



# **Around Pattishall**

**224 • Christmas 2021**

*Birds Hill, December 2010*

## Bonfire Night



What a wonderful gathering we had at the parish playing fields on the evening of the 6<sup>th</sup> November! It was great to see so many families and friends from our community coming together, especially due to the recent challenges we have all faced. This community event is important as the proceeds go towards funding the upkeep of the playing fields.

We'd like to thank two groups of people for making this year's event so successful –

*Firstly*, thank you to all the volunteers that make this event happen. There are too many to name individually, but whether it was helping out on the night itself, helping in the planning, or helping clear away afterwards – **THANK YOU.**

*Secondly*, thank you to everyone who came out to support the event. While it always helps when it doesn't rain (and the temperature is above freezing!) it was great to see so many people. We hope you all enjoyed the evening and can make it each year – **THANK YOU.**

There are always a number of social events and occasions we have throughout the calendar year and we hope everyone can support them – look out for them in Around Pattishall and on Facebook. In addition, we are always in need for volunteers; whether it's an hour in the kitchen, or helping set up or put away, many hands make light work! So if you would like to help do please contact Suzanne on 01327 830279, or [suzanne.raper@talktalk.net](mailto:suzanne.raper@talktalk.net). Also

Suzanne is on Messenger and WhatsApp. This is not a commitment for anything in particular, just a volunteer list so that we can contact people in the event help is needed, and you are available. Thank you all.

Mark Couling  
Pattishall Parish Hall & Field committees



## Christmas Postal Service

The Pattishall Scout Group is planning to do the Christmas Postal Service in the Parish again this year. Delivery of Christmas Cards is free for Senior Citizens but others are welcome to use it for a donation to the Scout Group. The delivery goes towards the Community Service that the Scouts, Cubs and Beavers do for their Awards.

Please put your cards through the door of your nearest collection point. The post collection points are:

- 10 Hodge Close, Ascote
- Grove Close House, Gayton Road, Eastcote
- 7 Church Lane, Cold Higham
- 59 Leys Road, Pattishall

Cards will be delivered to the villages of Ascote, Eastcote, Dalscote, Pattishall, Cold Higham and Grimscoth. They need to be clearly marked with the name and full address on the envelope so that the children can deliver them correctly.

The last day for posting is Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December as the post will be sorted on 18<sup>th</sup> and delivered around the Parish that weekend.

Thank you for your support.

Barbara Parkinson  
Group Scout Leader  
01327 830245

## Reducing our Plastic Waste

Did you know that single use plastic makes up 40% of the plastic produced annually, but it remains in the environment for hundreds of years! Only 9% of the plastic that is produced is recycled, the remaining 91% ends up being incinerated, or in landfill, making it into our oceans, our environment, and even the fish that we eat.

We cannot remove plastic completely, but with a few small changes we can reduce the amount of plastic we throw away. Good ways to reduce your plastic waste are:

- Use a refillable bottle for your water
- Take your own reusable cup for takeaway drinks
- Buy loose goods from a Refill Shop

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locations in Towcester, Greens Norton, Blisworth or Silverstone. If you have a home delivery, you can leave your containers somewhere safe, and they are refilled even if you are not at home.

*"We don't need a handful of people doing zero waste perfectly. We need millions of people doing it imperfectly."* – Annie Marie Bonneau

Anne-Clare Ward  
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## Towcester & District Angling Association

This is a time of year that is fairly quiet for a lot of anglers, however pike fishermen are just beginning their season. There have been a number of very good catches at Astwell Mill, both in the top and bottom lakes. Several double fished fish have been landed as well as a number of singles (4lb-15lb).

At this time of year cormorants are starting to move inland, these birds are unwelcome guests at any fishery, so we have put ropes across both Astwell top lake and Silverlake to deter them from landing. They are not pretty, but they will help to protect our valuable fish from becoming a take-away feast for Cormorants.

Following a recent very generous donation to the Club from a member who would like to remain anonymous and a top up from club funds, we have decided on the mix of species, size and location for our re-stocking programme. The fish will be introduced to Astwell (Tench) and Silverlake next spring and should show well in the coming season.

John Newman, [www.t-daa.uk](http://www.t-daa.uk)





## Cold Higham Parish Hall

### A 2021 Resumé, Looking towards 2022 – Jubilee and 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

The Cold Higham Parish Hall Committee would like to thank local residents for all the amazing support during 2021. We opened up the hall for “Garden Tea and Cakes” in April 2021 and were overwhelmed by the success of this event in terms of the support from local residents who came along for a cup of tea, slice of homemade cake and a chat. This event led to further garden events over the Summer months, and our Autumn “Soup and Sausage Rolls” events in October and November. As a Committee, we have really enjoyed hosting these events and it has been wonderful to see so many people attend. To date, our 2021 events have seen a total of £767.70 raised in aid of the Parish Hall owing to the generosity of neighbours and friends. A huge thanks to all. We would like to give a special mention also to Sainsbury’s, whose Community Fund has assisted enormously with our fundraising at several of our events this year. A huge thanks to all! Our latest event, in aid of the Royal British Legion, which was hosted on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November following the wreath laying ceremony at St Luke’s Church, Cold Higham, saw amazing support from attendees and we were able to raise £180 for this great cause.

We will be hosting one further event in 2021 with the resurrection of our “Carols at the Hall” which will take place on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021 from 6pm in Cold Higham Parish Hall. Mulled wine

and mince pies will be laid on for those attending and the evening promises to be a relaxed get-together with an opportunity to sing some carols, enjoy the decorations and have a general catch up. Raffle tickets will be sold on the evening, with the chance to win some fabulous prizes to stock up on extra Christmas gifts or add to the Christmas pantry! As with previous Christmas carol events, the singing will be led by *The Highamettes* who have prepared some festive favourites for all to enjoy. The event will be free of charge (as with all of our events this year) and we hope to see as many friends and neighbours as possible come along and join us.

