



BLOCKED SEWER PROBLEMS IN HOLLOWELL

Residents of Guilsborough, Cold Ashby, Thornby, Coton and Teeton! We need your help!

You may not be aware that many of the villages falling within the circulation of this publication send their sewage waste to Hollowell. It enters the village through pipes at the top of Church Hill and then flows down to a small sewage processing plant near the old brickworks off the Creton Road. The waste is treated here: solid matter is removed once a day by tanker, and cleansed liquids are released into Stowe Brook.

Sadly, our vital work was interrupted twice, in November and December 2018, when Hollowell's main sewer pipe in Church Hill was blocked by "fat bergs," one of which was larger than a football. The blockages caused raw

sewage to spew out of a manhole and run down the road to the bottom of the hill. School children in the village were forced to pick their way through this bio-hazard on their way to and from the school bus. On both occasions, Anglian Water quickly sent a team to unblock the pipes and clean up. They are keen to enlist our help to ensure that this does not happen again. Please do not put wet wipes (not even those claiming to be flushable), disposable nappies, sanitary towels, tampons, razor blades, or plastic bags down the toilet and don't dispose of fats and food waste in your kitchen sink. Please put household waste in the bin and not down the drain. The residents of Hollowell salute you in this endeavour.



FEED THE BIRDS

The RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch has come and gone for another year but this should not stop you enjoying the birds in your garden. This is the time of year that sees great activity in the trees and hedgerows, under the eaves and in the bird boxes. Whilst the birds might think that Spring is on its way, we all know that any casting of clouts must be held back until the end of May has passed. It is the sudden cold snaps that can be the difference between a clutch of eggs or newly hatched chicks surviving until adulthood or not. We can all help them by putting out food, particularly at this time of year. It is important though that we provide the right food. For example, House Sparrows love dried mealworms, Starlings, like the Blue Tit

in the picture, like suet and fat balls, and Chaffinches prefer a mix of seed. Some birds will usually only feed off the ground, such as Wood Pigeons and Dunnock, which can be very useful after the Starlings have been round as they are not the world's tidiest of eaters! If you would like to carry on counting the birds in your garden, contact the British Trust for Ornithology about their Garden Birdwatch. To find out more about feeding birds, go to the RSPB website.



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What's On

February 2019

- 3rd—Thornby, Big Breakfast,
- 9th—Hollowell, Village Breakfast
- 9th—Creton, Walking Group
- 12th—Guilsborough, SSPPG Meeting
- 13th— Creton, WI
- 18th—Guilsborough, WI
- 21st—Creton, History Group
- 26th—Cold Ashby, Film Night, Bohemian Rhapsody

March 2019

- 9th—Creton, Walking Group
- 12th—Creton, Parish Council
- 13th—Creton, WI
- 15th— Guilsborough, Preschool Curry & Quiz night
- 18th—Guilsborough, WI
- 20th—Guilsborough, Preschool Open Day
- 21st—Creton History Group
- 26th—Cold Ashby, Film Night, Johnny English
- 29th—Hollowell, Quiz Night
- 29th—Creton, Playing Field AGM

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Northants Leather Museum curator Phillip Warner will introduce us to a selection of treasures and their histories from the nation's largest acquisition of leather craft. A unique talk about a unique collection. **Wednesday 13th March 7 for 7.30pm**

THE YEAR OF THE THREE KINGS
Roy Smart's long military career includes pilot and air director for many great national and royal memorial events. He is also an entertaining speaker with an interest in history. Tonight he will tell us about the royal topic that has intrigued generations. The story of Wallis Simpson and the abdication crisis of 1936. **Thursday May 23rd 7 for 7.30pm**

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COLD ASHBY CINEMA SOCIAL EVENING WITH FILM

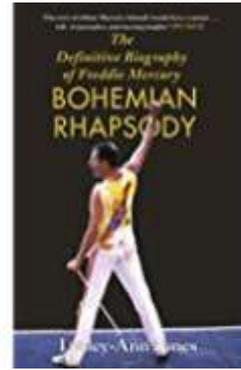
These fund-raising social evenings are **incredibly good value at £5 which includes** cheese & biscuits and a small glass of wine during the interval. Everyone welcome!



The next 2 films CAPFA are showing at the Pavilion, Stanford Road at 7.30pm are:

Tuesday February 26th : Bohemian Rhapsody - Biographical film about British Rock band Queen.

Tuesday March 26th : Jonny English - Spy comedy starring Rowan Atkinson



COMMEMORATIVE BENCH INSTALLED IN COLD ASHBY

Cold Ashby is now the proud owner of a memorial bench, commemorating the centenary of the end of the First World War.

The design incorporates images of soldiers, crosses and poppies, and it is one of dozens of steel benches that have been installed in towns and villages across Daventry District.

You'll find the bench outside St Denys Church in a quiet sheltered spot on the south facing side, which is a lovely sun trap during the warmer months. Next time you're out walking in and around Cold Ashby, why not head through the churchyard and enjoy a **moment's pause?**



COTTESBROOKE NEWS

THE YOUTH OF OUR VILLAGE

Edun Rowe (Right) 10 years old started playing the Cello at school and was awarded a merit.

He auditioned for a place in the County Junior Strings in the summer and was invited to join in September.

