**November 14th** Nene View Dairy by Chris Twell

We welcome you to our meetings either as a guest or a new member. Come to meet old friends and to make new ones. Please contact Daphne on 01604505546 if you require further information.



## FOSM HISTORY GROUP

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October** Richard Mosey Stately Housekeeping

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November** John Buckell Women at war 7.30pm at St Michael and All Angels.

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Date for Parish Council Meetings in 2018 is:

**6<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

October Village Litter Pick –date to be confirmed

Agendas and minutes of meetings are available on the village website [www.creaton.org.uk](http://www.creaton.org.uk)



The Playing Field  
Creaton

A request to residents and visitors – we have been asked to remind everyone that, although there is access to walk your dog across this “Green Space”, it is not acceptable to leave your dog waste behind! Please clear up after your pet. Additionally the bins are for daily use and we would ask that preferably you use the dog waste bin situated outside the main entrance on the Cottesbrooke Road.

The inconsiderate use of this area has been reported to the Daventry District Council dog warden and there will be measures to follow. If you do see dog owners NOT clearing up after their pet, please report it to Daventry District Council and collectively lets get this “Green Space” as clean as it has been previously for all, especially our young people who use this space for playing. Visitors to Creaton, we would ask that you also clear up after your pets. Your cooperation is appreciated.

CREATON HERITAGE PROJECT UPDATE :

During the summer we have been responding to the Heritage Lottery and we hope that we have a positive outcome for the next newsletter.

As this year is the commemoration of WWI there will be opportunities for residents to add their support to capturing the history of our village. We are interested in hearing from any young person studying A level History that would benefit from this project for their studies.

Please contact the Parish Clerk in the first instance.

OCTOBER LITTER PICK :

We will be planning the October Litter Pick and would like to involve as many residents from Creaton as possible. Please like the Creaton Parish Council Facebook page for updates.



Creaton Parish Council

CHANGES ARE COMING

As many of you will be aware there will be changes potentially to how councils will operate for 2020. We intend to share with you any consultation that may well happen during this time. To ensure that you are aware of any impact we would suggest that you :

Sign up for alerts from Daventry District Council.

Like the Creaton Parish Council Facebook Page so we can share information with you.

Keep an eye on the various village notice boards. Information is available in the Village Shop.

CREATON VILLAGE SHOP AND POST OFFICE

Sylvia and David would like to thank everyone who has supported our shop over the last 16 years. The Street Party you gave us was really lovely and something we will remember for a long time. It's Goodbye from us and Good Luck to the New Community Shop.

VILLAGE BUS UPDATE:

Following campaigning by parish councillors, along with Chris Heaton Harris M.P. and residents of the villages served by the number 60 bus, Daventry District Council has agreed to fund a new service until the end of March 2018. This means that there is now a bus service from Northampton to Market Harborough daily from Monday to Friday. You need to check the timetable to know where the bus now picks up passengers from in Creaton as some only use the site of the old bus shelter near the new Village Shop or on the opposite side of the road to go to Market Harborough. They do not all come into the village.

This is a great achievement for our villages so thank you to everyone who helped this to take place.

There are still discussions to take place about the possibility of a service after March and again it is up to everyone to please use the service as much as possible.

VILLAGE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH – IS THIS FOR YOU?

Creaton's Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator is moving on . Is this an opportunity that you would be interested in?

The duties are not onerous and there is excellent support from our Daventry Area Coordinator, If more than one person is interested there are assistant coordinators roles available. It is very important that we maintain a scheme in Creaton. Our community would be very grateful if you would give this request serious consideration. Please contact Katrina the Parish Clerk if you are interested.

The Neighbourhood Watch Warden (IK)

WELL DONE .....As a Parish Council we would like to say a huge **Well Done** to all the residents involved in the development and delivery of our new village shop. Many hours of volunteering have already happened, and for those that have volunteered to date and those going forward – Thank you!



# GUILSBOROUGH NEWS

## GUILSBOROUGH TENNIS CLUB

### Tennis Tournament:



The 13th "Guilborough Plate" Tennis Club Tournament was held on a Sunday again for the first time in five years. It was a lovely hot day on Sunday 2nd September. Chris Benbow and Chris Johnson were the successful pairing. They received the trophy (left) from tournament organiser, Sarah Dalzell.



