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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.

Village Spring Clean

This years event will take place on Saturday 16th March 2013. Meet at the village Hall at 9am. For those who have not helped before we cleanup the litter and rubbish from the roadside verges before the vegetation grows. If you could spare an hour or so you would be most welcome. High Viz vests are provided as well as litter pickers and bags. Please let me know if you can help.

John Woollett jcwoollett@btinternet.com or 830470



Pattishall Women's Institute

Our December meeting took place in a very cold Village Hall, yet we managed to enjoy it, in spite of having to spend the evening wearing our coats, hats and scarves. Shirley Allen had us laughing at mistakes in English, the refreshments were good and Secret Santa did not disappoint.

Our January speaker cancelled and we are very grateful to Hilary Aslett who stepped in with a most enjoyable quiz.

The March meeting looks interesting. John Stepney will talk about SERV: volunteer motorcyclists who provide an out of hours service delivering blood and baby milk.

In April Steve Frost will talk about and play his handmade native American style flutes.

Meetings begin at 7.30pm. Come and join us if you are interested. You can be sure of a warm welcome. We also have a craft club that meets twice a month, and a luncheon club once a month.

Diary dates:- March 13th Motorcyclists and Premature Babies.
 April 10th Nightstar Flutes

Film Night - The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel

Cold Higham Village Hall is holding its next Film Night on Saturday 23rd March when we will be showing the Award Winning 'The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel'. Escape the winter blues and dream of India with this witty, romantic comedy.

Price £4 a head, doors open at 7.00 pm for 7.30 start. Contact Gill (830990) or Brenda (830373) for further details or to book a seat.



Pattishall Good Neighbours Club

Hello again! It does not seem like two months since I last wrote to you all about what the Good Neighbours Club is doing. Well we have not been idle in that time. We had our annual get together for our Christmas lunch, this time at The Greens Collingtree, wonderful with several new members with us for their first time. January we dodged the bad weather and were back in the Parish Hall where Juris Trede dressed as a Roman soldier entertained us with tales about Boudica (or as we knew her in our schooldays Boadicea). February brought a return visit from the Towcester Choral Society, and what a terrific programme they put on for us and as it was Valentines Day they included appropriate items. We were also joined by members of the W.I. on this occasion and we hope to see them again. We are always pleased to have visitors (and new members).

In March we have our AGM followed by a quiz and other light entertainment. In April we have Mike Leonard who will tell us about his "Sadistic Safari". I await this one with curious interest, and in May Sharon Evans will tell us about her work with the Wood Green Animal Charity.

Sadly in December one of our former members Bill Woods died and in January one of our newer members, Maureen Neal died. Together with other members I attended both funerals. They will be sadly missed and our thoughts are with their families.

To finish on a lighter note Good Neighbours entered a team in the Parish Hall Quiz night and won a prize.....for the lowest score!

That's it until next time, meanwhile do come along and join us at one of our meetings. You will be most welcome.

Alan White, Chairman, 01327 830892

Christmas Raffle - Winners

The Christmas Raffle sponsored by the Pattishall Parish Hall Committee was drawn on Thursday 6th December. The prize winners are shown below;



1 st Prize	1002	Mr and Mrs. Franklin
2 nd Prize	188	Jean Barnes
3 rd Prize	243	Paul Parkinson
4 th Prize	225	Sarah Collett
5 th Prize	2	Laura Dark

Thank you to everyone who supported the raffle which raised approximately £800.

Cold Higham Parish Council

At this time of year we ask South Northants Council for the annual precept, the money collected through the council tax which pays for the services managed by the Parish Council. Last year this was £4,040. Starting from April the Government has made changes to housing and other benefits which affect the amount of money collected through council tax. They have also reduced the grants made to local councils and changed the way that money is allocated to parish councils. The result of these changes is that even if we did not increase the precept this year it would still show up as a rise on the council tax bill. We always maintain a tight budget in the parish which is spent on services such as grass cutting in and around the churchyard and on street lighting and associated maintenance. Inevitably the cost of these have increased again this year and we must therefore raise the precept by £160 to make up the difference. Despite this the cost of the Parish Council to each household paying council tax is remains around £20 a year.

We have organised a special Neighbourhood Watch event for 7.30pm on Thursday 7th March in Cold Higham Village Hall. The event is open to all residents and its main purpose is to demonstrate some new portable shed alarms (see p10). The Parish Council has seen one of these and they appear to be very effective and, priced between £2.50 and £10.50 depending on model, represent good value. They have a number of potential uses in addition to sheds. The event will be attended by our new Police Community Support Officer Nigel Phelps. For those who cannot make Thursday 7th March, Pattishall is holding a similar event on Thursday 21st March in their village hall (see elsewhere in AP).

