

Around Pattishall

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Would you like to see your photograph or artwork on the cover of the next Around Pattishall? If so, please send it to me. It should be something with a local & seasonal flavour.

Astcote High Street Closure

The Parish Council have been informed that there will be further repairs to Astcote High Street which will be closed (after peak morning times) for 5 days towards the end of February. Residents should always be able to get in and out one way or the other.

Pattishall Parochial Charities

The Pattishall Parochial Charity has funds available to support residents of the Parish. You may already be aware of the Widow and Widowers monthly pension. This is given to fifteen applicants who currently receive a monthly pension of £30. At present there is a waiting list but anyone wishing to apply should write to the Clerk stating date of birth and number of years resident in the Parish. Others can apply separately to receive a Christmas Grant to help with their heating or fuel expenses - currently £60 per household.

Besides these regular grants the funds can be used for other specific, one-off requirements within the community. Although not age dependant, there should be a proven need. Examples of grants made in the past are:

- Installation of walk in shower
- Widening of path and fitting of hand rail
- Travelling fees – hospital visits
- Pre school fees

Each application would be at the discretion of the Trustees.

If you wish to apply for a grant or require further information please contact the Clerk.

Mrs Wendy Watts wendy1.watts@btinternet.com
59 Leys Rd, Pattishall, 01327 830583

Thanks

I wish to thank the good Samaritan who took the trouble of walking through Pattishall with a set of lost car keys , checking every parked car until he found the one responding to the remote control. My son must have dropped it when he took a bag out of his pocket to clean up after my dog. We were not even aware of the keys being lost! Once again, a huge thank you.

K. Jones, Pool Close

New Crime Prevention Web Page

Members of the public can now find all the information they need about personal and home security on a dedicated new web page launched by Northamptonshire Police.

The new page provides a 'one stop shop' for anyone who wants to find out more about how to prevent crime and reduce their risk of becoming a victim.

The section incorporates a range of information, from how to make your home and car more secure to how to set up a Neighbourhood Watch scheme, together with information about business and rural crime as well as advice on how to prevent fraud and improve online security.

There is useful advice on property marking, which can make valuables less attractive to thieves and help link criminals back to crime scenes or identify handlers of stolen goods. It can also help police identify stolen goods so they can be returned to their rightful owner.

In addition, the site hosts an Interactive Virtual Neighbourhood (courtesy of Leicestershire Constabulary), which offers another way to get useful advice about how to protect property and prevent different types of crime.

Crime Prevention Manager Laura Major said: "The new section brings all our crime prevention advice and related subjects into one place and we hope it will make it easier for members of the public to find the information they need to help them better protect their home and property."

People can access the new pages by visiting www.northants.police.uk and clicking on the crime prevention link on the home page.

Web address: <http://www.northants.police.uk/default.aspx?id=8484>

Spring Clean

The annual clean up of the village of rubbish and litter will take place on Saturday 17th of March. Start will be at 9am meeting at the village hall car park. If you can

spare an hour or so you would be most welcome. Last year we had 22 volunteers. Bring gloves and wear suitable clothing for the conditions.



John Woollett 830470



Pattishall Women's Institute

The new year started well, as we welcomed several new members and hope they will enjoy the many activities on offer. Sadly, however, some long standing members are no longer able to get to meetings and will be missed.

In January we enjoyed a thoughtful and amusing talk by Mike Streton on his personal poetry. Our February speaker, Alison Rockett, told us about the displaced Acholi women in Uganda, doing dangerous work crushing stone during the day and making beads in the evenings to supplement their meagre earnings. At the end of her talk we were able to buy some of their beautiful necklaces.

We look forward to two more interesting talks in March and April on Glens and Gardens, Castles and Kings, and Gardens for Free. New members and visitors are always welcome.

If you would like to know more about the W.I. or would like someone to accompany you to a meeting, please ring Elizabeth Scowen (Secretary) 07768 744250 or Barbara Parkinson (President) 830245.

For the Diary

- March Glens and Gardens, Castles and Kings.
- April Gardens for Free.

Getting to Know Irene

A few weeks ago I met Irene Willmott while she was walking her dogs and instead of our usual "Good morning, lovely day today," we actually stopped and chatted. During the course of our conversation Irene told me about the terrible deafness she had to cope with for ten years before she had a cochlea implant in January 2008 to restore most of her hearing. She also told me of the terrible isolation she experienced in being unable to hear and particularly because of her inability to communicate with other people and that during this time she wrote poetry to express her frustration.