Edun has been involved in several concerts at the Spinney Theatre, Northampton and will be playing at Derngate later this year.

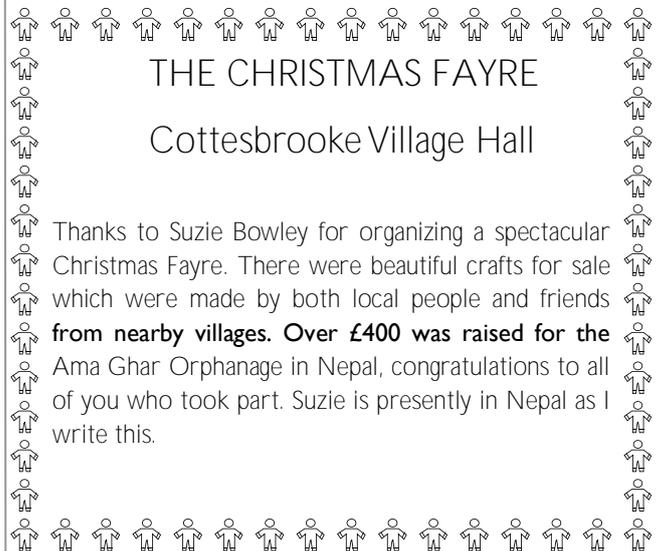


YOUR VILLAGE LINK CORRESPONDENT

This will be my last submission.

I would like to say a Big Thank You to you all for sharing your stories with me. Please continue to send in all the news, stories and photos from Cottesbrooke as you have done in the past. I have really enjoyed this position. God bless your future.

Chris Utley



THE CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Cottesbrooke Village Hall

Thanks to Suzie Bowley for organizing a spectacular Christmas Fayre. There were beautiful crafts for sale which were made by both local people and friends **from nearby villages. Over £400 was raised for the Ama Ghar Orphanage in Nepal**, congratulations to all of you who took part. Suzie is presently in Nepal as I write this.



NGS GARDENS OPEN
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Sunday, 5th May
2pm – 5.30pm

ALL SAINTS CHURCH COTTESBROOKE CAROL SERVICE

The Service was led by the Rev. Dr Judy Peck. During the Service 10 years old Edun Rowe (pictured top left) played Christmas Music on his cello and children read the carols as well as grown-ups. Mince pies and sherry were served after the service. It was one of the best services ever.

DONATIONS

Thank you!
Perhaps the warm Duvets came from you. Seen on a freezing cold day – two homeless men sat on the pavement wrapped up in their duvets.
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NATURE WATCH

A new resident in the Village, Kyle Rix keeps a pair of Harris Hawks, Blue the male and Mair the female who was rescued only has one eye.

Harris Hawk pictured right:

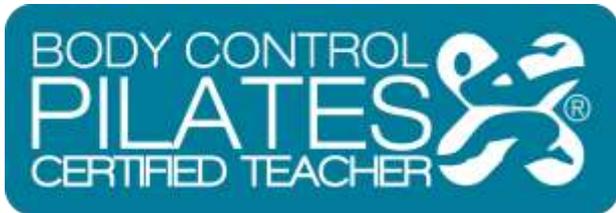


GARDENING IN 2019

Plant generously from the fruit of the spirit: Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self control. Boundless possibilities blossom in the garden of your life. Enjoy it.

INSPIRATIONAL SAYING

When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left and could say, I used everything you gave me.
Erma Bombeck



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Caroline has over 15 years experience as a Body Control Pilates Instructor at level III, and is passionate and committed to improving peoples physical health and wellbeing.

Classes are held on Tuesday evenings, 7pm at Cottesbrooke Village Hall, Station Road, NN6 8PD

Contact Natalie Carter on

M: 07894 593397 E: natalie@pilatesbynatalie.co.uk



Volunteers needed to give carers a break

- Do you have a few hours to spare?
- Would you like to help a worthwhile cause?
- Use your skills and experience to help carers take a break

What's involved?

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

Sitting sessions take the form of befriending and involve meeting the same person in their own home. As a volunteer befriender you would be visiting someone in your local area. Volunteers do not give personal care or cook meals, undertake cleaning or do shopping.

No qualifications are needed, we will provide induction training and on-going support. However, it is important that you are understanding, patient, non-judgmental, a good listener and open-minded.

You could use your spare time to help someone else, or gain experience while you search for paid employment. You could also gain a reference to use when you apply for jobs.

All volunteers have an informal interview, will need to complete an application form and provide two references. If you are successful we will request a disclosure and barring service (DBS) check, which we will pay for.

Travel expenses will be paid for any visits you make.

Interested?

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CREATON NEWS

CREATON VILLAGE SHOP AND POST OFFICE



The Village Shop has had a busy time of late and the members of the Management Committee like to keep everybody on their toes and not least Patsy Hollingum the Volunteer Director. Always on the look out for people to help the shop to function, this time Patsy is on the hunt for volunteers to help keep the place looking spic and span.

This job doesn't require till training, just a little elbow grease. If you are a willing worker and could give a thorough clean to shelves and hard-to-reach corners like the skirting boards, please get in touch. Patsy says that ideally, we need people who could work a couple of hours a week, in half hour or hour-long sessions on Sunday mornings or early on a week day. Behind the counter the wonderful team of helpers serve custom-

ers and Patsy is always looking for more volunteers to swell the numbers—the shop is open about 70 hours a week!