Following our successful year of events during 2021 we are now looking towards 2022. In 2022 the Parish Hall celebrates its 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and we are planning to host some suitable events to mark this milestone in the hall’s history. The Committee is hoping, alongside these events, to create a photo/video montage to be shown at the hall over the Jubilee weekend, marking the history of the hall and the Cold Higham Parish in general. In order to do this, we would be grateful for any assistance in obtaining photos depicting the Hall, or the Parish, taken over the past 150 years. If you have any such photographs please do let us know by emailing Kim Attenborough at [Kim.attenborough@bsci.com](mailto:Kim.attenborough@bsci.com) or Chloe Nickless at [chloe.nickless@crawco.co.uk](mailto:chloe.nickless@crawco.co.uk).

As all will be aware, 2022 is also the year of the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee. The Parish Hall Committee would very much like to host a celebration at the hall over the Jubilee weekend of Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022. We have explored several ideas such as a BBQ lunch in the hall garden or a street party, however we would like to

draw on the ideas of local residents to establish what type of event the community would prefer to be organised to mark this historic occasion. Please do contact us at [chloe.nickless@crawco.co.uk](mailto:chloe.nickless@crawco.co.uk) or 07802 591306 to provide a steer as to what event would be most suitable to be hosted to mark the Jubilee as we really value your input.

The Parish Hall remains available for regular and one-off bookings and we encourage as many individuals and organisations as possible to consider Cold Higham Parish Hall as a venue for their parties, meetings or classes. All enquiries for bookings can be made via Gill Rowe, who can be contacted at [steve.rowe2@btinternet.com](mailto:steve.rowe2@btinternet.com) or 01327 830990.

Thank you again all. Have a wonderful Christmas and we hope to see you again in 2022!

Cold Higham Parish Hall Committee

## Children’s Crafts & Play

**continues Fridays 3 and 10 December at Holy Cross Pattishall 2.30-4.30 pm**

Children under 12, with their parents, have enjoyed a new club on Friday afternoons in recent weeks, having fun creating beautiful things with card, tissue and sparkly paper, junk modelling and painting pictures. Bouquets of tissue paper flowers and rockets, lovely bats, pipe cleaner spiders and magnificent modelling occupied the hour after school. There is also bead and jewellery making, constructing with lego and magnetic pieces, Lego train set, colouring, play dough, books and puzzles.

Mum, dads with babies and toddlers can enjoy a peaceful hour from 2.30 with toys and play mat, while teas and cakes are offered to all who come in, all ages welcome. A number of older local residents come for a warming drink and a chat.

We are hoping that more people will come and enjoy the comfortable, warm, relaxed surroundings in the ancient church - it is a beautiful space for a play time, as well as a tranquil place for reflection. Children’s Crafts & Play leads up to the **Crib Service at the church on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> December at 3pm. ALL WELCOME!**

Friday Children’s Crafts & Play next year dates : 14/1/22 - 4/2/22



## Gardening Club

The December meeting of the Gardening Club will be a members evening on 1<sup>st</sup> of the month when we will welcome back Hilary Aslett to tax our brains with a Christmas quiz, helped along with mulled wine and mince pies!

There will not be a meeting in January so the first meeting in the New Year will be on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2022. In the past, many of you will have bought plants from David and Carolyn Young when they ran Young’s Nurseries in Blisworth. Carolyn has kindly agreed to come and speak to us and, along with the help of some amazing photographs, tell us how it all started and then developed into a successful business. Guests always welcome.

Christine Russell  
01327 830012

## Holy Cross

### Pastoral Matters

If you are in need of someone to talk to, to pray with, or just need some company please contact Jean Pugh, Pastoral Minister, on 01327 830909 or 07711 329664 to arrange a visit.

### New Year Alpha Breakfast

Join us for breakfast, then explore more about life with "Alpha".

Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian Faith. We will watch a short 30 minute video, followed by a general discussion, sharing thoughts and ideas on the topic. Topics range from "Who is Jesus?" and "How can we have faith?" to "Why and how to pray" and "How does God guide us?".

If you are wanting to explore Christianity a little more, this course is for you.

Please contact Jean Pugh for further details. Tel: 01327 830909.

### BACK AGAIN! WINTER WARMER LUNCHES

12 - 2 pm  
Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> January



1<sup>st</sup> Sunday every month  
Holy Cross Church, Pattishall

## St. Lukes Church, Cold Higham

The Rector, Churchwarden and Parochial Church Council would like to thank everyone who attended the public meeting on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> November. We are now collating all the Information and offers of help received to see how we move forward. We aim to keep everyone informed on our progress.



## Pattishall Parish Hall & Playing Field Associations

How lucky were we with the weather on the evening of our Bonfire Night and Firework event on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November? It was a joy to have the event return this year. Please see the article about the event elsewhere in Around Pattishall but here I would like to say special thanks to Mark Couling for, once more, organising and overseeing this event so magnificently. Well done to Mark and all his helpers. Great to be back!

The next community event is the Senior Citizens' Christmas lunch on Saturday 4 December at the Hall for those who live in the parish who are 60 and over. All those that are attending will, I know, enjoy a lovely afternoon, with a very tasty Christmas lunch, and some musical seasonal entertainment from Danetre Ukulele Orchestra. Can't wait!