Irene's story has made me wonder how many other deaf people there are in the parish and those with other difficulties and disabilities that have caused them frustration and even anger, who would be really pleased to read poems that express these emotions.

Irene's cochlea implant operation was carried out at Addenbrookes Hospital whose staff were so impressed by her poems that they encouraged her to have them printed in a small book so that they could help patients enduring similar

difficulties. This book has been given the title Poems from the Heart and this title says it all and to choose a tiny selection to include in this article has been very difficult but here are just three.

Lonely

*Why do I feel all alone
Even when people are near?
Why do they have a moan
When I say sorry I didn't hear?*

*I don't think they understand
What deafness is really like
They bury their heads in the sand
And hope we'll go out of sight.*

*We must work together and try to teach
About our unpleasant plight
Maybe they will stretch out their arms
And pull us into the light.*

*All we need is to be understood
It's not hard to ask
A tap on the shoulder please
Instead of pushing past.*

*We only want a normal life
For things to be as they were
Sometimes the little things you do
Make it very hard to bear.*

*But I think there will come a time
When things will all come right
When hearing people are more aware
And the deaf ones win the fight.*

I'm Deaf

*Why do you look at me like that
With a frown upon your face?
I'm trying hard to understand
But you see I'm deaf.*

*If you wish to talk to me
I'm willing to oblige
But there are things you must do
To help us through
Because you see I'm deaf.*

*First you have to look at me
I won't think it rude
If you stare, and speak slow and clear,
Your lips I'll gladly read
For I know I'm deaf.*

*There are lots of ways for you
To help communicate
I will help, show you what to do,
Just a smile and a wave is great,
Because you know I'm deaf.*

The Stream

*I hear the ripple of a stream
As under the bridge it flows,
I could not hear but I could see,
As on and on it goes.*

*A lovely sound as it passes by,
It's music to my ears
As I listen with tears in my eyes
I'm happy I can hear.*

Yvonne Englefield

Grand Jubilee Bake Off



Celebrations for the Diamond Jubilee are planned for Monday 4th June in Pattishall Parish Hall.

One of the events is to be a Bake Off.

There will be a competition for the best **Victoria Sandwich Cake** --- no shop bought ones! We know what happened in Calendar Girls. It should be home made using three eggs and decorated in the theme of the Diamond Jubilee.

The children's class will be **A Cup Cake** also decorated in the same theme.

Cakes can be brought to the hall before judging takes place at 3pm. Entry will be 50p for adults and 25p for children.

Barbara Parkinson 830245

Pattishall Parish Council Notices

Car Parking

There are areas of the villages where cars are being parked on footpaths. We would request that car owners do not leave their cars on footpaths which are for the use of pedestrians. People with push-chairs and small children cannot get past.

Bicycles and Lights

Young people have been seen riding bicycles in the dark with no lights. It is not only dangerous for those on the bikes but for other road users too. Parents please make sure your children are safe and can be seen at night.

John Woollett
Chairman

Cold Higham Parish Council

As part of the changes that are taking place within local government, we were approached recently by South Northants Council to see if we would consider taking on more responsibilities in the parish. In particular SNC wanted to pass the maintenance of "closed" churchyards like ours, where burials no longer take place, to village and parish councils rather than continue to carry out the work itself. Various options were considered but as we are already responsible for the

adjoining cemetery we felt that a single contract covering the grass cutting and similar tasks in both areas would make sense. This will be in place from April and we expect residents will notice little difference. In the meantime, however, a local tree surgeon has started to pollard the trees in the churchyard and cemetery. This essential work is long overdue and while appearing very drastic it is for the long term well-being and benefit of the trees.



We have decided to keep the annual precept at the same level as last year. This is the money that is raised through the council tax to pay for the work of the parish council. In making our decision we wanted to retain a small but viable fund to cover routine maintenance tasks such as the grass cutting mentioned earlier as well as the occasional special project such as the pollarding. In reality the precept is a small fraction of the overall council tax amount.

Since the last Around Pattishall was published we have decided to go ahead and purchase from BT the public telephone box on Banbury Lane in Cold Higham. Once the purchase has been completed, probably in the next month or so, we will convert the box into a village noticeboard and information point, as mentioned in the last edition.

