

A photograph of two white lambs grazing on green grass. The lambs are in the foreground, with one slightly behind the other. They have white woolly coats and pink ears. The grass is green with some brown leaves scattered on it. The text 'Around Pattishall' is written in a large, green, outlined font across the top of the image. Below it, '204' is written in a smaller green font, and 'March - April 2017' is written in a green font with a black outline.

# Around Pattishall

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March - April 2017

***Twin Lambs photo by Nigel Emson, March 2014***

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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.***

## ***Pattishall Spring Clean / Litter Pick***

Its that time of year when we clear the parish of litter and rubbish. The date is Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March and volunteers meet at the Parish Hall car park at 9am. If you can spare an hour or so to clear up the road verges it would be appreciated!

Any questions please contact me.

John Woollett 01327 830470

## ***Pattishall & District Good Neighbours Club***

The Year got off to a good start in January with John Cornwall giving us an insight into Stowe Landscape Gardens throughout the seasons.

In February we had a good afternoon of entertainment with David Price who gave an illustrated presentation entitled 'Kicks and Frills' a history of the Can Can.

We have our AGM and a bring and buy in March and in April Geoff Lambert will be coming along to enlighten us on the work of Detect Dogs.

Our membership continues to grow and we look forward to meeting more of you. Over 50? Then do come along and share our company and enjoy a good time, a cup of tea and piece of homemade cake with us.

Alan White 830892



## ***Gardening Club***

Some of you may be familiar with the Workbridge centre on the Bedford Road and others may just notice it as you drive by but have never been in. Well on 1<sup>st</sup> March Chloe Dowell is coming to tell us about the work of Workbridge and I'm sure after her talk many more of you will stop and call in to visit the garden centre and other facilities available there.

On 5<sup>th</sup> April Brian Chambers from Kettering is coming to give us tips on growing Dahlias and on 3<sup>rd</sup> May we can look forward to a practical demonstration on plant propagation given by Fritz De Zutter from Moulton College.

As ever, new members and guests always welcome.

Christine Russell, Secretary 830012



## **Village Cricket Club**

I have had a good response regarding setting up a village cricket team and while there are still a few things to sort out it looks like we are going to be able to get things started!

I have had 12 people email to express interest in playing and the team Facebook page has 34 likes so hopefully there are a few others who are keen to get involved but haven't got in contact yet.

The team is going to start as an adult team but once we get going we can review this.

### **Fixtures**

The first fixture has been arranged! Blakesley away 30<sup>th</sup> July and at home on 17<sup>th</sup> Sept. We will also be entering a team (or two) in the Blakesley charity 7's tournament on 2<sup>nd</sup> July.

There are a couple of other fixtures in the pipe line but if you know of a team that would like a 20 over match on a Sunday afternoon please get in touch.

### **Kit**

I have a few contacts to follow up regarding playing kit and grants but please get in touch if you have any contacts or kit that could be donated.

I have set up a Facebook page and email [pattishall.cricket@gmail.com](mailto:pattishall.cricket@gmail.com) that you can contact me on if you are interested in playing or helping out. I try to keep the Facebook page up to date so keep an eye on this for meeting and fixture updates.

Richard Chapman, [pattishall.cricket@gmail.com](mailto:pattishall.cricket@gmail.com), 07717 008158

## **Medieval Banquet**

to take place on **Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup> in Holy Cross Church**

Hog Roast, entertainment, optional period costume. Tickets £20 per head will be on sale very soon through Church members. If you fancy an evening of music merriment and hearty feasting reserve your place at the grand table as soon as possible. For further information please phone Jan on 830996.

# ***Picnic in the Park Music Festival and Craft Fair***

## ***Saturday 8 July***

### ***Pattishall Playing Field***

This year's Music Festival will be taking place on Saturday 8 July. The organisers of the British F1 race at Silverstone didn't want their numbers to be affected by our event so have kindly arranged this year's race for the following weekend, 15/16 July. We appreciate that!



The main stage will be as big and professional as last year, and this year we also hope to have acoustic performances in the Hall. The marching band, *The Red Rose Youth Marching Band* who meet at the Hall every Sunday for their practice sessions, will be bringing their musical instruments. You will be able to come and have a go, so if you ever fancied trying out a brass or other instrument this will be your chance!

The bands are booked for the main stage and more details of those will follow in future editions of Around Pattishall. Again there will be a celidh band (pronounced kaylee), with a caller, so I hope you are looking forward to having another go at barn dancing this summer. The kids disco man, Terry of *Brightlights Disco*, is also back this year.

The Picnic in the Park website – [www.picnicinthepark.org.uk](http://www.picnicinthepark.org.uk) will be updated regularly, beginning the next few weeks, with all this year's details, so do keep an eye on it. As usual you will be able to purchase tickets online on the website, using PayPal, and those great deal early bird tickets will also be available again.

