



ANYONE FOR (SUMMER) TENNIS?

Guilsborough Tennis Club (GTC) have secured an agreement with Guilsborough School Academy Trust (GSAT), so that tennis can be played out of school hours. Planning permission has been granted, funding generously obtained through the Northamptonshire Community Foundation and a contractor engaged for construction of a separate secured gated entrance off the West Haddon Road. This will mean that GTC members of all ages will be able to play on the courts without having to go onto other GSAT property. Construction of the new gated access is scheduled for the week of 8th

April; so that play should be possible for club members on Sunday 14th April at 10am. We then plan to hold club mornings, open to all members, playing on all six courts every Sunday. Members will be able to book the courts to play in daylight out of school hours, at weekends and in the school holidays. If you are interested in playing tennis and becoming a member (£40 for an Adult Summer Membership) please contact Sarah Dalzell: Tel 07917 608238 or email sarahdalzell57@gmail.com or come along to our **OPEN FUN TENNIS DAY** on **19th MAY 10am-12 noon.**



Playing tennis is a fun activity – our tournament final was held on a sunny September Sunday

PARISH COUNCILS WORK TOGETHER TO RETAIN BUS ROUTE FOR ANOTHER YEAR!

Thanks to the Parish Councils of Creton, Guilsborough, Naseby, Spratton, The Bramptons, Welford and Thornby all working together, along with some recently released funds from central government specifically to assist in the retention of threatened bus routes, the Route 60 bus service will continue with its current level of service from April for another year. It would be fair to say that many parish councils, not just those concerned here, have been very reluctant to step forward and finance bus routes. Parish councils are, by nature, for the benefit of their parishioners and fund local services, whereas public services that go beyond the parish would normally be funded at a District or County level, so this cooperation between parishes really is breaking boundaries. John Hunt (Chairman of Spratton Parish Council) has been the main coordinator and driving force behind this initiative and he is to be



congratulated and thanked for achieving this successful outcome. He has not only spent many, many hours in discussion with all parish councils served by this bus route, Daventry District Council, our MP Chris Heaton Harris, and John Ellerby of Northamptonshire County Council, but he has also been negotiating with an alternative, totally fresh public transport system from UNO. In the end this new system was not ready to launch and requires some start-up funding. John was also instrumental in establishing a funding formula which was acceptable to those that contributed. Thank you, John, for a job very well done.

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Lot's On! April 2019

- 2nd – Cold Ashby, Film Bohemian Rhapsody
- 4th—Journey to Antarctica, 7.30pm Spratton Church
- 6th—Creton, Ducklings Open Day
- 6th— Guilsborough, Lent Lunch
- 7th– Guilsborough Horse Racing
- 10th—Creton, WI Brief History of Folk Music
- 13th—Creton Walking Group
- 15th—Guilsborough WI Arts & Crafts
- 19th—MMM Good Friday Special
- 26th – Cold Ashby, Film Mary Poppins Returns
- 27th—Creton, FOSM St George's Night
- 27th & 28th– Photo Show , West Haddon, open to all villages
- 28th – Cold Ashby, Bowls Open Day
- 30th– SSPPG AGM

May 2019

- 5th– Thornby, Farm Walk
- 5th—Cottesbrooke Hall, Open Gardens (NGS)
- 8th—Creton & G'boro WI meetings Resolutions / Cycling respectively
- 10th - Guilsborough, RDA Quiz
- 10th -19th– Brixworth Music Festival
- 11th—Hollowell Sailing Club Open Day
- 11th—Creton Walking Group
- 12th—Guilsborough Open Gardens
- 18th—Creton, FOSM Trip to Baddesley Clinton
- 19th– Cottesbrooke, Village Gardens Open
- 19th– Guilsboro' Fun Open Tennis
- 20th—Guilsborough WI Resolutions
- 23rd—Ravensthorpe Speakers Corner
- 28th –Cold Ashby, Film The Favourite
- MMM—most Mondays Guilsborough

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**HOLLOWELL SAILING
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Sat 11th May 11am-4pm

**CREATON DUCKLINGS
PRE-SCHOOL**

Sat 6th April

**GUILSBOROUGH TENNIS
CLUB**

Sun 19th May 10am-12noon



**Cold Ashby Bowls Club
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Sunday 28th April
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COLD ASHBY NEWS

REPORTS FROM COLD ASHBY PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION

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**DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE:
Monday 6th May 2019**

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Cold Ashby Playing Fields Association have recently installed a new air conditioning heating system in the sports pavilion function room. This new system will make the room more comfortable and quieter for our monthly social film nights, the weekly Monday yoga classes and for all those hiring the pavilion for parties and other functions. An added benefit is that, should we have another hot summer, the system can cool and dehumidify the room making it more comfortable on those hot humid evenings. This project was made possible thanks to support from the Winwick Wind Farm Fund administered by Northamptonshire Community Foundation.

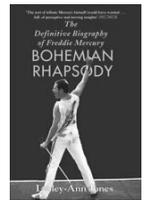
The unseasonably good February weather has brought out many families to enjoy the playground. This time last year we were facing the "Beast from the East" and the playground was naturally much less well used. It was really good to count 14 people there at the same time on a February afternoon. This shows how much it is used by the people of Cold Ashby and surrounding villages and is exactly why we worked so hard to raise the funds to build this facility of which we are very proud. The playground is free to use ... but it does cost money to maintain. You can support the ongoing maintenance of the playground for £1 per week through the Daventry District Local Lotto. Please help us by going to <https://www.local-lotto.co.uk/support/cold-ashby-playing-fields-association> and signing up.



COLD ASHBY CINEMA

At our upcoming social evenings we will show the following films:-

Bohemian Rhapsody –biographical film about British rock band Queen. 2nd April due to clash with another local charity event (the Fashion Show at Cold Ashby Golf Club) on the 26th).



Mary Poppins Returns on 23rd April In Depression-era London, a now-grown Jane and Michael Banks, along with Michael's three children, are visited by the enigmatic Mary Poppins following a personal loss.