As 2022 approaches we look forward to more community events at the Hall and Field. Further details will follow in the next edition of Around Pattishall but we will see the return of the Hall's fish and chip quiz evening, there will be a community event on Saturday 4 June for Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee and Picnic in the Park Music Festival will return on Saturday 9 July. How wonderful to have social events to look forward to once more?!

Suzanne Raper  
Pattishall Parish Hall & Field  
Committees

## Pattishall Hall & Fields: What's On

### Pattishall Parish Hall - Regular Clubs and Activities

Monday	U3A Bridge club Pattishall Cubs & Scouts
Tuesday	Morning Badminton Dance Fitness Pilates
Wednesday	Line Dancing
Thursday	Towcester Sign and Sing Hyodokan Karate and Self Defence
Friday	Line Dancing
Saturday	Keep Fit
Wednesday to Friday	Pattishall Preschool
Fortnightly - Friday	Independent Learning
Monthly - Tuesday	Photographic Club
Monthly - Wednesday	Gardening Club WI

### Playing Fields – Regular Clubs and Activities

Weekends, school holidays & Mondays	GLK football
Weekends & Thursdays	Sixfields Rangers football
Wednesday to Saturday	Philippa's Farm Shop
First & third Thursdays of the month	The Green Machine Ref II Shop

### Regular Meetings

First Thursday of the month	Hall & Fields Committee meetings
Second Thursday of the month	Parish Council meeting

*For more information on any of the above or if you are considering starting an alternative activity please contact a member of the Hall or Fields Committee*

## Pattishall WI

The WI began meeting again in June after a long break. This year we held our summer meetings outside at the Parish Hall. In June we brought our fold up camping chairs and had a good old catch up with tea and cake from Pippa's wagon. It was great to get together again. We met outside at the Hall again in July, but this time we were rather excited to play croquet. None of us had tried it before, but with a tweak of the rules to suit us, and playing in pairs, everyone's competitive side came out and much hilarity ensued. Amazing how tricky it is to control a ball with a stick on bumpy grass! Huge fun though and we look forward to playing again next summer. All we needed were the 20s style frocks and we could have been playing on the lawns of Downton Abby! Well in our dreams.

In August we went off for a wander around Wilton Locks Garden Centre and had a most magnificent afternoon cream tea. Fabulous quality, great service, wonderful value. We highly recommend it. Better quality and variety than some nearby country houses that charge three times the price we paid!

Our meetings were able to return indoors from September and we have learnt about the history of line dancing and had a go, had our annual meeting (at which the delightful President was re-elected), and had a Christmas craft evening at which the non-crafters surprised themselves with their beautiful creations.

At our Christmas meeting on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December (7.00 pm, Pattishall Parish Hall) we will be entertained by Danetre Ukulele Orchestra with festive songs and Santa hats, Mother Christmas will be visiting

with a little gift for all, and we will enjoy a light buffet. Do come along and visit us for this seasonal treat, you will be most welcome.

In January (Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>) we will be having our traditional New Year quiz with quiz mistress Hilary Aslett, and in February (Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>) we look forward to an evening with Iris Illingworth, our local historian, for what promises to be a fascinating talk about historic goings on in the parish and a look at the history of Cornhill Manor.

We meet every second Wednesday, at Pattishall Parish Hall. Why not come along, visitors are most welcome. Come and meet us and have some fun. I can recommend it! Want to find out a bit more first? Feel free to contact me – Suzanne, 01327 830279, [suzanne.raper@talktalk.net](mailto:suzanne.raper@talktalk.net), Messenger and WhatsApp.

Suzanne  
President, Pattishall WI

## Concert

Informal concert by VOCALEASE

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2022**

**7.30pm**

**Holy Cross Church, Pattishall**

Vocalease, a group of Northamptonshire singers directed by Alison Roddy, presents a selection of classical songs and arias by English, French, Italian and Russian composers, accompanied by Tim Dolan on Piano.

Tickets £5, from Gail Stuart  
([gstuart@morecambemoments.com](mailto:gstuart@morecambemoments.com),  
01327 831534)

## 2022 Pattishall Produce Show Winter Update

Thank you again to everyone who participated in the 2021 Pattishall and District Food and Produce Show in September. Amidst continuing concerns about coronavirus and meeting together in larger groups, it was understandable that both entry and visitor numbers were down slightly on previous years. It was a jolly event and we did have some terrific feedback from people who did attend, along with useful ideas for improving next year's show. For starters, former residents of Pattishall & District will now be eligible to enter! The 2022 Show will take place on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September. For more information please follow our Facebook page @PattishallProduceShow / <https://www.facebook.com/PattishallProduceShow>.



In that vast abyss between the Christmas holidays being over and the gardening season starting properly (better known as January), why not start to think about your art, crafting and photography entries and get creative? Categories are:

### SECTION H: ART

**Any media, size, and theme, unless stated otherwise**

- A painting or drawing in any media
- 3D art (any media: ceramics, wood, glass, surprise us!)
- Art on a postcard (any subject /any media)

### SECTION K: PHOTOGRAPHY

**Max. 6"x8", including mount.**

**Submitted photos will be pinned.**

**Photographs of children MUST have parents' permission. Please put your name on back of photo.**

- Animal or animals
- My favourite place
- Reflections
- Light
- Out of context
- Above or below

### SECTION J: HANDICRAFTS

**Must not have been entered previously**

- A greetings card
- Any sewn item
- Any knitted or crocheted item
- A handmade or decorated kitchen item
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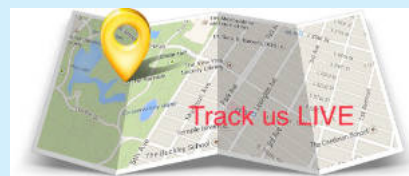
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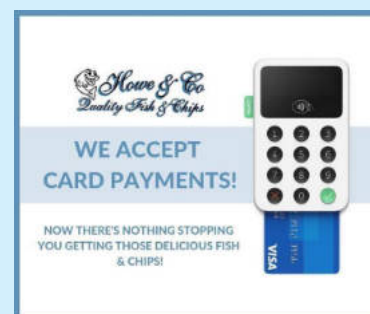
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## **Canons Ashby**

The house and collections team are doing the yearly deep clean and conservation work. Although we are now still open during part of the winter, this is the time where more intensive work can be carried out including the deep clean in the Tapestry Room.