Above: The final in progress; Dave Collins serves to Chris Johnson

### Tennis Club Annual General Meeting

The AGM of Guilborough Tennis Club will be held in the Witch & Sow on **Tuesday 23rd October** at 7:00pm. Please do come along if you're interested in the future of Tennis in Guilborough. We will update you on the progress we've made in gaining a separate access gate off the West Haddon Road. If you're interested in playing tennis and joining the club, please contact Sarah on 07917 608238. At the moment play during the autumn/winter terms is from 7:00pm-8:30pm on a Tuesday night.



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## SIR JOHN LOWTHER CRICKET GAME AND LUNCH

On Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> August, in marquees erected at the Field, over 85 villagers enjoyed a delightful lunch provided by the Witch & Sow, in the idyllic surroundings of the Guilborough Playing Field, West Haddon Road just past Guilborough Academy. They were entertained at the event by the annual Sir John Lowther Cricket Game, between Hugh Lowther's XI and West Haddon & Guilborough Cricket Club. Hugh Lowther's XI scored what was thought to be an unreachable target of 266 for 6 off 30 overs, thanks to a fine century by Joe Byars. However, WHGCC surpassed this total in a nail-biting finish by scoring a single off the last ball by Graham Cottle (ex-Guilborough Cricket Club captain).

### OTHER NEWS

Two very successful and enjoyable Sports Days were held at the Guilborough Playing Field in July during the delightful weather; one by the Primary School and the other by the Pre-School. Competitions and games were played on marked pitches and tracks for the children. Many parents came and enjoyed the events.

The new football pitch, created by filling in the old bowls green has subsided in parts due in part to the hot dry weather, and it is not safe for football at present. The pitch is to be levelled by spreading over 30 tonnes of fine soil and then reseeded, possibly followed by a covering of sand. It is hoped that the pitch will be in use again in early 2019. A small practice football area has been created at the Field with small football nets at each end, and all are welcome to use.

**The Guilborough Playing Field has a new website - <https://guilboroughplayingfield.com/> you can find out about the facilities and the latest events and contact the GPFA directly from the site. Do take a look.**

## CRICKET NEWS

### Senior Cricket News

West Haddon and Guilborough 2<sup>nd</sup> XI have achieved promotion from Division 13 in the Northamptonshire Cricket League. The team which is a combination of promising youngsters and more "experienced" players have secured a promotion spot to Division 12. New players of all levels are very welcome, preparations for next season will begin with indoor nets from February.

### Junior Cricket News

West Haddon and Guilborough CC have had another great summer of junior cricket with well over a 100 children

involved. The three junior sides at U11, U13 and U15 have competed well in the Rugby and District League, and the club has been recognised for one of the most successful "All Stars" programmes for 5-8 year olds in the County, with 60 children participating. As a result a lucky group of the WH&GCC All Stars will be strutting their stuff during the lunch interval at the 5<sup>th</sup> Test between England and India at the Oval. Maybe there is another Alistair Cook there somewhere?

West Haddon and Guilborough CC are always open to welcoming new players in both the junior and senior section, please contact [jim.houghton@olivehorse.com](mailto:jim.houghton@olivehorse.com) or on 07748920176 for more information.

# GUILSBOROUGH NEWS

## NEW TEACHER TRAINING FACILITY AT GUILSBOROUGH ACADEMY



On the 6th of September 2018 Guilsborough Academy opened its doors to a new teacher training centre in a building formerly known as the caretaker's house.

The centre is a strategic response to the national shortage in trained teachers. Whilst Guilsborough Academy has a full complement of staff, this initiative aims to be proactive and train potential teachers, as well as further develop the skills of existing teachers. The centre continues the Academy's strong partnership with the GUTP at Sponne School by creating a satellite hub as well as partnerships with other teacher training providers such as Ashlawn School, The University of Warwick and The University of Leicester.

