

# 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 email. It should be something with a local & seasonal flavour.**



## **Christmas Post**

Holy Cross Pattishall will again be running the local Christmas Post this year. This service is free to over 60's living in the parish (including Cold Higham and Grimscote) and others are asked to make a donation. There will be a collecting box at the Senior Citizens' Party on Sat Dec 6<sup>th</sup>. Post can also be delivered to 59 Leys Rd, Pattishall, 10 Hodge Close, Astcote and 28 Gayton Rd, Eastcote. The last posting date will be Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Dec and the post will be delivered from Sun 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Please ensure that all post is correctly addressed!**

If you have any queries please contact Wendy Watts on 830583.

## **Pattishall Youth Club**

The youth club runs every Tuesday, in the Parish Hall, during school term time. It is open to all young people aged from school year 6 and above. It runs from 7.30pm to 9.15pm and the cost is only £1 per session.

This term, as well as the usual general games and tuck, we will be doing the following activities: Craft night, beetle drive, games night, karaoke night, plus a couple of external events which may include rock climbing and going to the panto! So lots of different activities as well as a place to just come and chill.

### **Helpers**

Like all voluntary organisations, we are continually on the look out for helpers. Even if you can only do the occasional Tuesday evening, please let us know. If nothing else you'll probably improve your own badminton and table tennis skills, as well as increase your tea intake!

If interested or want to know more please contact Ruth on 01327 830118.



## **A Christmas Message**

Pat and Dave Mortimer wish all their friends in the Parish a very Happy Christmas and New Year from Essex.

## ***Pattishall Parish Hall Pattishall Playing Field***



In September we were runners up in a national competition for a community building project. We received a highly commended award at the ceremony in the Royal Naval College, Greenwich, a welcome thank you for the effort of the committee and all those in the community who supported us with the project.

Malcolm Baker challenged everyone with another successful quiz at the hall in October. A fish and chip supper added to the evening's entertainment. Barclaycard are matching the evening and the final total will be just over £1,000.



The Playing Field hosted the Bonfire and Firework Display on the 5<sup>th</sup> November, a tradition in the parish. Andrew and Peter Stratton were responsible for the fantastic display with over £650 of fireworks. They were ably assisted by Dennis and Matthew Townsend with Malcolm Townsend and Peter Barnes arranging the music. This event supports the Senior Citizens' Christmas lunch as well as funding the display. All the organisers and helpers give freely of their time and it is much appreciated. A handsome guy was made by Mollie Neil and Alice Randle made a mini one to keep him company. Unfortunately both guys met their fate on the bonfire.

A reminder that the Christmas lunch for Senior Citizens in the parish will be held on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 1.00pm. If you wish to reserve a place please let Libby know on 830501 or Iris on 830829.



### ***1<sup>st</sup> Pattishall Scout Group***

Neil Rimmer has been appointed as Scout Leader and is holding Troop Meetings at Pattishall Parish Hall. They are on alternate Mondays to start with, from 6-7.30pm.

Any youngsters aged between 10½ and 14 years are very welcome to come along to give Scouting a try. You don't need to have been a Cub or Brownie to join in.

Barbara Parkinson, Group Scout Leader. 01327 830245

# ***Pattishall Parish Plan 2 Update***

## ***Introduction***

The Pattishall Parish Plan 2 (PP2) update questionnaire, which was completed in November 2013, provided a great deal of additional information. It highlighted the hopes and aspirations of the residents and informed the future requirements and needs of the Parish.



A number of the ideas and suggestions have already come to fruition, others are on-going projects with more in the planning stage.

## ***Village Confines***

There was an overwhelming response to keep the village confines.

The original confines were drawn up about 40 years ago. Space to grow within the existing confines is very restricted, offering little or no scope for development.

The government expects all Councils and Parishes to provide more housing for the growing population. Whilst much future development will be in towns such as Brackley, Towcester and Daventry, villages will also have to provide additional homes. A broad range of house types and tenure is required to meet growing demand and ensure housing for our future generations.

Pattishall Parish is unique in having three distinct settlements with their own character together with the hamlets of Cornhill, Dalscote and Fosters Booth. The number of new dwellings required in this parish by the South Northants Council (SNC) Local Plan over the next 15 years is 50-60. The Parish Council's preferred option is to share the number of houses required throughout the three villages, rather than providing for one large development. Some flexing of the village confines are necessary if we are to accommodate the 60 additional homes required by the SNC Local Plan.

The plans displayed at the Open Day show the proposed revisions and extensions to the village confines.

While reviewing the village confines the project team have also highlighted important areas of local green space that may need additional protection from development including:

- The playing fields

- The existing village greens
- Play areas at Butchers Lane and Booth Close

## ***Village Greens***

Many respondents to the questionnaire were not aware of the village greens and most thought they were boring and uninteresting; few saw the greens as valuable green space.

However the vast majority of suggestions were positive and supportive of some level of improvement action. A scheme is moving forward to plant the greens and other areas with wild flowers. This will improve the environment and encourage wildlife.

We hope to provide these displays on Astcote and Pattishall greens and some verges in Eastcote. We will need to clear and prepare the ground over the coming months and tend to the flowers during the season. These improvements can only be achieved with a group of dedicated volunteers, as there will be a need for general up keep and on-going maintenance.

If you would like to help please get in touch with John Woollett - 01327 830470

## ***Footpaths and Bridleways***

Another suggestion is for a circular walk around the villages with stiles being replaced with kissing gates to make it easier for walkers and dogs. Some of the existing stiles are rather high and difficult to climb over. We hope to have an on-going replacement programme designed to ensure that a kissing gate is positioned at both ends of and along a footpath route. Any changes will require the consent of the landowner and the Council's Rights of Way team.