The annual litter pick will be held on Sunday 11 March. As usual the pick will start at 11am at the telephone boxes in Cold Higham and Grimscote with the aim of clearing as many of the roadside foot paths and verges as possible around the villages. Afterwards we will retire to the Red Lion for a well earned drink or two. Bags and grab sticks will be provided but please bring your own gloves. Sturdy shoes or boots are advisable.

Finally, Northamptonshire Action With Communities in Rural England (ACRE) is encouraging local residents to participate in its new domestic heating oil purchase scheme. ACRE estimates that the saving per litre is typically between five and ten per cent depending on the amount purchased and the time of the year. The idea is simple - if lots of people choose to purchase their heating oil through the scheme, the supplier will offer a discount. To find out more please contact ACRE direct on 01604 76588, oil@northantsacre.org.uk or www.northantsacre.org.uk



Gardening Club

The next meeting of the Gardening Club will be held on Wednesday 7th March when John Woollett will speak on the British Trust for Ornithology showing us how birds play an important role in our gardens. On 4th April Cecil Rhodes will talk on Fuchsias and on 2nd May, Chris Day is coming to show us how to achieve all year round colour in containers.

The Gardening Club will be organising a plant stall at the Diamond Jubilee celebrations on June 4th so if you have any duplicate or spare plants please pot them up and bring them along. We will also be running a competition for children for the best “creature” made out of vegetables and / or fruit and hope that lots of children in the Parish will let their imagination run wild and bring their creations to the Fete.

Christine Russell, Secretary, 830012

Pattishall Youth Club

Pattishall Youth Club is held every Tuesday evening during term time and is open from 7.30pm to 9.15pm. It is open to any children in Year 6 to Year 11. The fee is £1 per week with the first attendance being free.

There is a weekly tuck shop with many varieties of sweets and cans of drink as well as badminton, PlayStation games to enjoy and lots of comfy floor cushions for those who just want to sit and chat with their friends. This month as a result of a survey done by the members earlier in the year, we are adding to our equipment with a new Air Hockey Table and replacing the existing Table Tennis with a new one, so we all look forward to trying them out (Leaders included ☺).

And finally, we have just enjoyed another successful night at Laser Zone in Northampton with 28 members attending. There is more to look forward to over the coming months including a Pancake night (21st Feb), NAYC Games night (6th March), Craft night (13th March) and possibly an Easter Egg Hunt on 27th March. So, if you're not already a member, come along and join the fun.

Term dates are 20th Feb – 30th Mar 2012 and 17th April – 4th May 2012

For info please contact Mark Couling 01327 831443 or Ruth Furniss 01327 830118

Pattishall Parish Hall Association ***Pattishall Playing Field Association***



Many thanks to all those who supported the Christmas Raffle, which raised over £900, in aid of the Parish Hall fund and the Christmas Lunch for the Senior Citizens. Over 60 senior residents enjoyed a traditional lunch of turkey with all the trimmings, followed by entertainment from Mr and Mrs Chris Younger and their group of musicians. Many thanks go to Libby Covington for the organisation of the event along with Jo Nicholls and her band of cooks and helpers in the kitchen. Members of the Youth Club were waitresses under the guidance of Suzanne Raper while Peter Stratton, John Woollett and Tim Bartlett kept the wine flowing. This is a great village tradition which has been going for many years and we hope it will continue for many more.

The lucky winners of the raffle hampers were as follows;

Tony Gray	0438	Rachel Bracher	0308
Yvonne Orchard	0483	Martin Leong	0984
Sue Lawrence	0608	Tracey Smith	0498
Jackie Garriock	0203	Keith Crampton	0328

The hall is planning to have new double-glazed windows installed shortly. This has been possible with a grant from South Northants Leisure Trust and hall funds. Hopefully this will make the large hall feel more comfortable in the winter months as well as helping to reduce the fuel costs.

Unfortunately the pavilion was broken into over the Christmas period with damage to the doors and windows. Mindless vandalism around the recycling area left broken glass by the path. All these repairs have to be paid for out of hall funds while volunteers have to clean up the mess. We would ask all hall users and residents to notify the Neighbourhood Watch number 01604 432436 if they see anything suspicious.