The Favourite on 28th May. In the early 18th century, England is at war with the French. A frail Queen Anne occupies the throne, and her close friend, Lady Sarah, governs the country in her stead. When a new servant, Abigail, arrives, her charm endears her to Sarah. Sarah takes Abigail under her wing, and Abigail sees a chance to return to her aristocratic roots.



WALTON ANNUAL QUIZ

A great night was had by all at the Walton Annual Quiz in Cold Ashby. We managed to raise £550, which was shared between Cold Ashby Church and The Grey Dog Trust, helping young people with mental health illness. Peter and Jo want to thank everyone who attended. Well done to the winning team from West Haddon.

COLD ASHBY PROMS IN THE Paddock

Join us for an evening of family entertainment and foot-tapping Proms music with the Kettering Town Silver Band on Saturday 15th June. To be held outdoors at The Byre, Stanford Road, Cold Ashby. Bring along a picnic and chairs for a fun filled evening. Tickets on sale soon, all proceeds to St Denys Church. Keep an eye on [Facebook.com/coldashbyevents](https://www.facebook.com/coldashbyevents) for further information.

COTTESBROOKE NEWS

THE LAUNCHING OF A MODEL ROCKET



Mr Stefan Croft (above), with the permission of the Estate Farm Manager Henry Clemens, successfully launched a model rocket in an open field in the village. The rocket, purchased from the Northampton Model Shop, entertained the village children and their parents during the recent school holidays. It was a damp foggy morning but success was achieved thanks to the patience of all. The Rocket was launched from a special pad and reached the low hanging clouds, descending by parachute. It was quite a sight!

A PLEA TO COTTESBROOKE VILLAGERS

This page of Cottesbrooke News has been brought to you by Chris Utley. Chris stepped down from this role with the previous issue of The Village Link but has gallantly come up with some stories for this edition.

It would be really good to continue to hear from Cottesbrooke so if you have a story or a picture that would be of interest to your fellow villagers and neighbours, please get in touch and we can send out our roving reporter!

You can contact us by email editorial@villagelink.org.uk or you can phone Richard Hollingum on 07887 652599

BE ALERT!!!

Please be on the alert for 'Unannounced Visitors' to your property. Recently one villager was totally surprised when a young person was seen having a 'look around' and when approached, with his hands on the rear doors of a parked van, said he had lost his horse and was looking for it. A verbal exchange took place and he left.

RINGING OF CHURCH BELLS

The Bells of All Saints Church Cottesbrooke will be rung on Wednesday the 3rd of April as a "Peal" starting at 3pm. The peal is in memory of The Rev William Gibbs who was a previous Rector of All Saints Church, who died last September.

GARDENS, GARDENS, GARDENS

Lots of opportunities to look at the beautiful gardens in the village this year:

Sunday May 5th: Cottesbrooke Hall (NGS Open Gardens)

Sunday May 19th: Village Gardens

Sunday July 28th: Garden Fete at Cottesbrooke Hall

INSPIRATIONAL SAYING

"Each accomplishment starts with the decision to try."

BOOKS READ AND RECOMMENDED

The Legendary Safari Guide by Suzie Casanove.

Published in South Africa in 2014

The Hairy Faerie by Joseph and Sparkle D'Lacey. Published by Troubador in 2015.



National Garden Scheme

GARDENS OPEN

Cottesbrooke Hall Gardens

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Sunday, 5th May

2pm – 5.30pm



Cottesbrooke Hall

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FOSM HISTORY GROUP

Saturday April 27th

St George's Night at Creaton Village Hall

A themed four course meal and a free glass of port
Licensed bar and raffle
Tickets £15

Phone 505406 for tickets and for special dietary requirements.

Saturday May 18th

Coach trip to Baddesley Clinton

This is a fascinating National Trust stately property in Warwickshire. There may be a few seats on the coach available for late bookings. If interested phone 505406.

CREATON SINGERS

The Creaton Singers are delighted at the increase in their numbers and are now looking for new premises to practice! New members always welcome, especially Tenors and Basses. The Creaton Singers will be providing the entertainment for the **St George's Night** celebration, organised by the Friends of St Michael's History Group on the **27th April** and will be singing a range of English songs from across the decades.

You can also come and hear the Creaton Singers at **Creaton in Bloom** on **Sunday 2nd June** at 2:30pm and again at 3:30pm in the United Reformed Church on Creaton High Street whilst enjoying a delicious cream tea.

CREATON WI



We meet at 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.

April 10th **A brief History of English Folk Music** with Andrew Castley and the Cut and Caper band. Open meeting all visitors welcome £3

May 8th **Resolutions**

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

Please contact Daphne on 01604 505546 for more information.

CREATON
in bloom

Sunday 2nd June
Gardens Open 1pm - 5pm
BBQ on The Green 12pm - 2pm

Beer & Pimms Tent, Cream Teas, Live Music, Fire Engines, Classic Car Display, Craft Stalls, Flower Festival and more

£5.00 to view all gardens
(Under 16's free of charge)
Free Parking

Proceeds to St. Michael and All Angels Church and other local charities

WALKING GROUP

With Spring definitely in the air the Creaton Walking Group have been enjoying the unexpected warm weather with lovely walks in both the Brixworth area and over the border in Foxton, Leicestershire. As always it has been a pleasure to welcome new walkers and enjoy their conversation, company and love of the countryside.

Walks take place on the second Saturday of the month and are about 8 miles in length followed by an optional pub lunch. Meet at Creaton lychgate at 10am. We look forward to seeing you!

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CREATON NEWS

GETTING THE DUCKLINGS ALL IN A ROW

At the end of last year the fate of Creaton Primary School was sealed when it closed. Not only was this a sad end to a long history of education in the village but it brought about concerns for the future of the premises. It also brought about great concern for the future of Ducklings the pre-school that operates out of the school buildings.

However, thanks to the trustees and the hard work of the Manager, Emma Connor, it looks like the future will be good as Ducklings are currently in negotiation with Northamptonshire County Council to take on the lease of the property for an initial period of five years.