This year's annual Cold Higham Parish Litter Pick is on Sunday 17th March at 11am. Meet at the telephone kiosk in Cold Higham or Grimscote. As in previous years the intention is to clear litter from the roadside and verges in and around Cold Higham, Grimscote and Fosters Booth. We will provide plastic sacks and gloves and some "picking sticks" and high-visibility jackets will be borrowed from South Northants Council (if you borrow one please return it to a member of the parish council afterwards). Please wear sturdy boots or shoes if possible. It only takes an hour or so to complete the litter pick and make a big difference to the appearance of the villages. Afterwards, we expect to retire to the Red Lion for a pint or two!

As part of its "road-sign de-clutter initiative" the County Council had suggested removing the Give Way sign at the junction of Litchborough Road and Banbury Lane. The Parish Council feels that this sign is important for road safety because the angle of the junction sometimes makes it difficult to see cars coming along Banbury Lane from the right. We have therefore requested that the sign be left in place.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Thursday 4 April at 8pm in Cold Higham Village Hall. This is the meeting held once a year that is open to all members of the community who can attend and raise any issues about the parish council or anything else in the villages.

Finally, we are still looking for new parish councillors due to a casual vacancy. The Parish Council is an important part of community life which manages and oversees a number of facilities, services and activities. It meets every six to eight weeks, typically on Thursday evenings. We are particularly interested in new members from Cold Higham and Fosters Booth but anyone from the parish will be very welcome. Please do not feel that this is something for "someone else" or "somebody who has lived here longer" - it's a really worthwhile and simple way to get involved with the community. Anyone interested should contact one of the current Parish Councillors or the clerk to the Parish Council, Pauline Pearson (01327 830287) for an informal chat.

Keith Wootton



Summer Fete Extravaganza Saturday 13th July 2013

Plans for the Parish Fete Extravaganza are now well underway. The "Jubilee" Fete Committee have lots of exciting plans that are taking shape. We hope that all the local clubs and groups will support us and join in, as they did last year, and run a stall or activity. Do come forward and let us know what you would like to do, or, be prepared, we will be getting in touch with you!

Everyone and anyone is very welcome to get involved, you don't have to belong to a club or group. Do get in touch with us if you would like to help out in any way with this exciting parish event this summer. Feel free to contact either

Josie josieruthfranklin@hotmail.com or
Suzanne suzanne.raper@talktalk.net or ring 830279

A Fashion Show & Sale

"The Little Dress shop" Towcester.

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Wednesday March 6th, 7.30 for 8pm
Pattishall Primary School

Tickets £2.50 including first drink
available from the school office, Jan on
830996 or Wendy on 830583

Pattishall Parish Hall Association Pattishall Playing Field Association



Work on the new extension is progressing and hasn't been too disrupted by the weather. The children's toilets are almost complete and work will shortly start on the new toilet facilities. We know that the facilities are limited at present but the contractors are working with us in continuing to enable the hall to be used. Thank you for bearing with us and we know that the improvements will be much appreciated. To date we have received approximately £140,000 in grants and fund raising towards all the large hall refurbishments, new kitchen and present work.

The Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch was a great success and enjoyed by many residents. Libby Covington must be thanked for her organising of the event. The cooks, Jo Nicholls, Helen Burt and Wendy Watts did a splendid job, ably assisted by Heather, Joan, Karen and Jayne. Suzanne and her team waited while the wine waiters, Nigel and Andrew kept the glasses charged up. Towcester Choral Society entertained the guests with some wonderful singing. We hope that everyone will return next time, 7th December 2013, as well as some newcomers. This parish event, funded by monies raised from Bonfire Night and the Christmas Raffle, has been held annually for around 50 years and hopefully will continue for many more years to come.

The quiz in January was well supported and we were again challenged by Malcolm Baker's questions and puzzles. Around 120 keen competitors took part and the winners were Alison Goacher's team from Orchard Court. The excellent fish and chip supper was provided by Mr Sarson. The event was supported by Barclaycard and with their contribution over £1,500 will have been raised towards the maintenance of the hall.

The fete will be held on Saturday 13th July 2013. See article on page 5 for further details.

Bill Woods

Thank you for all the help and support of Friends and Neighbours over the years that Bill suffered disabilities, Greens Norton Surgery, Daventry Hospital, Dr Kelso, all of who gave excellent care to Bill.

We thank everyone for their kindness, messages, cards, at the the passing of Bill. Donations will be sent to "Royal British Legion".

