



SUMMER FAVOURITES

Guilsborough Open Gardens for the National Garden Scheme (on Sunday 12th May welcomed over 471 visitors and raised over £3,500 for good causes—see report and photos on back page. The weather was beautiful, the gardens impressive, and Kerry's cakes were much appreciated! The Scheme welcomes a

new garden, Ravenswood in Coton, NN6 8RG, which will be open on Sunday 9th June. Jean and Mike Percival will be delighted to host visitors to their garden from 2pm to 5.30pm on that day.



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And around our other villages there are more summer favourites to enjoy with Open Gardens in Creton in June followed by Cold Ashby Proms in the Paddock and Guilsborough Midsummer Fete. Then a bumper July with Cold Ashby Open Gardens, Hollowell Steam Rally, and Cottesbrooke Handlebards and Garden Fete. Let's hope for fine weather for all these events which rely hugely on volunteers and goodwill to get off the ground.

What's On!

June 2019

- Most Mondays—Guilsborough MMM
- 2nd—Creton in Bloom (featuring Creton Singers)
- 8th—Creton Walkers
- 9th—Coton Open Garden
- 11th—First responders, Guilsborough Surgery (see back page)
- 12th—Creton WI
- 14th—Guilsborough WI
- 14th—Carers' Coffee Morning, Guilsborough Surgery
- 15th—Cold Ashby Proms in the Paddock
- 17th—Guilsborough WI
- 21st—Guilsborough Midsummer Eve Garden Party
- 22nd—Cold Ashby Breakfast in St Denys
- 28th—RDA Quiz, Guilsborough VH

July 2019

- Most Mondays—Guilsborough MMM
- 7th—Guilsborough WI
- 6th-7th—Hollowell Steam
- 9th—First Responders, Brixworth Surgery (see back page)
- 9th—Creton PC meeting
- 10th—Creton WI
- 13th—Creton Walkers
- 15th—Guilsborough WI
- 20th—Cottesbrooke: The Tempest
- 21st—Hollowell Hill Race
- 26th-28th—Thornby: Caribbean Summer Festival
- 27th-28th—Cold Ashby Open Gardens weekend
- 28th—Cottesbrooke Garden Fete
- 28th—Thornby Quiz Night



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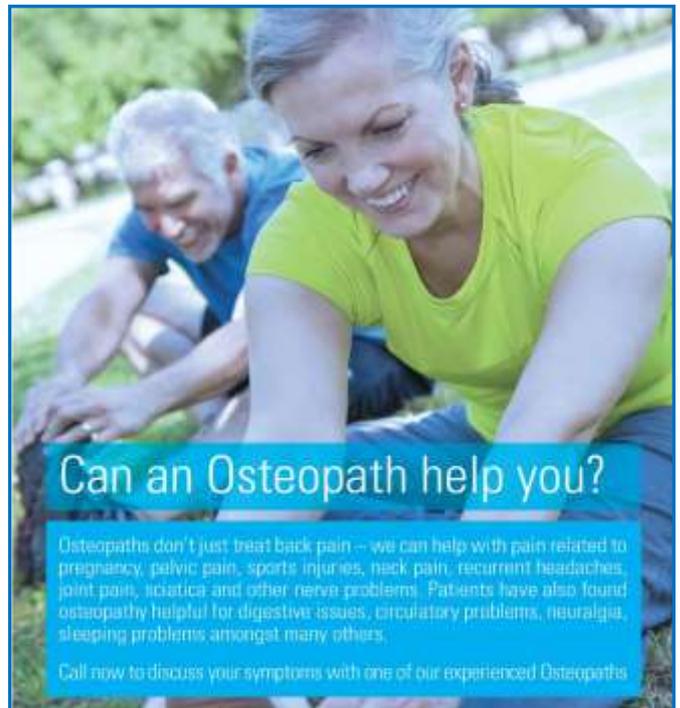
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COTTESBROOKE NEWS

SHIPWRECKED AT COTTESBROOKE HALL!!!



A shipwreck washes the court of Milan up onto a mysterious desert island, inhabited by magicians, sprites and monsters, where **nothing is as it seems.....**

Handlebards travelling players are again visiting Cottesbrooke and **will be performing Shakespeare's 'The Tempest'** in the gardens at Cottesbrooke Hall on Saturday, 20th July.

These cycling actors carry all the set, props and costume needed to perform their extremely energetic, charmingly chaotic and environmentally sustainable Shakespeare plays across the globe.

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Handlebards consists of two groups and whilst the all-male group are off performing Much Ado About Nothing, it is the all-female troupe that are coming to Cottesbrooke with the Tempest.

Gates will open at 5.00pm for picnics to be set up and for the gardens to be enjoyed, which will be opened for the evening. The show begins at 7.00pm until approximately 9.00pm. For further information and ticket information, visit www.cottesbrooke.co.uk.