## ***Achievements to date:***

- **Parish Hall:** The five year re-development plan has recently been completed delivering much needed improvements to the parish hall. The next phase will be improvements to the car park, refurbishment of the main hall and a conferencing facility in the loft space.
- **School Pedestrian Crossing:** As with all schools, cars arrive in their droves at start and finishing times. The junction on the corner of Birds Hill and School road was becoming more and more dangerous; cars parking made it unsafe for the children to cross. The new crossing and parking restrictions have improved this situation.

- **Encourage Involvement/ Engagement with wider community:** The Music Festival (Picnic in the Park) and Produce Show were both a great success. The former helped by excellent weather and good organisation and the latter by bringing novice gardeners and bakers to have a go at exhibiting.
- **Faster Broadband:** BT has installed new high speed, fibre optic connectivity and is offering its Infinity service to most Parish residents.
- **SNC Local Plan:** Views expressed in the questionnaire were used to support the Parish Council response to the Local Plan consultation process, which was submitted at the end of January 2014.

## ***Possible Future Plans***

- A Community Shop based in one of the pubs
- Coffee Shop Community Meeting Point
- Designated Bus stops and shelters
- Tackle speeding on Birds Hill, School Road, Ascote, Banbury Lane and A5.

## ***Next Steps***

The PP2 steering group will:

- Collate and analyse all the comments received at the open day, make any necessary changes to the Parish Plan
- Respond to the next phase of the SNC Local Plan consultation
- Action plans and monitor progress

However, it is considered vital that the community should continue to be engaged in the PP2 planning process and delivery of the action plan. A further update will be published in Spring 2015.

Parish Plan 2 Steering Group, [pp2@pattishallparish.org.uk](mailto:pp2@pattishallparish.org.uk)



## ***Pattishall and District Produce Show***

A Grand Raffle is to be held at the Eastcote Arms on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2015.

Proceeds will go towards running next year's **Produce Show** in September.





## ***Pattishall Neighbourhood Watch***

NHW keeps everyone on the email loop up to date with crime reports. If you wish to be kept informed of the latest crime please let your street warden or the Coordinator have your email address.

- If you would like information on NHW or would like to buy a "Smartwater" kit or Shed Alarm please contact the NHW Coordinator [linda\\_hemming@hotmail.com](mailto:linda_hemming@hotmail.com)
- Remain vigilant over the winter months and report all suspicious incidents/vehicles/persons on the NHW Police number 01604 432436.

Happy Christmas

Linda Hemming (Coordinator)  
[linda\\_hemming@hotmail.com](mailto:linda_hemming@hotmail.com)  
Tel 01327 830744

## ***Pattishall WI***

Thank you to everyone who supported our *Piece of Cake* event in Ascote Chapel in aid of Cynthia Spencer Hospice. We raised the magnificent sum of £250 which was very gratefully received by the Hospice.

Our Christmas meeting will be held on 10<sup>th</sup> December followed by a demonstration of Pasta Making on 14<sup>th</sup> January, and on 11<sup>th</sup> February we will hear about *The Life of a Canal Boater's Wife*.

Visitors and new members are always welcome. Meetings begin at 7.30pm in Pattishall Parish Hall.

Kathie Barker 831621, Janice Rogers 830508, Helen McClure 830578

## ***An Evening of Festive Music and Readings***

Friday December 19<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in Holy Cross Pattishall.

Mulled Wine & Mince Pies!

Collection/donation to Holy Cross, Hope Centre and Towcester Food Bank.

Come along to sing and listen to some familiar and not so familiar readings for this special time of year.

## **Sally-Anne Knight**

My wife and I, and our Son, Will, would like to thank Hillary, and her team of bell ringers, for attending at short notice to ring a peal of bells, in Sally-Anne's memory. Her departure from this life, occurred on September 25<sup>th</sup> 1994.

Thank you.

Linda, Phil and Will Knight



## **Pattishall Good Neighbours Club**

We are now coming to the end of another busy year. In October Nick Aranah came along and gave us an interesting insight into Indian Culture. It is unbelievable just how many languages and dialects are spoken in India and how the class system and different religions affect lives and relationships.

Despite the breakup of *The Bonkers Band* following the death of one of its members and the disappointment this brought with it we nevertheless had a super meeting in November. Graham Kinnersley stepped in at short notice and entertained us with a *Musical Love Story*.

Our year comes to a close in December when more than fifty of us will join together for our Christmas lunch.

Next year promises to be every bit as exciting and interesting, starting in January with a return visit by Natasha Thompson who says *How Can I Keep From Singing* and in February we have Dusty Rhodes who will tell us about *Country Superstitions and Customs*.

Our numbers are growing month by month and new members are finding a warm welcome. If you are aged fifty or over and free on a Thursday afternoon why not make a New Year Resolution to come along and join us.

Alan White  
01327 830892



## ***Pattishall Mums and Tots***

Calling all Mums, Dads, Grannies, Child Minders and carers of children in and around Pattishall, your Mums and Tots group needs you!

Mums and Tots is the local get together for Mums and carers of children from newborn to school age. We meet at Pattishall Parish Hall on Wednesday afternoons from 1.30 to 3pm. There are lots of toys and ride-ons, space to play, a quiet area and toys for the tiny tots. We have a different craft every week and Mums can enjoy a coffee and cake while the little ones play and enjoy a juice and a biscuit too.