If this all goes according to plan, Ducklings are hoping that Creaton and the local communities can make use of the space as they do not need all of the building. "We would like to see the site become a community hub" says Emma, "somewhere where community groups can meet."

Despite having a very active Village Hall, or perhaps because it is very well used, the local ballet classes have said that they are interested in setting up in the old school, as are a few other groups that have outgrown their current premises. "We have also thought of providing community allotments to the village as there are no allotments in Creaton".

Of course, taking on the whole site will not be straightforward as there will be lots to look after and Emma hopes that there will be practical help with the maintenance of the buildings.

For Emma this big step means that they can realise their ambitions to expand the number of children they look after. "We have 46 families on our books at the moment but we can only take 26 children at one time. It will be great to give places to children on the waiting list. It also means that we can work on



Emma Connor, Manager of Ducklings Pre-School

our plans to bring in wrap-around-care with a Breakfast Club, an After-School Club, and a drop-off and pick-up service to and from school."

So, a very busy future ahead for Ducklings and another exciting opportunity for the communities in and around Creaton. If you would like to find out more, Ducklings are holding an **Open Day** on **April 6th** where you can see all the premises and, I am told, there might be some Easter Eggs!



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CREATON NEWS

OVER THE COUNTER

Tales from Creaton Village Shop

It's great when milestones come along as they let you take stock and in the case of Creaton Village Shop this will be literally the case. We have been open for six months and although we are very bashful, we do think that we have done a pretty good job so far.

We have sold lots of milk, bread and cold meats; surprised some shoppers that we have a range of gluten-free foods and even some that are dairy free. We have also surprised many shoppers by what good value the products are.

It's not been all plain sailing but we have put the break-in behind us, cleaned up the mess and carried on. The customers hardly noticed. And we still have a lot to learn—like how do we tell people that we sell coffee and tea to go? Perhaps we'll look for a volunteer who would like to wear a board and walk up and down the main road, and another person in the shop to point out where the machine is!

We have also tried to meet every eventuality or at least try to get what the customer wants. A van driver who usually passes through the village about lunchtime calls in for his regular beef sandwich. Rarer orders have included venison steaks (there's posh). If you cannot see it, please ask.

Behind the counter there have been a few changes. Sam and Myra, two of the original paid staff have moved on to other things and Sue has been joined by Bev and Andy. Of the excellent volunteers, Arthur has stood down, or rather sat down as his knees are playing him up, and we have taken on a couple more slightly younger ones including Heather who is now our youngest volunteer at 15!

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Minister: Rev. Elizabeth Kemp

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April 2019		
Date/ Time	Service	Led By
7th 11am		Vaughan Griffiths
14th 11am	Palm Sunday	Rev Geoff Townsend
21st 11am	Easter Worship & Holy Communion	Jon Heard
28th 11am		Rev Malcolm Deacon
May 2019		
5th 11am		Jon Heard
12th 11am		Rev Elizabeth Kemp
19th 11am	Worship & Holy Communion	Rev Geoff Townsend
26th 11am		To be confirmed

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Parish Clerk: You can contact our Parish Clerk for Creaton Parish Council, Katrina Jones on creatonpc@gmail.com or by telephone on 01604 740862. As you will be aware we meet bi-monthly with the exception of Planning Meetings.

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

Just moved in?

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

Consultations that could affect you

- **Cottesbrooke/Creaton Consultation**
- **Number 60 Bus Service**

We would like to remind all the residents in Creaton that as we go through changes in boundaries and much more, that you need to ensure that you keep up to date with changes, opportunities to express your opinion and support and have your say.

As a Parish Council we have made every effort to have provided access to information:

- Creaton Parish Council Website
- Facebook Page
- Notice Board
- Parish Meetings
- Village Shop
- Links to Daventry District Council
- Village Link Magazine

However it's up to you to make sure that you have made time to receive the information in a way that you are happy with. We would respectfully remind everyone that it is in your interests to be proactive in your community life.

Spring Litter Pick

Our Community Spring Litter pick will not go ahead this year as we have been unable to resource the "Litter Pick Equipment". We would like to say "thanks" to the residents who take time out to routinely collect litter when out for a walk, keeping our village looking clean and tidy.

This year there will be the National Campaign #GBSpringClean from the 22nd of March -23rd of April 2019 and to be part of the pick you can register at: <https://www.keepbritaintidy.org/get-involved/support-our-campaigns/great-british-spring-clean>
To report Fly Tipping and other environmental hazards you can access <https://www.daventrydc.gov.uk/business/environmental-health/>

Planning Applications:

DA/2018/1129: Land Off Teeton Lane (to the south of Berkeley House), Creaton, Northamptonshire: The demolition of existing buildings. Construction of 18 dwellings, associated access, landscaping, parking and other associated infrastructure.

Please look on the Daventry District Council website for Planning Applications

Please keep me on my lead — "Look after Me"

As the weather picks up and the Easter Holidays are on the way, the Playing Field will hopefully have our young people out playing on it, so to all dog owners please take note of the signage – **dogs to be kept ON leads** and you must **clean up after your pets**.



Throughout the village there is an ever increasing number of residents not taking any notice of the signs. New legislation has been introduced to keep areas clean and safe for public use, so please note the signs and respect the message.

Parish Council Meetings - 2019

New dates for 2019 Creaton Village Hall, Tuesdays at 7.30pm, First 15 minutes for the Public Forum:

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

All meetings are held in village hall, unless otherwise advised. Planning Meetings may be held separately if required.

Heritage Lottery Grant

As some residents will be aware we were unsuccessful with our application on this occasion. We would like to thank all those involved for your support in this process.

Village Projects 2019/20

Closed Graveyard – Works and Restoration
Speed Calming Measures

If you have any thoughts on these please contact the Parish Clerk.



Creaton Parish Council

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GUILSBOROUGH NEWS

MMM



Monday Morning Meet

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Meet for a chat, coffee/tea, cake.

Only £2/adult - includes refreshments. Children free.

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

There will be coffee & hot cross buns at the event.

Various children's craft activities.