Assistant Principal Beth Nunley is in charge of the centre, and invites people interested in finding out more to contact her on: [teaching@guilsborough.northants.sch.uk](mailto:teaching@guilsborough.northants.sch.uk) or phone 01604 740641



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## PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS



It's been a super start to the academic year here at school. We were very happy to welcome all our new Reception children and other new pupils across the school in September. We have lots of positive feedback from these children so far.

You may have seen scaffolding around the school over the summer holiday period. This is because we have had our roof reinforced and secured. Fingers crossed, we now have no leaks! The children are enjoying their first term and lots of exciting things have happened already. We have started our new whole school project on WWI which will finish with a special event celebrating the 100 year centenary in November. We have also had a new 'School Wrap' team join us and who now run our morning and after school club. They are very excited to have joined our Guilsborough family!

As you know, at Guilsborough we like to get the children involved in lots of school enrichment events and days. We also take raising money for charity very seriously. We will be raising money for Children in Need, Red Nose Day, Jeans for Genes, the Air Ambulance and the Spinal Injuries Association as well as a wellbeing project for our school.

Do take a look at our school website - [www.guilsboroughprimary.co.uk](http://www.guilsboroughprimary.co.uk) and our Twitter profile - @guilsboroughpri - where we will be communicating all about the exciting things we are doing at our school alongside any important updates.

Mrs Shilliam, Headmistress

## DEFIBRILLATOR UPDATE

Hopefully this defib looks familiar to villagers and hopefully nobody will need to use it but should the occasion arise please be aware that the first thing to do in an emergency is call 999 and then access the cabinet. The cabinet no longer has a lock so can be accessed by simply opening the door. It is mounted on the external wall of the primary school so is always available.



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# GUILSBOROUGH NEWS

## HARVEST AT GUILSBOROUGH

**Saturday October 6th 7pm**

Harvest Supper in the Village Hall

£7.50 to include two courses and a glass of wine

Bar & Raffle

Tickets available from:

Hilary Worton, Paul Jacobs, Cris Burn and Janet Minney

**Sunday 7th October 11am**

Harvest festival in Church

Gifts of produce or tinned/packeted food will be donated to Daventry Food Bank. Please bring them to church on Saturday morning (11am to 12 noon), to the supper or to the service on Sunday.

All are welcome.

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Guiltsborough WI for ladies in Guiltsborough and surrounding Villages. We meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month at the Witch & Sow, 7.30pm for 8pm start, bar is open, tea and coffee complimentary after the speaker. (Bring your own mugs). **NEW MEMBERS WELCOME**, please come along, you are welcome at any meeting. First meeting/visitors £5 if not joining on the night. We normally meet in the Restaurant unless an event requires more space and then you will find us in the function room at the back of the pub.

October members are going Clay Pigeon Shooting in Barby

**October 15th** meeting speaker, 'Disasters around the world and the role UK loss adjusters play in settling claims' – Sarah Edwards

**November 19<sup>th</sup>** meeting speaker on British and local History, looking at ancestry and researching.

**December 17<sup>th</sup>** – Christmas Silver Jewellery and decoration making - activity

Please come along and follow us on Guiltsborough WI Facebook page.

## "LEST WE FORGET "

GMADs present  
Our tribute to commemorate  
the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
of the ending of World War I

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> and Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November**

7.30pm in Guiltsborough Village Hall

Tickets £8 per person

Available through <http://www.wegotickets.com/gmads>

For additional ticket availability  
please call Frances on 01604 740549

## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION 'PARTY IN THE PUB'

The RBL raised enough money to buy a commemorative bench for the celebrations of the 100th anniversary of the end of WWI from the proceeds of the 'party in the pub' which was very well attended. The bench will be installed in time for the 11th November remembrance parade. More details to follow in the next newsletter.

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# GUILSBOROUGH NEWS

# MMM



Monday Morning Meet

Guilborough Village Hall

9 – 11am every Monday

(Excluding Bank Holidays)

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Meet for a chat, coffee/tea, cake.

Only £2/adult - includes refreshments.

Children free.