FETE

Sunday July 28th: Garden Fete at Cottesbrooke Hall

CORRECTION

In the last edition of Village Link, we told you about the exciting rocket launch and included a picture of a child holding the said rocket. The child was just one of those attending the launch and in fact the rocket is owned by Science teacher Stefan Croft. Village link apologises for any confusion caused.

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Chris Utley has stepped down from providing the news from Cottesbrooke. 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

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CREATON SINGERS

The Creaton Singers were delighted to provide the entertainment for the Friends of St Michael History Group's St George's Night celebration. The delicious meal was interspersed with a wide selection of English songs old and new, with wonderful audience participation.

The Creaton Singers are now practising hard for Creaton in Bloom on Sunday 2nd June. Come and hear them at 2.30pm or 3.30pm in the URC on the High Street whilst enjoying a cream tea.

The Creaton Singers practice every Tuesday from 7.30pm to 9pm in the URC, High Street, Creaton and warmly welcome new singers, especially Tenors and Basses.

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.

June 12th Helen Frost: The Women's Land Army in Northamptonshire during the First World War

July 10th Helen Crabtree: Telephone Boxes

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

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WALKING GROUP

How lovely to see the countryside blooming and the lambs gambolling in the fields! The Creaton Walking Group have enjoyed seeing the seasons change before their eyes at the same time as exploring the wonderful local walks.

In April the walk was from Harrington to Arthingworth, Desborough and Thorpe Underwood, ending with a delicious lunch at the Tollemache Arms. May found the walkers in Great Brington, Long Buckby, Whilton and Little Brington.

It has been a delight to welcome new walkers on the monthly sojourns.

Walks take place on the second Saturday of the month and are about 8 miles. Meet at the lychgate in Creaton at 10am.

Next walks are on:

Saturday 8 June

Saturday 13 July

Saturday 10 August

Cottesbrooke Hall



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Saturday July 20th

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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

As always we would like to offer 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.

Buses

Following the withdrawal of funding by Northamptonshire County Council for the bus services and the decision by Daventry District Council not to provide a grant to fund the costs for a second year, the local parishes were faced with the very real threat of the bus service stopping altogether this year.

In order to keep the 59 and 60 bus service, a number of parishes, including Creaton, have agreed to contribute towards part of the cost, with the remainder provided by the County Council due to a central government grant for transport, which will allow the services to continue until the end of March 2020. It is not yet known what will happen after that date and it may depend on what happens with the possible local government reorganisation at county and district council level.

Whilst the majority of residents may not use the bus service, it is typically the most vulnerable and isolated members of our community that rely on the bus service most. The Parish Council welcome your views, positive or negative, on financially supporting the bus service and you can get in touch by emailing the Clerk at creatonpc@gmail.com.

Consultations

Daventry District Council recently carried out a consultation on their proposal to merge Cottesbrooke Parish with Creaton Parish Council. The results of this consultation and any resulting decision are not yet known and we will publicise this as soon as it is made public.

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.

Planning Applications:

- a. Planning Application: DA/2019/0271: 3, The Green, Creaton, Northamptonshire, NN6 8ND: Remodelling and extension of existing dwelling.
- b. Planning Application: DA/2019/0232: Willow Lodge 8, Home Farm Close, Creaton, Northamptonshire, NN6 8NE: Two storey front and side extension, conversion of garage to habitable room.
- c. Planning Application: DA/2019/0208: 17, The Green, Creaton, Northamptonshire, NN6 8ND: Replacement of windows and doors

Please look on the Daventry District Council website for Planning Applications

THANK YOU... to all the diligent, quiet people in Creaton who keep our village clear of litter. There are residents who regularly collect litter, especially from the Playing Field and the path between Creaton and Spratton. The village looks great and really benefits from their actions.

Please keep me on my lead” Look after Me”



Reminder: Dogs are not permitted on the Playing Field unless they are on a lead and being walked along the footpath to cross the Playing Fields.

There are new powers to take greater enforcement action against dog fouling and loose dogs.

Parish Council Meetings - 2019

Creaton Parish Council Meetings: New dates for 2019
Creaton Village Hall, 7.30pm. First 15 minutes for the Public Forum:

- Tuesday
- 9th July
- 10th September
- 12th November

All held in Creaton village hall, Teeton Lane, unless otherwise advised, Planning Meetings may be held separately if required.



Creaton Parish Council

CREATON NEWS

CREATON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS continued

TESCO GRANT

Well done to Cllr Michelle Aveyard who successfully secured a grant of £1,000 for the Parish Council to be spent on future projects to enhance the environment such as litter picking.

CONGRATULATIONS... to Reg and Jean Thomas who have been invited to this year's Queen's Garden Party at Buckingham Palace. Reg was a former parish councillor who retired from the Parish Council last year after many years of service. Due to his hard work and commitment to voluntary work both on and off the Parish Council he was nominated by the Parish Council and then selected, ahead of other nominees from across the county, by Northamptonshire County Association of Local Councils to attend the Queen's Garden Party. We hope to share photos and an update from their big day out in the next edition!