Eleanor (Ellen) Woods and Family

Maureen Neal

Sad loss of beloved wife Maureen Neal, who passed away on 15th January. Much missed.

Thank you to those who attended the service at the crematorium and for your wonderful donations to the Air Ambulance Service which raised £370.

Keith Neal



Pattishall Neighbourhood Watch

At our next NHW meeting on Thursday 21st March at the village hall there will be a demonstration of "Shed Alarms" and "Personal Attack Alarms". This is for all interested residents in the parish. There will be a quantity of alarms for sale. Everyone is welcome. The meeting starts at 7.30pm.

If you would like information about NHW please contact your street warden or the Coordinator.

Please remember to ring the NHW Police Number **01604 432436** if you see any suspicious behaviour.

NHW Coordinator Linda Hemming
linda_hemming@hotmail.com
01327 830744

Pattishall Scout Group

Is there anyone in the Parish who feels that they could help with Cubs or Beavers? We are struggling again to keep the Group going with only one Leader for each Section. We lost two leaders last year and now have to cancel meetings if one of us is absent.

Cubs meet on Mondays from 6 to 7.15pm in Pattishall Parish hall and Beavers at Cold Higham on Mondays 6.15 -7.30pm.

Please contact me on 830245 if you are able to help out, even if it isn't every Monday, as it may be possible to "job share " the role.

I do hope someone comes forward as I should hate to see Pattishall Scout Group fold up.

Barbara Parkinson Group Scout Leader

Mobile Library Service

The Northamptonshire mobile library service now visits on the second Friday of the month at the times & locations below.

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Cold Higham, Telephone Box

Time

17:20pm - 17:50pm
18:00pm - 18:25pm

Dates

March 8th
April 12th



Pattishall Pre-School

Set in Pattishall Parish Hall and playing field, Pattishall Pre-School has been caring for children from the local community in a safe and happy environment for thirty years.

It continues to go from strength to strength and Sarah and Lindsay are now welcoming the next generation of the children they originally cared for. In addition to these two dedicated members of staff, we also now have two new members, Sue and Emma, who are a wonderful addition to the team, bringing enthusiasm and a variety of experience to the setting.

The addition in 2011 of the garden has proved to be a wonderful resource enabling the children to enjoy all the benefits that the outdoors brings. The children love playing out in fresh air, enjoying the sunshine and learning how things grow in our raised bed.

Completion at Easter of the Hall extension will almost double our existing space and provide us with toilets designed specifically for the little ones. The new area will enable us to house new apparatus, as well as new equipment to help the preschoolers prepare for the transition to Primary School.

Pattishall Pre-School is a non-profit making charity, run by a voluntary management committee. If you would like more information about us or would like to add your child's name to our waiting list please contact us on 07901 734460 (during term time), email us at pps.chair@gmail.com, or visit our website at www.pattishallpreschool.org.uk

Finally we would like to say a huge thank you to Iris Illingworth and the Hall Development Committee without whom none of the work on the extension would have been possible, and for including us in the planning of the new extension. Iris, how we will miss those long chats about toilets!



Northamptonshire Best Village Competition



The Northamptonshire Best Village Competition is now underway, with the entry forms sent to every Parish Clerk at the end of January. The Competition is looking for villages that can demonstrate enterprise, initiative and community spirit in how the village cares for its inhabitants and looks after its appearance. We want to know not only what you have done in the past few years to improve your facilities, but also about your plans for this year. Perhaps by building on the legacy of the 2012 Olympics to create new sports facilities, or organising to create a new village facility, such as a shop or village hall.

The closing date for entry forms is Wednesday 27th March. The winners will be announced at the Awards Evening on Tuesday 16th July at the High Barn, Hunsbury Hill, Northampton. The Competition is made possible thanks to sponsorship by B. Hollowell & Son Funeral Plans.

Last year the winner was Blisworth, which is one of our larger sized villages. As an incentive to those villages who have not entered the competition before, we will again be running the Newcomers Cup; the maximum size of eligible village is a population of 6,000

We have found that most successful villages have a group working on their entry form rather than leaving it all to the Clerk. Entry forms can be downloaded from our website – northantsacre.org.uk/projects/best-village-competition or can be sent by email, by contacting Robert Herring, the Competition co-ordinator at robert.herring@northantsacre.org.uk.

Pattishall Youth Club

Pattishall Youth Club is held, at the Parish Hall, every Tuesday evening during term time. It is open between 7.30pm to 9.15pm and all young people in year 6 to year 11 are welcome. The fee is £1 per week, with the first week being free.