The team are starting to get into the Christmas spirit with the latest crafting and planning for the traditional Christmas decorations. The Coach House shop and Tea Rooms are also open with festive tasty treats and seasonal gift inspiration ideas. If you fancy a crisp winter walk and getting into the festive spirit, from 2 December the doors are open, (check our main website for the latest on opening times <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/canons-ashby>).

For the little ones, we have the Percy the Park Keepers winter wander trail (details below), ideal to let the little ones blow off some steam and get outside.

Thursday 2 December – 24 December	11-2.30 (3pm closed)	<b>Christmas at Canons Ashby</b>	Feast your eyes on a traditional Christmas in historic Canons Ashby. Explore a fascinating house dressed with festive cheer or enjoy a fresh winter stroll outside. Normal admission prices apply.
4 December – 3 January (Property closed 24 December – 31 December)	10-3pm	<b>Percy the Park Keeper winter wander trail</b>	This winter, treat your little ones to a world of adventures on the Percy the Park Keeper's winter wander trail at Canons Ashby. Join in the fun with Percy and his animal friends and give nature a helping hand. So come along and explore the beautiful grounds of Canons Ashby. £2 per trail and normal admission prices apply.





Dear Reader,  
This Advent season, Christians across the world will join in singing one of the great Advent carols written by Charles Wesley 'Come thou long expected Jesus' the first verse of which reads:

*Come, thou long expected Jesus,  
born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us,  
let us find our rest in thee.*

Inspired by a verse of scripture in the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) found in Haggai 2:7, which talks of the shaking of the nations, Wesley wrote this carol in anticipation of what the coming of Jesus might mean for the world.

As the writer Ace Collins points out, in his book entitled 'More stories behind the best loved songs of Christmas', Charles Wesley lived in a time when poverty, disease, and hunger were rampant in British society. Collins goes on to observe that Wesley would have been very aware of the huge gaps between the rich and the poor, that political corruption was commonplace, and that the evils of racism would be most evident in the transatlantic slave trade. All this pointed towards a world that needed to be changed and redeemed to be more like the Kingdom of God, where human needs are met and where the dignity and worth of every human being is recognised and affirmed. A world in which everyone experiences life in all its fullness.

More than two hundred years after this carol was written, the problems of poverty, disease, corruption, and racism are still very evident. Combined with the challenges surrounding global warming and climate change, there very much remains a need for our global society to be changed and renewed.

Which is why the hope that comes with the Advent season is so important. In hope, that the world can be transformed by Christ, we are able to critique the present reality and also imagine a world that is very different from our own. A world where human need and human dignity are affirmed, as it is shaped by the unconditional love of Jesus.

In this Advent season I hope and pray that we might consider what the coming of Christ might mean for the world and for each of us personally. What do we long and hope for, and what fears do we need to be released from, in order to find life in all its fullness?

Yours faithfully,  
Revd David Speirs  
Minister, Astcote Methodist Church

## Pattishall Good Neighbours

We would like to wish all our members, past and present, an enjoyable time during this festive season followed by a very happy and healthy New Year.

We are always pleased to welcome guests and new members to our meetings which commence at 1.45p.m on the second Thursday of the month.

For further information please contact Jill Govier on 01327 830518.

**Crafternoon**

From 10<sup>th</sup> Jan  
Every Monday 2-4pm  
Astcote Methodist Church

Bring your sewing/knitting/cross stitch ... any craft you do.

Occasional demonstrations ...

£3 to include tea/coffee and biscuits

**All Welcome**

Organised by A.M.C. - for more info contact Kate 830115/Ann 830907

## Fritz the Ram: Touched by Royalty

On a cold wintery night on the 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2013 one of our oldest ewes gave birth to triplets. Laurel was not a grand specimen of the breed. Not only was she a little on the lean side but had a permanent limp from a foot problem that was resistant to all the treatment administered. But surprisingly she produced three exceptionally good lambs two of which were destined for the show ring. Fritz and Fleur won a plethora of rosettes between them at various shows throughout the country.

In 2014 at The Suffolk Show Fritz won the overall reserve championship but a month later could he go one better at The Royal Norfolk?

Fritz won his section to take his place in the final line up but once in the ring he decided to have a sheepy strop and would not behave. Whilst I am cajoling him to behave, I noticed a number of important looking people enter the ring. Thinking them to be the judge and stewards I continued to coax Fritz to show himself off to the group of bowler hatted gentlemen who were headed our way.

One of the group stepped forward and asked me about my rather truculent ram. At that point I realised that it was not the judge but the patron of the show, Prince Edward, who proceeded to pat Fritz who stood obligingly in front of competitors and ringside spectators. Just as quickly as Prince Edward had appeared he swooped off again leaving a much



Fritz and his sister Fleur winning the Longwool pair's championship at the Royal Norfolk Show

calmer Fritz behind. He didn't clinch the red rosette but came a credible third.