Looking out for Butterflies



As the Spring passes into Summer, a number of different butterflies will appear in the hedges, woods and fields. This Speckled Wood (shades of brown and primrose yellow) is quite an early one in and around Creaton, appearing alongside the Orange-Tipped and the over-wintered Peacock and Red Admiral.

The Butterfly Conservation Trust say that the Speckled Wood flies in partially shaded woodland with dappled sunlight. The male usually perches in a small pool of sunlight, from where it rises rapidly to intercept any intruder. Both sexes feed on honeydew in the tree tops and are rarely seen feeding on flowers, except early and late in the year when aphid activity is low.

The range of this butterfly contracted during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, but has spread back since the 1920s. It has continued to spread over the past two decades, recolonizing many areas in eastern and northern England and Scotland.

UNITED REFORM CHURCH

Minister: Rev. Elizabeth Kemp

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

June 2019		
Date/ Time	Service	Led By
2nd 11am	Creaton in Bloom	John Heard
9th 11am	Worship & Holy Communion	Rev Elizabeth Kemp
16th 11am	Fathers Day	Rev Elizabeth Gray-King
23rd 11am		Magnus Ramage
30th 11am	Joint Pastorate Service at Creaton URC	Rev Elizabeth Kemp
July 2019		
7th 11am	Worship & Holy Communion	Jon Heard
14th 11am		Rev Elizabeth Kemp
21st 11am		Rev Geoff Townsend
28th 11am		Bryan Heard

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OVER THE COUNTER

Tales from Creaton Village Shop

Now, I know that I am a pretty intolerant sort of a chap, but I have also discovered that there are several people who come in the shop and are, well, intolerant. Some, like me, shun **gluten; some don't shell out for eggs; and some can't do dairy.** What we all have in common is that the shop does sell things that we can eat: biscuits, cakes, pies, crisps. If you have a particular intolerance, do tell one of the staff and they will see if they can get products to suit you.

The short spell of warm weather in April brought with it a demand for all things cold but alas the freezer packed up. For a couple of weeks it was seen sulking near the shed but it is now happily restored to its rightful place. During its removal, four men were seen walking round it, nodding sagely and **sucking their teeth. I'm not sure but I think I saw one of them** give the thing a bit of a tap with his foot where the wheel might have been had this been a car.

I understand that there is a shortage of volunteers to help keep the shop running effectively and a narrow crisis of staffing was avoided a few weeks back. All the while the shop is open there is a paid member of staff and a volunteer. If you have a couple of spare hours I am sure they will be delighted to hear from you. Call in and leave your contact details.

I also hear that one customer, a rugby player of some renown I am informed, appeared in the shop to buy his somewhat disgruntled child an ice lolly. Apparently, a rugby ball was involved somewhere along the way.

Vigilis

FIELD NOTES



If you walk the paths around Creaton you will see a bright yellow bird perhaps standing atop a hedge, or on the ground feeding. This is the Yellowhammer. The adult male is a easy to spot, particularly in the breeding season with his red brown plumage streaked with black, and the bright yellow on the head and belly. During the winter, the plumage is more subdued.

Seeing Yellowhammer regularly in the parish, it is surprising to learn that they are on the Red List of Birds of Conservation Concern. The decline in their numbers has been quite high since the 1980s and despite the fact that they are relatively common across Europe, their numbers are threatened in the UK.

As with many species, the decline of the Yellowhammer in the UK has been brought about by changes and intensification of farming practice. However, all is not lost and farmers are working to reverse these trends. On the fields around Creaton, this is working well and the population has certainly increased over the past five years. People now comment on the numbers they see in the headlands.

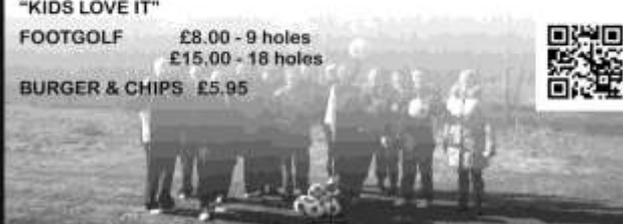
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GUILSBOROUGH NEWS



HOLLOWELL STEAM FAIR BOTTLE STALL— BOTTLES NEEDED PLEASE DONATE!

Once again, the GPFA will be supporting the Hollowell Steam Rally event with a Bottle Stall. The GPFA would welcome wine and spirit bottle donations for the stall, to be raffled at the Bottle Stall over the weekend of 6/7th July, to raise funds for the GPFA. 100 bottles are needed for the stall over the 2 day period. Historically, the stall raises about £1000, and is therefore a major fundraiser for the GPFA.

Bottles can be delivered to Birdfield, The Green or to any GPFA Committee member, to arrive from now onwards and one week prior to the Steam Rally. We can also collect if advised, contact Katie 07747604067 or Caroline 07840 846842.