**Our Christmas Party will be on Monday  
17<sup>th</sup> December.**

For more information contact:

Janet 01604 740640



## A WEEK IN THE LIFE OF GUILSBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL

Monday  
MMM, Bowls

Tuesday  
Pilates, Tai Chi, Dance classes

Wednesday  
Dance classes, Pilates

Thursday  
Painting for Pleasure,  
Basketball, Dance classes

Friday/Saturday/Sunday  
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If you would like to check availability for the hall or any of  
the classes:

Email [info@guilboroughvh.uk](mailto:info@guilboroughvh.uk)

Or call 07342 382706

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

### Best Village Competition 2018

Guilborough were awarded runners up in the Newcomers Cup. Cllr Miller is to be congratulated on all his hard work towards this and a big thank you also to everyone else who helped, your enthusiasm and commitment were greatly appreciated.

### Telephone Box

We received a few ideas following the phone box appeal in the last village link and are now looking for a willing volunteer (or two?) from the community to supervise the use of the phone box as a book share / information kiosk / art installation. Could this be you? The Parish Council will help and support anyone who would like to bring this idea to life and enhance our village yet further.

### Playground Tidy Up

A BIG thank you to everyone who turned out in July and helped clear the overgrown shrubs and trees in the playground. The playground looks so much better and there is more room for play.

### World War I Memorial Bench

Daventry District Council have offered benches at a reduced price to local villages and the British Legion have very kindly agreed to fund one for Guilborough. It will be placed on Parish Council land and should be in place by 11th November in time for the 100th anniversary of the end of WWI. Pictures to follow in the next issue of Village Link.

### Councillor Vacancy

The Parish Council still has a vacancy for a councillor. Anyone interested in this position is invited to nominate themselves by providing their full contact details and a brief resume (preferably by email) as to why they are interested in becoming a Councillor to the Parish Clerk. If you would like further information as to what is involved in becoming a Parish Councillor, please contact the Parish Clerk (Carol Holfield 01788 834425 / [guilborough.pc@gmail.com](mailto:guilborough.pc@gmail.com)) in the first instance. Please note that prospective candidates must permanently live or work within a 3 mile radius of Guilborough and have done so for the preceding 12 month period. Or have a chat to a councillor and find out what it's all about. Councillors names and contact details are on the PC website [www.guilboroughpc.org.uk](http://www.guilboroughpc.org.uk)

# HOLLOWELL & TEETON NEWS



## FAFF A GREAT SUCCESS

More than 300 visitors came along to the first Hollowell FAFF -- a Fete and Flower Festival that included nine Open Gardens. There were stalls dotted along Church Hill, a vintage vehicle display, complete with steam engine, on the Creaton Road, a treasure hunt, teas and art and craft displays. Visitors were particularly delighted by the "Hatched, Matched and Dispatched" display in St James Church, which featured several wedding dresses from different periods. For those agog to know all the answers, the number of sweets in the jar was 207, the fastest Nerf gun draw in town was John Cook with a score of just over 100 and the winning maggot in the maggot racing was "MagBolt" who took a staggering 12.38 seconds to complete the course. All funds raised will be divided between the Church, the Village Hall and the Pocket Park. Thank you very much to everyone who took part. Please pencil 3rd and 4th August 2019 into your diary for the next Hollowell FAFF.

## STEAM RALLY 2018

The 32<sup>nd</sup> Hollowell Steam Rally provided all the usual fun of the fair with steamers, heavy horses, and aerial displays. Unfortunately the very hot weather and a direct clash with an England World Cup match, kept the crowds away and income on the gate was 45 per cent down. Rally organiser, Allen Eaton MBE, expressed disappointment.

"This is my last year, running the Rally and I would have liked to go out on a big bang," he said. But Allen is upbeat about the future. The new Rally boss will be Robin Lewis of Northampton who has 20 years experience of organising this popular local event. Allen remains in place until "The Give Away" evening during the last week of October. In the meantime plans are already afoot for the Hollowell Bonfire which will be on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. Gates open at 5pm, the bonfire is lit at 7pm and the fireworks start at 7.30pm. Entry is £1 per person and there will be a bar, food stalls, trade stalls, fun fair, steam engines and vintage vehicles. All welcome.



## A NEW LOOK FOR HOLLOWELL AND TEETON VILLAGE HALL

For some time, the Village Hall Committee has been planning the modernisation of the Village Hall, which was once the village school.