So watch this space, and don't miss a thing about this exciting live music all day event. Get the date in your diary now

Suzanne  
Picnic in the Park 2017





## **Spring Craft and Gift Fair** **Sunday 19 March - Pattishall Parish Hall**

With Mother's Day only a week away, Sunday 19 March is the perfect day to come and shop for that perfect gift at the Pattishall Spring Craft and Gift Fair. There will be lovely Easter gifts too as that is only just around the corner. There will be 30 stalls selling a wide range of British hand crafts, all unique and made by skilled crafters. You won't find these items on the high street. So do come and have a browse and a chat with the talented crafters. There will be many lovely things to buy as a gift for Mother's Day or Easter, or you could always treat yourself.



*DukesUkes at Pattishall Christmas Craft Fair,  
Nov 2016*

The event is open from 11.00 am - 4.00 pm, and there will be a cafe selling refreshments all day. In addition there will be live music during the afternoon from the acclaimed Daventry ukulele band, **DukesUkes** - not to be missed. Their performance was outstanding at our Christmas event and we are thrilled that they have agreed to come back. Entry is free. The Hall is a registered charity and all funds raised from this event will go towards new equipment.

Suzanne, Pattishall Hall Committee

## **Afternoon Tea and Craft Fair** **Thank You**



Huge thank-you to everyone who had stalls, donated cakes and crafts and helped at the Afternoon Tea and Craft Fair in November. With your help we raised an amazing £1,376 for Cancer Care

Helen Hardick

## **Pattishall WI**



Our monthly meetings are held in the Parish Hall, at 7-30pm on the second Wednesday of the month. Light refreshments are served at each meeting.

Our meetings for the next three months are....

March	8 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Wildlife Around Towcester, with David Reed</i>
April	12 <sup>th</sup>	<i>50 Years of Song with Musical Theatre, with Cliff Billing</i>
May	10 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Resolutions for AGM</i>
June	14 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Members Evening</i>

For further details please telephone one of the committee members .....

Kathie Barker	831621	(Pattishall)
Sonia Barrett	07929 963976	(Fosters Booth)
Janet Amos	830732	(Astcote)
Christine Downing	830947	(Eastcote)

***We would be pleased to welcome you as a visitor or as a new member***

## **Cold Higham Village Hall Display Cabinet**

In November 2016 Cold Higham Parish Council applied to South Northants Council (SNC) for a grant from the New Homes Bonus Scheme to refurbish the display cabinet in the Village Hall. This application was successful, and we are very grateful to SNC for their support.



Part of the refurbished cabinet will be allocated to a permanent display devoted to those whose names are on the War Memorial in St Luke's Churchyard. This display will be changed regularly, perhaps monthly, to maintain interest. The aim is to inform parishioners, and others, about the thirteen men and one woman who died in the two world wars, as well as displaying other relevant items of interest.

The contractor has been engaged, and plans to have the project completed by the end of March.

The Parish Council would welcome any information, pictures or artefacts (loaned or given), ideas or any other comments about how best to make use of this new facility. A small group of volunteers is working on the display material, and would welcome anyone who would be interested to join them.

Digby Carter 01327 830521, [memorial@coldhigham.org.uk](mailto:memorial@coldhigham.org.uk)

## ***Campion School Update***

A series of special events led the Campion community through the final weeks of 2016 and into the new year. The Christmas season was busy with our strong tradition of care for others being most evident. In the midst of our teaching and learning, in keeping with our theme for the year, 'Care, Commit and Contribute', a range of events took place to raise funds for charitable causes; we enjoyed Christmas fairs, Christmas jumpers, a Year 11 rugby match and a staff v student basketball match too - well done to all involved in the 14-14 draw, a very fair result! It was also good to welcome many family and friends of the school to our Christmas concert and children's events. We also welcomed back last year's Year 13 students from various Universities and apprenticeships for an Awards Evening, and celebrated sporting successes with our annual Sports Awards evening.

We continue to enjoy a wide range of excellent experiences. We have only been back at school for six weeks and already in that short time our students gave a fabulous performance of the musical 'Our House' on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> February. The performers, lighting crew and house band were each led by students and their contributions reflected hours of rehearsal time - both performances proved to be super! In addition we have celebrated sporting successes in Years 7 and 8 Sports Hall Athletics, Year 7 Netball, and Years 7 and 8 boys and girls Hockey. Campion students have represented Northamptonshire in the Anglian Trophy for Cross Country and in the East Midlands Rugby team too. We were also delighted to find out that a group of business students have reached the semi-finals of the Student Investor Competition. I know you will join me in congratulating all students who have been involved in this wide range of opportunities. Please also keep in mind that our newsletter, 'The Root', is available each week at

<http://www.campion.northants.sch.uk/>

2017 is Campion's Golden Anniversary – lots of exciting events are planned and please do 'save the date' of Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2017 when we will be holding various events at the school including sports, a fete, afternoon tea, and a celebratory evening event with live music and disco. Souvenirs such as pens and badges are now on sale, please keep checking the school website for information.