For more information contact: Janet 01604 740640

Monday Morning Meet

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GUILSBOROUGH OPEN GARDENS

May 12th Open Gardens

1.00pm - 5.30pm, entry to all eight gardens £6, teas in village hall.

New to the National Garden Scheme:

Opening on June 9th,
is Ravenswood, Coton.

2 - 5.30pm, £5.

Teas served in Guiltsborough Church, by
The Ladies' Friendly Society.

GUILSBOROUGH NEWS



The GPFA have applied for a Premises Licence at the pavilion, hopefully from May 1st. Previously the GPFA held a Club Premises Licence which in effect restricted selling alcohol to only cricket club members. The application has to be approved by the East Northants Licensing Authority, Daventry District Council's Licence officer and committee, and Northants Police.

The Premises License permits alcohol to be sold to the general public. The Public Announcement on this page shows the days and times of the proposed sale of alcohol times. It will say that alcohol can be sold every day between 12:00 and 22:00 or 23:00 at weekends. However, it will primarily be sold in late afternoon/early evening after cricket on a Saturday, occasional games on a Wednesday, plus several GPFA events, e.g. Village Lunch on a Sunday, occasional village events on a Friday evening.

The Daventry District Council Licensing Officer encouraged the GPFA to apply for a

Licensing Act 2003

Application for a Premises Licence (Section 17)

Notice is hereby give that Guilsborough Playing Field Association (GPFA) has applied to Daventry District Council for the grant of a Premises Licence in respect of Guilsborough Playing Field, West Haddon Road, Guilsborough, Northampton, NN6 8QE, and intends to carry out the following licensing activities.

The sale of alcohol at sporting events, e.g. cricket, at GPFA fund raising events, e.g. village lunches, village festivals, and other times e.g. bank holidays, special celebrations, when the Playing Field is hired, to include Monday to Thursday 12:00 to 22:00h, Friday & Saturday 12:00 to 23:30, Sunday 12:00 to 22:00.

The licence application may be inspected at the Licensing Authority, Daventry District Council, Lodge Road, Daventry, NN114FP, during normal office hours 09:00 to 17:00 Monday to Thursday . 09:00-16:30 Fridays. Any representation by a Responsible Authority or Interested Party must be made in writing to the above address by 27th April 2019.

It is an offence to make a false statement in connection with an application punishable on summary conviction of a fine of any amount.

wide range of times, so as not to restrict when alcohol could be sold, e.g. on a Bank Holiday Friday or Monday. Whenever the GPFA have held events at the Field before, it applied for a TEN, (Temporary Event Notice) to permit the sale of alcohol. The GPFA must comply with the conditions of the Licence, especially those who can serve alcohol and to whom.

The kitchen area at the pavilion has been refurbished with new cupboards and work tops, to allow a bottle cooler to be installed, with a security shutter at the servery hatch. Daventry District Council provided a 50% grant for the work and have been thanked. Beer, lagers and wine will only normally be sold, plus soft drinks. A card only payment system is planned. The GPFA hope this explains what is going to happen from early May. Please contact the GPFA secretary, Graham.Byars@hotmail.com if you have any queries.

A new cricket cage and practice nets have been constructed at the Field by Irrifence of West Haddon, and cost £4620. (See photo right) A grant towards part of the cost was kindly provided by Northants Community Foundation from the Winwick Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund. The previous cage that supported the nets was 25 years old, had rusted and bent poles, and nets which needed constant repairs to prevent balls passing through them. They now have a vermin skirt to deter rodents from chewing holes in the bottom of the nets. The new cage and nets meet the most recent English Cricket Board's recommendations on use and safety. The increased height of the cage enables spin bowlers to toss the ball higher; when this was done with the old cage, the balls hit the cage's cross poles.



2019 GPFA General Committee

At the 2018 GPFA Annual General Meeting, held on 21st January 2019, the following were elected to the General Committee in positions where shown:

Chairman, - Simon Smith, **Vice-Chairman** Mike Edwards, **Secretary** Graham Byars, **Treasurer** Mike Alcock, **Publicity Officer & Parish Council Representative** Katie Fulcher, **Fundraising Chairman** Jim Houghton, **Safety Officer** Gary Wakelin, **West Haddon & Guilsborough Cricket Club Representative** Richard Allen, **Guilsborough School:** Kit Woolridge, **General Committee Members.** Gary Ashworth, **Corresponding General Committee members:** Steve

McGlasson, Sam Darbyshire, Stephen O'Connor, Mark Webster. A key outcome of the AGM was the need to recruit new members from the village to the committee either as observers or fundraisers, as part of a succession plan. We would be delighted to explain more about the GPFA's activities to those who have an interest in supporting a community organisation who want to provide and encourage sporting and physical activities. There is a "vision" group within the village who are reviewing how best to provide sporting activities for villagers at the Field, and they also would welcome those who could contribute. Please contact the GPFA secretary, Graham.Byars@hotmail.com or 07712649833 or 01604740545.

GUILSBOROUGH NEWS

PRE-SCHOOL NEWS

Isn't it nice that the sun has been out so much already this year!

It means here at pre-school, we spend lots of time outside in the garden and around and about in the village. For Spring we always plant some flowers and vegetables so that the children can witness them growing and changing and liken it to them growing and developing.



The children growing up and changing is one of the themes this term as well as Spring topics such as lambs and chicks being born and of course Easter celebrations. We celebrated Chinese New Year earlier this term and we also have had role play themes of Restaurants and Space which the children have loved participating in.

This year has seen a new introduction for pre-school whereby one of our very talented parents runs an Early Years Music Class "Monster Rockers" once a week and the children think it's amazing fun!

Below - some of the children enjoying the sensory part of their music class:



As we mentioned last time, our annual Quiz and Curry night happened in March. Thank you to those who bought tickets and donated prizes for the raffle, it was a great evening and we raised much-needed funds for Pre-school.



Guilsborough Academy

Guilsborough Multi Academy Trust

On Wednesday 6th, Thursday 7th and Friday 8th of February Guilsborough Academy presented Disney's High School Musical on Stage.