NEW SERVERY at Playing Fields Pavilion

A Premises Licence has now been granted to the GPFA by Daventry District Council and the East Northants Licensing Authority. Alcoholic beverages can now be served to members of the public who come to the Pavilion.

The Licence was obtained mainly for cricketers who wished to imbibe after playing, however, the GPFA also plan to hold social events at the Field on a Friday evening and on other occasions, and it is hoped to attract families during hot sunny summer evenings (hopefully), with activities for children.

A new servery has been created in the pavilion, with all new kitchen units, glasswasher, together with a bottle cooler. Grants for most of the costs were given by Daventry District Council and a Trustee; both have been thanked



Archie driving the tractor above.

The new look kitchen/bar to the left.



GPFA

village sport & recreation

SIR JOHN LOWTHER CRICKET GAME AND THE W.I. VILLAGE LUNCH.

On Sunday 18th August, marquees erected at the Field, will enable villagers to enjoy a delightful lunch provided by the Witch & Sow, in the idyllic surroundings of the Guilsborough Playing Fields, West Haddon Road just past Guilsborough Academy.

They will be entertained at the event by the annual Sir John Lowther Cricket Game, between Hugh Lowther's XI and West Haddon & Guilsborough Cricket Club, when Hugh Lowther's XI are looking to reverse the nail-biting finish to last year's game, when WHGCC won on the last ball.

This year the lunch is supported by the W.I. who will be encouraging their members to attend.

Tickets prices are to be finalised but will be between £16-20 and available from The W.I. and the GPFA (Graham Byars 07712649833).

NEW GENERAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED

Village Volunteerism is needed by the GPFA. Some of the General Committee members are marching on in years and would be delighted if some new younger members or those recently retired could help support the management of the Playing Field. The GPFA manages the facility for clubs, organisations, schools and others that use the Field.

Could you provide some of your expertise in roles involving secretarial, maintenance and fundraiser aspects?

One village youngster, Archie Houghton, has volunteered and is preparing wickets for the Saturday games, involving grass cutting, rolling, marking-out, weeding and watering the cricket square.

We would be delighted to show you more of what we need to do; you can be part of our General Committee and observe for a period to enable you to understand our needs. Please contact the secretary, Graham Byars 07712649833, for more information.

GUILSBOROUGH NEWS

PRE-SCHOOL NEWS

As we approach the end of another wonderful year at preschool we are reflecting on all the things that have happened that we are so proud of; lots of new children, two new members of staff; one being a qualified art teacher, hence our artistic creations have been extremely popular. The whole preschool has been decorated and fabulous fun had at our Quiz and Curry fund raising event, meaning we could buy lots of new equipment and toys.



We have been asked by our local doctors surgery to help **produce the mural for the new waiting room. It's going to be beautiful!** Keep your eyes open for its unveiling over the summer.

We still have lots to come though; we love this season and we will be off to our yearly trip to the farm and our sports day is coming up too. We have been planting flowers and vegetables and we are hoping to taste some of our produce before the end of term. Our caterpillar babies have grown into beautiful butterflies who will be released any day now and the children have loved watching them grow.

We are very much looking forward to our new year starting in September and we still have availability on some days, we take children from the age of 2 years and if you would like to talk to us about enrolling your child please give us a call on 01604 740761 9-3 M-F.



PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

We're looking forward to our summer term and hope everyone had a super Easter break and enjoyed the beautiful weather!

Our school is still very much at the heart of our local community and continued to be open for certain things during the Easter holiday. The Pacesetters holiday club took place and I hear it was thoroughly enjoyed by all of the children who attended. Our stained glass windows were also installed in our hall. We created them as a whole school during our Christian Symbols Project Friday. The children are certainly very proud of their work and we all think they look beautiful!

We have lots coming up in this Summer term, including our whole school trip to Conkers which we are all very excited about! Our Year 2 and 6 children will be completing their SATs and enjoying a well-deserved treat after all their hard work. Our Year 6 children will also be going on their residential trip to Caythorpe Court Adventure Centre in Lincolnshire. We will be Maypole dancing at our whole school picnic, keeping healthy with sports day, the seasonal walk, sporting events and competitions against other primary schools and we will also be completing lots of PTA fundraisers for our next new project to create a magic reading space in our school.

The school would like to express its thanks to Ian Miller who did a fantastic job last month of transforming a slice of the old Beech tree recently felled from the Guilsborough village park, **into a big outdoor table for the primary school's new vegetable garden.** We would also like to thank Hugh Lowther for donating the slice of tree to the school. It is not only a practical solution to help the children carry out their growing and planting out of seeds, it is a beautiful part of village history for them to touch, count the rings and learn about nature.

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 via our Facebook account – Guilsborough C of E Primary School (a closed group for parents, guardians or carers) – or through our Twitter profile - @guilsboroughpri.



The lovely new outdoor table Being put to good use as the children use their green fingers.



One of the new stained glass windows created by the school children.