On behalf of all members of the Campion community, I wish you and your loved ones all the very best for 2017 and hope to welcome you to the school during the course of what promises to be a very special year.

Best wishes  
Claire Whitmore, Headteacher

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



The Senior Citizens' Lunch held in December was again much appreciated by all those who attended. Many thanks go to Libby Covington for the organisation of the event along with the catering staff and many helpers who served 78 Christmas lunches with all the accompaniments. Afterwards the visitors were warmly entertained by the Homestead Singers

with a medley of songs and carols. The Senior Citizens Lunch in 2017 will be on 2<sup>nd</sup> December, a notable occasion as it will be 70 years since the first event of this type was held by the Pattishall Parish Hall Association.



The committees of both the Hall and Playing Field meet on the first Thursday of the month at 7.00pm. We are always pleased to welcome visitors. (Next meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> March and 6<sup>th</sup> April.) If you are new to the area it is a good way to meet people and hear about future events. Our next event is the Spring Craft Fair on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March and further details are in the separate article.

### **What's On**

Several new groups and classes have started at Pattishall Parish Hall so if you want to keep fit, dance, learn karate or practise yoga there is plenty of opportunity.

Monday	Yoga	18.30 - 20.00
Tuesday	Yoga	13.00 - 14.30
	Dance Fitness	18.15 - 19.15
Wednesday	Line Dance Group	19.30 - 20.30
Thursday	Line Dance Class	10.00 - 11.30
	Karate beginners	18.45 - 20.00
Friday	Line Dance Class	10.00 - 11.30
Saturday	Keep Fit	8.45 - 9.45
Sunday	Marching Band	15.00 - 17.00

All details in the Directory with this Around Pattishall.



There are many other groups and organisations that meet here and include Badminton, U3A Bridge, Gardening Club, WI and Photography Club. For the younger generation there is Pre- School, Pattishall Tots, Youth Club, Cubs, Messy Church, Independent Learning and Krystle's Dance Classes for children. Again all contact details in the Directory or on Pattishall Parish website on the Parish Hall Calendar <http://pattishallparish.org.uk/parish-hall>.

If you are interested in cricket a group are intending to set up a team, all abilities and supporters welcome. It would be good to see cricket again on the Playing Field, great to see this village amenity being used by the community. For more details contact Richard Chapman 07717 008158 or [pattishall.cricket@gmail.com](mailto:pattishall.cricket@gmail.com)

### **AGMs**

The AGM's of the Associations will take place on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 7pm and 7.15 respectively at Pattishall Parish Hall, School Rd, Astcote. All residents and friends are invited to attend to hear about the work of the committee for the community. We welcome your support and anyone interested in helping us with these vital community facilities.

Iris Illingworth, Chair



## ***Astcote Methodist Church Book Group***

Meets last Wednesday of every month at 8pm.

We read a variety of works, most recently 'Branchester Towers' by Anthony Trollope and 'The Dust that Falls from Dreams' by Louis de Berniere. New Members are always welcome.

For more information contact Kate Stretton on 830115.

## ***Dog Walkers***

A reminder to residents to please walk their dogs on a lead in the village following a recent incident with one off a lead. I appreciate this isn't a legal requirement, but there is a need for people to be in full control of their dogs at all times to avoid incidents or people or other dogs being attacked or injured by dogs loose off the lead.

PC 911 Mel Carter, Towcester Police

## ***Pattishall Bell Ringers Struck Back Against Blood Cancer***

On Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December the bells of Holy Cross Church, Pattishall rang out as part of a national campaign to raise funds to treat those who suffer from various types of blood cancer. Six members of the local band of ringers successfully completed a ¼ peal of Julie McDonnell Bob Doubles – a very creditable achievement given the trickiness of the method. Full details are below.

In addition to those ringing, a number of local residents braved the elements (it was a very dull and wet December afternoon) to visit the church, and enjoy listening to the bells over a cup of tea and cakes. Thanks are due to Jill Faiers and Claire Delves for providing these.

Due to the generosity of many, the total sum raised for SBABC amounted to £650.

### **Peterborough Diocesan Guild Pattishall, Northamptonshire**

Holy Cross (11–2–24 in G)  
Saturday 10 December 2016 in 43 mins

#### **1260 Julie McDonnell Bob Doubles**

1. Hilary Aslett
2. Margaret J Bulleid
3. Paul Bestwick
4. Alan Faiers
5. Christopher E Bulleid (C)
6. Jonathan Stuart



L-R Alan Faiers, Paul Bestwick,  
Chris Bulleid, Margaret Bulleid,  
Jonathan Stuart, Hilary Aslett

Rung for Strike Back Against Blood Cancer and as a belated 75<sup>th</sup> birthday compliment to Hilary Aslett.

With thanks to all who contributed to the success of this event,

Chris Bulleid, Tower Captain

## ***Bus News***



If you have any queries or problems do let me know.