Over the summer months, the main rooms of the Hall have had a major makeover with redecoration, new bar area, new floor, new heaters and new windows. The effect has really been transformational!

The Hall is now warmer and much brighter and is ideal for all family and village events.

To celebrate a great new facility for the village, an 'Open Day' coffee morning was held on September 9<sup>th</sup>, with free 'coffee and cookies' and vouchers offering 'free hours' for new bookings. There was a good turnout of villagers who wanted to take a peek at the new Hall.

On behalf of the village, the Committee would like to thank all those who made the refurbishment possible – especially the Hollowell Steam Rally who have been staunch supporters. With the help of our supporters, we will continue the programme over the coming months.

Anyone who is interested in booking this super village facility should contact Carrie Billings on 07974 394877 or [carrie@carriebillings.co.uk](mailto:carrie@carriebillings.co.uk). Hourly rates are £10 for parishioners and £12 for non-parishioners.

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE VILLAGE HALL

The Committee (Carrie, Nick, Merrick, Graham and John) have organised a busy schedule until the end of the year, catering for all tastes:

**October 13<sup>th</sup>:** Hollowell Harvest Supper (tickets must be bought by 9<sup>th</sup> October)

**November 16<sup>th</sup>:** Steam and Whistle Pub Night

**December 8<sup>th</sup>:** Café Christmas

Please put the dates in your diary!

## PIANO NEEDING A NEW HOME

We have a piano in Hollowell Village Hall that we wish to go to a good home. An experienced piano player in the village says that - once tuned - it would be suitable for a beginner to learn on. All the keys etc. have a good action. Externally, it is in good condition.

You would have to pick it up from the Hall within the next few weeks. (I may be able to drum up some help with loading). A £25 donation to the VH would be appreciated.

If you are interested, please get in contact with me:

John Benjamin [jvbenjamin1@gmail.com](mailto:jvbenjamin1@gmail.com) 01604 740796



# HOLLOWELL & TEETON NEWS

## HOLLOWELL HENS

On a bright sunny day in August, a small group of Hollowell Hens visited Kelmarsh Hall and Gardens. The house is very interesting and we particularly enjoyed the new 'Below Stairs' exhibition which included servants quarters and the laundry. We had a lovely walk around the gardens and finished off with tea and cake on the front lawn.

At the beginning of September the Hens and their families enjoyed a splendid garden party at the invitation of Diana Wells. The gathering was in celebration of Diana's birthday, her 50<sup>th</sup> year as a resident of Hollowell and the 320<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her home, Beech House.



Diana's celebrations.

## CHRISTENING

Ten month old Leah Singleton was christened at Hollowell Church on August 12th by the Rev'd Allison Twigg. Family and friends were in attendance. Congratulations to mum and dad, Suzy and Ian, of Orchard Close.



## HOLLOWELL POCKET PARK

The Pocket Park Action Committee is delighted to have been awarded £1,000 from the Tesco Bags of Help scheme. Many thanks to everyone who voted for

us.



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## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

### Buses, Bins & Budgets: 'Are you Bothered'?

The Parish Council will consider what issues are likely to affect the preparation of the Council budget for the forthcoming year (2019 -20).

Standard items include the Clerk's Salary (ensuring appropriate level of remuneration for what is becoming an increasing work load), Street Lighting, Mowing, Maintenance of village assets (Seats & Notice Boards) and Insurance.

What is clear is that as the good ship Northampton County Council steams ahead like the Titanic, various items are being thrown overboard in the forlorn hope the vessel will remain afloat. The expectation seems to be that Parish Councils and / or Volunteer groups will catch the jetsam and continue the county's services. Where County Council funding is not forthcoming, the assumption is that Parishes will provide the necessary funds to fill the gap and will have the organisational capability to manage the additional responsibilities.

Hollowell & Teeton has one employee (a Clerk who also acts as Responsible Finance Officer) who works a limited number of hours per month to meet the workload of the Parish.