GUILSBOROUGH NEWS



Guilsborough Academy
Guilsborough Multi Academy Trust

YEAR 10 COUNTY CUP WINNERS



Back row: James, Ed, Nat, Harry, Josh, Dewi, Ben, Max, Zac, Harrison.
Front Row: Will, Joe, Tom, Tom, Dan, Kallan, Bailey.

On Tuesday 26th March, Guilsborough Academy's Year 10 Rugby Team, played in the County Cup Final against Magdalen at Sponne, with Guilsborough taking the lead 12 to 5. It was a close, hard fought battle and Guilsborough's experienced players helped get us on the front foot. That, combined with the determination and strong will of the boys ensured we were on course for the win. The official result will stand as a draw but even the opposition believed we deserved the victory!

Unfortunately, a Guilsborough student sustained an injury causing the game to finish 15 minutes early but thankfully the player involved has made a full recovery and we would like to thank the staff from Sponne and Magdalen for their help with ensuring everyone was looked after.

Mr K Woolridge
Head of Year 9
Teacher of PE

Congratulations to the Year 10 Rugby Team from staff, students and parents/carers. You did us proud!

"What an achievement— well done! This is something you will always remember and be proud of."

Mrs J Swales
Principal

"I feel like we had a great game, ably assisted by some Year 9 players (Tom, Joe, Kallan and Dan) and battled amazingly well against tough opposition, working well together to end with what felt like a win. We all put our bodies on the line, especially Elliott Passam who sustained an injury, but fortunately has made a full recovery (apart from a bit of a black eye). Overall, the team pulled together and some great leadership was shown rewarded by the retaining of the trophy. I would also like to say that we very much appreciated the family and friends who turned up to support us giving us a great boost."

Josh Manz, Year 10



Meet new people and have a fun packed evening with women from Guilsborough and surrounding areas at the Witch & Sow on the 3rd Monday of every month unless an outing night

Guilsborough Women's Institute is 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.**

Next meetings and trips: -

June 14th—Foxton Canal Boat Trip

June 17th - Learn how to make your own pasta

July 7th— Picnic and rounders at Guilsborough Playing Fields. Family and friends are invited to join us. From 11.30am.

July 15th – Ukulele Lady. So popular last year we asked for a return.

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

September 16th— Strictly come WI

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GUILSBOROUGH Parish Council News.....

Guiltsborough Cemetery Walls

You may have noticed the repair works on both the church cemetery and the war memorial cemetery walls. The churchyard wall (last rebuilt 100 years ago in March 1819) was **collapsing, and the Parochial Church Council's major renovations** have almost finished – hopefully lasting another 200 years. **The other wall is the Guiltsborough Parish Council's (war memorial) cemetery** where time, weathering, shrubs and ivy growth has damaged the 1909 built wall including a small collapse. The much needed removal of the ivy and shrubs (not the trees) along with rebuilding and repointing will improve this peaceful area. Both have been paid for by a much-welcomed legacy.

Neighbourhood Watch

A new co-ordinator is needed in the village for Neighbourhood Watch. If you would like more information please contact a Parish Councillor who will put you in touch with the relevant person.



Tidiness and Weeds

The Parish Council has organised village clean ups in the past that have involved a lot of weed pulling – we have decided to change our approach this year and are employing a professional to do this job. We hope this will keep the village weed free and smarter for longer during the year. The PC will



still hold tidy up events for litter picking, tidying up the play area etc and appreciate all the help that is given by parishioners on these occasions.

Village Awards 2019

Guiltsborough has again entered the Northamptonshire Village Awards, sponsored by CPRE and organised by NACRE. Last year, as a first time entrant, the Village was awarded runner-up in the newcomer category. Thank you for the support and **enthusiasm shown during the judges' visit.** The results will be announced on 16th July during a presentation evening at the Hunsbury Hill Centre. Fingers crossed for an award this year.

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting was held in April. It was well attended by representatives from numerous parish groups and **some of those who couldn't attend submitted reports.**

Councillor Chris Millar also attended and answered questions from the audience. Sarah Jaggard (Chair of the Council) thanked **the council for its' work over the year and particularly mentioned the Neighbourhood Plan – a successful culmination of many hours work by a group of councillors and parishioners.** The full report of the meeting can be found on the PC website (see below).

The Parish Council website has contact details of all Councillors and the Clerk www.guiltsboroughpc.org.uk or the Clerk can be contacted by email guiltsborough.pc@gmail.com or telephone 01788 824425.

GOVERNMENT SAYS YES TO TWO UNITARY COUNCILS FOR NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

Two brand new unitary councils will be established in Northamptonshire on 1st April 2021 (Vesting Day), the Government has confirmed. The West Northamptonshire unitary will cover Daventry District, Northampton and South Northamptonshire and the North Northamptonshire unitary will cover Corby, East Northants, Kettering and Wellingborough. The existing district and borough councils and Northamptonshire County Council will all be abolished.