Ann Atkin, Pattishall Parish Bus User Group  
[ann.atkin51@btinternet.com](mailto:ann.atkin51@btinternet.com)

## ***Cold Higham Parish Web Site***

For some time now the web site [www.coldhigham.org.uk](http://www.coldhigham.org.uk) has been non-functional. It had been run by amateurs on a shoe-string budget, and had become non-compliant with current regulations.

In April 2015 the Government introduced The Transparency Code with which all parish councils with a turnover of less than £25,000 must comply. The Code requires the online publication of certain information to provide taxpayers with a clear picture of the authority's activities, spending, and governance. Failure to comply with the Code may result in judicial proceedings, which by nature are likely to be costly and lengthy.

In order to help small authorities such as ours to comply with the Code, the Government established a Transparency Fund, to which relevant authorities could apply. Cold Higham Parish Council applied for a grant from the Fund in November 2016, and this was approved in January 2017.

This has enabled the Council to engage a professional web site company (2commune Ltd) to build and maintain a new web site for the Parish of Cold Higham, at no set-up cost to the ratepayers. The site is being constructed now.

Although the site will be owned by the Parish Council, all parish organisations are being encouraged, as before, to maintain a presence on the site. In addition, there will be many more facilities available to parishioners through the site.

The opportunity is also being taken to bring the Council in line with Government policy to converge local government web sites onto the [.gov.uk](http://.gov.uk) domain suffix. So the new site will be [www.coldhigham-pc.gov.uk](http://www.coldhigham-pc.gov.uk) when it opens. This will be in early March. The old site will direct visitors to the new site for a number of months before closing altogether.

More information will be given in the next Around Pattishall.

Digby Carter  
[webmaster@coldhigham.org.uk](mailto:webmaster@coldhigham.org.uk)

**At Pattishall Parish Hall, Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2-4.30pm**



***Join us for Messy Church***

Messy Church is for the family – Mums, Dads, Grandparents and Children of all ages. For us, it's about sharing time together doing crafts and activities that adults and children can do together based on the Bible. We start with 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 Astcote Methodist Church & Holy Cross, Pattishall

## ***So, What Is AAA?***

Well, in this context, not the Amateur Athletics Association, Nor those pesky little batteries in the TV remote control. No, this AAA, I think of rather like electricity in that you can't see it, but it can kill you.

Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm is a condition predominantly found in men over the age of 60/65.

It is caused by the weakening of the aorta (the main blood vessel from the heart) which may swell and in extreme cases, burst, at which point survival is unlikely. If detected early, the condition can be monitored, then treated with medication. Severe cases can be treated by surgery. There are no symptoms!

All men of 65 will be invited to be screened, yet many decline this opportunity. Men in their 70's have probably not had this invitation. However the screening is available to men over 65 free of charge by contacting the Screening Service on 01604 523276, or at [AAAScreening.ngh@nhs.net](mailto:AAAScreening.ngh@nhs.net).

As I did not fancy the idea of a potential timebomb in my abdomen, I applied for a screening at Daventry (other locations including some GP surgeries are available) where I was quickly examined using ultrasound equipment (just like an expectant mum!). Within minutes I was reassured that my aorta was thankfully perfectly normal. But I was told of an apparently virile and healthy 70 year old who recently died as the result of a burst aneurysm. So, for want of a few minutes you could get reassurance, or a diagnosis that may save your life. Makes sense to do it, surely.

(A personal view, by Tony Edward, Greens Norton PPP member).

For more information contact [www.nhs.uk/aaa](http://www.nhs.uk/aaa).

## ***Dentokan Self Defence Classes***

The Pattishall branch of Dentokan UK have a new beginner class meeting on Thursday evenings at 6:45 - 8:00pm at the Pattishall Village Hall. Where else can you learn self defence and get fit all for just £2/hr !?! Just turn up wearing a tee shirt and jogging bottoms, or ring 07881 924033 for more details.

## ***Pattishall to the Isle of Man – Convoy for Canines in Aid of Dogs for Good***



LIFE CHANGING DEVOTION

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Following the highly successful and challenging trip from Land's End to John O'Groats in 2015 the Pattishall based Lejog team is planning a new adventure for summer 2017 to raise awareness and funds for the charity Dogs for Good (the new name for Dogs for the Disabled).

Steve Moore's newly restored Massey Ferguson tractor and trailer accompanied by local cyclists will leave Pattishall on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June and reach the Isle of Man on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June, arriving home on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June. The convoy will complete a circuit of the island including the legendary TT route. Accompanying musicians will play at venues on the Island.

All proceeds to **Dogs for Good** which is a life-transforming charity, supporting adults and children in their homes and in the community. They work with people with a range of disabilities and also children with autism. [www.dogsforgood.org](http://www.dogsforgood.org)

We will collect donations en route and by fundraising in the weeks before the start of this epic journey. Planned events include a musicfest event on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May at The George, Tiffield, and a quiz night on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April from 7:30pm, also at The George (£2 per head, teams of four). All are welcome to both events. Please come and support us.