During the summer the Parish Council was challenged to resolve the problem created by the County Council's decision to withdraw its subsidy for the No. 60 Bus service. This is a financial burden beyond the parish's means. Daventry District Council came to the immediate rescue and has provided £30,000.00 of funding to keep a modified bus service running until March 2019. The dilemma remains whether funding of £45,000.00 p.a. can be found from 1 April 2019 (and beyond). In short, if you do not use and, most importantly, pay for the bus, the service will be lost.

Now the grit bins are going – 2 of the 4 salt bins located along Church Hill, Hollowell will no longer be maintained by Northamptonshire Highways. Despite representation to the Chairman of the NCC Scrutiny Committee and the offer of financial support from the Parish Council, the decision is that Northamptonshire Highways will only maintain two of the bins, but drive past the other two. The Parish Council is expected to source salt & grit to fill the the other two bins, or have them withdrawn.

What next and do you care? Email your thoughts to our parish clerk, Gill Greaves on [pc-clerk@hollowellandteeton.org.uk](mailto:pc-clerk@hollowellandteeton.org.uk)

## HOLLOWELL AND TEETON VILLAGE HALL TOTE WINNERS

Tote winners for July and August are: Eddie Litchfield, Ann Wyatt, Chrystal Baker-Bates, Emily Curtis, Claire Morrell, Paul Charter, Marie Bramwell, Mark Litchfield and Mrs Spencer.

# THORNBY NEWS

THORNBY  
VILLAGE HALL  
MANAGEMENT  
COMMITTEE



## QUIZ NIGHT

13th October, 2018 at 7.30pm  
THORNBY VILLAGE HALL  
£7.50 (INCLUDING SUPPER) BAR

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE  
CONTACT  
Ann 743860



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## THORNBY VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



**Invite you to go "Crackers" on  
Saturday 24th November at 7.30pm  
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## THORNBY CHURCH FLOWER FESTIVAL

Here are some  
photographs of the  
displays at the  
Thornby Church  
Flower Festival held  
in August. See the  
back page for Mary  
Poppins!



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

# CHURCH NEWS

Remember, Remember...Remembering is a key theme for this time of the year. We start October with our Harvest Festivals where we remember God's goodness and give thanks for the harvest gathered in. On 4<sup>th</sup> Nov we celebrate 'All Saints' where we remember all those who have inspired us and at 5pm we have our 'Celebrating the Departed' service which is an opportunity to remember those dear to us who have died in a simple service with the opportunity to light candles in their memory. This year we will be at St James, Hollowell, for this special service.

Remembrance will be a major focus of the week leading up to November 11<sup>th</sup> with commemorations of the beginning of the end of the World War One hostilities. Many events are being planned including a Vigil with prayers, readings and music in Guilsborough Church at 7.00pm on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November, and the ringing of church bells in as many churches as possible. But remembrance is not just about looking back; it is about acknowledging present realities and looking to the future. We cannot and should not cling to the past; we can celebrate it and give thanks but we need to learn the lessons now which can help us to move forward into a different future, a future where

in the words of the prophet Micah: 'they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.'

In our services of remembrance we bring together the themes of celebration, confession, sorrow, commitment and hope. It is as we learn the lessons of history and commit ourselves afresh to work for a world of peace and justice for all peoples that we will be able to look forward to a new heaven and new earth where in the words of Revelation 'there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away.'

Do join us for one or more of these special times of remembering as we look back, mark the present reality and then look forward with renewed hope to the coming into the world of the one who came to bring light and life, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.



## HARVEST FESTIVAL—See P12 for details

**Supper: Saturday 6th October, 7pm Guilsborough**

**Service: Sunday 7th October at 11am St Etheldreda's**

### A VIGIL MARKING THE END OF WORLD WAR 1

with prayers reflections and music  
taking place at

7.00pm on Saturday November 10<sup>th</sup>  
in Guilsborough Church

### POPPY DISPLAY



The poppy display is coming together well.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed so far.

On the weekend of Remembrance Sunday, the church will be open to view the finished display.

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> 12 noon – 4pm.

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> 10am – end of service.

Some of the poppies will be available, for a donation, to use as a brooch.

All donations will go to the British Legion.