Students over the age of 14 can cover post-school or college slots, and also help out at weekends. The upper age limit is 120, so if you fall into that age bracket and would like to help, please get in touch with Patsy.

Or, you could ask in the shop and speak to the volunteer who serves you to get the low-down on working there, straight from **the horse's mouth. It is a great way to support the community and it's fun. Shop serving sessions are 2 hours long, or longer if it fits in with your day.** The timetable allows for great flexibility. For more details please ask in the shop or contact Patsy on 07876 690348 or email her at volunteers@creatonvillageshop.co.uk.



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CREATON NEWS

UNITED REFORM CHURCH

Minister; Rev. Elizabeth Kemp

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

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.

February 13th: My guide dog and how she changed my life by Frank and Chris Berry

March 13th: Iceland by Barbara Knight.

We welcome you either as a guest or a new member. Come to meet old friends or make new ones

Please contact Daphne on 01604505546 for more information

FOSM HISTORY GROUP

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 21st February - "Lord Byron" by Reg Darby

Thursday 21st March - "Wallis Simpson" by Roy Smart

Saturday 27th April - St. George's Night Party in Creaton Village Hall.

Saturday 18th May - Annual trip to a place of historical interest.



CREATON PLAYING FIELD AGM

29th March at 19:30
Creaton URC

The committee is looking for the following positions to be filled

- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Event Organiser
- Committee members

We need someone to make a difference for young people. This could be an opportunity for personal development and where you can use your skills where they are really needed. Contribute to decision making processes involved in the running of the Field. Without more support Creaton Playing Field Committee may not be able to continue.

Meet new people and help support the work of volunteers to keep Creaton Playing Field as the important village asset.

If you would like information please call 505384

February 2019

Sunday	Service	Led By
3rd 11am		Jon Heard
10th 11am	<i>Worship & Holy Communion</i>	Rev Geoff Townsend
17th 11am		Lindsey Cole
24th 11am		Bryan Heard
March 2019		
3rd 11am	<i>Worship & Holy Communion</i>	Jon Heard
10th 11am		Rev Geoff Townsend
17th 11am		Magnus Ramage
24th 11am		Suzie James
31st 11am	<i>Mothering Sunday Joint Pastorate Service at Kilsby URC</i> <i>Mothering Sunday Service at St Michaels and All Angels. Time to be confirmed.</i>	Rev Geoff Townsend

POPPIES COFFEE SHOP is open daily from 9am to 12 noon Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. All welcome.

WALKING GROUP

A Happy New Year from the Creaton Walking Group! We hope to see you out walking with us this year. Already 2019 has got off to a flying start with 2 walks in January: the traditional **New Year's Day walk which blew away the cobwebs from the** night before and the regular monthly walk. It was good to see the changing seasons close up and to search for tiny signs of spring!

If you enjoy exploring our beautiful countryside on foot, meet at the lychgate at 10am on the second Saturday of the month. Walks are circular and about 8 miles in length, finishing with an optional pub lunch. The next walks are on:

- Saturday 9 February
- Saturday 9 March
- Saturday 13 April

CREATON NEWS

CREATON SINGERS



A massive 'thank you' from the Creaton Singers for your support during December and for your charity contributions.

The Singers were delighted to sing at Welford Christmas Tree Farm adding to the festive atmosphere.

Then the annual singing on the Village Green took place followed by a carol concert in the Village Hall.

Many thanks to everyone who came and supported us and a huge thank you for the **generous donations of gifts and £151.16 to buy toiletries for the Food Bank.**

The Food Bank were most grateful, especially as toiletries are often forgotten about when people so generously give. Delivering the items to the Food Bank was a stark reminder of how lucky we are and how we are all just one step away from needing the Food Bank ourselves. Thank goodness for the people who run Food Banks.

The Creaton Singers wish everyone a very Happy New Year and look forward to performing for you again soon.

Photos

Top: Carols in Creaton Village Hall

Bottom: Singing at Welford Christmas Tree Farm



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Parish Council Meetings

The meetings provide an opportunity for residents in our village to come along and have a say. There is a Public Forum for the first 15 minutes and we invite all residents to use this opportunity to meet your Parish Councillors and elected members of the Council. Meetings are held in the Village Hall and start at 7.30pm.

The meeting dates for 2019 are all on a Tuesday:

- 12th March
- 14th May
- 9th July
- 10th September
- 12th November

Agendas and minutes of meetings are available on the Village website www.creaton.org.uk

Keep Creaton Tidy

Litter: See a Bin – Put it in

We have had several comments around the increase in litter on the Knick Knacks Footpath, mainly sweet wrappers and pop bottles and cans. We would kindly ask if these could continue on the journey with you and be placed in a bin. Thank You.

Village Post Box

We think that most of you will be aware that the post box for the village is now situated outside the Village Shop but you can also pop in and hand over your post and support the Village Shop.



Village Neighbourhood Watch – Is this for you?

Creaton's Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator 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 Co-ordinator. If more than one person is interested there are assistant coordinator roles available. This is a voluntary role and 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.

Recent Planning Applications

DA/2018/0907: Morningside Cottage, High Street, Creaton, Northamptonshire, NN6 8NA: Work to tree within a conservation area.