The three evenings were all a sell out, and we are very proud of the students and staff that were involved with the production, and we would like to thank parents and carers for their fantastic support.



PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS



Many exciting and thought-provoking events have taken place throughout our school in this Spring term. We celebrated Chinese New Year as a school and took part in Safer Internet day, where our Digital Leaders delivered a very informative assembly to the whole school.

Classes 3, 4 and 6 completed their whole class assemblies which were enjoyed by all. Class 6 told us all about Martin Luther King and the strong message that we should all have a dream to be treated equally. Year 4 told us all about St Valentine and Year 3 gave us an insight into Hinduism and the Gods that are celebrated. Feedback from parents was super.

Our Reception children also really enjoyed making pancakes on Shrove Tuesday and learning all about Lent. They followed a recipe and measured out all of their ingredients before flipping their pancakes and eating them..... they tasted delicious!



We look forward to more enrichment events before the Easter break which include World Book Day, Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Bikeability, many sporting events both home and away including football matches, cross country, house tournaments and our sports challenge of the month! There's always something to look forward to!

Please remember, if you need any information about what's happening at Guilsborough we have lots of information on our website www.guilsboroughprimary.co.uk, or you can keep up to speed our Twitter profile - @guilsboroughpri.

Mrs K Shilliam
Headteacher

GUILSBOROUGH NEWS

CAN YOU HELP GMADS WITH STORAGE?

GMADs are looking for space in Guilsborough for storing costumes. If anyone has a suitable dry space, easily accessible, big enough to store a couple of clothing racks, that they would be prepared to share with us we would be extremely grateful, please contact Amanda on 07508 058998.

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Save the date in November for GMADS

The GMADS production of *The House of Frankenstein* has been postponed until 13-16 November 2019. Please put the dates in your diary. It's a wise-cracking spoof horror full of zany characters; a great night's entertainment.

We have cast all of the roles but would welcome help behind the scenes. We rehearse on Thursday evenings from 7.45pm at Guilsborough Village Hall. Call in or contact our Chair Dorothy Whittaker on 01788 510392 or dorothywhittaker123@gmail.com or visit www.gmadsociety.com



Guilsborough – Women's Institute

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Guilsborough Women's Institute for ladies of all ages in Guilsborough and surrounding villages. 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 mug). 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: -

April 15th – Arts and Crafts

May 8th – Meet at Pitsford reservoir, cycling all bikes provided, it's aimed at the novice

May 20th – Rabbiting and discussion of resolutions, good social meeting

June 17th - Learn how to make your own pasta

July 15th – So popular last year we asked for a return, everyone get on your Ukulele

August 19th – Let's share our favourite recipes, great social event

September 16th—t.b.c.

Join our WI

For more information Caroline Collins 07980-809002 Mandy Manning 07969-884713

OBITUARY



Ron Fitch, who lived in Guilsborough from 1961 to 2014, died peacefully in December 2018 in a Care Home in Oakham. He was 91. For over thirty years he worked as Sir John Lowther's shepherd and was a well-known figure in the world of sheep dog trialling. He was a true countryman. At his request he is buried in Weedon Bec Cemetery - a fitting resting place for an old Weedon boy who after the war rented the field which is now the cemetery and grew potatoes and mangolds on it. His was a life well-lived and he is much missed by his family.



GUILSBOROUGH Parish Council News.....

UNDERSTANDING HOW GUILSBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL SPENDS YOUR MONEY

The Parish Council has only one main source of income, the parish precept, which is collected from households with the Council Tax. It is paid in two lump sums to the parish in April and October. A small additional income is derived from the renting of the Cob barn.

The parish sets the precept annually after reviewing and agreeing the next year's annual budget. This is usually set in January, and is currently set at £23,500.00. This is an increase of 11.8% on last year for reasons explained below. The Parish is also required to maintain a reserve of approximately 50% of the budget.

So how do we spend **your** money?

The budget is made up of a number of expense items:

- By far the largest element are the costs that we have to fund every year. These include:
 - ◇ Running costs of the Parish council - clerks wages, insurances, office costs, audits and membership of necessary bodies (32% of income)
 - ◇ Maintenance and running costs for our street lights (20% of income)
 - ◇ Maintenance of our green spaces including mowing and kerb weeding (new this year) (21% of income)
 - ◇ Playground and field rent, inspection and maintenance of playground equipment (9% of income)
 - ◇ **A Total 82% or £19,975**
- Other expenses include maintenance and replacement of the village assets and street furniture on a regular but ad hoc basis.
- One-off large expenditure items to improve the village environment or address specific issues raised by parishioners. Recently this included the replacement vehicle activated speed sign on the West Haddon Road and later this year the resurfacing of the access and front parking of the Village hall.
- Most years we make a small number of discretionary contributions to local community groups. The Councillors are always keen to support new community initiatives or expenditure that can improve the village assets and make them more useable (e.g. the village hall kitchen).

So will this change?

Although the specific issues of Northampton County Council have been well publicised there is also a national trend for Councils not being able to fund and maintain the level of services we have accepted as being normal.

As a result, the Parish Council now has to consider additional

funding to replace the reduction in services. For the first time, this year the Parish is funding the filling of the Grit bin located at the top of Pells Close and the weed killing along the boundary of the roads in the built up part of the village. In addition we have been asked to contribute to the funding of a replacement bus service (£32K/annum) and even a community police officer (£47K/annum).

It is highly probable that over time other services may be withdrawn from the new Northampton Unitary authority.

Clearly we would all wish to support the maintenance of services to the village, however it is not practical for the Parish Council to manage such large expenditure items and unrealistic for our Parish households to pick up the resulting cost of a large increase in the precept.

Please remember, if there is a Parish issue that concerns you, please contact a Parish Councillor or Contact the Parish Clerk if you would like to discuss an issue at the monthly Parish Council Meeting.