We are seeking sponsorship and donations for Dogs for the Disabled in support of the LEJOG Convoy for Canines event – to donate please contact one of the team or go online and visit [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/lejogconvoyforcaninestroadtrip](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/lejogconvoyforcaninestroadtrip).



<https://www.facebook.com/LEJOGConvoyForCanines>

Contact: 07976 245004 or 07976 624707 or [lejogconvoyforcanines@gmail.com](mailto:lejogconvoyforcanines@gmail.com)

Graeme Fuller





## ***Pattishall Neighbourhood Watch***



During the last few months there have been burglaries, thefts and car crime in our Parish and other local villages. Please continue reporting suspicious persons/vehicles on 01604 888964 or 101.

If you would like to receive up to date information on crime and suspicious incidents in our Parish - it is easily accessible by:

- |                            |   |                                       |
|----------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| Joining our NHW email loop | - | Contact the NHW Coordinator           |
| Pattishall Parish website  | - | There is a quick link to the NHW page |
| Facebook                   | - | PattishallParishNeighbourhoodWatch.   |

Welcome Packs are provided to new residents in Pattishall Parish. If you would like a welcome pack please contact the Coordinator.

There is a Street Warden in every road/close in our Parish. If you would like to know who your street warden is please contact the Coordinator.

Linda Hemming (NHW Coordinator)

[linda\\_hemming@hotmail.com](mailto:linda_hemming@hotmail.com)

Tel 01327 830744

## ***Wanted***

Reliable person to cut grass on a weekly basis in Astcote. Takes about an hour - mower provided. Please contact Suzanne on 01327 830279.

## ***A Nice Bit of Hedge Laying!***



This hedging that Mick (farmer) has done is amazing and worth a viewing. It's on Beggars Lane in Astcote.

## Win a Flight in a Spitfire

The Rotary Club are again running a draw to win a flight in a Spitfire! Proceeds till go to the Northampton KIDS-AID charity [www.kidsaid.org.uk](http://www.kidsaid.org.uk).



This charity helps children and young people who have suffered trauma as a result of bereavement, neglect, abuse, bullying. It has various therapies to help the children overcome the psychological damage so that they have the chance to make a full recovery and to lead a normal adult life.

Tickets are on sale at £5 each or a book of 5 for £25.

This must be the ultimate bucket list thrill. Only 400 books of tickets have been printed and there are only two prizes so this is a 1 in a 1,000 chance to win – loads better than a punt on the lottery! If it doesn't appeal to you why not enter and then, if you win, donate it to a friend or relative?

As well as the Spitfire there is a second place prize of a flight in a De Havilland aircraft.

The draw takes place on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2017 with the flights taking place at Sywell Airport near Northampton. Dates to be arranged.

More details are on our club website [www.rotarynenevalley.org.uk](http://www.rotarynenevalley.org.uk) and looking for Spitfire Draw under *What We Do*.

Peter Glennon 01604 411965

[peter@peterglennon.co.uk](mailto:peter@peterglennon.co.uk)

Rotary Nene Valley

### Fairtrade Sale and Afternoon Tea



**Saturday  
4<sup>th</sup> March  
2-4.30pm**

**Astcote Methodist  
Church**

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**If you miss the bus for more information call:**

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**Email: [wellbeing@northantsacre.org.uk](mailto:wellbeing@northantsacre.org.uk)**

**Visit: [www.northantsacre.org.uk/ruralwellbeing](http://www.northantsacre.org.uk/ruralwellbeing)**



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## THE WELL GROUP

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## ***Cold Higham Parish Council***

The Parish Council has recently successfully been awarded a grant from the Government to help the Parish Council set up and run our parish website which goes online in early March. The site can be found at [www.coldhigham-pc.gov.uk](http://www.coldhigham-pc.gov.uk). Please take a look at Digby Carter's article in Around Pattishall for more details.

The Parish Council has also been successful in receiving a grant to refurbish the display cabinet in the parish hall and details can also be found in this edition of Around Pattishall from Digby Carter.

On Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> March, we will be holding our annual litter pick to help keep our parish looking lovely this spring. It's a great opportunity to catch up with friends and neighbours and build on our community spirit. We meet at 10am at the telephone box on Manor Road in Grimscote and the Church Lane junction in Cold Higham. Litter picking equipment will be provided.

We have been contacted by some of our parishioners with concerns over the volume of dog mess and general litter on the lane towards Potcote from Cold Higham. Could dog owners please take responsibility for tidying up after their dogs, it's unpleasant for other walkers and a health hazard to other dogs and children. Dog mess is a continual problem in our parish but we have noticed a significant improvement over the last 12 months. Please help us to improve it further. The Parish Council has been looking into providing dog waste bins but with a minimum initial cost of £475 for five bins and emptying costs of £650 per year we felt it too great an expense for a parish on the budget we have. We welcome your views on the matter. Please do get in touch via our website. In the meantime, please take pride in your parish and tidy up after your dog. Bag it and bin it in your black bin.