Planning applications are on the Daventry District Council website and consultations on applications received by the Parish Council will be included in relevant meetings. You can contact Daventry Council's Planning Department on 01327 871100 or use the online contact form via their website.

“Look after Me”

Please keep me on my lead



Yet another plea to dog owners. Please follow the notices on the signs in the village and respect the message. There is an ever-increasing amount of residents not taking any notice. New legislation has been introduced to keep areas clean and safe for public use.

New to Creaton?

A warm welcome to new residents in the village. We hope you will be happy in Creaton and enjoy the many social groups and community events for 2019.

Please like and follow the Creaton Parish Council Facebook page for updates.



Happy New Year

Wishing all the residents of Creaton a very happy and healthy 2019. We hope you had a great Festive Christmas and we would like to take this opportunity to thank Welford Christmas Tree Farm for the Tree provided for the Village, enjoyed by young and old – Thank You.



GUILSBOROUGH NEWS

ANNUAL REPORT

Activities at the Playing Field in 2018



West Haddon & Guilsborough (Seniors)

Cricket Club's 2 teams, played in the Northants Cricket Leagues 4 & 13, from May to September and practice Tuesday evenings in the nets. The 2nd X1 play at Guilsborough.

West Haddon & Guilsborough (Ladies) Cricket Club played most of their games at Guilsborough

West Haddon & Guilsborough Junior Cricketers, numbering 100, aged 8 to 13 practice and play from May to September, with Under 11, 13 and 15 teams who play/train both midweek and on Sundays, with some training and games at **Guilsborough, but most at West Haddon. The "All-Stars" 8 year old's, played during the interval of the Oval 5th Test, representing the most successful Northamptonshire "All-Stars" group.**

Northampton District Girls U13 team were hosted at the Field for training and two fixtures.

The Sir John Lowther Cricket game and Village Lunch in August was a successful occasion with 60 villagers and 22 players.

Guilsborough Primary and Pre-school used the Field for their Sports Days and villagers regularly use the field for recreation.

Daventry Sports, part of Northants Sports, used the Field on 2 occasions for school sports events.

St. Michael's Cricket Club, play all their home games at the **Field and contribute £800 p.a. for this.**

Development of the Ground & Equipment

The planned installation of an automatic watering system around the cricket square was completed by Irrifence

New full-size football posts were purchased for the new pitch at **a cost of £2,700. Grants from Northants Community Foundation (Winwick Wind Farm Fund) and Daventry District Council** were obtained towards the cost.

A new cricket cage and nets were installed by Irrifence, cost **£4,600, and replaced the 20 year old cage that had rusted and bent poles.** Grants from Northants Community Foundation (Winick Wind Farm Trust) and Guilsborough Parish Council were received towards the costs.

Grants and donations have been obtained towards the costs of refurbishing the current kitchen area, to create a refreshment facility to serve alcohol, as well as an improved kitchen facility. The work will start early in 2019.

Fund Raising.

A bottle-stall at Hollowell Steam and a Golf Day at Cold Ashby Golf Club both raised much needed funds.

The GPFA participated in the Village Festival, and received a donation from the surplus generated.

Funding the GPFA

Over £12,000 p.a. was again needed to fund the GPFA's expenditure, as the fixed and maintenance costs have not decreased.

Succession Planning. A succession plan for some of the elderly GPFA officials is needed. It is recognized that it would be beneficial to rotate the roles of

Chairman and Vice-Chairman, ideally with new GPFA members.

The GPFA would welcome individuals to "Shadow" the roles of some, with the intention to take on these roles at a later date. In addition, a new position of Sponsorship and Fundraiser is needed.

The "Vision Project" - New Activity at the Field

The GPFA is looking for new uses and/or increased use by the current sports. A Steering Group and a Working Group have been formed, led by Jim Houghton. **The Steering Group's** function, is to A) provide a sounding board to the working group and provide input from a wider group of interested parties, including the GPFA General Committee and the Trustees and B) Ensure that the Working Party direction is in line with the objectives of the wider group and supported. **The Working Group's** function is to A) perform detailed research and analysis of the alternative options and B) To provide recommendations to the Steering Group for discussion.

There was an encouraging response on villagers' needs re

Playing Field, more details of which can be found at

<https://guilsboroughplayingfield.com/>



CRICKET FOR ALL AGES

West Haddon and Guilsborough CC will have started preparations with indoor training sessions for juniors (8-16 years). In the summer will we run four junior teams, **three adult men's teams and a ladies team.**

New players are welcome in all sections, including ladies and girls. **We have social men's sides playing on Saturdays and Wednesday's so if you would like a gentle return or** introduction to cricket this is the perfect opportunity!

Please contact Jimhoughton@reddeltaconsulting.co.uk for more information.



PLEASE PICK UP YOUR DOG'S POO AND KEEP YOUR DOG ON A LEAD

The GPFA is pleased that dog owners enjoy walking with their dogs at the playing fields but unfortunately we have received complaints of dog poo left on the field. This is not acceptable and the field will have to become dog free if it cannot be kept poo-free.

We also ask that dogs are kept on leads as this ensures all users of the field can enjoy the area safely.