All financial figures and calculations are based on the 2019-2020 Budget. The Parish budgets and Parish Meeting minutes are displayed on the Village Noticeboards and can be found on the Parish Council's website: www.guilboroughpc.org.uk

VEHICLE SPEED MANAGEMENT

Many of you will have noticed the new vehicle-activated speed sign that has replaced the old matrix sign on the West Haddon Road. In response to concerns expressed by our parishioners, regarding excessive speeding within the village, the Parish Council has funded the replacement Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) at a cost of £4,295.99.

The sign displays the speed of oncoming traffic and this has been found to be more effective in reducing vehicle speed when compared with a display only indicating that the speed limit has been exceeded. Considerable research was carried out with other local parishes to understand their experiences and the impact of using this type of sign and to ensure the most appropriate sign was selected for this location and its proximity to the school. To minimise costs, the sign selected makes use of the original pole and permanent electricity supply.

A key feature of the unit is the ability to analyse traffic speeds and infringements of the speed limit. The PC will monitor the impact of the new sign on speeding and if it is proven to be an effective deterrent, consideration will be given to the purchase and installation of further device(s) around the village.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

This will be held on 9th April 2019 at 8pm and we encourage all parishioners to attend.

HOLLOWELL & TEETON NEWS

VILLAGE BREAKFAST

Hollowell residents came together on 9th February for a wonderful breakfast in our newly refurbished village hall. Over 50 people enjoyed delicious bacon and sausage sandwiches, washed down by aromatic coffee from our new coffee machines. It was a warm and friendly occasion, and a great opportunity for friends and neighbours to catch up. The event was organised by the Village Hall Committee, and all of the proceeds will go towards the maintenance of the hall.



HOLLOWELL HENS

In February a group of 'Hollowell Hens' gathered to discuss what we would like to do at our monthly get-togethers this year. We didn't quite manage to finalise the list, but there were many excellent suggestions ranging from old favourites such as a barbeque, croquet, curry night, film night and wreath-making to more adventurous ideas including pole dancing and go-karting!

If you fancy joining in any of these activities or would just like to find out more about the Hollowell Hens, please email Sarah at sarah@mourant.uk

At the end of February, Carrie Billings hosted a very successful Hollowell Hens Healthy Eating and Essential Oils Evening. The Hens discussed and tasted a variety of healthy recipes, after which there was a very informative presentation on the powerful contribution that essential oils can make to a natural healthcare plan. The Hens enjoyed an eclectic range of delicious healthy treats, including cranberry and banana oat bars, dark chocolate and chilli bites with roasted pistachio nuts, home-made lemonade, home-baked crisps with a mango dip. Heather Goram, a DoTerra

Essential Oils consultant, gave a fascinating presentation on the benefits of a variety of oils, including orange blossom, frankincense, and peppermint.

HOLLOWELL & TEETON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Bench Cleaning

Councillors Mike Tomalin and Allen Eaton and a team from Hollowell Steam Rally took advantage of the unseasonably warm February weather to pressure wash all the benches in the Pocket Park. We are very grateful for their Spring Cleaning services.

Bus service 59 / 60 (serving Hollowell) see front page.

Mowing:

Mark Hazle, the Parish Council Mowing Contractor, will be resuming his activities around the Parish to maintain the verges and the Pocket Park.

Details of the areas maintained under the Contract can be seen on the Hollowell & Teeton web site: <http://www.hollowellandteeton.org.uk/parish-council>

Please contact the Clerk if you have any questions about this work (or any other issues that are the responsibility of the Parish Council), either by the web site contact page or email direct: pc-clerk@hollowellandteeton.org.uk

HOLLOWELL POCKET PARK

As soon as the ground in the park is sufficiently dry, work will begin to install two small roundabout style pieces of equipment. One of the pieces will replace the old metal climbing frame which had to be removed last year for safety reasons. The project has been driven by Hollowell Pocket Park Action Committee and facilitated by the Parish Council and they are grateful to Daventry District Council and to Northamptonshire Community Foundation for funding assistance. It may be necessary to close all or part of the park whilst the work is carried out.

HOLLOWELL AND TEETON VILLAGE HALL TOTE WINNERS

Hazel Gammage, Crawford Craig, Mrs Spencer, Philip Litchfield, Wendy Evans, Bruce Hunter, Hugh Kinch, Mike Taylor, Marie Bramwell

PLEASE SAVE THE DATES

The 33rd Hollowell Steam Rally will take place on **Saturday and Sunday 6th and 7th July 2019**. Two days of traditional entertainment for all the family.

The Hollowell FAFF – fete and flower festival will take place on **Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th August**.

Hollowell Hill 5 mile road race starting and finishing at the Hollowell Steam site on **July 21st 2019 at 10am**.

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THORNBY NEWS

FARM WALK

The farm walk this year is taking place on

Sunday 5th May

Meeting at The Red Lion at 10am prompt.

Carrying on from last year we are again having the opportunity to walk or ride on the trailer or both whilst also stopping off and having the chance to hear about special projects taking place on the farm.

Tickets £6.50 with children half price.

All proceeds to Thornby Church.

Refreshments will be available at Thornby House following the walk and non-walkers are also welcome to join us for lunch.

Sorry no dogs.

For further information and booking please ring Barbara Tanser on 01604 740505.

THORNBY VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

BIG BREAKFAST held on 3rd February 2019

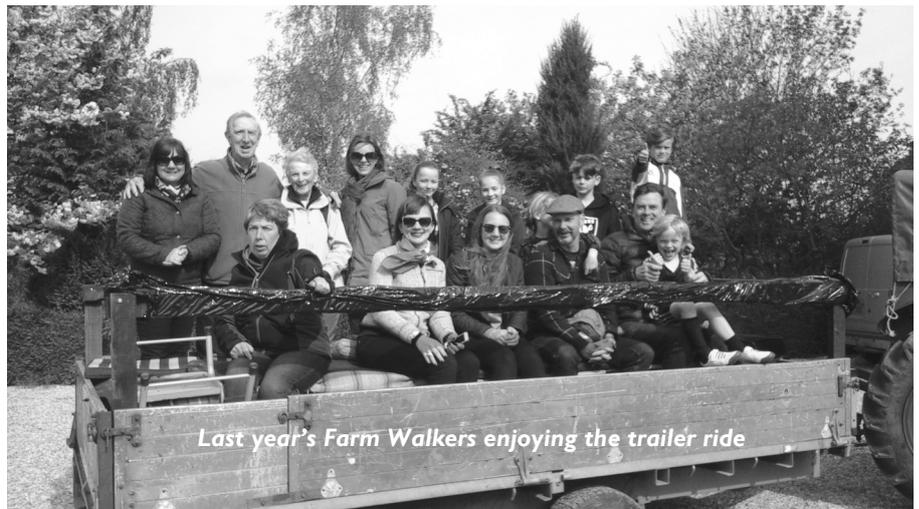
A big big thank you to all who supported our Breakfast fund raising event on 3rd February.