The Central and East Northamptonshire Citizens Advice have written to us offering a range of free energy related services to community groups and individual consumers. The services on offer include;

- One-to-one advice for consumers

- Energy saving audits for those in or at risk of fuel poverty, including home visits (limited availability).

- Help in understanding gas and electricity meters and bills, inc. fuel debt advice.

- Options for switching energy supplier, tariff or payment method to get a better deal.

- Advice on efficient use of heating systems and domestic appliances.

- Eligibility for additional support, e.g. warm home discount.

- Access to special assistance for older or disabled people (priority service register).

- The health implications of cold damp homes, and how to tackle condensation.

- Grants and subsidies for home energy efficiency improvements.

If you think any of the above may be of interest to you, please get in contact via our website [www.coldhigham-pc.gov.uk](http://www.coldhigham-pc.gov.uk) and we can pass your contact details on to the Central and East Northamptonshire Citizens Advice or, if there is enough interest, the Parish Council can organise a community group session with them.

Richard Dickens

## ***Pattishall Parish Council***

The council meets at 7:45 in the Parish Hall on the second Thursday of each month throughout the year, except for August when no meeting is scheduled. An agenda and draft minutes are available on the Parish website ([www.pattishallparish.org.uk](http://www.pattishallparish.org.uk)) and all notice boards. Parishioners are very welcome to attend or contact one of the council members listed below, should they wish to raise a point but cannot be at the meeting in person.

### **The Parish Council**

Roger Clarke (Chairman) [rogerwas.clarkeltd@btinternet.com](mailto:rogerwas.clarkeltd@btinternet.com) 01327 830509

Ann Addison (clerk): [a\\_addison@btinternet.com](mailto:a_addison@btinternet.com) 01604 858226: finance

Barry Evans (Vice Chairman) [sixpencesheep@aol.com](mailto:sixpencesheep@aol.com) 01327 830523:  
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David Hodges 01327 830679: highways

Robert Hart [roberthart885@btinternet.com](mailto:roberthart885@btinternet.com) 01327 830746: maintenance

Mark Mitton [mbm@pwc.uk.net](mailto:mbm@pwc.uk.net) 01327 359400: planning

Rachel Gardner [rachelwgardner@gmail.com](mailto:rachelwgardner@gmail.com) 01327 831146: school liaison

Gabriel Abrahams [gabriel.abrahams@btinternet](mailto:gabriel.abrahams@btinternet) 01327 830135: lighting

Should parishioners have a concern or require advice on any of the above then please contact the councillor concerned and/or Ann Addison, the parish clerk.

### **Allotments**

The Steering Group of Andy Blackwell (01327 831520), Steve Goulding (07810 282302), Ruth Furniss (01327 830118) & Laura Dark (07712 288864) have produced a constitution & a new tenancy agreement to set up *The Pattishall Parish Allotment Association*. These new documents have been circulated to all allotment holders for their input and ideas. A meeting for all the allotment holders is to be held at The Parish Hall on Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. All are welcome regardless of



whether you have an allotment. For further information please contact one of the Steering Group or email [pattishallallotments@yahoo.com](mailto:pattishallallotments@yahoo.com)

## **Maintenance**

Robert Hart has replaced the vandalized dog waste bin; and in relation to dogs there has been a request from the police community support officer that dogs are walked on a lead through the villages following an incident. Any concerns about dogs should be raised directly with The Dog Warden at South Northants Council.

## **Grass Mowing Contract**

It was agreed that All Seasons, who oversee the mowing throughout the parish, would overhaul the Old Burial Ground and the Churchyard. Once done then the two sites would only require maintenance rather than another “root & branch” approach. Weather permitting work will commence between February 16<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> at both sites.

## **Highways**

David Hodges reported that at long last some of the pot holes along the Dalscote Road had been filled in but the road is still in need of improvement. On February 5<sup>th</sup> Rachel Gardner organised a group of twenty volunteers to remove the vegetation that has encroached upon the footpath along Birds Hill. They were joined by cubs who took part to obtain their community badge. Much of the path has been widened which is a great help to pedestrians especially parents pushing buggies. On Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup> it is intended that new tarmac will be laid to level the footpath now the vegetation has been cleared. The council are investigating widening the path at the top of Birds Hill but costing is a major factor that may prevent this work being carried out.

## **Cricket**

Richard Chapman attended a parish council meeting to inform us about the proposed reinstatement of a parish cricket team. There was a meeting of those interested on February 1<sup>st</sup> and it looks promising for a team to be established but help with fundraising and sponsorship is required. If you can help or are interested in being part of this venture, then further information may be obtained by contacting Richard on 07788 915595.