GUILSBOROUGH NEWS

PRE-SCHOOL NEWS

We've just had a great Autumn term, with lots of early years fun and learning. The children celebrated numerous festivals; Divali, Bonfire Night and of course Christmas with lots of arts and crafts. We were invited to decorate the Church's



Christmas tree with handmade decorations and we held a Christmas carol sing-along service for all our families in the Village Hall, which was very cute and Father Christmas even paid us a visit!

This term we are thinking about changes, to begin with weather, then our environment and our village as we move through winter into spring and summer. We spend a lot of time outside in this term, so we can witness the changes and the children love to talk about what they can see and feel.

We have our annual Curry & Quiz planned for Friday 15th March and tickets will be on sale soon for this very popular event! Following on from that our next open day will be Wednesday 20th March 2019.

Please come and see us and learn more about what we do, and if you know of anyone with pre-school age children in the area do pass on this date to them. However, you don't have to wait until then, just give us a call on 01604 740761 and we can organise a time for you to come and have a look around. Our Facebook page is also a great place to find out our news and latest activities and events.

<https://www.facebook.com/GuilsboroughPreSchool/>

PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS



We have had a very busy Autumn term here at Guilsborough C of E Primary, with lots more to look forward to this coming Spring term!

Some of the highlights include the regular seasonal walk which the children enjoyed even though it was a rather muddy experience, our festive Church visit, the various sporting competitions that we have taken part in, the Senior Citizen Party, the Reception 'Stay and Play' sessions and the PTA Festive Friday and Disco.

Our Reception and Year 1/2 class made us all very proud by performing the most super Nativity. It was such a professional performance, which is remarkable when you consider that the cast are all 7 years old or below! I'm sure all parents, family and friends thought it was wonderful too!

We finished the Autumn term with WATER house winning the terms house points. As winners they voted on an exciting winners treat and all had the opportunity to watch and take part in 'GGT' (Guilsborough's Got Talent), which was super to watch! We saw so many talented performances including dancing, singing, violinists, guitar players, a great piano solo and various magic acts! It was an enjoyable experience had by all.

Our Festive Friday event was a huge success. Not only did we all get to meet Santa, but he gave every pupil in our school a very special biscuit for being so fantastic! We managed to raise just over £800 which will go towards our PTA wish list.

As we look forward to an exciting Spring term ahead I'd like to direct you to our school website www.guilsboroughprimary.co.uk and Twitter profile @guilsboroughpri for those interested in keeping up with all of the learning and enrichment activities that we are doing at our school and for any important updates.

Mrs K Shilliam Head Teacher

Monday Morning Meet

Tai Chi

Art

Bowls

Pilates

Drama

Painting for Pleasure

Dance

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Clubs & Societies



GUILSBOROUGH NEWS



Guilsborough Academy

Guilsborough Multi Academy Trust

On Thursday 13th December 2018 we celebrated at our annual Academic Awards evening. Students were nominated in the following categories:

“Outstanding Achievement” in each subject area

“Excellent Progress” in each subject area

Outstanding GCSE results (the top 11 students across last year’s Year 11 students)

The best A Level exam results and

“The Guy Sellick-Taylor Languages Award” for the most able linguist in Key Stage 3

Letters and awards were also sent home to those students who had been nominated but left school at the end of Year 11 to begin their 6th form studies elsewhere. Those students in Year 13 who had achieved the best A level exam results were also rewarded for their successes and invited to collect their certificates.

Addressing the students and parents this year was Adam Taylor a former student from Guilsborough. We are very grateful to Adam for giving his time so freely to us and starting our evening with such an interesting overview of his career and aspirations which I know will have enthused our students.

The evening was filled with student success and it was lovely to see so many students enjoying the event and also so many proud parents. It was also great to see why our students received their awards with excellent citations which made the evening even more special.

Miss S Boyer

Assistant Principal



*Guest Speaker
Adam Taylor*



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Guilsborough and surrounding Villages of all ages. We meet the 3rd 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). Visitors **welcome, £5 per meeting.** 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.

Next meetings: -

February 18th — Session with the Fire Team

March 18th — Learning to dance - Ceroc Style

For more details see the Guilsborough WI

Facebook page or contact Caroline as below

Join our WI - for more information contact

Caroline Collins: 07980-809002

CAROL SINGING SUCCESSES

Both Carol singing events in Guilsborough raised money for worthy causes this year.

Thank you to everyone who participated and supported these events in any way.

The roving group donated £200 to the Hope Shelter in Northampton. A big thank you goes to everyone who turned out that night as it was probably the wettest night of December 2018 ! We sang through the centre of the village and then retreated to sing inside with mince pies, mulled wine and warmth very kindly provided by Colonel and Mrs Evans.

The Christmas Eve Carols at the Witch and Sow raised **£157 for The Motor Neurone Disease Association** and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the music and singing in a warm dry room!



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Monday Morning Meet
Guilborough Village Hall
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Meet for a chat, coffee/tea, cake.

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**Our Good Friday Special will be on
Friday 19th April
10am – 12 noon.**

For more information contact: Janet 01604 740640

NEWS FLASH!

The next Guilborough Music and Drama Society's performance will be The House of Frankenstein, a spoof comedy, April 3rd—6th.