Come along and make friends while the little ones have fun. Its just £2 for the first child and 50p for siblings. Come and give it a try, we look forward to welcoming you.



## ***Charlotte Beahan's World Challenge***

Dear residents, my name is Charlotte Beahan, I am 15 years old and I live in Pattishall. At the moment, I am currently fundraising for a World Challenge trip to North Peru for a month in 2016! This trip will entail many exciting opportunities, such as:

- Visiting the Amazon and the Andes, and seeing amazing views
- Helping the community out by doing a project that will be beneficial for them
- Practising my language skills, and experiencing a completely new culture
- Being independent and self-reliant

In order to go on this trip, I need to raise £4,295. This means that I am going to do all that I can to achieve this goal, and I have thought of many ideas to fund raise already.

One of my ideas is to sell various things around the village, such as cakes, cookies, Christmas/Easter cards etc. every now and then, and I would be really grateful if some of these things could be bought by you! I am also available for babysitting if any of you parents want a night out, so please check the village notice boards if you would like any further details on that.

I'm sure that I will meet many friendly faces on my way around the village, but for those of you who don't know me, I look forward to saying hello!

Thank you ☺



## ***Parish Constables***

### ***A new and exciting role within the Northamptonshire Police!***

In my previous contribution, I provided a brief outline on what my role as the Police and Crime Commissioner entails and alluded to some of the priorities that I have set the Force in my Police and Crime Plan.

It is clear to me that one of the things that people want to see from their police force is more visible policing. On my appointment I pledged to maintain the number of frontline officers at 1,220 - indeed we are one of only four Forces in the country not to have reduced the number of frontline officers in the face of the challenging financial climate.

Therefore, in order to increase visible policing and increase resource, one of the priorities that I have set the force is an ambitious increase of the Special Constabulary to 900 officers to support the work of the 1,220 full time officers. This will result in 900 more warranted officers on our streets and would make Northamptonshire's Special Constabulary the largest outside of London, contributing vital policing to our communities.

Special Constables possess all the same powers as full time warranted police officers and are provided with full training and equipment. They work with their full time colleagues, on a voluntary, part-time basis, performing duties ranging from supporting specialist teams within the force to making arrests on the streets. This really is one of the most exciting and dynamic voluntary roles available and is a unique and fulfilling experience.

Moreover, the expansion of the Special Constabulary has brought about a range of new and exciting roles and opportunities.

One recently developed role is that of the Parish Constable. A Parish Constable is a Special Constable that is dedicated, through choice, to policing a specific area, for example Pattishall or Cold Higham and/or surrounding areas.

Parish Constables will undertake a wide variety of policing duties whilst linking in with both the local Safer Community Team and Parish Councils to ensure effective policing of the area and becoming a pillar of the community.

This is an ideal role for anybody who is interested in really making a difference where they live and I want you to be part of our journey to make Northamptonshire the Safest Place in England.

So if you or anybody you know interested in becoming a Special or Parish Constable in Pattishall or Cold Higham or any other area, or if you would like further details, please contact me at [commissioner@northantspcc.pnn.police.uk](mailto:commissioner@northantspcc.pnn.police.uk).

Adam Simmonds  
Northamptonshire Police and Crime Commissioner

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## **GNPPP**

### **(Greens Norton Patient Participation Panel)**

Autumn – season of mists and mellow fruitfulness.....and flu jabs! So if you have not yet registered for your flu jab get on and do so. After all you don't want to be the one in bed with a temperature of 104 on Christmas Day, whilst everyone else is having fun.

And on the subject of jabs, you probably know that Shingles is an extremely painful complaint, especially in older people. If you are aged 70,78 or 79 you qualify for the immunisation programme so it is worthwhile contacting the surgery to get protection against this nasty variant of the Chicken Pox virus.

September 30<sup>th</sup> was the official date of Dr. Mike Greenhalgh's retirement from the Greens Norton Practice, to join Dr. Jill in what we hope will be a long and fruitful period for them both. I am sure that you will want to join me in thanking them both for their unceasing hard work and influence in helping to develop the practice into the excellent facility that we enjoy today.

The loss of two such influential Doctors (especially in such quick succession) could have been catastrophic and it is a credit to the hard work and dedication of all of the staff within the practice (and support from the Weedon Practice) that the impact, from the patients point of view, was minimal.

And just as things might have started to get hairy and circling the wagons may have been a realistic option, riding to the rescue : cue "The William Tell Overture"  
.....no not the Lone Ranger and Tonto, but Dr. Georgina Robson and Dr. Andrew Morris. Both my wife and I have had cause to consult both of the new Doctors, and have found them to be approachable, with clear communication skills combined with thorough and empathetic examination techniques.

So all in all the Doctors Greenhalgh can rest easy that the practice is in safe hands and is maintaining the standards of excellence that we have come to enjoy.

Tony Edward, GNPPP member



## **Card Making Workshop**

Following a successful workshop in November why not join Kate on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January at Astcote Methodist Church from 2-4pm to discover new card making techniques. The cost will be £5 per person to include all materials, tea and coffee, all proceeds to church funds. This will be a relaxed and friendly event and is open to all, so why not come along. To book a place or for more information E-mail [kate.stretton@btinternet.com](mailto:kate.stretton@btinternet.com) or phone 01327 830115

## ***Eastcote Reminiscences***

In the mid fifties we left Festival Road for Eastcote. My parents bought two small cottages on Gayton Road. They paid £750, helped by a private mortgage from the vendor, Mrs Matthews. A small business came in the 'bundle', fulfilling orders for chamois leathers.