The Secretary of State James Brokenshire has reviewed all the evidence and representations received, and has now decided that replacing the eight councils with two unitary authorities is in the best interests of the residents of Northamptonshire. Parliamentary Orders will follow later this year and there will be elections to the Shadow Authorities in May 2020. Shadow Executives for the two unitaries will be selected from those elected and will determine the structure, budget and service delivery models for the new councils.

Services which complement one another but are currently divided between the district, borough and county councils, such as bin collections, waste disposal, planning and roads, will be brought together under each of the two unitary councils.

In a joint comment, the current council leaders said: "Now we've received the decision to progress with unitary, we will focus our efforts on creating two brand new councils that put

the interests of residents at the heart of all decision making. This re-organisation needs to be about transforming how we deliver services so that they are more joined-up and make sense for residents across the county. We have a strong track record of collaborative working with each other and with partners and we will build on this to deliver services that make a positive **difference to people's lives.**

"These new councils will also be major players in delivering the housing and jobs growth that Northamptonshire and the Cambridge to Oxford arc so badly need."

"We welcome the announcement that Vesting Day will be 1st April 2021. That gives us more time to plan carefully and confidently for the future to ensure that we create two sustainable unitary councils that, while being very different in nature, will be exemplars of how to provide excellent services for our residents."

Daventry District Council Leader Councillor Chris Millar said:

"We are pleased to have received the Secretary of State's formal decision. We are under no illusions as to the very tight timelines involved and the huge amount of work still to be undertaken to deliver these two new authorities. However we see a wonderful opportunity to embrace wider public sector reform by including the local health organisations as part of a package to deliver better services for our residents. Rest assured that Daventry District Council, while it still exists, will do all it can to influence the creation of the new West Northamptonshire Unitary Council in the best interests of our residents." For more information see www.daventrydc.gov.uk

HOLLOWELL & TEETON NEWS

HOLLOWELL & TEETON LITTER PICK

It was good to see so many enthusiastic volunteers taking part in the 2019 Spring Clean of Hollowell and Teeton. The clear up took place over a fortnight in March, with helpers equipped with litter grabbers lent by Hollowell Steam Rally.

Altogether they collected an amazing 12 black bin bags of rubbish. The best news was that many of our regular volunteers reported the litter problem this year was significantly improved upon recent years.

The most interesting find - a pair of size 7 leather Primark flipflops, found in our village Jetty. Someone must have had an uncomfortable walk home!



LENT LUNCH

Many thanks to Gill and Ian Brown and the team for hosting the Hollowell & Teeton Lent Lunch in their home. Almost forty people braved the high winds to enjoy the delicious homemade soups, cheese and biscuits and cake. Thank you to all who came along. **The lunch and raffle raised £170 for church funds.**



HOLLOWELL HENS

In April a small group of Hens got together for an evening creating a flower arrangement for Easter. It was a lovely evening with lots of laughter, time to chat over a glass of something and plenty of creativity in evidence too. Many thanks to Viv and Maxine for getting us organised and providing instruction.



The Hens also thoroughly enjoyed their shopping evening in the Village Hall at the pop-up ZUCHE BOUTIQUE. About 20 Hens and friends attended the event and enjoyed chatting over wine and nibbles and trying on Lisa's summer stock, which included bags, scarves, clothing, jewellery and interior accessories, from Italy and Denmark. Thank you to Lisa and Alison for organising this.



HOLLOWELL AND TEETON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Damage to 'Steam Engine' in Pocket Park – Shortly after Easter, the Parish Council was made aware that the steering wheel on the crawl through Steam Engine had been badly damaged. On examination it was clear that it was not safe to leave the remaining parts in place, so they were removed. It is a concern to the Council that

- a) substantial force was needed to break the wheel and
- b) no one has formally reported this damage to the Clerk. However the damage occurred, it must have been obvious that it was not safe to leave the remains of the wheel in place. Enquiries for cost of replacing the wheel have been **quoted as £50:00 and the Council will consider how to proceed** at its next meeting. Visitors to the Park are asked to note any damage and report it immediately to the Clerk, Gillian Greaves

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Email: pc-clerk@hollowellandteeton.org.uk

AS TIME GOES BY



How often do you check your watch against the Millennium Bus Shelter Clock? The two electric clocks mounted on the thatched roof were installed when the Shelter was built in 2000 and operate via a radio controller. The clocks have not been keeping correct time in recent weeks and efforts are being made to determine the problem and find a solution.

HOLLOWELL AND TEETON VILLAGE HALL TOTE WINNERS

Judith Parks, Tony Robbins, Gill Mister, Sue McCubbin.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

HOLLOWELL & TEETON NEWS

OBITUARY



Mrs Joan Tice DL, OBE, died peacefully at her home in Teeton, on April 26 after a short battle with illness. Mrs Tice was a trustee of the Bernard Sunley Charitable Trust, which was set up by her parents Bernard and Mary in 1960 and has **donated an estimated £100million to** Northampton causes. She was awarded an OBE in 2014 for her huge

contributions to charities. She was also a generous contributor to Village Link, especially in its early days.