SEE PAGE 2 FOR FULL DETAILS

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Guilborough Neighbourhood Development Plan

By the time you read this we will have all had the opportunity to vote for or against the GNDP, received the result and either **we're congratulating ourselves, and in particular the steering group, or we're asking ourselves where we got it wrong and which responses we've misunderstood. Hopefully it's the former** and the village has in place some valuable policies to help shape the future Guilborough.

Tarmac Area outside the Village Hall

This area is quite heavily used by village hall users, school traffic, access to properties and pedestrians both to the school and the village hall. Gradually it has been falling into a state of disrepair and needs more than further patching up.

We've all been hearing about the financial situation

Northamptonshire County Council is in so there are no monies for this type of repair and to further complicate matters there is no clear ownership of this land. We believe it was most probably Tithe Land in the past and records have not been kept over the years as the village hall has grown from what was **originally "The Reading Room" and the school has expanded** from the original old building to what it is today. We have previously experienced difficulties due to this lack of title and so it is our intention to apply to the Land Registry and seek public ownership of it.

Meanwhile, we are seeking agreement from those with access over this area for us to re-tarmac it, making it a safer environment for us all.

Bus Route 59/60

Talks are still in progress with some Parish Councils to fund this bus route however the level of funding being discussed, we believe, would place a financial burden on us that would be too great for our village, especially with more and more local public services previously the responsibility of NCC falling on Parish **Council's budgets. So, with regret, we have taken the decision** that we cannot support this scheme and unless there is a major change in costings or level of service expect the bus route to cease operation in the very near future.

We would like to gauge exactly how many people this will impact, in particular those that cannot make alternative arrangements. If this is you please email

website@guilboroughpc.org.uk.

Grit Bins

Highways have been reducing the number of grit bins they maintain throughout the county in their efforts to reduce expenditure. The Parish Council has adopted the one sited at the top of Pells Close in the hope this will help keep access to the fire station and the senior citizens bungalows passable should we get snow again this year. Please note, and this applies to all our grit bins, this rock salt is for public area use only and not to be used on private drives or footpaths.

Parish Precept

The Parish Precept is the way in which Parish Council's are funded. With the ever-increasing burden being passed down, due to Local Government reforms, we have had to increase this **year's precept by 10%. Whilst this sounds a big increase, it equates to an increase of £7.656p per annum for a band D** property. This increase is because we have had to budget for additional expenditure, some of which is mentioned above but **also increased rent for the children's playground, removal costs of play equipment that has reached the end of its usable life** along with maintaining our strongly recommended reserves. Without these it is highly unlikely our accounts would be passed by our auditor.

Parish Council Website

Our website, although we keep it up to date with our news, is an under used asset of the village. We would like to develop it to include details of all our various and thriving groups so it can become the go to place for our local information.

If you run a club or society and want details to be included please do email them to website@guilboroughpc.org.uk or come along to one of our meetings and hand them over to us.

HOLLOWELL & TEETON NEWS

A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS EVENING

Villagers, with supporters of the Hollowell Steam from **further afield, gathered at St. James's Church on** Christmas evening for the annual Carol Service, led this year by Rev. Judy Craig Peck. The Church was looking its best, with Christmas flowers and tree decorations (Wendy Evans and Gill Brown) and the new, sparkling, altar fall (Chrystal Baker-Bates). James Bonsor kindly came over from Holcot to play the organ.

Before the Service Merrick Baker-Bates, on behalf of the Parochial Church Council, thanked the Steam Rally Committee for its support of the Church over the years, and particularly Allen Eaton, the retiring Convenor, whose initiative did so much to create the Rally in 1986 (providing funds that year to repair the church roof) and not long afterwards the annual Carol Service. After the Service, Jane and Allen Eaton opened their home for refreshments to all comers with the party continuing into the small hours of Christmas Morning.

HOLLOWELL HENS

The Hollowell Hens had a very jolly evening creating Christmas wreaths in the Village Hall. A big thank you to retired florist, Judy Brown who showed us how to assemble our designs. It was great fun and amazing to see such a variety of beautiful wreaths at the end.



HOLLOWELL 2018 CAFE CHRISTMAS

The 2018 Cafe Christmas in the Village Hall was busier than ever with around fifty people attending. It was lovely to see many new faces. Our popular and skilled barista was run off his feet trying to keep pace with the demand and he had to have a lie down and a coffee when the show was over! There was an amazing buzz in the Hall as friends chatted and laughed and the Christmas cheer was borne aloft by a steady stream of sausage and bacon rolls from our chefs in the kitchen and a fantastic selection of homemade cakes, as well as the personalised coffees. There were art, craft and produce stalls, plus Dawn Fountain's seasonal tombola. The popular hand chime playing, conducted by Sarah Mourant, all added to the fun. What better confirmation that Hollowell is truly a sociable place to live?

There are a number of events already planned for 2019. Here are the first two to put in your diary: The Great Village Breakfast 9am to 12 noon on February 9th and The Big Quiz Night Friday March 29th.

We have been able to transform the interior décor of the Hall this year and your attendance at Village Hall events and membership of the Tote – together with sponsors and donors – have enabled us to do this.

So a big 'thank you' to everyone who has helped create a super little village hall for Hollowell and Teeton! We will continue with the improvement of our village's hall as funds permit.