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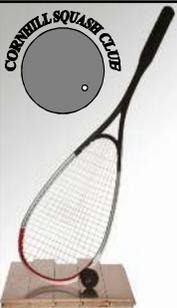
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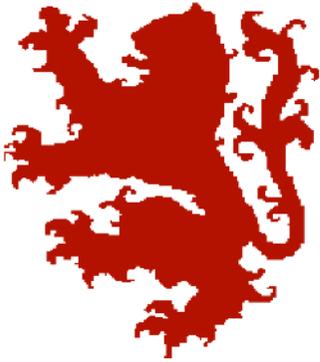
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South Northants Community First Responder group is based in the south of the county, with sub-groups working in the Daventry, Crick, Hardingstone, Towcester, Weedon and Deanshanger area. With a further 2 sub-groups going live in early 2013 in Rode/Blisworth and Bugbrooke.

Volunteers offer specific periods of time when they are “on standby” such as evenings and weekends. They are looking to recruit more volunteers within these village and surrounding villages who would like to become members of the group and to be trained in first response skills. They are also looking for people to fundraise for essential pieces of equipment to add to the kit of newly trained responders in our area.

If you are interested in finding out about being a **COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDER** go to www.southnorthantsresponders.co.uk or email: info@southnorthantsresponders.co.uk

Mike Bayley

Sue Bayley and family thank all who have been so kind to her since the sudden, unexpected death of Mike. She has been overwhelmed by the kindness and help she has been given. There are too many to list here but perhaps it would not offend anyone if those in Hodge Close had a special mention. You have all made her loss that little more bearable.

Sue Bayley

Obituary

Mike was born in Manchester and served as an electronics engineer.

Mike and Sue Bayley moved to the Parish in 1987, buying a house in Hodge Close Astcote. The move to the area was a job move to Unysis in Milton Keynes where Mike lectured on computers. With the move to the area he wanted to be involved with the community and get to know people, this he did for the rest of his life. To this end he joined the committees of the Parish Hall and Playing Field at the time hard play area was being constructed. He served as treasurer on the committees and was a trustee for both the charities.

He became a member of the Parish Council and served as Chairman and Vice Chairman at various times during his tenure. He served on the Parochial Church Council and a trustee for the Pattishall Charities and was always willing to help out with many activities in the community. Mike also edited and produced *Around Pattishall* for many years.

His interests were varied to say the least, ranging from an extensive collection of minerals, butterflies which he used to breed and stamps. He enjoyed gardening, being particularly interested in orchids and cacti and was a founding member of the Gardening Club. He had an interest in local history and had recently completed a detailed survey of the field names of the whole parish.

Mike died after a short illness in November. We send our good wishes to Sue who is moving to be near her daughter in Brighton. We must also thank her for her untiring work with numerous activities in the community.

John Woollett

Pit your Wits Quiz

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News and Update for Parishes in Blakesley and Cote Ward

There are six issues we would like to highlight:

- Moat Lane Regeneration
- Waste Disposal and Recycling
- Silverstone Circuit Development
- Neighbourhood Plans
- Joint Core Strategy (JCS)

Moat Lane Regeneration

During September the public consultation period concluded. Morgan Sindall, the Developers, together with South Northants Council officers have considered the options and submitted a Planning Application for the regeneration of Moat Lane on 29th December. It is expected that this application will be determined by the Development Control Committee on 14th February 2013.

Waste Disposal and Recycling

In 2013 there will be changes to our waste collection. The green and black boxes (90 litres) will be replaced by a new wheeled bin (240 litres) which will take all current materials including card and Tetra packs and these will be collected fortnightly. There will be a separate bag for batteries. You will have the option of retaining the boxes for your own use or they will be recycled. Food waste will be collected weekly, you will be provided with two 'caddies', one small to keep under the kitchen sink and a larger sealable caddy for outdoor use to which the contents of the indoor one can be transferred for collection. Each household will have a starter supply of biodegradable caddy liners. Information where further supplies can be purchased will be provided in due course. The major change is to a four-day week. Mondays have always been affected by Bank Holidays and the other two days that might cause a change are Christmas Day and Good Friday. Apart from those days, collections will be on a Tuesday to Friday rota, the details of which bins and which weeks will follow in due course.

SNC have received a Government grant of £1.2m, this together with additional values for waste has provided the opportunity to review, update and invest in new equipment which will show a saving of £118,000 in the first year rising to £273,000 per annum thereafter.