On a more cheerful note the new play equipment installed by the Parish Council should make the Playing Field a great activity area. The Parish Council will inform us when it is able to be used after safety inspections have been carried out.

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SNVB (the South Northants Volunteer Bureau) are pleased to announce that as part of Village Networks, a new Lottery-funded project, we have taken delivery of a brand new 16-seater minibus which is available for hire by community, voluntary and non-profit groups.

"So often local groups tell us transport is a real problem", says Nick King, Project Coordinator. "Now we have a solution: a new minibus and trained drivers".

The minibus and driver is operated and insured by SNVB with a section 19 permit. Community groups can apply for membership and once approved can hire the minibus for trips, excursions and events. Terms & conditions apply.



Details can be found at www.snvb.org.uk – click on the Minibus.

Or for further information, please contact Nick King on 01327 353321 / 358264 or email nick@snvb.org.uk



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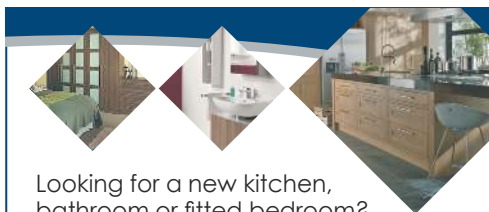
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“Calling all local businesses of Pattishall Parish”

In celebration of the Diamond Jubilee there is going to be a Parish event held in the playing field on the bank holiday:

Monday June 4th

The plan is to have a programme for the day to include what will be happening as the event unfolds; some elements of local history provided by local people, other forms of interesting information including local clubs and community groups and.....

...an opportunity to advertise and promote local businesses.

All funds raised from the event will be put towards the on-going development of the Village Hall, Playing Fields, Tennis Court, Equipment and Car Park.

The programme we are planning to produce will be in the form of an A5 professionally printed individually numbered booklet, which will contain all the above information. It will also serve as a ‘raffle’ ticket for lucky winners.

*We believe local people will keep the programme as a memento and so the reason ‘**we need you**’ is to ask if you will use the opportunity to advertise and promote your business to the community and / or donate a prize for the draw which will also be announced on the day?*

We hope that you would support us by the promotion of your business with a half or full page advertisement at a cost of £50 for a half page or £75 for a full page.

Thank you in advance for your support

Nigel Banister – on behalf of the Jubilee Committee - 830515

Community Work in Malawi

Hi, my name is Nadine Golding and I am currently a sixth-form student at Northampton School for Boys. Each year students from our school travel to Malawi to support ongoing work in a particular community there. Over the years students have helped build wells, renovate buildings, provide play areas and classrooms for local children etc. In July of this year I, along with a group of thirty five others, am going to continue to support this work. In order to get there and participate in this project, I have to raise nearly £2000! In order to achieve this goal, I have planned the following events in the village. I would greatly appreciate your support.

24th March – 10 am Coffee Morning at 10 Fosters Booth Road, Pattishall

27th April – 7.30 pm Quiz (with supper) at Cold Higham Village Hall

For further information, or to book your tickets (£8 a head, teams of up to 6), please call 830387



Pattishall Good Neighbours Club

I really cannot believe that it is now February, the excitements of Christmas & New Year are just memories and we are now seeing snow. Our Christmas lunch was very enjoyable and I think everyone who came was pleased with their meal.

Our January meeting was well attended and interesting with Lynda Maud telling us all about *Pantomime*, from its roots to the present day and how it has evolved over the years. February will see Towcester Choral Society entertaining us and March will be our AGM. We will be saying goodbye to our Treasurer (but hopefully not as a member) after many years with our grateful thanks. Hopefully you will all come and let us know your views on how our club is run.

P Gilkes, Hon Sec, 830105

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QUIZ

Saturday March 17th

Cold Higham Village Hall 7.30pm

TEAMS OF SIX

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Pattishall Neighbourhood Watch

If someone contacts you by telephone suggesting your computer has a problem which they can fix, the likelihood is that it's a scam. Do not accept help from a cold caller!

Neighbourhood Watch will be ordering more "Smartwater" kits at the end of March. If anyone would like to order a kit (I have a few orders already) please contact your Street Warden or the Co-ordinator. Each kit costs £20. If anyone would like information on "Smartwater" please contact the Co-ordinator.