Roll on two years and we are back at The Royal Norfolk Show again with Fritz. By this time, he had grown into a very big boy just a little smaller than a Shetland pony. He had also become more obstinate and had no problem in standing still in a line up but at times was reluctant to put his best foot forward when asked to parade by the judge. Fritz won his section and was again going to be in the final line up, but he was digging his hooves in!

As there was a wait till the final line, I decided not to take him back to his pen in the marquee but to keep him just outside the ring. Our good friends Maria and Gerry were visiting the show and ended up holding Fritz whilst I continued

in the showing. It then began to drizzle, and a wet sheep is not ideal for the showing. Gerry went to our show box to retrieve towels which were then placed over Fritz.

Once again, the bowler hatted brigade descended along with Prince

Charles on route to view the Norfolk Horn sheep which are indigenous to the county. Charles stopped in his tracks seeing a sheep covered in towels and proceeded to pat Fritz and ask Gerry and Maria about the towels and Fritz.

All Fritz needs is a pat from Anne and Andrew for a full house but that looks unlikely at present! He has retired from the showing and is a rather old boy these days living in the small paddock next to the allotments in Eastcote.

Barry Evans





## Pattishall Primary School

The Autumn Term has been busy and jam packed with lots of learning!

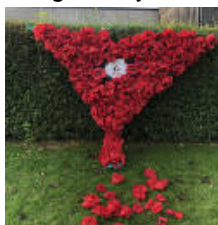
Each year group have been busy:

- Reception have been learning about light, Diwali and space. They absolutely love their space station role play area!
- Year 1 and 2 have been learning about Walter Tull in their learning adventure called 'Great and Ghastly Events'.
- Year 3 and 4's topic on Ancient Egypt culminated in an amazing display of the children's projects, with everything from Tutankhamun's death mask to a full-size mummy!
- Year 4 led a beautiful service in Holy Cross on Armistice Day:



- Year 5 and 6 have been looking at the artwork of American artist Keith Haring. We have identified the features of his work, particularly the way he shows movement, and have drawn sketches recreating his style. We are going to turn these drawings into 3D sculptures.

The whole school contributed a poppy to our display of remembrance:



### Thanks to Redrow

We have also been lucky enough to have the Redrow graduates come and makeover our outdoor spaces in half term! We now have three new spaces, that couldn't be used before, where the children can experience outdoor learning and have fun!

### Christmas Is Coming!

We have several events coming up to celebrate the festive season. Our Year 5 class will be holding a Christingle service in Holy Cross; we are going as a whole school to the Deco to see Aladdin; Reception will be performing the traditional Nativity in Holy Cross and on the last day of term (weather permitting) we will be singing carols on the playground together.

### Holiday Childcare – We've Got It Covered

Through the Christmas holidays, S4A will be holding holiday camps for all children, from any school, from Reception to Year 8 to enjoy! Find out more on their website: [www.s4asports.co.uk/pattishall-c-of-e-school.cop.uk/](http://www.s4asports.co.uk/pattishall-c-of-e-school.cop.uk/)

### The Best Start for Your Child

If you have a child who turns five between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023, January sees the deadline for applications to primary schools.

If you haven't done so already – come and see us in action. Mrs McLean's favourite thing is to show people around our brilliant school! Spaces are filling up fast - Call Jane or Clare on 01327 830 301 to book your personal tour.

You can follow our learning journey on our social media:

- Website: [www.pattishallschool.co.uk](http://www.pattishallschool.co.uk)
- Twitter: @TeamPattishall
- Instagram: pattishallceprimary
- Facebook Page:

@pattishallceprimaryschool

- Facebook Group: Pattishall CE Primary Virtual Playground

### Come and Join the Best Team

We are also recruiting... If you'd like to be involved in school life, please have a look at our website

[www.pattishallschool.co.uk/vacancies](http://www.pattishallschool.co.uk/vacancies)

We have openings for midday meal supervisors and a co-opted governor.

### And Finally...

On behalf of the team and the children of Pattishall CE Primary School, I wish you all a happy, safe and peaceful Christmas.

Mrs McLean  
Head Teacher

## Pattishall Parish Council

The council meets at 7:30 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 Pattishall Parish website ([www.pattishallparish.org.uk](http://www.pattishallparish.org.uk)) 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

Ann Addison (clerk)  
ann.addison97@gmail.com  
01604 858226

Barry Evans (Chairman)  
sixpencesheep@aol.com  
01327 830523  
Environment, Around Pattishall & allotments liaison

Phil Parris (Vice Chairman)  
philparris@hotmail.co.uk  
07867 932744  
Hedges & trees

David Keeble  
keeble855@btinternet.com  
01327 830792  
Grass cutting

David Hodges  
hodgesm@hotmail.co.uk  
01327 830679  
Highways including potholes

Mark Mitton  
mbm@pwc.uk.net  
01327 359400  
Planning

Jayne Hawtin  
Jayneyh40@gmail.com  
07761 402512  
School liaison

Fiona Mytton  
fmytton@gmail.com  
01327 830943  
Lighting

Sarah Toll  
PCB@sarahtoll.co.uk  
07414 459405  
Def brillator

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.

### The Parish Council

At our last meeting we welcomed Sarah Toll to the Parish Council. Sarah lives with her partner Keith in Pattishall and is looking forward to becoming more actively involved in the parish.

### THE PRECEPT

One of the most onerous tasks of the council is setting the budget for the next financial year. This has to cover a variety of jobs that fall under the jurisdiction of the council such as maintenance of the churchyard and wall, footpaths, bus service, grass mowing and street lighting. With costs predicted to rise quite considerably the council is aware that there will be an inevitable uplift in the precept for the following year. Each

member of the Parish Council has an area of responsibility and Fiona Mytton has produced a very helpful report and projected costings of street lighting over the next couple of years. The following is an overview of the report as presented to fellow council members at our November meeting.