Silverstone Circuit Development

A new University Training College has received planning approval and will sit on the north side of the circuit opposite the old Pit Lane. A futuristic modern building will be completed by September 2013 to cater for over 500 engineering students. This is a Department of Education flagship University Technical College (UTC). The

UTC Silverstone Academy in conjunction with Tresham College of Further and Higher Education and the University of Northampton will provide skills for 14 to 19 year olds in high performance engineering and event managements, alongside core curriculum studies. This will benefit our local community, putting Silverstone at the heart of high performance engineering. More than 40,000 people are employed in motorsport.

Neighbourhood Plans

Some parishes have completed a Parish Plan and the Neighbourhood Plan is an additional stage – required by Government.

Whilst indicated costs may appear large, there are methods of reducing and controlling these costs by sharing neighbourhoods and by using experts from your own community. Business investors, Developers and commercial organisations could sponsor with the approval of the Parish Council.

It is very important that each Parish Council/Meeting leads the project which should encompass the village boundaries and how future development should take place and over what period of time. Changes may include housing, light industrial, employment, environment, school interests, shop, village halls and any other essential requirements. There is a process available on the SNC website.

Once the Neighbourhood plan has been agreed by the Parish Council, having gone through the process of consulting the community, the proposal should be submitted to South Northants Council for scrutiny and audit. On acceptance this will remain the Neighbourhood Plan on which all future decisions are based. Should a Parish or Community not go through the process, the Local Authority will have the right to impose change if deemed necessary.

Joint Core Strategy (JCS)

South Northants Council, Northampton Borough Council and Daventry District Council together are responsible for the JCS. Pre-submissions have been made based on historical and current information. The basis of which is, South Northants is required to have 5 years plus 1 year building land at any one time. If the submitted details are accepted, SNC has sufficient land in hand. This, together with an agreed number of new builds per annum, forms an element of the JCS and is further broken down into Urban (Towcester and Brackley) and Rural, with a total target set for 2026.

Sandi Smallman and Roger Clarke, your District Councillors are very keen to address Ward issues. Please invite us to your meetings, particularly Annual Meeting, and if there is anything we can help with or if we can provide specific information, please contact us:

Sandi.Smallman@southnorthants.gov.uk tel: 01327860421
Roger.Clarke@southnorthants.gov.uk tel: 01327830509



Great British Fish and Chip Supper Friday 17th May 2013

“Hold a Fish and Chip Supper to help spinal cord injured people live full and independent lives.”

Want to do something different? Want to raise money where you live or work? Want to eat Fish and Chips, while raising money for charity? Hold a fish and chip supper on Friday 17th May 2013 whilst raising awareness of spinal cord injury and supporting SIA's information and support services.

You can hold a fish and chip supper in your own home, at work or hold a larger supper at your local community centre.

SIA will provide a fundraising pack containing hints and tips, recipes, invitations and donation envelopes. By inviting 7 friends and asking them to donate an additional £5.00 means you will raise at least £35.00 from your supper but we will also give you additional fundraising ideas to raise even more money for SIA.

Since 2009 we have raised over £20,000 and it has become our flagship community fundraising event. We want to raise £10,000 from this event in 2013 we can provide more support to spinal cord injured people.

The money raised from the suppers will help the Spinal Injuries Association offer support to individuals who become paralysed and their families, from the moment a spinal injury occurs, and for the rest of their lives by providing services and publications which enable and encourage paralysed people to lead independent lives.

Every year in the UK over 1,000 people experience a spinal cord injury and there are an estimated 40,000 spinal cord injured people in the UK alone.

Community Fundraising Manager, Elizabeth Wright, says, “The Fish and Chip Supper is a wonderful opportunity for a great evening with friends and family. We are also encouraging people who work to hold a Fish and Chip Lunch in their work places to raise even more funds. You may be even a local community group wanting to run a fun evening with your group.

Be a part of something special and make a real difference to help spinal cord injured people gain access to the information and support they need to enable them to live full and independent lives.”

For more information or to request a fundraising pack call Elizabeth Wright on 0845 0714350, email fundraising@siafishandchips.co.uk or visit www.siafishandchips.co.uk



Volunteering at Canons Ashby, something new for 2013...

Canons Ashby is a hidden treasure in the heart of the Northamptonshire countryside north of Banbury. Nestled in the hills, the medieval priory church and Elizabethan manor house, gardens and parkland are almost untouched by the modern world. Visiting Canons Ashby is a thoroughly enjoyable experience with a fascinating house and church, beautiful formal topiary gardens and parkland, and the warmest of welcomes.

Without the contributions of our fantastic volunteer team, Canons Ashby would simply not be able to offer the enchanting experience that it does to tens of thousands of visitors every year. We are always looking to improve this experience with new projects and new ideas, and that's why we need you!