We lived In Thatch Cottage (14 Gayton Road), with a sitting tenant in the other cottage – Auntie 'Win' as she became known, was a wonderful, knowing and supportive lady.

The house was ancient with one 'through room', a tiny snug and an even tinier kitchen. The 'through room' had a huge inglenook fireplace which had obviously been the heart of the home in times past. To one side of the fireplace was a floor-to-ceiling, deep, cupboard. The other side housed a door to access upstairs. All floors were red quarry tiles.

Upstairs there were 4 rooms; 3 bedrooms and a very large cupboard where our toys were kept. I suspect that at some stage it had been one giant space without division. There was a huge attic with stairs leading from the first floor. Fully boarded and a haven for children to play in.

The garden wasn't huge but did house an extraordinary barn. It was only feet away from the front door with a corrugated iron cover between the two. It was a two storey affair with a copper where mother did the washing, a flight of steps down to the underground floor and an inside door on the ground floor that offered an almighty fall if you went through it – there was no dividing floor at the far end of the barn!

Further along the garden path were an adjoining coal store and the outside lavatory. I loved the coal store as there were several boxes of old books I would rummage through. Some were printed in the 18<sup>th</sup> century; I still have some now – not worth anything except for imagining the history of those who had read them before.

No bathroom, although there was water in the kitchen. The sink took a pounding with Mum trying to keep everything clean. The loo was OK except for the winter when a bucket came indoors.

It wasn't as convenient as Festival Road but it was country living at its best. Mum and Dad were happiest here too, I think. They loved Grimscote but this was theirs. Dad had chickens and space to grow sweet peas, dahlias and vegetables; Mum excelled when faced with a challenge and support for those she loved. And I loved this house. There was an honesty and a sense of embrace that only old houses can impart.

Sometimes I would wake up to a bird singing on the end of my bed, if I had left the window open overnight. What better an alarm?

Jenny



## ***Dogs Attacking Livestock***



Northamptonshire Police have received reports of sheep being attacked and killed by unknown dogs in the nearby villages of Kislingbury and Nether Heyford.

Sheep are classed as Livestock under the Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953. It is an offence for a dog to worry Livestock and both the person in charge of the dog at the time and/or the owner can be prosecuted under this Act.

Worrying Livestock means to attack livestock or to chase livestock in such a way as may reasonably be expected to cause injury or suffering to the livestock. It also includes being at large in a field/enclosure where there are sheep.

This sort of incident causes distress to the owner of the livestock who may find his animals badly injured, suffering or dead. It can also cost the owner in veterinary bills and in some case effects livelihoods. Sheep especially do not cope with stress and it is known for them to die days after the incident from the shock.

In some circumstances it can also cause distress to the dog owner or the person in charge of the dog who has not gone out intending for his dog to chase livestock but due to lack of control, loss of control or disobedience such an incident occurs.

PC Chloe Radford-Gardner of the Daventry Rural Safer Community Team said "As part of our RURAL ACTION campaign - Northamptonshire Police are supporting the Farmers Guardian 'TAKE THE LEAD' campaign, encouraging members of the public to keep control of their dogs and keep them on leads where there is livestock. The campaign is by the Farmers Guardian in conjunction with the National Sheep Association"

TAKE THE LEAD signs can be displayed in prominent locations where livestock are present – Farmers wishing to find out more are encouraged to contact their local Officers

If you have any information relating to the incidents in Kislingbury or Nether Heyford or need to report that you have been a victim of Livestock Worrying or that you would just like some further advice or information please get in contact with Northamptonshire Police on 101.

## ***His Own Triumph***

58 year old, Towcester freelance photographer Paul Howard has, after 51 years achieved one of his goals last week. When Paul was just 5 years old, his father Geoffrey Howard who then worked as an engineer at the Plessey electronics factory in the town, bought a classic British car called a Triumph Renown Razoredge as this was to replaced their little Austin 7, which by that time was sitting redundant and rusting on waste ground opposite their tiny rented house in Park Street Towcester.



This is where Paul and his little friends would play and imagine driving and fixing the old Austin.

Finally the old car was towed away but the shiny Triumph now stood in its place. Paul would happily clean and polish the large chrome headlamps, radiator and hubcaps. He would sit on the sweeping running boards imagining that he was on holiday somewhere near the seaside.

Unfortunately soon after his father Geoff bought the car he (Geoff) was diagnosed with cancer and spent most of the next two years in the Westminster hospital in London.

Paul's dreams of going on holiday in that lovely old classic car with its ash woodwork and green leather seats never happened because 4 days after Paul's 7th birthday in May 1963 his father died leaving his mum a widow, who now had to support both him and his elder brother as there was hardly any support then from the government.



Because his mum (Iris) couldn't drive, the car was given away to an uncle and Paul watched it being driven off down the street never to see it again. In his 7-year-old mind he told himself that one day he would drive one himself.

The memory of that lovely car was engraved in Paul's mind and when he started his photography business in Towcester in 1983 he bought a kit car in the shape of an old Ford Model "T" which he used to take brides to church in, also he regularly took his two young children to school in it, much to their mates surprise.

The love of old cars had not gone away. Since then Paul has had a series of different old cars, which he has used for his Wedding business with great success, but the memory of being able to drive a 1950's Triumph Renown had still not yet been fulfilled.

That was up until last week. While browsing on an auction site on the internet Paul came across an advert for a gorgeous 1951 Silver Grey Triumph Renown that a wedding car hire company, down nr Gatwick was selling. Paul couldn't wait for the 6-day auction to finish, so he contacted the owner direct and asked him what price he wanted for it. The owner told him that he had a fleet of 26 vintage and veteran cars, but due to ill health he was selling some off. This one, he told Paul had featured on the BBC Antique Roadshow a few years ago and had a photo of one of the presenters standing next to the open car door.