### **What is happening?**

Pattishall Parish Council provides 110 streetlights for the parish. Following a review, we have decided that we need to upgrade most of them. Over one hundred have sodium lanterns and it is very hard to find spares when they fail. We will replace these lanterns with LED lanterns which have a more natural white light than the orange glow of our sodium lanterns. LED lanterns use much less electricity, require less maintenance, and have lower carbon emissions. Seven of our streetlights have concrete columns. These are believed to be over 40 years old! While they have served us well, they are now at the end of their life and will be replaced by steel columns with LED lanterns.

### **When will this take place?**

The upgrading will be phased with the first phase starting shortly. During this phase we hope to replace the concrete columns, fit LED lanterns when sodium lanterns fail, and renumber all the lights so it is easier to report faults and get them fixed. The second phase will start in April 2022. The remaining lights will be upgraded in phase 3 commencing in April 2023.

### **What will it cost?**

At an estimated cost of some £43k, upgrading will not come cheap but can be spread over 3 or 4 years. The council is currently looking to fund the first phase of the project by savings and reserves. Although, we have identified some savings to pay for the second

phase of the project, it is unfortunately clear that, we have no alternative but to increase the precept, the amount of money West Northants Council raise on our behalf to fund our services. We will try to keep this increase as small as possible and are currently working out how much council tax bills will have to rise as a result.

At the moment, we spend nearly £12k a year on keeping our streetlights lit. The LED lanterns will save us money as our electricity bill will reduce and our ongoing maintenance costs will be lower. They will also be more environmentally friendly. We will be back in touch when we have more information to tell you about our plans.

### **QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE**

In early June the WI are hoping to hold a cream tea in the parish hall to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and the council have agreed to donate £150 towards the costs of the day. Likewise, a donation of £100 has been given towards the cost of The Over Sixties Christmas Lunch. The council is happy to help organisations whilst there are funds for such support, as it helps to foster a community spirit within our parish.

Barry Evans

## **Cold Higham Parish Council**

[www.coldhigham-pc.gov.uk](http://www.coldhigham-pc.gov.uk)

### **Remembrance Sunday**

No Parish Remembrance Ceremony had been possible for two years because of Covid. It was therefore especially gratifying that so many people turned out for this year's ceremony. Over 40 people were present at St Luke's War Memorial in Cold Higham to honour and

remember the names of the 14 parish members who fell in the two World Wars. Afterwards, the Parish Hall Committee put on bacon/sausage rolls, soup, and teas/coffees in the Hall for those who attended. This was most welcome and afforded a great opportunity for socialising. A collection was taken for the Royal British Legion, amounting to £180. The Parish Council would like to thank the Hall Committee for their great work, to Sainsbury's for the donation of the food, and to all those who made a donation to RBL.



### **Mud on the Roads**

Once again our villages have been blighted with mud being deposited by farm machinery on our roads. This now appears to be becoming a regular event twice a year with no remedial action being taken. It is appreciated that we live in a working environment but the amounts now being deposited are dangerous for road users and could result in a very serious accident. We do receive complaints from parishioners but generally after the event. Highways do not fall within the remit of the Parish Council; it is the responsibility of the Highways WNC.

The correct procedure for complaint is to use 'Street Doctor'. There is a sub section 'Roads/Mud on roads' where you will find a 24 hour telephone helpline. If the Council considers this to be a dangerous event they will attend and clear the road. You can also email [highways.ncc@westnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:highways.ncc@westnorthants.gov.uk) outlining any problems.

### **Cold Higham Parish Burial Ground**

The Parish Council have had no reply relating to our request for information about the memorial stone for George William Roberts or his wife Florence Winifred Roberts (they both passed away in the 1980's). For safety reasons we will now have to lay the memorial stone down on the burial plot. This will be undertaken in the early part of January.

Please don't hesitate to contact Cllr. Nigel Forster (07706 590502) if you have any information relating to George and Florence.

### **Thanks to Volunteer Roy**

The PC would like to express its gratitude to an Astcote resident, Roy Hayes. Over a couple of weeks during the summer he cleaned and sanded down both the benches in Cold Higham. Once that was done, he gave each bench two coats of wood preservative. This was work much appreciated. Thank you Roy.

### **Broken Wall on Mill Lane**

The wall at the A5 end of Mill Lane has been broken for some time. The PC has reported this to WNC, who have responded that it is likely to be inspected in mid December. We will keep residents updated on progress.

### **Parish Social Media**

A reminder to residents that the PC operates both a web site ([www.coldhigham-pc.gov.uk](http://www.coldhigham-pc.gov.uk)) and a NextDoor group. These are the most immediate means by which we can update parishioners. To join the NextDoor group you need to be invited; in order to enable this simple process please contact the Chairman or any parish councillor.

Digby Carter, Chairman  
01327 830521



## The Well Group

Well Group for Women meetings continue on the dates shown. Afternoon tea, cake & chat with a 'Spotlight' time of reflection on a bible verse. Alternate months a simple lunch with a speaker on a Christian theme. Please contact Alison Brierley or Ann Atkin if you would like to join us.

Alison: [albrierley@btinternet.com](mailto:albrierley@btinternet.com) 07794 742286  
or Ann: [ann.atkin51@btinternet.com](mailto:ann.atkin51@btinternet.com) 01327 830907

*No meeting in December*

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January 12-2pm**  
**'Spotlight'**  
**Tea, Cake & reflection led by**  
**Sue Titheridge**

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February 12-2pm**  
**Lunch & Speaker**  
**The Karibuni Charity**

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## Bus News

The bus continues to run between Towcester and Northampton. Any queries etc. please contact Ann Atkin.