Please continue to report every incident/suspicious vehicles/persons or peddlars on the dedicated NHW number **01604 432436**

There will be a NHW meeting on Thursday 15th March in Pattishall village hall. 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome!

NHW Co-ordinator linda_hemming@hotmail.com
Tel No. 01327 830744

A Hymn To Our Street Doctor



*Astcotonians raise a cheer
The Pothole-Refill-Team are here.
They come with bucket, rake & pitch
Pothole filling is a snitch.
Some they fill, some they ignore
Pothole filling is a bore.
Besides, you know that what they say,
There always is another day.
If you don't fill every hole
you won't have to draw the dole.
So if you stumble or you fall
just give Street Doctor a quick call.
Hey Presto! He'll perform the feat
You'll get back more mended holes than street!*

Robert Waller, Astcote

Mobile Library Service

The Northamptonshire mobile library service now visits on the second Friday of the month, in the early evening.

Stop

Pattishall, Leys / Festival Road
Cold Higham, Old School House

Time

18:15pm - 18:35pm
18:45pm - 19:05pm

Dates

9th March & 13th April



New Play Equipment

At time of writing the new play equipment has been mostly installed, but due to technical difficulties it will not be commissioned until around the end of February.



Saturdays 2-4.30pm

10th March

19th May

At Pattishall Parish Hall

Messy Church is for all the family - Mums, Dads, Grandparents and Children of all ages. For two hours there will be crafts and activities that adults and children can do together based on a biblical theme, a time of sharing with a prayer and a song, and then we all have afternoon tea together. Please put these dates in your diary.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!

Organised by the Messy Church Team from Astcote Methodist Church & Holy Cross, Pattishall



Bus Service

A New Bus Station for Northampton? Following the recent public exhibition in Northampton where various designs for the relocation of the bus station to the Fish Market were on display a planning application is expected to be submitted in February. The Northampton Bus Users Group have raised many issues about the various plans, and even about the wisdom of relocating the bus station at all. They will continue to try to influence

decisions that are made in order to get the best solution for bus users.

In addition to our scheduled bus service there is CountyConnect which offers an "on demand" service between villages, Towcester and Brackley, when a scheduled service is not available. Leaflets on the service are available at Towcester Library or at www.county-connect.co.uk

Ann Atkin

Towcester ● Greens Norton ● Pattishall ● Rothersthorpe ● Northampton					87
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Towcester Square - southbound	0724	1004	1204	1404	1704
Towcester Highfields/Redmoor	0729	1009	1209	1409	1709
Towcester Springfields	0731	1011	1211	1411	1711
Greens Norton High Street	0735	1015	1215	1415	1715
Duncote Main Road	0737	1017	1217	1417	1717
Astcote High Street	0742	1022	1222	1422	1722
Pattishall Church Street	0744	1024	1224	1424	1724
Fosters Booth Red Lion	0746	1026	1226	1426	1726
Eastcote Birds Hill Road	0748	1028	1228	1428	1728
Gayton Bugbrooke Road	0753	▼	▼	▼	▼
Rothersthorpe Banbury Lane	0759	1034	1234	1434	1734
Banbury Lane	0801	1036	1236	1436	1736
Northampton Mereway Tesco	0808	1043	1243	1443	1743
Towcester Rd opp B&Q Superstore	0815	1050	1250	1450	1750
Northampton Greyfriars bus station	0820	1055	1255	1455	1755
Northampton Greyfriars bus stn bay 6	1100	1300	1600	1800	
Towcester Road B&Q Superstore	1103	1303	1603	1803	
Northampton Mereway Tesco	1110	1310	1610	1810	
Banbury Lane	1117	1317	1617	1817	
Rothersthorpe Banbury Lane	1119	1319	1619	1819	
Gayton Bugbrooke Road	▼	▼	▼	1825	
Eastcote Greenway	1126	1326	1626	1830	
Pattishall Church Street	0930	1129	1329	1629	1833
Fosters Booth Red Lion	0932	1131	1331	1631	1835
Astcote High Street	0934	1133	1333	1633	1837
Duncote Main Road	0939	1138	1338	1638	1842
Greens Norton High Street	0941	1140	1340	1640	1844
Towcester Springfields	0945	1144	1344	1644	1848
Towcester Highfields/Redmoor	0947	1146	1346	1646	1850
Towcester Square - northbound	0952	1151	1351	1651	1855
Towcester Northampton Rd/Seena Dr.	0956	1155	1355	1655	1859
Towcester Tesco	1001	1201	1401	1701	1905

ASTCOTE METHODIST CHURCH

Team Ministry

Rev. Phil Taylor, Rev. Tina Swire, Rev. Martin Swan, Rev. Phil Snelson
Deacon Richard Beckett

To contact a Minister please ring the Circuit Office: 01604 721908

Sunday Services

10.30am All age worship – children & adults meet together. Services are generally informal. During the colder months we will usually meet in the Upper Room where everyone will be much warmer.