Credit: Northampton Chronicle & Echo

VILLAGE HALL QUIZ NIGHT

The 'Quiz Heads' of Hollowell and Teeton were out in force at the end of April for the spring Quiz Night in the Village Hall. It was a multi-media event with use of the massive new projector screen which was able to show clear huge magnifications of a hair 'split end' and the skin of a watermelon!

The Quiz Master, Nick Mount, provided a very wide range of questions ranging from local knowledge to photos of notable world sites so that everyone was able to enjoy an area of 'expertise'. Hot nibbles were served to feed the brain and it proved to be thirsty work as a barrel of Towcester Brewery Cooked Hooker was consumed along with a good number of bottles of wine. People were still debating the Quiz long after it ended!

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WHAT A WHOPPER!

Congratulations to Hollowell angler Kevin Daykin who landed the biggest ever rainbow trout at Ravensthorpe Reservoir in March. Experienced angler, Kevin set a new Ravensthorpe record by landing the 17lb 15oz whopper, from the bank! The Anglian Water Fisheries Facebook page reports:



"Ranger Mitch witnessed the catch, saying 'that it put up a good scrap!' Kevin caught the fish on a black and green snake on a floating line whilst wading to his knees between platform 3 and 4. Kevin also had a 4lb 1oz Rainbow. Top angling!"

HOLLOWELL AMATEUR ARTIST REACHES THE LAST STAGES OF AN INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION.

Not to be outdone by her husband's expertise with a rod and line, amateur artist Nora Daykin saw one of her paintings make it to the final stages of the 'Jackson's Open Painting Prize 2019'. Of more than five thousand submissions Nora's picture, 'Melon Delight', was among the last 420 to be shortlisted. It is the first time this talented amateur painter has entered an art competition and Nora says she was thrilled to make it to the final stages. Nora's work will be on display in the Village Hall at the Hollowell FAFF in August.



THORNBY NEWS



26th – 28th July
The Red Lion, Thornby

The Beer Festival is back for the seventh year running! This year we've gone for a Caribbean theme in a bid to guarantee a nice sunny weekend (we've jinxed it now haven't we!). Think Rum, pineapples & floral shirts :-)

We'll be starting off the weekend on the Friday night with some great music from Red House Lane. Saturday night we'll be partying with the Nanna Radleys once again and on Sunday we'll be chilling out with The Sam Wilkinson Band, followed by a quiz in the evening for anyone still standing! We'll also have our fabulous face painter, bouncy castle, kids entertainment, and we'll be raising funds to contribute to the village defibrillator fund. We hope to see you all then! Simon & Louise

Quiz nights:

Grab a team it's Quiz Night!

Sunday 28th July; Sunday 29th September; Sunday 29th December

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MISSING CAT

Ginger and white short haired male cat. Last seen on Saturday 27th April. No collar but he does have a microchip. Missing from Studgroom Cottage, Cold Ashby Rd, Thornby. If you have any information then please call Jess or Gary 740839 or 0797 4379512.

Also - if you check your shed, garage or outbuildings then we would be most grateful.



FARM WALK

Once again we were fortunate to have fine weather for our annual farm walk. We had a good number of walkers with only a few giving in to riding in the trailer although it was quite a long walk this year – **“up hill and down dale” having access to farmland we hadn't walked before with views stretching across to Coventry and Birmingham.**



As usual we had an excellent lunch at Thornby House and the day was enjoyed by everyone who came.



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

CHURCH NEWS

Summer! Long days and opportunities to celebrate the luxuriant growth in our beautiful villages and wondrous gardens through our various Open Gardens and Fetes; a chance to uncurl from the bitter winter winds and enjoy the warmth of summer sun; a moment to drink in once again the wonder of new life in all its resurrection glory springing out of the death of the old.

As we enjoy the blossoming nature all around us, we are reminded that the goal of humanity and each of us is to grow into the fullness of all that God has created us to be. As Christians we believe that comes about as we surrender ourselves to the love of God in Jesus, and allow ourselves to become channels of that love in the world. I long to see the church as a place of growth, both in numbers coming to worship together, but also in the lives of each precious **individual, created in God's image as they grow into their** unique potential for good.

A major festival in this period is Pentecost on June 9th which is all about growth. It is the birthday of the Church, when the Holy Spirit comes in power to transform a tiny group of frightened disciples into a confident band of Christians, with the

result that Christian faith spreads rapidly throughout the known world as more and **more people respond to God's love for** them in Jesus.



A new venture for us is the sending out of a weekly newsheet by email with news of all that has been happening during the week as well as looking forward to the coming week. Every time I read it I am astonished at how much is going on across the Uplands churches, how much life and growth is happening already, how much there is to celebrate in the life of the churches as well as in the nature all around us. As I receive the encouragement that gives me, I long for many more to become part of this living entity which is the Uplands Group of Churches.