HOLLOWELL & TEETON NEWS

NEW YEAR VINTAGE RALLY

2019 got off to a lively start in Hollowell with an impromptu Vintage Vehicle run. About 12-14 vehicles, including 5 tractors a Land Rover and an old Jaguar set off from the Creaton Road at 10.30am on New Year's Day, for a 21 mile trip through the Northamptonshire countryside. Their route took in the villages of Guilsborough, West Haddon, Yelvertoft, Elkington, Cold Asbhy, Thornby, Nasby and finished with lunch for all at the Bricklayers Arms in Creaton. Many thanks to Ian Brown and Allen Eton for organising the occasion.



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

"The lamps are going out all over Europe, and we shall not see them lit again in our life-time"

British Foreign Secretary Sir Edward Grey (Monday 3 August 1914)

Hollowell & Teeton Parish has 32 street lamps managed by the Parish Council. The charges for electricity to power these lights is based on an Estimated Annual Consumption (EAC) stated on the Unmetered Supply Certificate [UMS Cert] issued by Western Power Distribution on 30 October 2015, following completion of the upgrade to all street lamps. Street Lights are fitted with a 36w Low Pressure Mercury (Compact) Single Lamp and 1 watt Electronic Photocell.

The Certificate of Unmetered Supply, issued by Western Power Distribution, lists two Meter Point Administration Numbers (MPAN):

Dusk to Dawn EAC 5841.8 kWh (relates to the lamp)

Continuous EAC 280.5 kWh (relates to the Photocell control switch on each lamp)

In December 2018 our electricity supplier, Eon, notified the Parish Council that it planned to increase the charge for powering the lights by 23.5%, effective from 21st January 2019.

This is charged at a single unit price, with no standing charge. The Parish Council sought quotations from alternative suppliers and at an Extra Ordinary Meeting held on 19 December 2018 decided to change supplier. A fixed term contract has been agreed with Total Gas & Power, facilitated by Eastern Counties Purchasing Organisation (ESPO), for the period 3 January 2019 to 30 September 2020.

Although the cost of running the village lights will still go up, the **move to a new supplier will provide an annual saving of £234.20** compared to the price quoted by Eon.

HOLLOWELL AND TEETON VILLAGE HALL TOTE WINNERS

The lucky winners of the Village Hall Tote were: Chrystal Baker-Bates, Claire Morrell, Graham Leah, Pauline Partington, Rose Hall, Barry Wendon, The Hollowell Family and Alan Stocker.

THORNBY NEWS

Thornby Village Hall
Management Committee.



It's back by popular demand!

BIG BREAKFAST

Sunday 3rd February 2019

9.00am to Noon

Thornby Village Hall

Variations of breakfasts

Full English £7.50



Look forward to seeing
you then!

Contact Ann Galpin: 01604
743860

A CRACKING SUCCESS!



Our grateful thanks to the villagers of Thornby for their support in our Cracker Draw. It was so good to see the Village Hall full with happy faces.

Sincere thanks to those folk who so generously donated prizes. **£320 was raised towards the Bell Tower Fund.** Thank you all again.



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MESSAGE FROM REVEREND CHRIS PECK
RECTOR OF THE UPLANDS GROUP OF CHURCHES

CHURCH NEWS

The days are getting longer, but winter can still have a sting **in its tail and we don't know what is round the corner.** The same is true of life; one moment things are going well, then suddenly an event or a diagnosis turns our life upside down. Sometimes the hardest thing is when it is someone close to us who is affected; we so desperately want to put it right for them **and we can't; we can only be there for them, watching them suffer,** doing the best we can for them, but feeling inadequate.

Lent begins on 6th March with Ash Wednesday; during Lent we are reminded that Jesus entered into the full experience of what it means to be human, sharing our suffering as well as our joys; on 14th April we celebrate Palm Sunday with a Procession and a dramatic reading of the last days of Jesus life and enter Passion Week which reminds us that the Cross comes before the Resurrection.

The greatest gift we can give to someone else is to be fully present to them with all the loving attention we can muster; the **gift Jesus gives us is God's full involvement in whatever we are experiencing,** however difficult or joyful. I am writing this just after Christmas where we saw an increased number of children and families attending events, including over 1000 children attending services in Spratton Church, the Village Hall in Guilsborough bursting with young children for the December Brunch @ 11; a live donkey in Ravensthorpe Church performing in more ways than one (!), Year sevens from Guilsborough Secondary Academy packing into Guilsborough Church and generally good numbers in Carol Services across

the eight churches. It has been a wonderful joy to celebrate the baby who is Emmanuel, God with us, with so many of all ages. It is often when things are difficult that we can discover just how much God is indeed with **us; just how much we can be held by God's** loving presence.

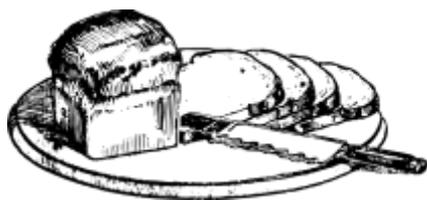


So whatever this season throws your **way, may you know the depth of God's presence with you,** and take time this Lent to deepen your appreciation of that presence in your life.