A deal was struck and within 14 hours Paul and his wife Rebecca was sitting in their car outside two large metal gates watching them slowly automatically open leading to a gravel drive and the owners home.

There stood in front of the large house was a gleaming silver car that evoked so many different happy and sad memories from over half a century ago.

After the seller took Paul for a spin in the car, it was really a fore gone conclusion that it would be coming back home where Paul would be the proud and new owner of the car he had wanted for so long. I suppose you could call it a "Triumph".

It now will be hired out to local brides for their weddings along with his 1959 Retro red and white Vauxhall Victor. His web site is [www.paulhoward.co.uk](http://www.paulhoward.co.uk)



## ***Messy Church*** at Pattishall Parish Hall ***Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2-4.30pm***

***Join us for Messy Church***

**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. We hope you will be able to join us!

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!**

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

## ***Don't Leave Others to Step in It!***

Most of us remembered to put the clocks back last weekend – but if you are a dog owner there is just one more thing to remember as the nights draw in, don't forget to 'bag and bin' your dog's mess when you are out and about in public places.

The vast majority of dog owners are responsible and pick up after their dog, but for those that don't they are breaking the law as dog faeces pose a public health risk. If an officer from South Northamptonshire Council witnesses a dog owner not picking up they may be liable to a fixed-penalty fine of £75. If the fine is not paid the owner could be fined up to £1,000 plus court costs.

We have also issued fixed penalties where a member of the public has witnessed a dog owner failing to pick up.

Some owners wrap the dog mess in a plastic bag, but then leave it at the side of the path. This is a littering offence and if the offender is found guilty in a Magistrates' Court the fine could increase to £2,500 plus costs and they will get a criminal record.

Cllr Andrew Grant, deputy leader and portfolio holder for environmental services, said: "Thoughtless dog owners are not only spoiling other people's enjoyment of our streets and countryside but also threatening public health and giving responsible dog owners a bad name. For this irresponsible minority the message is clear – they risk being prosecuted."

The best place for wrapped dog waste is in your own black household wheeled bin, but it can also be placed in any dog waste bin provided by your town or parish council. Failing that it can be placed in any street litter bin.

Stepping in dog waste is not just unpleasant but it is also the perfect breeding ground for bacteria such as *Campylobacter* and *Salmonella*, and other forms of infection. The most damaging of these is caused by the roundworm *Toxocara canis* which can pose a serious health risk to any individual unlucky enough to ingest infected soil.

For more information on dog fouling and how to report someone for failing to clean up after their dog visit [www.southnorthants.gov.uk/dog-fouling](http://www.southnorthants.gov.uk/dog-fouling) or call 01327 322323.

South Northamptonshire Council



## ***Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal***

The total for the Pattishall parish collection was £1,566.83, which is an increase of about £200 on last year.

Thank you, Roger Clarke

## **One for the Road!**

The old Roman road called the Watling Street (or in more modern time the A5) runs from London to Holyhead, which is around 180 miles. Not so long ago it was the trunk route out of London going north but when the M1 was built most of the traffic now use that motorway. It still supports a fair bit of traffic including cars bikes and lorries, but very rarely does it have a steam traction engine chugging along it.



On a quiet Sunday morning (5<sup>th</sup> Oct) over the brow of a slight hill a 1911 J.H. McLaren Traction engine came into view for the residents of Fosters Booth. This morning people did a double take when they saw billowing smoke and steam billowing out of the old engine as it pulled up to a halt to take in water from a fire hydrant outside the newly reopened Red Lion pub (owned by Alberto 07786737270).



The engine owned by Richard Morris (seen in pictures 07776 297507) has to fill up on route every few miles and he thought that he would stop at Fosters Booth to take on water, but he and his co-driver Andy Rimell (both from Worcestershire) spent the first half an hour digging out mud from a fire hydrant at the bottom of the small hill, only to find out that there wasn't

any pressure in the pipe so that's when they put the traction engine back into gear and chugged another 100 yards over to the Red Lion pub to get a gallon or two, of water that is!

The 1911 McLaren was built in England but then shipped over to Patagonia to be used for many years to haul Patagonian sheep wool down to the docks but in 2002 it itself was shipped back to Blighty to be totally renovated by Richard and others. The reason that it was making the journey up the A5 was that, two weeks previously it was a large steam rally in Shefford nr Old Warden Bedfordshire and they were now taking it back to what is now home all the way to Redditch, a trip of over a hundred miles.



Paul Howard 830659



## Bus Service

Following the opening of the North Gate Bus Station earlier in the year no waiting room has yet been provided in the Drapery. However very close to Stand 16 where our Number 87 arrives and departs a new cafe has opened called *The No. 48 Cafe*. Very reasonably priced coffee/tea and food is on sale and two screens have been installed giving arrival times of buses so there will be no need to wait outside when it is cold and wet. There is also a door from the Market Square to save you walking round into the Drapery. Do give them a try as they offer a good facility for bus users.

I am pleased to inform you that actual bus stops are planned for Astcote (on the green) and Eastcote (at the junction of Greenway/Birds Hill/Gayton Road/Pound Lane) with the bus stop pavement at the top of Fosters Booth Road in Pattishall being upgraded for the low floor buses. All being well these will be installed by the middle of March 2015. Now it will be clear to everyone that we have a bus service in all three villages.