Something for everyone

Volunteering is not just about being a history boffin; here are just some of the many roles that are available:

- Welcome Team members
- Room and garden guides
- Coach House assistants
- Research assistants
- Family History research assistants
- Gardeners

In return for the invaluable help that you give, we can offer you a rewarding experience meeting like minded people and making new friends, and a fantastic opportunity to gain new and interesting skills. After a qualifying period of voluntary work you will receive your Volunteer Card giving you free entry to all NT properties and a discount in NT shops and restaurants. We can also contribute to your travel expenses between home and Canons Ashby.

Interested? How to find out more...

On February 23rd you are most welcome to come along to Canons Ashby between 10am and 1pm to meet the team for a chat and a cup of tea.

Get in touch with us with any queries that you have:

Email: canonsashby@nationaltrust.org.uk

Phone: 01327 861900

Address: Canons Ashby House, Canons Ashby, Daventry, Northants NN11 3SD



Gardening Club

The March meeting of the Gardening Club will be held on Wednesday 6th March in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm. John Elliot will speak on butterflies and wild flowers in your garden. Annual membership fees of £6 are now due, but then with an attendance fee of just £2 a head this represents excellent value for money.

Our speaker on 3rd April is Timothy Walker, Director of the Botanical Gardens in Oxford. Between 1992-2000 the Gardens won seven medals at the Chelsea Flower Show including four gold medals. He is an accomplished and entertaining speaker and I am sure he will have some wonderful pictures to show us.

If you haven't been to the meetings before, why not come along and enjoy a friendly and informative evening?

Christine Russell, Secretary, 830012

Local History Books

Detained in England

Richard Moss and Colin Chapman.

£10.00

Eastcote Camp, situated alongside Bird's Hill, was an internment camp during the First World War. The book includes many photographs and interesting information about this camp which at its peak held over 3000 prisoners.

Pattishall Patchwork

There are still some copies available of the illustrated local history book about past times in the villages of the parish.

£5.00 All proceeds towards the Parish Hall

So Gentle on My Mind

Clara Howe

Clara's writings on life in Astcote

£5.00 All proceeds towards Holy Cross Church, Pattishall.

All copies of these books available from Iris Illingworth 01327 830829.



Parish Plan 2

February 2013

As reported in the previous edition of *Around Pattishall*, the introduction of new legislation – the Localism Bill - invites ‘neighbourhoods’ to produce plans that incorporate resident’s views on how their neighbourhood should be developed.

The Parish Council decided to support this new initiative and has set up a steering group to guide and progress the process (* denotes Parish Councillor) :

John Woollett (Astcote)*

Rachel Gardener (Eastcote)*

Robert Hart (Pattishall)*

Bob Illingworth (Pattishall)

Louise Wyman (Eastcote)

David Edge (Eastcote)

Josie Bateman (Astcote)

Although the current Parish Plan has achieved most of its goals the process is now more than five years old. The introduction of the new legislation together with the requirement to identify current needs suggests now is a good time to go back to the community with a new questionnaire. The resulting feedback can then form the basis of an updated Parish Plan - PP2, with local environment as a critical area of focus.

Advice received from South Northants Council suggests we should consider an environmental assessment including a review of the village confines, identifying areas of important green space and gathering potential housing needs for the next 15 years. When development is planned it should be carried out such that it is in harmony with its setting and contributes to the conservation and, where possible, enhancement of the local environment. The current Village Design Statements are a useful start point but they were prepared some years ago and could usefully be updated.

The new steering group has met to begin mapping out the process for PP2 and the approach for consultation with the community. An Open Forum will be planned ahead of the new questionnaire and regular updates will be included in *Around Pattishall* and on the Parish website.

The steering group can be contacted by email: pp2@pattishallparish.org.uk

Bob Illingworth

Tree Planting

John Woollett, Chairman of the Parish Council and Rachel Gardner, Parish Councillor together with members of organisations who use the Parish Hall, planted three oak trees to commemorate the Queens Diamond Jubilee on Saturday 15th December 2012. The new trees have been sited on the playing field boundary opposite the Parish Hall and were provided by the Parish Council.

Wedding Exhibition

Did you get married in the 40s, 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s, 90s, 2000? We are planning an **Exhibition of Wedding Dresses** and memorabilia on the weekend of **15th/16th June** followed on Sunday at 3.00 pm by a Celebration of Marriage. If you would like to exhibit at this special event please call Jan on 830996 or Wendy on 830583.

Wanted: Display dummies for the dresses. If you have or know where we can obtain these please contact Jan or Wendy.