Children/Youth Groups Sunday Club 8-11 year olds 6-7pm and 11-18 year olds 7-8pm. Contact John Atkin 830907 for more details.

Lunch Club For the elderly or retired on the second Tuesday in the month. Please contact Fiona Hawkins on 830368 if you are interested.

Well Group 12-2pm Ladies group meet monthly for lunch followed by a speaker. Contact Alison Brierley on 830770 to book a seat. Next meeting 23rd February, speaker Rachel Menon

Flowers can be placed in the Chapel on Sundays to celebrate an anniversary or in memory of a loved one.

Hire of the Church Rooms, which include kitchen area and toilets. Please contact Kate Stretton on 830115 to organise flowers or book the rooms.

Easter Eggsplosion - Easter Workshop 10am-12.30pm Good Friday 6th April for all Primary & Junior Age Children - Book your space by contacting John Atkin 830907 or fill out a form at Pattishall School nearer the time

Talking of God

Lent Course 2012

Talking of God is a new faith sharing course which will help individuals and congregations to talk about their faith journey. Talking of God is made up of four sessions:

- *Starting the Conversation* - each of us has a story to share
- *Conversation Stoppers* - conversations can be hard
- *Conversations in Context* - how our world can frame our conversations
- *Living the Conversation* - conversations are more than just words

Mondays 7.30pm at Astcote, 5, 12, 19 and 26 March. Led by Rev. Tina Swire
People from all churches or none are invited to join us.

EASTCOTE BAPTIST CHURCH

Services

Start at 3pm unless otherwise stated, everyone welcome

March	4th	Mr Richard Wilson
	11 th	Mr Roy Chapman
	18 th	Rev M Swan
	25 th	Mr John Hutcherson
April	1 st	Mr Ian Markey
	8 th	Mrs Wendy Manley
	15 th	Rev T Swire
	22 nd	Mr Paul Wilson
	29 th	Rev Sue Litchfield

If anyone has any queries, please contact Janet on 01327 830210, or write to Mrs J Steel, 45a High Street, Astcote, Towcester, Northants NN12 8NW.

Coffee mornings

Held in Eastcote Chapel from 10 am to 12 noon:

March 18th in aid of Marie Curie Daffodil Day

April 21st in aid of Dr Fox's Diabetic Clinic

Paul and Marion Reynolds



Originally from Derby we've been married for nearly 39 years and have one daughter, Philippa, one son-in-law, Steven, one grand-daughter, Gabrielle and a grand-son, Zachary.

Until Marion left full-time paid employment, all of our working lives have been spent in the computer and IT industry; in fact we met over a mainframe computer when we were both working for British Rail. Paul is now a Senior Civil Servant in the Department of Business, Innovation & Skills in London. His previous job was in the private sector as Group Operations Director for a telecomms company. Marion gave up full-time, paid employment in 2003 to concentrate on parish work after being licensed as a Reader. Prior to that she spent six years as a Training Manager. Previously she was Head of Computing & IT at a Further Education College and before that had spent time as a training specialist for a computer software firm.

During our married life we have lived in various parts of England and in several countries overseas. We spent four years in the Middle East, a part of the world we both love (Philippa was born in Tehran). Paul has lived and worked in several countries in the Far East plus the United States (our apartment was only a couple of minutes walk from the World Trade Center in New York); Marion has worked in various European and Middle Eastern countries.