If you have any queries or comments do contact me by email: [ann.atkin51@btinternet.com](mailto:ann.atkin51@btinternet.com) or telephone 01327 830907. I represent the Pattishall Parish Council Bus Users Group as often as I can at Bus User meetings. These take place at the Guildhall in Northampton where other bus user groups, bus companies and NCC officers meet, and I am able to pass on relevant comments from yourselves.

Bus timetable below - I have also put copies in the Village Notice Boards.

Ann Atkin

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### Towcester • Green Norton • Pattishall • Rothersthorpe • Northampton

MONDAYS TO SATURDAYS EXCEPT PUBLIC HOLIDAYS, sorry, no Sunday service

|                                   |      |      |      |      |                               |                                   |      |      |      |      |      |
|-----------------------------------|------|------|------|------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Towcester Northampton Rd/Seena Dr | 0956 | 1155 | 1355 | 1655 | The Drapery bay 16            | 1058                              | 1258 | 1558 | 1758 |      |      |
| Towcester Tesco                   | 1001 | 1201 | 1401 | 1701 | Towcester Road B&Q Superstore | 1103                              | 1303 | 1603 | 1803 |      |      |
| Towcester Square (Southbound)     | 0724 | 1004 | 1204 | 1404 | 1704                          | Towcester Road Post Office        | 1105 | 1305 | 1605 | 1805 |      |
| Towcester Highfields/Redmoor      | 0729 | 1009 | 1209 | 1409 | 1709                          | Northampton Mereway Tesco         | 1110 | 1310 | 1610 | 1810 |      |
| Towcester Springfields            | 0731 | 1011 | 1211 | 1411 | 1711                          | Banbury Lane                      | 1117 | 1317 | 1617 | 1817 |      |
| Greens Norton High Street         | 0735 | 1015 | 1215 | 1415 | 1715                          | Rothersthorpe Banbury Lane        | 1119 | 1319 | 1619 | 1819 |      |
| Duncote Main Road                 | 0737 | 1017 | 1217 | 1417 | 1717                          | Gayton Bugbrooke Road             | ▼    | ▼    | ▼    | 1825 |      |
| Astcote High Street               | 0742 | 1022 | 1222 | 1422 | 1722                          | Eastcote Greenway                 | 1126 | 1326 | 1626 | 1830 |      |
| Pattishall Church Street          | 0744 | 1024 | 1224 | 1424 | 1724                          | Pattishall Church Street          | 0930 | 1129 | 1329 | 1629 | 1833 |
| Fosters Booth Red Lion Pub        | 0746 | 1026 | 1226 | 1426 | 1726                          | Fosters Booth Red Lion Pub        | 0932 | 1131 | 1331 | 1631 | 1835 |
| Eastcote Birds Hill Road          | 0748 | 1028 | 1228 | 1428 | 1728                          | Astcote High Street               | 0934 | 1133 | 1333 | 1633 | 1837 |
| Gayton Bugbrooke Road             | 0753 | ▼    | ▼    | ▼    | ▼                             | Duncote Main Road                 | 0939 | 1138 | 1338 | 1638 | 1842 |
| Rothersthorpe Banbury Lane        | 0759 | 1034 | 1234 | 1434 | 1734                          | Greens Norton High Street         | 0941 | 1140 | 1340 | 1640 | 1844 |
| Banbury Lane                      | 0801 | 1036 | 1236 | 1436 | 1736                          | Towcester Springfields            | 0945 | 1144 | 1344 | 1644 | 1848 |
| Northampton Mereway Tesco         | 0808 | 1043 | 1243 | 1443 | 1743                          | Towcester Highfields              | 0947 | 1146 | 1346 | 1646 | 1850 |
| Towcester Road Post Office        | 0813 | 1048 | 1248 | 1448 | 1748                          | Towcester The Square              | 0952 | 1151 | 1351 | 1651 | 1855 |
| Towcester Road opp B&Q Superstore | 0815 | 1050 | 1250 | 1450 | 1750                          | Towcester Northampton Rd/Seena Dr | 0956 | 1155 | 1355 | 1655 | 1859 |
| The Drapery arrival               | 0820 | 1055 | 1255 | 1455 | 1755                          | Towcester Tesco                   | 1001 | 1201 | 1401 | 1701 | 1905 |