Why not join us in one or more of our varied services and events which are in full flow: Bus Stop Tots, Brunch @ 11, Worship for All, Common Worship, Book of Common Prayer, Table Talk, Taize, along with Monday Morning Meet; we will have a special communion for Ash Wednesday March 6st and a full range of services during Holy Week and Easter together with a **film based course in Lent based on 'The King's Speech'.** We have a new administrator, Katrina, who can be contacted on uplandsgrouppoffice@gmail.com; We would love to keep you informed of events within The Uplands Group of Churches, if **you are a FaceBook user please search for 'Uplands Group Churches' and follow our FB page;** we will be emailing a weekly newsletter to all those who have given us permission to do so. Why not follow us to find out what is happening; there really is something for everyone!

Chris Peck

Lent Lunch 2019



Saturday 6th April
12 – 2pm

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MOTHERING SUNDAY SUNDAY 31st MARCH

SERVICES:

COLD ASHBY: No Service

COTTESBROOKE: 9.45 a.m.

CREATON: 9.30 a.m.

GUILSBOROUGH: 9.45 a.m.

HOLLOWELL: 11 a.m.

SPRATTON: 11 a.m.

RAVENSTHORPE: 4.00 p.m. Tea

THORNBY: No Service



SHROVE TUESDAY-Tuesday 5th March

CHURCH ROTA

Uplands Group of Parishes office (answerphone): 01604 743444

Email: uplandsgroup@btinternet.com

		FEBRUARY 2019				MARCH 2019				
Week of Month	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	
Sunday	Feb 3rd Candlemas	Feb 10th 4th Sunday before Lent	Feb 17th 3rd Sunday before Lent	Feb 24th 2nd Sunday before Lent	Mar 3rd Sunday next before Lent	Mar 10th 1st Sunday of Lent	Mar 17th 2nd Sunday of Lent	Mar 24th 3rd Sunday of Lent	Mar 31st Mothering Sunday	
Holy Day										
Colour										
Cold Ashby	Green 9.30am BCP Communion	Green 10.00am	Green 9.30am Morning Prayer	Green No service 9.45am BCP	Green 9.30am BCP Communion	Purple 10.00am	Purple 9.30am Worship for All	Purple No service 9.45am BCP	Purple No service 9.45	
Cottesbrooke	Communion		No Service	Morning Prayer	Communion		Morning Prayer	Mothering Sunday Service		
Creation	9.30am CW Communion		9.30am BCP Communion	9.30am Worship for All 6.30pm Evensong	9.30am CW Communion	9.30am BCP Communion	9.30am Worship for All 6.30pm Evensong	9.30am joint with URC at St Michaels Mothering Sunday		
Gullisborough	11.00am BCP Communion		8.30 am BCP Communion Brunch @ 11 5.00pm Evensong	9.45am CW Communion	11.00am BCP Communion	8.30 am BCP Communion Brunch @ 11 5.00pm Evensong	9.45am CW Communion	9.45am Mothering Sunday Service		
Hollowell	Invited to join Gulls	Common Worship with Communion	11.00am BCP Morning Prayer	11.00am CW Communion	Invited to join Gulls	Common Worship with Communion	11.00am BCP Morning Prayer	11am Mothering Sunday Communion		
Ravensthorpe	8.30am BCP Communion	COTTESBROOKE	9.45am CW Communion	11.00am Worship for All including a Baptism	8.30am BCP Communion	RAVENSTHORPE	9.45am CW Communion	11.00am Mothering Sunday Service		
Spratton	11.00am Worship for All		11.00am CW Communion	8.30am BCP Communion 5.00pm Table Talk	11.00am Worship for All		8.30am BCP Communion 5.00pm Table Talk	Mothering Sunday Tea 4.00pm		
Thornby	No Service		No Service	8.30am BCP Communion	No Service		8.30am BCP Communion	No service		

BCP = Book of Common Prayer CW = Common Worship * Gullisborough Village Hall
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SARAH'S CHOCOLATE BROWNIES

My much requested recipe....to fill you with love on Valentines Day!

- 8oz slightly salted butter (I use Lurpak either spreadable or butter)
- 8oz dark chocolate (I use 74% cocoa from Lidl),
- 12oz dark soft brown sugar
- 4 medium eggs
- 1tsp good vanilla extract
- 4oz whole plain flour
- 1 level tsp baking powder
- 4oz shelled pecans or walnuts broken into pieces
- Icing sugar to dust

Method:

- Cut the butter into chunks and break up the chocolate. Place both in a heatproof bowl and melt together in a microwave (I do mine for 3 mins) or over a pan of simmering water. Stir well, then cool until tepid.
 - Heat the oven to 190C, Gas 5. Line the base of a shallow rectangular baking tray (approx 25cm x 30cm) with non-stick baking paper. Beat the sugar, eggs and vanilla in a mixing bowl until frothy. Mix the flour and baking powder. Beat the buttery chocolate into the sugary eggs, followed by the flour and the pecan/walnut pieces.
 - Scrape into the tin, level with the back of a spoon, then bake for 20mins until a crust forms on the top. The centre will feel **slightly soft when pressed (and I've noticed a slight cracking which means its good and just solid enough)**. Remove and cool in the tin for a good 2-3 hours then chill for at least an hour (I leave it overnight). Cut into squares while in the tin and lever out with a table knife. Serve in a pile dusted with icing sugar.
- Enjoy!



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