Our moving around has meant that our churchmanship is quite broad; so long as we feel comfortable we have worshipped in all shades of the Church of England from very low through to "bells and smells on every occasion" plus the American Episcopalian church in Iran and the States. Within the church we have both served in a variety of posts – sidesperson, server, Sunday School, PCC and Paul was treasurer in two of our last parishes. In 2002 Marion was licensed as Lay Minister (Reader), in 2006 she was ordained Deacon (NSM) and in 2007 ordained Priest (NSM). She served her curacy in the beautiful Quantock Hills of Somerset and in rural Oxfordshire where she then became Associate priest for a 10 parish benefice. Her move as Priest-in-Charge to Pattishall with Cold Higham and Gayton with Tiffield marks a new stage in her ministry.

Outside of our church activities we love spending time with our family, hacking our way round a golf course (Marion is a much better hacker than Paul who can play a fairly decent game!) and more recently becoming quite keen gardeners - we pride ourselves on our first attempt at vegetable growing which was very successful. We see ourselves very much as Benefice people and we enjoy the many different social events that a Benefice has to offer. So, don't be surprised if we turn up at a social event that takes our fancy – we look forward to meeting with you all.

Marion can be contacted: Telephone: 01327 830573
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The Parishes of Holy Cross Pattishall and St Luke, Cold Higham

We are delighted to welcome our new Priest-in-Charge, the Revd. Marion Reynolds, to our two parishes - see left.

Services in March

	Holy Cross	St Luke
4 th Lent 2	8am BCP Holy Communion	<i>no service</i>
11 th Lent 3	9:30am CW Holy Communion	9:30am Parish Worship
18 th Lent 4 (Mothering Sunday)	8am BCP Holy Communion 10am Family Service	9:30am CW Family Communion
25 th Lent 5	9:30am CW Holy Communion	9:30am Parish Worship

Services in April

	Holy Cross	St Luke
1 st Palm Sunday	8am BCP Holy Communion	<i>no service</i>
8 th Easter Day	9:30am Sung Family Communion	8am Said Holy Communion
15 th Easter 1	8am BCP Holy Communion	9:30am CW Family Communion
22 nd Easter 2	9:30am CW Holy Communion	9:30am Parish Worship
29 th Easter 3	9.30am Benefice CW Holy Communion	

Holy Week Services

	Holy Cross	St Luke
Tuesday 3 rd		7pm Said Holy Communion
Thursday 5 th (Maundy Thursday)	7:30pm Sung Holy Communion followed by Vigil until midnight	
Friday 6 th (Good Friday)	6pm Devotional hour	2pm An hour at the Cross
Saturday 7 th (Easter Eve)	8pm Service of Light	

DIARY

Around Pattishall March & April 2012

March

- 1st Pattishall Hall & Playing Fields meeting, Pattishall School, 7.00pm
- 7th Gardening Club: *British Trust for Ornithology*, Patt. Parish Hall 7.30 pm
- 8th Pattishall Parish Council meeting, Pattishall Parish Hall, 7.45pm
- 9th Mobile Library
- 9th Towcester Farmers' Market
- 10th Messy Church, Pattishall Parish Hall 2-4.30pm
- 11th Cold Higham Litter Pick, 11am
- 14th WI: *Glens & Gardens, Castles & Kings*, Pattishall Parish Hall, 7.30pm
- 15th NHW meeting, Pattishall Parish Hall, 7.30pm
- 17th Spring Clean, Pattishall Parish Hall, 9am
- 17th Quiz, Cold Higham Village Hall 7.30pm
- 18th Coffee morning for *Marie Curie Daffodil Day*, Eastcote Chapel 10-12noon
- 24th Coffee Morning at 10 Fosters Booth Road, Pattishall, 10am
- 28th Photographic Group, Pattishall Parish Hall, 7.30pm
- 30th End of Pattishall School term 4

April

- 4th Gardening Club: *Fuchsias*, Pattishall Parish Hall. 7.30 pm.
- 5th Pattishall Hall & Playing Fields meeting, Pattishall School, 7.00pm
- 11th WI: *Gardens for Free*, Pattishall Parish Hall, 7.30pm
- 12th Pattishall Parish Council meeting, Pattishall Parish Hall, 7.45pm
- 13th Mobile Library
- 13th Towcester Farmers' Market
- 17th Start of Pattishall School term 5
- 21st Coffee morning for *Dr Fox's Diabetic Clinic*, Eastcote Chapel 10-12noon
- 27th Quiz (with supper) at Cold Higham Village Hall 7.30pm
- 25th Photographic Group, Pattishall Parish Hall, 7.30pm

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