In aid of Holy Cross facilities fund

Play Rangers Needed

We are currently looking for two Play Rangers to join our team after we secured external funding to run play activities across the district. These Play Rangers will be visiting Parishes across the district to deliver play sessions that will directly benefit young people. The closing date for applications is Monday 4th March Anyone who requires more information can contact me using the details below and to apply will need to visit https://www.everyroadleadstous.co.uk/job/Play_Ranger_x_2/100730.

Linda Savage
Assistant Sports Development Officer, Leisure Services
South Northants Council

**Christian
Family
Worship**

1st Sundays - 9.15am Pattishall
Half Hour at Holy Cross

3rd Sundays - 10.30am Family Service
at Astcote Methodist Church
(50 minutes)

Everyone is very welcome!



Bus Service

Megarider : Stagecoach have extended the Megarider zone and an adult ticket costing £5.90 will allow those without bus passes to travel into Northampton and to a wide area surrounding the town. Please see the village notice boards for a map of the area covered. For more details have a look at the Stagecoach website www.stagecoachbus.com/northants or ring 08456 001 314.

Towcester ● Greens Norton ● Pattishall ● Rothersthorpe ● Northampton	87			
MONDAYS TO SATURDAYS, except Public Holidays, sorry, no Sunday service				
Towcester Northampton Rd/Seena Dr.	0956	1155	1355	1655
Towcester Tesco	1001	1201	1401	1701
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
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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

In addition to our scheduled bus service there is **CountyConnect** "on-demand" service.

Bus passes for those eligible may also be obtained at the Towcester Library.

Ann Atkin

Northamptonshire ACRE

Working with rural communities to improve the quality of life for all



Press Release



Unwanted Garden Tools Required



The Community Payback scheme, which is run by the Northamptonshire Probation Service, is urgently in need of tools for use in their gardening activities.

Northamptonshire ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England) is appealing on behalf of Community Payback for surplus garden tools that could be used by the group in any of the community gardening projects they undertake. Anyone who has unwanted tools can donate them by contacting Thomas Meyer at Northamptonshire ACRE, on 01604 765888, or by emailing him at Thomas.Meyer@northantsacre.org.uk. Thomas will arrange to collect the tools and forward them on to the Community Payback group.



Community Payback requires offenders sentenced to unpaid work to repay the community for their crimes. It seeks to utilise the existing skills of those undertaking the unpaid work and offers opportunities to develop new skills. The scheme is available to a wide variety of charitable and voluntary organisations and local councils. A community can have a say in what type of work is carried out in their area by nominating a Community Payback scheme on the Northants Probation Trust website: <http://www.northants-probation.org.uk/community-payback4.html>.

ASTCOTE METHODIST CHURCH

Team Ministry

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

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

Sunday Services

10.30am All age worship – Services are generally informal. Activities provided for children.

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

Lunch Club For the elderly or retired on the second Tuesday in the month. Please contact Maureen Corbett on 830296 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.

28th March Hugh Kent – *Easter Thoughts*

25th April Alison Brierley - *Jerusalem without the Jam*

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

Biker Church Sunday 14th April 6.30-7.30pm led by the Christian Motor Cycle Association - all are welcome

**Family Service starting Sunday 17th March 10.30am - 50 minute service for all the family - and again on Sunday 21st April (every third Sunday in the month)
Refreshments after each service : All are welcome**

Easter Eggsplosion Good Friday 29th March 10-12.30pm. Children's workshop - more details John Atkin 830907

Everyone is Welcome at Astcote!

Don't forget

Astcote Chapel and rooms are available to hire

The Chapel has seating for 50+ people with a small stage area. The upstairs room offers an ideal space for a small group to meet and the kitchen is well equipped in a smaller meeting room downstairs. Disabled access to ground floor.

If you are looking for a place to meet why not come and have a look.
Contact Kate Stretton: 830115

EASTCOTE BAPTIST CHURCH

Services

Start at 3pm unless otherwise stated, everyone welcome

March	3rd	Mrs W. Manley
	10th	Mr P. Wilson
	17th	<i>see notice board</i>
	24th	Mrs K. Hall
	31st	<i>see notice board</i>
April	7th	Mr Ian Markey
	14th	Mr John Hutcherson
	21st	<i>see notice board</i>
	28th	Mr S. Spandl

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

Coffee Mornings

Last year (2012) we raised £1,821 for various charities, which was doubled by Barclays Bank. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who supported us.

After much discussion we have decided that we are unable to continue with these monthly events (we are all pensioners and find them too regular) but we will however do two during the year.