## Shoe Boxes & Blankets 2018



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

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

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

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2 - 4.30**

**Guilsborough Village Hall. Tea & Cakes.**

**View the blankets/ meet Derek from the Blythswood Project.**

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

Contact Janet: 740640

# CHURCH ROTA

Uplands Group of Parishes office (answerphone): 01604 743444

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		OCT 2018				NOV 2018			
Week of Month	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	
Sunday	Oct 7th 19th Sunday after Trinity	Oct 14th 20th Sunday after Trinity	Oct 21st 21st Sunday after Trinity	Oct 28th Last Sunday after Trinity	Nov 4th 4th Sunday before Advent	Saturday Nov 10th	Nov 11th Remembrance Sunday	Nov 18th 2nd Sunday before Advent	Nov 25th Christ the King
Holy Day	Proper 22	Proper 23	Proper 24	Proper 25					
Colour	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Red	Red	Red	Red
Cold Ashby	8.30am BCP Communion 5.00pm Harvest Festival	10.00am	9.30am Worship for All	No service	9.30am BCP Communion	9.30am BCP Communion with names	9.30am Morning Prayer	No service	9.45am BCP Morning Prayer
Cottesbrooke	11.00am BCP Communion	UPLANDS GROUP SERVICE	No Service	9.45am BCP Morning Prayer	11.00am BCP Communion	10.55 Remembrance Day Service	No Service	9.45am BCP Morning Prayer	
Creaton	11.00am Harvest Festival with URC at St Michaels followed by Lunch	Common Worship with	9.30am BCP Communion	9.30am Worship for All 6.30pm Evensong	9.30am CW Communion	10.50am Remembrance Day Service	9.30am BCP Communion	9.30am Worship for All 6.30pm Evensong	
Gulfsborough	11.00am Harvest Festival	Communion COLD ASHBY	8.30am BCP Communion Brunch @ 11 6.00pm Evensong	9.45am CW Communion	11.00am BCP Communion	3.00pm Remembrance Day Service	8.30 am BCP Communion Brunch @ 11 5.00pm Evensong	9.45am CW Communion	
Hollowell	Invited to join Gulls	6.00pm Harvest Festival followed by Auction of Harvest produce	11.00am BCP Morning Prayer	11.00am CW Communion	5pm Remembering the departed	6.00pm Remembrance Day Service	11.00am BCP Morning Prayer	11.00am CW Communion	
Ravensthorpe	10.00am Harvest Festival 5pm Evening Celtic		9.45am CW Communion	11.00am Worship for All	8.30am BCP Communion	10.55 Remembrance Day Service	9.45am CW Communion	11.00am Worship for All	
Spratton	11.00am Worship for All Harvest Festival followed by Lunch		11.00am CW Communion	8.30am BCP Communion 5.00pm Table Talk	11.00am Worship for All	10.30am Remembrance Day Service	11.00am CW Communion	8.30am BCP Communion 5.00pm Table Talk	
Thornby	3.00pm Harvest Festival		No Service	8.30am BCP Communion	No Service	Joining with Cold Ashby	No Service	8.30am BCP Communion	

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

\* Gulfsborough Village Hall



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SUMMER FETES, GARDENS AND FLOWER FESTIVALS ...



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**HOLLOWELL  
 STEAM  
 BONFIRE PARTY**  
 Saturday 3rd November  
 2018  
 Hollowell Rally Field  
  
 Gates open 5pm  
 Bonfire lit 7pm  
 Fireworks lit 7.30pm.  
 Entry fee £1 per person  
 There is a bar, food stall,  
 trade stall, funfair, steam  
 engines and vintage vehicles



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**CREATON GRANGE ALES**

In a rare 'perk of the job', the Village Link team were delighted to be invited to the launch of Creton Grange Ales. Find out more on page 7.



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**Christmas Picture Competition**

**Are you feeling creative?  
 Here's a suggestion to occupy active minds on a  
 rainy Autumn Day.....**

Create a festive picture to appear on the colour pages of the December 2018/ January 2019 copy of Village Link and either send it to anyone on the Editorial Team, or scan and send to:

[editorial@villagelink.org.uk](mailto:editorial@villagelink.org.uk)

**By 7th November**

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