The event was very successful, the support excellent and £274 was made for The Bell Tower Fund.

Thanks to the hard working committee for their efforts and to all who made this event so successful.

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MESSAGE FROM REVEREND ALLISON TWIGG ASSOCIATE PRIEST OF THE UPLANDS GROUP OF CHURCHES

CHURCH NEWS

Tidiness guru Marie Kondo's book 'The Life Changing Magic of Tidying' has sold 6 million books in 40 languages and earned her a place on Time Magazine's 100 Most Influential People 2016 list. Her recent Netflix television programme has brought her thinking to a new and wider audience. And this is not just because she's brought to the world a new way to fold T-shirts. Marie Kondo has tapped right into our realisation that our stuff doesn't make us happy, that it leaches time and energy, takes up head space as well as physical space, and traps memory and emotion. She describes clutter as anything that does not match our life and the way we live it. It can be anything, from your mother's table linen to a lump of nutmeg. Clutter can be the wrong stuff; things in the wrong place; too many of the same type of thing; damaged items; unfinished business; or even other people's stuff that we hang onto for too long.

We allow a lot more things in to our homes than we ever get rid of. Our homes become fuller. We look at it, fall over it, feel responsible for it. This affects our energy and our positive outlook.

Lent, the church season we are in now, is a really nice time to declutter - it evokes simplicity and a break from material pleasures and is traditionally a time of getting your own personal house in order, whether that is your physical or your spiritual house. For generations Christians have taken the time during Lent as a time to fast, to pray and to give.

Lent is the period of 40 days before Easter in the Christian calendar; it is a time of reflection for many Christians as they prepare to remember the death and celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The 40 days of Lent represent the 40 days Jesus spent in the desert at the start of his ministry. Jesus fasted, meaning he didn't eat, during his time in the wilderness, and so Christians identify with his suffering by abstaining from

particular foods or trying to stop our negative habits or thoughts during this time. For some, Lent is a 40 day period of giving up chocolate, caffeine, sugar or something else after Pancake Day. For others it is a time to try and change the way they behave, or respond to others or to situations, meaning it is a time of dealing with our mental clutter too.



Yet this is also a time for prayer, time to be grateful for the good things in our lives and to pray for others who are not as fortunate as us. This is also a time to give to others, so if we choose to give up chocolate for lent, for 40 days we do without, but this should be done mindfully, each time we avoid that chocolate we should be grateful that we have alternatives to eat and remember that there are those in the world who hunger for the basics rather than life's luxuries. And then we give... perhaps buying a bar of chocolate for everyday of Lent and then donating it all to a foodbank for Easter... or instead giving the money we would have spent on the luxury to a charity of our choice.

It would be the same if we took Lent as a time to declutter our homes, with each item or bag of things we remove we can be glad that we can see more clearly the things we treasure and be thankful for them. We can also use this clutter to benefit others, giving things to friends and families that need them or by donating them to appropriate charities for resale.

The story of Lent is one of sadness and joy; a story which is still celebrated in diverse ways throughout the world today. It is a time for decluttering our lives and reflecting on what truly matters to each one of us. Perhaps, as you embark on some spring cleaning or some Marie Kondo inspired decluttering you too could take this Lent as a time to pray, to fast and to give.



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Sunday	April 7th	April 14th	Monday of Holy Week	Tuesday of Holy Week	Wednesday of Holy Week	Thursday of Holy Week	April 19th	April 21st	April 28th	1st	2nd	3rd	4th		
Holy Day	5th Sunday of Lent	Palm Sunday					Good Friday	Easter Sunday	2nd Sunday of Easter	5th May 3rd Sunday of Easter	12th May 4th Sunday of Easter	19th May 5th Sunday of Easter	26th May 6th Sunday of Easter		
Colour	Purple	Red	Red	Red	Red	White		White	White	White	White	White	White		
Cold Ashby	9.30am BCP Communion 11.00am	10.00am	7.00 pm Compline					9.30 BCP Communion 11.00	No service 9.45am	9.30am BCP Communion 11.00am	10.00am	9.30am Worship for All	No service 9.45am		
Cottesbrooke	BCP Communion 9.30am							BCP Communion	BCP Morning Prayer 9.30am	BCP Communion 9.30am		No Service 9.30am	BCP Morning Prayer 9.30am	BCP 9.30am	
Creaton	CW Communion 11.00am		UPLANDS GROUP SERVICE Common Worship with Communion					6.00 Choral Service	9.30 CW Communion	Worship for All 9.45am		CW Communion 11.00am	UPLANDS GROUP SERVICE Common Worship with Communion	8.30 am BCP Communion	9.45am
Gulbourn	BCP Communion (said)							10am - 12.00pm Easter Eggs and More 3.00pm Reflective Service	9.45 CW Communion	CW 9.45am		BCP 9.45am		8.30 am BCP Communion	11.00am CW
Hollowell	Invited to join Gulls 8.30am							6.00pm Easter Service	11.00am CW Communion	11.00am CW Communion	Invited to join Gulls 8.30am	Common Worship with Communion		11.00am BCP Morning Prayer	11.00am CW Communion
Ravensthorpe	BCP Communion 5.00 Celtic	SPRATTON						CW Maundy Thursday 8.00 pm Communion	Worship for All	BCP Communion Taize 5.00	Hollowell	CW Communion	Worship for All		
Spratton	11.00am Worship for All							6.00am First Service of Easter CW 11.00 Holy Communion 8.30 BCP Communion	8.30am BCP Communion 5.00pm	11.00am BCP Communion 5.00pm	11.00am Worship for All	11.00am CW Communion	8.30am BCP Communion 5.00pm		
Thornby	No Service			7.00 pm Compline				11.00 Holy Communion 8.30 BCP Communion	Table Talk 8.30am BCP Communion	No Service		No Service	Table Talk 8.30am BCP Communion		