## **Parish Litter Pick**

This year the annual parish “Litter Pick” will take place on March 18<sup>th</sup>. All parishioners are encouraged to join in to help spruce up the parish. Please meet with John Woollett, who has kindly organised this again, at 9:00am in the Parish Hall car park.

## **Crime**

Crime is rife throughout South Northants, often with perpetrators travelling from beyond our county using our network of motorways and carriageways for a quick getaway. Recently there have been two burglaries and cars being broken in to. It has also been reported that there are several vans and cars travelling through our villages in the early hours of the morning. We urge you to be vigilant to report anything untoward to your Neighbourhood Watch Co-coordinator.

## **Picnic in the Park**

John Hibbert told the council that this jolly event would once again be taking place on Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup>. The council has once again agreed to donate £500 towards the costs of putting on the event. The committee will be holding fund raising events starting with a "Curry & Quiz Night"

## **Parking Outside the School**

The Police Community Support Officer visited the school during drop off time to try to address the problems caused by inconsiderate parking. The Officer had also addressed the school assembly to encourage the pupils to think about road safety.

## **County Councillor**

Joan Kirkbride has been our County Councillor and after twenty years of service she has decided to retire. The Council wished her well and if she was ever at a loose end on the evening of the second Thursday in the month, then she was very welcome to join us.

## **Prisoner of War Camp**

Mr. Peter Stratton, a parishioner, who gives talks on the WW1 prisoner of war camp proposed that the parish commemorate the fact that there was a camp that housed over 400 German & Austrian prisoners of war. This camp was situated in the field opposite the school. A plaque engraved on a boulder of stone was suggested. The Council agreed in principal to a plaque being installed and the Clerk was requested to contact The German Embassy to enquire what involvement they would like to have. It appears that the British Legion have agreed a donation to the project. Should you require further information then please do contact Roger Clarke.

## **Meetings**

March 9<sup>th</sup> (7:00pm) Allotments Inaugural Meeting (7:30pm) Annual Parish Meeting & Charities Report to be followed by Parish Council Meeting.

May 11<sup>th</sup> (7:45) Parish Council AGM.

## Service 87 Timetable Monday To Saturday

### Towcester – Northampton

Towcester, Senna Drive	09.58	11.58	13.58	16.58	18.58
Towcester, Tesco	10.05	12.05	14.05	17.05	
Towcester, Square	10.08	12.08	14.08	17.08	
Towcester, Springfields	10.15	12.15	14.15	17.15	
Greens Norton, High Street	07.21	10.18	12.18	14.18	17.18
Duncote, Main Road	07.24	10.21	12.21	14.21	17.21
Astcote, High Street	07.29	10.26	12.26	14.26	17.26
Pattishall, Church Street	07.31	10.28	12.28	14.28	17.28
Fosters Booth, Red Lion	07.33	10.30	12.30	14.30	17.30
Eastcote, Greenway	07.37	10.34	12.34	14.34	17.34
Gayton, Bugbrooke Road	07.40				
Rothersthorpe, Banbury Lane	07.48	10.39	12.39	14.39	17.39
Banbury Lane	07.52	10.43	12.43	14.43	17.43
Gambrel Road, Sainbury's	07.58	10.49	12.49	14.49	17.49
Northampton, Railway Station	08.04	10.54	12.54	14.54	17.54
Northampton, The Drapery Bay 19	08.07	10.57	12.57	14.57	17.57

### Northampton – Towcester

Northampton, The Drapery Bay 19	09.10	11.10	13.10	16.10	18.00
Northampton, Railway Station	09.13	11.13	13.13	16.13	18.03
Gambrel Road, Sainbury's	09.18	11.18	13.18	16.18	18.08
Banbury Lane	09.23	11.23	13.23	16.23	18.13
Rothersthorpe, Banbury Lane	09.26	11.26	13.26	16.26	18.16
Gayton, Bugbrooke Road					18.26
Eastcote, Greenway	09.32	11.32	13.32	16.32	18.32
Pattishall, Church Street	09.34	11.34	13.34	16.34	18.34
Fosters Booth, Red Lion	09.37	11.37	13.37	16.37	18.38
Astcote, High Street	09.40	11.40	13.40	16.40	18.41
Duncote, Main Road	09.44	11.44	13.44	16.44	18.45
Greens Norton, High Street	09.47	11.47	13.47	16.47	18.49
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<b>April</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Mr M Mabbutt</b>
<b>June</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Mrs W Manley</b>

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**Sunday Services**, 10.30am. Services are generally informal. Family Services on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in the month but families with children are welcome at any service and activities for children are always available. Refreshments served after all services.