## Greens Norton Medical Centre Patient Information Leaflet

|   |  |      |      |      |      |     |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |      |      |      |      |      |   |
|---|--|------|------|------|------|-----|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|---|
| <h2>Emergencies dial 999</h2> <p>Always call 999 if someone is seriously ill or injured, and their life is at risk.</p>   | <p>Examples of medical emergencies include (but are not limited to):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>chest pain</u></li><li>• difficulty in breathing</li><li>• unconsciousness</li><li>• severe loss of blood</li><li>• severe burns or scalds</li><li>• choking or drowning</li><li>• fitting</li><li>• severe allergic reactions</li></ul> |      |      |      |      |     |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |      |      |      |      |      |   |
| <p><b>Greens Norton Medical Centre</b><br/><b>01327 358287</b><br/>01327 359670 (Dispensary)</p> <p>Surgery Hours:</p> <table><tr><td></td><td>Mon</td><td>Tue</td><td>Wed</td><td>Thur</td><td>Fri</td></tr><tr><td>Open</td><td>0800</td><td>0800</td><td>0800</td><td>0800</td><td>0700</td></tr><tr><td>Close</td><td>1830</td><td>1830</td><td>2000</td><td>1830</td><td>1830</td></tr></table> <p>If you have an urgent medical problem you will be able to access a health professional within 24 hours.</p> <p>Patients who need to be seen urgently will always be seen at the end of either the morning or evening surgeries.</p> <p>During these hours minor illnesses like stomach upsets or ear infections, or injuries such as sprains, strains, minor burns or wounds can also be treated at the Centre.</p> |  | Mon  | Tue  | Wed  | Thur | Fri | Open | 0800 | 0800 | 0800 | 0800 | 0700 | Close | 1830 | 1830 | 2000 | 1830 | 1830 | <h2>Triage</h2> <p>Some problems can be resolved over the telephone (triage). The doctor will decide whether an emergency appointment or telephone consultation is appropriate. There is also a facility for nurse triage during morning surgeries.</p> <h2>Talking to a Doctor by Telephone</h2> <p>If you wish to speak to a doctor personally, they are usually available at the end of morning surgery. You will be asked to leave a telephone number so that the doctor can call you at a mutually convenient time. Only very urgent calls will be put through to the doctor during surgery hours. If possible, please tell the administrator what the call is about so they can review your notes and assess how urgent the situation is.</p> |
|   | Mon  | Tue  | Wed  | Thur | Fri  |     |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |      |      |      |      |      |   |
| Open  | 0800   | 0800 | 0800 | 0800 | 0700 |     |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |      |      |      |      |      |   |
| Close   | 1830   | 1830 | 2000 | 1830 | 1830 |     |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |      |      |      |      |      |   |
| <p><b>Out-of-hours Doctor and 24-hour access to health information: dial 111</b></p> <p>The new way to access out of hours doctors appointments and Health information.</p>   | <p>The adviser will ask you questions to determine the appropriate course of action. They can book out of hours doctors appointments, direct you to A &amp; E or Minor Illnesses/Injuries unit, call an ambulance, or just provide advice over the phone.</p>  |      |      |      |      |     |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |      |      |      |      |      |   |
| <h2>Pharmacist</h2> <p>Qualified pharmacists in your locality can give you expert advice on medicines and how they work.</p>  | <p>They can also help you decide whether you need to see a doctor. You don't need an appointment, and can talk to them privately and in confidence.</p>  |      |      |      |      |     |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |      |      |      |      |      |   |
| <h2>Accident and Emergency</h2> <p>Operates 24/7, Northampton General Hospital, Cliftonville</p>  | <p>Deals with acute injury or illness, which may or may not be life-threatening.</p> <p>Very limited car parking near the entrance at Cliftonville, may need to use car park 1</p>   |      |      |      |      |     |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |      |      |      |      |      |   |

# ASTCOTE METHODIST CHURCH

Team Ministry

Rev. Tina Swire, Rev John Marriott, Rev Romeo Pedro, Rev. Phil Snelson  
Deacon Richard Beckett

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

**Sunday Services**, 10.30am. Services are generally informal. Family Services on the third Sunday in the month.

**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.

December – *no meeting*

29<sup>th</sup> January – Deacon Richard Beckett, Northampton Methodist Circuit

26<sup>th</sup> February – Rachel Menon, Moulton church Women's Worker

**Flowers** can be placed in the Chapel on Sundays to celebrate an anniversary or in memory of a loved one. Please contact Kate Stretton 830115.

**Family Services** 45 minute service for all the family. Refreshments served after the service: All welcome.

21<sup>st</sup> December, 18<sup>th</sup> January, 15<sup>th</sup> February

**Messy Church** for all the family - 7<sup>th</sup> February in Pattishall Parish Hall, 2-4.30pm.

## Christmas Events/Services

**Christmas Cracker** Sat 20<sup>th</sup> December 2-4.30ish Workshop for school age children up to 11 years - PLACES LIMITED SO BOOKING ESSENTIAL - contact John Atkin 830907 or book via Pattishall School (letter will be sent with details).

**Christmas Eve** - 4.30pm Candlelit Service led by John Atkin

**Christmas Day** - 10.30pm Christmas Family Celebration led by Rev John Marriott

28<sup>th</sup> December - no service

**Card Workshop** Sat 24<sup>th</sup> January 2-4pm

## ***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

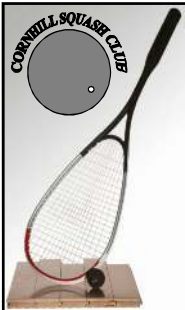


# EASTCOTE BAPTIST CHURCH

## Services

Start at 3pm unless otherwise stated, everyone welcome.

|                 |                        |                           |
|-----------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>December</b> | <b>7<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>Mr Michael Mabbutt</b> |
|                 | <b>14<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Mr Paul Wilson</b>     |
|                 | <b>21<sup>st</sup></b> | <i>Methodist preacher</i> |
|                 | <b>28<sup>th</sup></b> | <i>no service</i>         |
|                 | <b>31<sup>st</sup></b> | <b>Mr Richard Wilson</b>  |
| <b>January</b>  | <b>4<sup>th</sup></b>  | <i>see noticeboard</i>    |
|                 | <b>11<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Mr John Hutcherson</b> |
|                 | <b>18<sup>th</sup></b> | <i>Methodist preacher</i> |
|                 | <b>25<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Mr Stephen Spandl</b>  |
| <b>February</b> | <b>1<sup>st</sup></b>  | <b>Mr Michael Mabutt</b>  |
|                 | <b>8<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>Mr A Hicks</b>         |
|                 | <b>15<sup>th</sup></b> | <i>Methodist preacher</i> |
|                 | <b>22<sup>nd</sup></b> | <b>Mr Ian Markey</b>      |



## **Cornhill Squash Club**

*New members welcome*

**Contact**

Jamie Hayes 01327 352767

***For an application form or a free introductory game***

***We are a small local club, just 5 miles north of Towcester, offering basic facilities for friendly and competitive play at probably the cheapest rates in the area***