One **Saturday June 8th** with a difference – **Afternoon Teas 2 to 4pm.**

The other **Saturday November 9th**

We are hoping for a lovely sunny day in June!

Please put these dates in your diary. We look forward to seeing you all then.

Rosie, Sheila, Janet A, Judy, Janet S

The Parishes of Holy Cross Pattishall and St Luke, Cold Higham

Priest-in-Charge, the Revd. Marion Reynolds

Date	Event	Time	Service	Church
3 rd March	Lent 3	8:00am 9:15am 11:00am	BCP Holy Communion Pattishall Half Hour CW Holy Communion (said)	Pattishall Pattishall Cold Higham
10 th March	Lent 4 (Mothering Sunday)	9:30am 11:00am	Family Worship Mothering Sunday worship + short CW Holy Communion	Cold Higham Pattishall
17 th March	Lent 5 (St Patrick)	8:00am 9:30am	BCP Holy Communion CW Holy Communion	Pattishall Cold Higham
24 th March	Palm Sunday	9:30am 9:30am	CW Holy Communion with procession Family Worship	Pattishall Cold Higham
26 th March		7:00pm	CW Holy Communion	Cold Higham
28 th March	Maundy Thursday	7:30pm	CW Holy Communion + vigil	Pattishall
29 th March	Good Friday	2:00pm 6:00pm	Last hour at the cross Devotional hour	Cold Higham Pattishall
30 th March	Easter Eve	8:00pm	Service of light	Pattishall
31 st March	Easter Day	8:00am 9:15am 9:30am	BCP Holy Communion Pattishall Half Hour + short CW Holy Communion CW Family Communion	Pattishall Pattishall Cold Higham
7 th April	Easter 2	8:00am 9:15am 11:00am	BCP Holy Communion Pattishall Half Hour CW Holy Communion (said)	Pattishall Pattishall Cold Higham
14 th April	Easter 3	9:30am 11:00am	Family Worship CW Holy Communion	Cold Higham Pattishall
21 st April	Easter 4	8:00am 9:30am	BCP Holy Communion CW Holy Communion	Pattishall Cold Higham
28 th April	Easter 5	9:30am 9:30am	CW Holy Communion Family Worship	Pattishall Cold Higham
5 th May	Easter 6	8:00am	BCP Holy Communion	Pattishall
Thursday 9 th May	Ascension Day	7:30pm	CW Holy Communion	Cold Higham



Around Pattishall March-April 2013

DIARY

March

- 6th Gardening Club: *Butterflies and Wild Flowers*, Pattishall Parish Hall, 7.30pm
- 6th A Fashion Show & Sale, Pattishall Primary School, 7.30 for 8pm
- 7th Cold Higham Neighbourhood Watch event, Cold Higham Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 7th Pattishall Hall & Playing Fields meeting, Pattishall Parish Hall, 7.00pm
- 8th Towcester Farmers' Market
- 8th Mobile Library
- 9th FairTrade Afternoon Tea, Astcote Methodist Church, 2-4.30pm
- 13th WI: *Motorcyclists and Premature Babies*, Pattishall Parish Hall 7.30pm
- 14th Good Neighbours, AGM & Quiz, Pattishall Parish Hall, 1.45pm
- 14th Pattishall Parish Council meeting, 7.45pm
- 16th Pattishall Spring Clean, meet Pattishall Parish Hall 9am
- 16th Pit your Wits Quiz, Cold Higham village hall, 7.30pm
- 17th Cold Higham Parish Litter Pick, Meet 11am Cold Higham tele. box or Grimscote
- 21st Pattishall NHW meeting, Pattishall Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 23rd Film Night, Cold Higham Village Hall: *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel* 7.30pm
- 27th Photographic Group, Pattishall Parish Hall, 7.30pm
- 27th End of Pattishall School term

April

- 2nd Start of Pattishall School term
- 3rd Gardening Club, Pattishall Parish Hall, 7.30pm
- 4th Pattishall Hall & Playing Fields meeting, Pattishall Parish Hall, 7.00pm
- 4th Cold Higham Annual Parish Meeting, Cold Higham Village Hall, 8pm
- 10th WI: *Nightstar Flutes*, Pattishall Parish Hall 7.30pm
- 11th Good Neighbours *Sadistic Safari*, Pattishall Parish Hall 1.45pm
- 11th Pattishall Parish Council meeting, Pattishall Parish Hall, 7.45pm
- 12th Towcester Farmers' Market
- 12th Mobile Library
- 24th Photographic Group, Pattishall Parish Hall, 7.30pm
- 27th Messy Church, Pattishall Parish Hall, 2-4.30pm

Use This Space for Your Future Events!

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