[ann.atkin51@btinternet.com](mailto:ann.atkin51@btinternet.com), 830907

Brackley • Silverstone • Towcester • Greens Norton • Pattishall •  
Hunsbury Meadows • Northampton

includes relevant X91 journeys between Brackley & Silverstone – see separate timetable for full details

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### MONDAYS TO SATURDAYS except Public Holidays

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Brackley Market Place	0644	0703	0827	0935	0944			1445	1630	1635
Brackley Tesco	x	x	x	x	x			1447	x	x
Brackley Waynflete Ave	x	x	0830	x	x			x	x	x
Brackley Springfield Way	x	0707	0833	0939	x			1455	x	x
Brackley Turweston Rd N	0649	0715	0841	0948	0949			1503	1633	1638
Syresham Kings Head	x	x	0846	x	x				x	x
Silverstone UTC	x	x	0853	x	x				x	x
Silverstone White Hart	x	0724	0900	0957	x				1642	1647
Silverstone opp Catch Yard Farm	0700	0725		0958	1000				1643	1648
Towcester Tesco/A5	x							1009	1248	
Towcester Brackley Road	x							1011	1250	
Greens Norton Butchers Arms	0710							1017	1256	
Duncote Main Street	0712							1020	1259	
Astcote Main Street	0717							1025	1304	
Pattishall Church Street	0720							1028	1307	
Fosters Booth Butchers Lane	0723							1031	1310	
Eastcote Greenway	0726							1033	1312	
Rothersthorpe Banbury Lane	0733	0851						1040	1319	
Hunsbury Meadows Banbury Lane	0737	0855						1044	1323	
Pineham Village	0739	x						x	x	
Sixfields Stadium	0744	0900						1048	1327	
Sainsburys Sainsburys	0745	0901						1049	1328	
Northampton Rail Station	0749	0905						1053	1332	
Northampton The Drapery	0755	0911						1059	1338	



## Lunch Club Astcote Methodist Church

If you are retired or live alone and would enjoy having lunch with a small friendly group, then please contact Maureen and book your seat. Home cooked food is served for a small sum.

Next Lunch Club :  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December

Contact Maureen Corbett on  
830296.

Northampton • Hunsbury Meadows • Pattishall • Greens Norton •  
Towcester • Silverstone • Brackley

includes relevant X91 journeys between Silverstone & Brackley – see separate timetable for full details  
also extra buses run on route 55 between Northampton & Swan Valley – see separate timetable for full details

### MONDAYS TO SATURDAYS except Public Holidays

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Northampton Rail Station	0921	1323						1754	1804	
St James Square Post Office	x	1326						1759	1809	
Sainsburys Sainsburys	x	1331						1800	1810	
Sixfields Stadium	x	1332						x	x	
Sixfields Football Ground	0929	x						x	x	
Pineham Village	0932	1339						x	x	
Pineham Sainsburys	0933	x						x	x	
Swan Valley Cob Drive	0936	x						x	x	
Swan Valley Pets at Home	0940	x						x	x	
Hunsbury Meadows Banbury Lane	0945	1345						1805	1815	
Rothersthorpe Banbury Lane	0949	1349						1809	1819	
Eastcote Greenway	0956	1356						1816	1826	
Pattishall Church Street	0958	1358						1818	1828	
Fosters Booth Butchers Lane	1000	1400						1820	1830	
Astcote Main Street	1004	1404						1824	1834	
Duncote Main Street	1008	1408						1830	1840	
Greens Norton Butchers Arms	1013	1413						1834	1844	
Towcester Tesco/A5	1020	1420						x	x	
Silverstone opp Catch Yard Farm	0918	1427	1554	1609	1702	1712		1848	1854	1858
Silverstone UTC	x	x	x	x	1710	x		x	x	x
Syresham Kings Head	x	x	x	x	1722	1722		x	x	x
Brackley Turweston Rd N	0928	1437	1604	1619	1727	1727		1858	1904	1908
Brackley Springfield Way	0936	x	1611	1626	1735	1735		x	1911	
Brackley Tesco	0941	x	x	x	1740	1740		x	x	x
Brackley Market Place	0943	1442	1618	1633	1746	1746		1903	1918	1913

Sch runs on schooldays only  
Hol runs on school holidays only  
MF runs Mondays to Fridays only  
Sat runs Saturdays only



## Astcote Methodist Church

*Sharing God's love with all*

Minister: Rev David Speirs Tel: 01604 705642

### Calendar for December 2021 - January 2022

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December 9.30-10am Prayer for the Community**  
10.30am – 2nd Sunday in Advent with Holy Communion led by Rev David Speirs

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December 10.30am – 3rd Sunday in Advent led by Linda Leathersich**

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2-4pm Christmas Cracker (Children's workshop – spaces limited so please book via Pattishall School or John Atkin on 830907) leading into .....**

**CAROLS IN THE BARN (Mick's barn just off green at Astcote) 4.15pm Open to everyone short celebration of Christmas in an authentic setting. Just come along!**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Family Service led by Rev David Speirs**

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 12 midday – Lunch Club**

**Christmas Eve Friday 24<sup>th</sup> December 4.30pm Candlelit Service led by Rev David Speirs**

**Christmas Day 10.30am – Christmas Family Celebration – led by John Atkin**

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December – no Service**

**Sunday January 2<sup>nd</sup> 9.30-10am Prayer for the Community**  
10.30am Service with Holy Communion led by Rev Francis M'itiiri

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January 10.30am Service led by Ian Harrison**

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> January 10.30am Covenant Service led by Rev David Speirs**  
followed by New Year Lunch

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 12 midday – Lunch Club**

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 10.30am Family Service led by Rev Francis M'itiiri**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January 7.30pm Church Council Meeting**

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2-3.30pm – Well Group 'Spotlight'**

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January 10.30am Service led by Ian Harrison**



#### 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

## Holy Cross, Pattishall and St Luke, Cold Higham

(part of the Amelcote Benefice)

Rector

**Reverend Canon Káren Jongman**  
07980 881252

### Peace and Joy at Christmas

from Revd Káren and the Amelcote Benefice churches

You are welcome at any of the services listed below.