First year's annual membership £40  
Games £2.50 per person – 40 minute session

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

*Priest-in-Charge, the Revd Marion Reynolds*

| Date                   | Time                        | Service  | Church                                  |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|--|---|
| 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec    | 5:00pm                      | Taize service  | Cold Higham                             |
| 7 <sup>th</sup><br>Dec | 8:00am<br>9:15am<br>11:00am | BCP HC<br>½ hour service<br>CW HC (said)                               | Pattishall<br>Pattishall<br>Cold Higham |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec   | 9:30am<br>11:00am           | CW HC<br>CW HC   | Tiffield<br>Pattishall                  |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec   | 5:00pm                      | Taize service  | Pattishall                              |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec   | 8:00am<br>6:00pm            | BCP HC<br>Carol Service  | Pattishall<br>Cold Higham               |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec   | 4:00pm<br>6:00pm            | Crib Service<br>Carol service + CW HC                                  | Tiffield<br>Pattishall                  |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> Dec   | 8:00am<br>9:30am<br>9:30am  | BCP HC<br>CW Family Communion<br>CW Family Communion                   | Pattishall<br>Pattishall<br>Cold Higham |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> Dec   | 9:30am                      | CW Benefice Communion (by extn)  | Pattishall                              |
| 4 <sup>th</sup><br>Jan | 8:00am<br>9:15am            | BCP Holy Communion<br>Pattishall Half Hour                             | Pattishall<br>Pattishall                |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan   | 9:30am<br>11:00am           | Family Worship<br>Holy Communion                                       | Cold Higham<br>Pattishall               |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan   | 8:00am<br>9:30am            | BCP Holy Communion<br>CW Holy Communion                                | Pattishall<br>Cold Higham               |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> Jan   | 9:30am<br>11:00am           | CW Holy Communion<br>Family Service                                    | Pattishall<br>Tiffield                  |
| 1 <sup>st</sup><br>Feb | 8:00am<br>9:15am<br>11:00am | BCP Holy Communion<br>Pattishall Half Hour<br>CW Holy Communion (said) | Pattishall<br>Pattishall<br>Cold Higham |
| 8 <sup>th</sup><br>Feb | 9:30am<br>11:00am           | Family Worship<br>Holy Communion                                       | Cold Higham<br>Pattishall               |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb   | 8:00am<br>9:30am            | BCP Holy Communion<br>CW Holy Communion                                | Pattishall<br>Cold Higham               |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb   | 10:00am<br>7:30pm           | CW Holy Communion with ashing<br>CW Holy Communion with ashing         | Pattishall<br>Pattishall                |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb   | 9:30am<br>11:00am           | CW Holy Communion<br>Family Service                                    | Pattishall<br>Tiffield                  |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb   | 5:00pm                      | Taize service  | Cold Higham                             |

There is a service of Holy Communion most Weds. mornings at 8am in Holy Cross, Pattishall.

# DIARY



## December

- 4<sup>th</sup> Parish Hall & Playing Field meeting, Pattishall Parish Hall, 7pm
- 6<sup>th</sup> Senior Citizens Christmas lunch, Pattishall Parish Hall
- 10<sup>th</sup> Hansons free antique valuations day, Cold Higham Village Hall, 11am-3pm
- 10<sup>th</sup> Pattishall WI: *Christmas Meeting*, Pattishall Parish Hall 7.30pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> Pattishall Parish Council meeting, 7.45pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> Good Neighbours: Christmas Lunch
- 12<sup>th</sup> Towcester Farmers' Market
- 19<sup>th</sup> End of Pattishall School term
- 19<sup>th</sup> Evening of Festive Music and Readings, Holy Cross Pattishall, 7.30pm

## January

- 6<sup>th</sup> Start of Pattishall School term
- 8<sup>th</sup> Good Neighbours, Pattishall Parish Hall, 1.45pm
- 8<sup>th</sup> Pattishall Parish Council meeting, Pattishall Parish Hall, 7.45pm
- 9<sup>th</sup> Towcester Farmers' Market
- 14<sup>th</sup> Hansons free antique valuations day, Cold Higham Village Hall, 11am-3pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> Pattishall WI: *Pasta Making*, Pattishall Parish Hall 7.30pm
- 24<sup>th</sup> Card Making Workshop, Astcote Methodist Church, 2-4pm
- 28<sup>th</sup> Photographic Club, Pattishall Parish Hall, 7.30pm

## February

- 5<sup>th</sup> Pattishall Hall & Playing Field meeting, Pattishall Parish Hall, 7pm
- 7<sup>th</sup> Messy Church at Pattishall Parish Hall, 2-4.30pm
- 10<sup>th</sup> Hansons free antique valuations day, Cold Higham Village Hall, 11am-3pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> Pattishall WI: *Life of a Canal Boater's Wife*, Pattishall Parish Hall 7.30pm
- 12<sup>th</sup> Good Neighbours: *Country Customs*, Pattishall Parish Hall, 1.45pm
- 12<sup>th</sup> Pattishall Parish Council meeting, Pattishall Parish Hall, 7.45pm
- 13<sup>th</sup> End of Pattishall School term
- 13<sup>th</sup> Raffle for 2015 Produce Show, Eastcote Arms
- 13<sup>th</sup> Towcester Farmers' Market
- 19<sup>th</sup> Pamper Evening, Pattishall School Hall, 7.30 pm
- 25<sup>th</sup> Photographic Club, Pattishall Parish Hall, 7.30pm





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