If you would like to receive the weekly newsletter please contact our administrator, Katrina Jones, uplandsgroupoffice@gmail.com

Chris Peck

MONDAY MORNING MEET



MMM

GOOD FRIDAY

A lovely time was had by all in Guilsborough village

hall on Good Friday this year.

Stories, songs & crafting sessions.

Together with hot drinks & hot cross buns.

Thank you to all our helpers & supporters.



Lent Lunch 2019

Thank you to Col. & Mrs Evans for hosting Lent Lunch

We raised £500

Thanks also to everyone who contributed and attended the event and made it so successful

CHURCH ROTA

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Week of Month	JUNE 2019				JULY 2019						
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	1st	2nd	3rd	4th		
Sunday Holy Day	2nd June	9th June	16th June	23rd June	30th June	7th July	14th July	21st July	28th July		
Colour	White	Pentecost Red	Trinity Green	1st Sunday after Trinity Green	2nd Sunday after Trinity Green	3rd Sunday after Trinity Green	4th Sunday after Trinity Green	5th Sunday after Trinity Green	6th Sunday after Trinity Green		
Cold Ashby	9.30am BCP Communion 11.00am BCP	10.00am	9.30 BCP Morning Prayer	No service	10.00am	10.00am	9.30am BCP Communion 11.00am BCP	9.30am Worship for All	No service		
Cottesbrooke	Communion		No Service	9.45am BCP Morning Prayer			9.45am BCP Communion	Communion	No Service	9.45am BCP	Morning Prayer
	No morning service			9.30am BCP Communion			9.30am Worship for All			9.30am CW Communion	9.30am BCP Communion
Creation	6.30 Songs of Praise			8.30am BCP			9.45am			11.00am	11.00am
Guldborough	BCP Communion (Said)	Cold Ashby UPLANDS GROUP SERVICE	Brunch @ 11 6.00pm Evensong	Communion	Thornby UPLANDS GROUP SERVICE	Thornby UPLANDS GROUP SERVICE	Communion	Communion	Communion		
				11.00am CW Communion			11.00am			11.00am	11.00am
				11.00am Morning Prayer			CW Communion			11.00am	CW Communion
Haltowell	Invited to join Gulls			9.45am CW Communion			11.00am			8.30am BCP Communion	11.00am
Ravensthorpe	BCP Communion			Worship for All			BCP Communion	Worship for All			
	No Service						Tolze 5.00	Communion			
Spratton	11.00am Worship for All		11.00 Holy Communion CW	8.30am BCP Communion			11.00am Worship for All	11.00am CW Communion			
			No Service	5.00pm Table Talk BCP Communion			No Service	8.30am BCP Communion			
Thornby	No Service						No Service	Table Talk BCP Communion			

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Just a fraction of the beauties enjoyed by visitors to Guilsborough Open Gardens. From rare trees (Davidia Involucrata) at Dripwell to alpine planting



at new garden Four ways to water features, impressive artichokes and inventive welly boot planting at the Primary School, there was something for everyone. Thank you to all the hard-working gardeners and volunteers who made it such a success!



Riding for the Disabled Association

COTTESBROOKE RDA GROUP QUIZ NIGHT

teams of up to 8
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 Sally Norris 01604 740004 or
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(Postponed from May)

Let's work together to SCRAP fly-tipping

People across Northamptonshire are being urged to follow the S.C.R.A.P. code as part of a county-wide campaign to crack down on fly-tipping.

S.C.R.A.P. is being promoted in a bid to reduce the number of fly-tipping incidents taking place across the county each year.

Councils in Northamptonshire dealt with 22,000 fly-tips in 2017/18, at a cost of around £750,000 to the tax payer in collection and disposal costs.

The new campaign is being led by the Northamptonshire Waste Partnership and is backed by all of the councils in the County as well as Northamptonshire Police, Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service, the Environment Agency and the National Farmers' Union.

Failing to take reasonable steps to ensure your waste is disposed of responsibly could result in an unlimited fine or, in serious cases, prison. Fly-tipping includes leaving waste items on the street for others to take, outside of a closed Household Waste Recycling Centre, or next to a street litter bin.

To find out more about the S.C.R.A.P. campaign look on the Northamptonshire Waste Partnership's website at www.recyclefornorthamptonshire.co.uk/at-home/let-s-s.c.r.a.p-fly-tipping/

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Saxon Spires Patient Participation Group 2019



Brixworth First Responders are highly trained volunteers who work in the community saving lives. They will be giving talks about their work at: Guilsborough Surgery on **Tuesday 11th June** at 7pm & Brixworth Surgery on **Tuesday 9th July** at 7pm

Carers Week 2019

Do you care for a relative or friend? Why not come along to our Carers Coffee Morning at Brixworth Surgery on **Friday 14th June** 10am - 12noon. Staff from Northamptonshire Carers will be there, to offer advice and support for those who care.

For more information contact Barbara Hogg on 01604 880552 or email barbara.hogg@tiscali.co.uk