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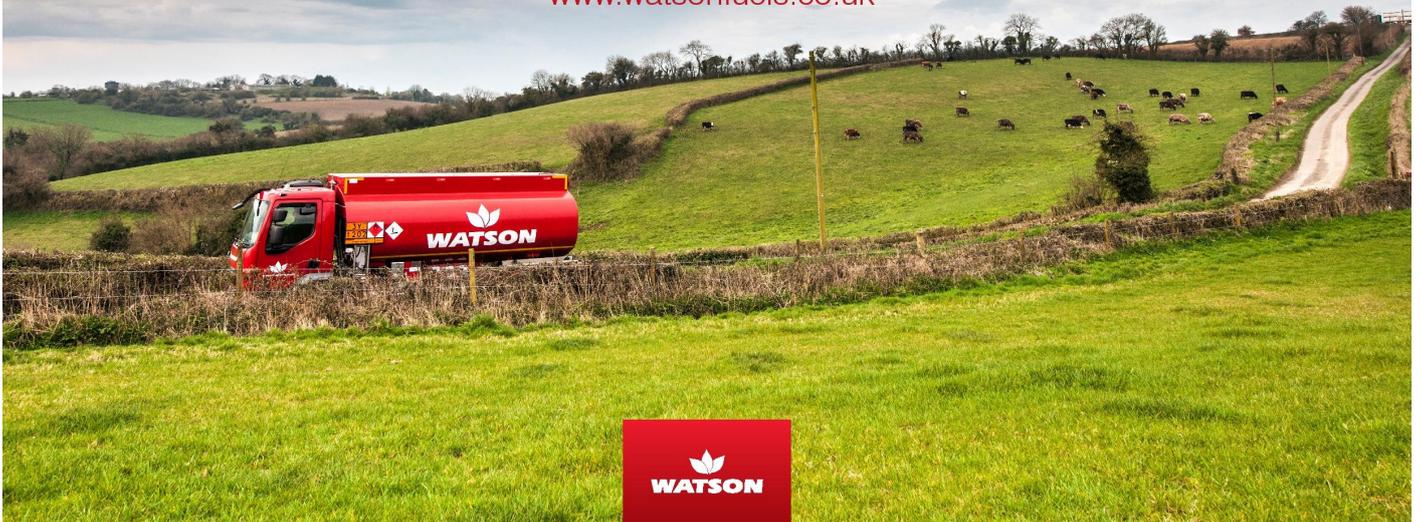
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SIMNEL CAKE

Some of you wrote to say how much you'd liked the Brownie recipe; so we thought we'd include another seasonal recipe. This is our fun adaption of a Simnel cake:

Ingredients:

10oz self-raising flour
8oz butter
8oz soft brown sugar
4 eggs
1/4 tsp nutmeg, 1/4 tsp cinnamon,
1/2 tsp mixed spice
12oz sultanas, 12oz currants, 4oz
mixed chopped peel,
Zest of one lemon
Marzipan block (half for middle of cake, half for topping)

Topping:

Icing sugar & lemon juice (be careful not to make it too runny



by putting in too much juice to start with; start with a teaspoonful). Marzipan & mini-eggs.

Method:

Cream the sugar and butter; slowly add eggs, then flour and spices. Add the grated zest and dried fruit & peel. Divide half the mixture into a 9" (23cm) spring-form or loose bottom tin that has been greased & lined with baking paper. Roll out half of the block of marzipan and lay on top of the mixture. Put the remaining half of the mixture on the top, and bake at 160°C (325°F) for about 2 1/2 hours, on a low shelf - check half way through to make sure the top isn't cracking or that it's not cooking too fast.

When it's cooled, mix up the icing sugar with lemon juice and place on the top. Place 11 (apostles) made of the remaining marzipan rolled into balls, equally around the cake.

Put under a hot grill for a few seconds to toast the tops of the marzipan balls. Then add the chocolate eggs to the middle.

Why not email us your much-requested recipes to include in future editions of Village Link?

KEEP DOGS UNDER CONTROL

The weather is hopefully warming up and thoughts turn to the outdoors. **There have been some very worrying local incidences of sheep-worrying and maiming by dogs.**

What must be remembered is that the "Country Code" should be observed to avoid any disturbance of livestock and wildlife. With lambing having started, it's worth reminding ourselves what the code entails:

Respect; Protect; Enjoy

Respect other people:

- consider the local community and other people enjoying the outdoors
- leave gates and property as you find them and follow paths unless wider access is available

Protect the natural environment:

- leave no trace of your visit and take your litter home

- keep dogs under effective control

Enjoy the outdoors:

- plan ahead and be prepared
- follow advice and local signs

From the Country Code

The guidance they give for 'keeping dogs under effective control' is: "When you take your dog into the outdoors, always ensure it does not disturb wildlife, farm animals, horses or their people by keeping it under effective control. It's always good practise to keep your dog on a lead around farm animals and horses, for your own safety and the welfare of the animals. A farmer may shoot a dog which is attacking or chasing farm animals without being liable to compensate the dog's owner". Full details here: <https://bit.ly/1lh9ucz>



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our meetings between Guilsborough and Brixworth Surgeries.

The next meeting will be our AGM, which will be held at Brixworth Surgery on Tuesday 30th April, 6.30pm. If you have an interest in supporting the work of the Practice, you are welcome to come along. For more information contact Barbara Hogg on 01604 880552 or email barbara.hogg@tiscali.co.uk