**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.

30<sup>th</sup> March Rev David Bown

*Needs and Pitfalls or Rural Village Life in South India*

27<sup>th</sup> April Margaret Williams *The Challenge of William Carey*

**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 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in the month. Refreshments served after the service: All welcome. 19<sup>th</sup> March

**Messy Church** - Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2-4.30 pm at Pattishall Parish Hall

**Easter Family Celebration 16<sup>th</sup> April** : 9.30am Easter Breakfast, 10.30am Family Service led by Deacon Richard Beckett

**Easter Offering** will be in aid of Action for Children

## Other Events:

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March, *Fairtrade Afternoon Tea* 2-4.30pm

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March, *Card Workshop* 2-4pm – contact Kate on 830115 to book a place, £5 all materials provided.

## Praying for the Community

There is 'Prayer Box' on the wall outside the Chapel. This is for any member of our Community – that is from any village in the area – to be able to drop in the name of someone they would like us to pray for. We don't need to know the details, just a first name is sufficient. That person will be included in our time of prayer on the following Sunday.

In addition, at 9.30am on the first Sunday of the month, there will be a half hour of prayer specifically for the Community. Anyone may join us for a time of quiet or simple spoken prayer. Our normal 10.30am service will follow after a cuppa.

The Parishes of Holy Cross Pattishall and St Luke, Cold Higham  
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Date	Time	Service	Church
5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	8:00am	BCP Holy Communion	Pattishall
	9:30am	In formal Worship	Pattishall
	9:30am	CW Holy Communion	Gayton
12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9:30am	CW Holy Communion	Tiffield
	9:30am	Family Worship	Cold Higham
	11:00am	Morning Worship	Pattishall
19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	8:00am	BCP Holy Communion	Pattishall
	9:30am	CW Holy Communion	Cold Higham
	11:00am	Morning Worship	Gayton
26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9:30am	CW Holy Communion	Pattishall
	11:00am	Morning Prayer	Tiffield
1 <sup>st</sup> Mar	10:00am	Ash Wednesday Communion	Pattishall
5 <sup>th</sup> Mar	8:00am	BCP Holy Communion	Pattishall
	9:30am	Informal Worship	Pattishall
	9:30am	CW Holy Communion	Gayton
12 <sup>th</sup> Mar	9:30am	CW Holy Communion	Tiffield
	9:30am	Family Worship	Cold Higham
	11:00am	Morning Worship	Pattishall
19 <sup>th</sup> Mar	8:00am	BCP Holy Communion	Pattishall
	9:30am	CW Holy Communion	Cold Higham
	11:00am	Morning Worship	Gayton
26 <sup>th</sup> Mar	9:30am	CW Holy Communion	Pattishall
	11:00am	Morning Prayer	Tiffield
	2:00pm?	Holy Baptism?	Pattishall
2 <sup>nd</sup> April	8:00am	BCP Holy Communion	Pattishall
	9:30am	Informal Worship	Pattishall
	9:30am	CW Holy Communion	Gayton
	11:00am	CW Holy Communion (said)	Cold Higham



# DIARY

## March

- 1<sup>st</sup> Gardening Club: *The work of Workbridge*, Pattishall Parish Hall 7.30pm
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Pattishall Parish Hall & Playing Field meeting, Pattishall Parish Hall, 7pm
- 4<sup>th</sup> Fairtrade Afternoon Tea, Astcote Methodist Church, 2-4.30pm
- 8<sup>th</sup> Pattishall WI: *Wildlife Around Towcester*, Pattishall Parish Hall 7.30pm
- 9<sup>th</sup> Good Neighbours: *AGM and Bring & Buy*, Pattishall Hall, 1.45pm
- 9<sup>th</sup> Pattishall Parish Council meeting, Pattishall Parish Hall, 7.45pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> Card Making Workshop, Astcote Methodist Church, 2-4pm
- 16<sup>th</sup> Rural Wellbeing/Support Bus, Pattishall Parish Hall car park, 1.30-3pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> Pattishall Spring Clean / Litter Pick, meet in Parish Hall car park at 9am
- 19<sup>th</sup> Spring Craft and Gift Fair, Pattishall Parish Hall, 11am-4pm
- 29<sup>th</sup> Photographic Club, Pattishall Parish Hall, 7.30pm
- 31<sup>st</sup> End of Pattishall School term

## April

- 6<sup>th</sup> Pattishall Parish Hall & Playing Field meeting, Pattishall Parish Hall, 7pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> Gardening Club: *Growing Dahlias*, Pattishall Parish Hall 7.30pm
- 12<sup>th</sup> Pattishall WI: *50 Years of Song with Musical Theatre*, Patt. Parish Hall 7.30pm
- 13<sup>th</sup> Rural Wellbeing/Support Bus, Pattishall Parish Hall car park, 1.30-3pm
- 13<sup>th</sup> Good Neighbours: *Detect Dogs*, Pattishall Hall, 1.45pm
- 13<sup>th</sup> Pattishall Parish Council meeting, Pattishall Parish Hall, 7.45pm
- 20<sup>th</sup> Start of Pattishall School term
- 26<sup>th</sup> Photographic Club, Pattishall Parish Hall, 7.30pm



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