Month	Date	Time	Service	Church
December	5 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Family Communion	Tiffield
	12 <sup>th</sup>	10am 5pm	Family Communion Carols	Pattishall Gayton
	19 <sup>th</sup>	10am 3.30pm	Communion with Carols Carols	Cold Higham Tiffield
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	6pm	Carols	Pattishall
	24 <sup>th</sup>	3.00pm	Crib service	Pattishall
	25 <sup>th</sup>	10am 11am	Family Communion Family service	Gayton Tiffield
January	2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.15am 10.30am	Family Communion (Traditional) Family Communion (Modern)	Tiffield Pattishall
	9 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am 10.30am 3pm	Family Communion (Traditional) Family Communion (Modern) Evensong (Walk)	Cold Higham Gayton Pattishall
	16 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am 3pm	Family Communion (Modern) Songs of Praise	Pattishall Tiffield
	23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30am 3pm	Family Communion (Modern) Songs of Praise	Pattishall Gayton
	30 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Family Communion (Modern)	Gayton

### Worshipping from Home

Most services from Pattishall church can be joined using Zoom:

ID: 323-560-1333, password: Amelcote

Or watch live or later on YouTube:

search for Amelcote and subscribe to our channel.

We have a weekly news sheet for readings, prayers and up to the minute service information. Email Chris Bulleid [amelcote.info@gmail.com](mailto:amelcote.info@gmail.com) if you would like to be added to the mailing list.



# DIARY DATES

## December 2021

- 1<sup>st</sup> Gardening Club: *Quiz & mince pies*, Pattishall Hall, 7.30pm
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Pattishall Parish Hall & Playing Field meetings, Pattishall Hall, 7pm
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Children's Crafts & Play, Holy Cross Pattishall, 2.30-4.30pm
- 4<sup>th</sup> Over 60's Christmas Luncheon, Pattishall Parish Hall
- 8<sup>th</sup> Pattishall WI meeting, Pattishall Parish Hall, 7.00 pm
- 9<sup>th</sup> Good Neighbours Christmas Lunch, Peggotty's, 12pm
- 9<sup>th</sup> Pattishall Parish Council meeting, Pattishall Parish Hall, 7.30pm
- 10<sup>th</sup> Children's Crafts & Play, Holy Cross Pattishall, 2.30-4.30pm
- 10<sup>th</sup> Christmas Mulled Wine, Mince Pies & Carols, Cold Higham Hall, 6pm
- 17<sup>th</sup> End of Pattishall School term
- 18<sup>th</sup> Christmas Cracker childrens workshop, Astcote Methodist church, 2-4pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> Carols in the Barn, Mick's barn just off Astcote Green, 4.15pm
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Christmas Carol Service, Holy Cross Church, Pattishall, 6pm
- 24<sup>th</sup> Crib Service, Holy Cross church, 3pm.



## January 2022

- 5<sup>th</sup> Start of Pattishall School term
- 6<sup>th</sup> Pattishall Parish Hall & Playing Field meetings, Pattishall Hall, 7pm
- 12<sup>th</sup> Pattishall WI meeting, Pattishall Parish Hall, 7.00 pm
- 13<sup>th</sup> Good Neighbours: *Saints, Sinners, Stars & Scandals*, Cold Higham Hall, 1.45pm
- 13<sup>th</sup> Pattishall Parish Council meeting, Pattishall Parish Hall, 7.30pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> Friday Children's Crafts & Play, Holy Cross church, 2.30-4.30pm
- 20<sup>th</sup> Cold Higham PC Meeting, 7.30 pm Cold Higham parish hall
- 21<sup>st</sup> Friday Children's Crafts & Play, Holy Cross church, 2.30-4.30pm
- 21<sup>st</sup> Informal concert by Vocalease, Holy Cross Church, Pattishall, 7.30pm
- 27<sup>th</sup> Well Group *Spotlight*, Asctote church, 12-2pm
- 28<sup>th</sup> Friday Children's Crafts & Play, Holy Cross church, 2.30-4.30pm



## February 2022

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Gardening Club: *Young's Nurseries – A Journey*, Pattishall Hall, 7.30pm
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Pattishall Parish Hall & Playing Field meetings, Pattishall Hall, 7pm
- 4<sup>th</sup> Friday Children's Crafts & Play, Holy Cross church, 2.30-4.30pm
- 9<sup>th</sup> Pattishall WI meeting, Pattishall Parish Hall, 7.00 pm
- 10<sup>th</sup> Good Neighbours: *AGM, Bring & Buy Sale*, Cold Higham Hall, 1.45pm
- 10<sup>th</sup> Pattishall Parish Council meeting, Pattishall Parish Hall, 7.30pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> End of Pattishall School term
- 24<sup>th</sup> Well Group *The Karibuni Charity*, Asctote church, 12-2pm



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