



# **Around Pattishall**

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## **PATTISHALL WI**

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# **CORONATION CELEBRATION**

## **MONDAY 8 MAY**

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## **Gardening Club**

Continuing in the theme of creating show gardens, on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May we welcome Karen Gimson who will take us through her design and build of a special garden for the Rainbows Children Hospice in Leicester. Karen is a member of the *Garden Media Guild*, an award winning garden designer and a volunteer at the hospice so do come along and enjoy her talk.

This year's summer outing will be on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June. A tour of Kathy Brown's garden in Stevington, Bedfordshire has been arranged, starting at 10.30am. There are many areas in the garden to enjoy, including formal gardens, art gardens and wild flower meadow so lots to see. Guests are always welcome to join us at our meetings or outings.

There will be no meetings of the club in July and August but they will recommence on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

Christine Russell, 01327 830012

## **Good Neighbours**

We have to start our news items this time round with an apology to any member who braved the unexpected bad weather on the day of our March meeting. Many of the members telephoned during the morning explaining they would not be attending the meeting so a decision was made to cancel the afternoon. This coincided with the A.G.M. scheduled for the afternoon which will now be held at our May 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Our April 14<sup>th</sup> meeting will welcome back Helen Frost with her talk 'Keeping the Faith'. On May 11<sup>th</sup>, after the AGM, we will hold a Bring and Buy sale and enjoy a social afternoon with tea and cake refreshments.

June 8<sup>th</sup> is the first of our outings, which will be a trip to Art Tearooms at Wakefield's for an afternoon tea.

We look forward to meeting up with all our members and invite any newcomers to our monthly meetings on the second Thursday of the month at Cold Higham Parish Hall at 1.45pm. Further information can be obtained from Jan Wallis 01327 830306 or Richard Burgess 01327 831612.

## **Pattishall Community Cafe**



I am delighted to say that the Café will now run until the end of June, thanks to the support of Pattishall Parish Council and Whittlebury Bakery.

It is a great place to have a bite of lunch, meet your friends, make new ones, and enjoy the atmosphere and so much more. The food is high quality, including soups, filled rolls, salad platters, hot plates and WI made cakes and free refills on drinks – all at very reasonable prices. You can't beat the value that's for sure. It all takes place in the small hall at Pattishall Parish Hall, between 12.00 noon – 2.00 pm.

We will be fortnightly, on Fridays, going forward until the end of June. Our remaining dates are:

**Fridays 12 and 26 May  
Fridays 9 and 23 June**

So if you haven't been yet, do come and try us out. Find out what you have been missing, you will be so glad you did. It's a friendly, relaxed place to come and enjoy a good value lunch, and the staff are great. If you have any questions please ring me, 01327 830279.

Suzanne

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## Pattishall Picnic in the Park Music Festival 2023

**Saturday 8 July**



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**TICKETS** Get your Early Bird tickets booked now. Go to [www.picnicinthepark.org.uk](http://www.picnicinthepark.org.uk), GET TICKETS, and do it sharpish as they are time limited and you will save £6 on each adult ticket. Now that is not to be sniffed at. Children under 12 free as always, but do book them in.

**BANDS** All the details of the bands are on the revamped website too, so find out who is playing and what you have got to look forward to - a great range of music this year from disco, to folk, to rock, to ska and everything in between. Something for every taste.

**KIDS** We are delighted to welcome FOPS (Friends of Pattishall School) on board this year. They will be running the Kids Zone for us, so we know it will be filled with lots of fun activities. The kids' climbing wall is back,

there will be a bouncy castle and slide, princesses, bicycle art and much more so your little darlings will be kept very busy indeed. And we are delighted to welcome back Pattishall School Choir. Wow, so much going on!

There will also be a wide variety of food vendors, and a bar with great prices. So what are you waiting for? It is a wonderful community event so get your tickets booked now and let's make this year the best ever!

If you have any questions or want to know about other ways to buy tickets please contact me, [suzanne.raper@talktalk.net](mailto:suzanne.raper@talktalk.net) or 01327 830279 and also on Messenger. If you would like to volunteer for this community event do let me know, we would be delighted to have your help.

## Pattishall & District Produce Show

Please save the date for this year's Produce Show – Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2023. The full schedule will be included in the July-September edition of Around Pattishall and on our Facebook page.

The Committee is once again grateful to Anita Gleave, Founder & Chief Executive Officer of Chatsworth Education, for her generous incentive to enter this event. As last year, for each and every item entered by a child or young person, Chatsworth Education will donate £1 to support this year's chosen charity, Hearing Dogs for Deaf People (<https://www.hearingdogs.org.uk>). For adults, £5 will be donated for each person who enters 6 or more classes across the sections. Last year's largest-ever number of entries raised £222 – can we get to £300 in 2023?

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## Pattishall WI

On Bank Holiday Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> May, we do hope you will join us at Pattishall Hall for a fun filled afternoon of cream teas, cakes scones, prosecco, stalls, music from Danetre Ukulele Orchestra, bunting galore, children's treats, stalls, and more. If you came to our Jubilee celebration last year you know how much fun it was, if you didn't then do come this time and find out what you missed. It will be a great community afternoon celebrating the coronation of His Majesty King Charles III. No need to book, just turn up and enjoy the fun. See all the details on page 2.

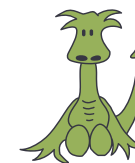
On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June we are delighted to be joined by a Royal Butler (retired) who will be talking to us about his work for various members of the Royal family and Hollywood celebrities. Now this will be a very interesting and doubtless eye opening evening indeed. Do join us to find out more, you will be most welcome.

At our July meeting, on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> we will be joined by Kate, who will be telling us all about the work she does with Towcester Foodbank. How vital the organisation is, how that fits in to other local food organisations like Towcester Larder and Towcester Fridge, and what we can do to support the Foodbank. Their work has always been important but even more so in these trying financial times for many.

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Ladies, you are most welcome to join us for any of our meetings. It is always interesting, always entertaining, the President is a hoot and the refreshments are great. We are very friendly so come and check us out; your first meeting is free. We meet on the second Wednesday of every month, 7.30 pm, Pattishall Parish Hall, School Road, Astcote. For more details or a chat please ring me on 01327 830279.

Suzanne  
President, Pattishall WI



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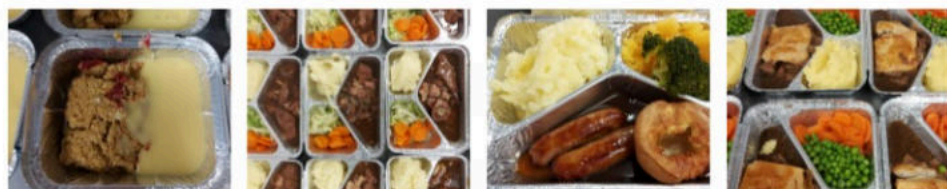
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For the club the new season is rapidly approaching and we are making preparations for the new membership year. New membership books are available online [www.t-daa.uk/membership.html](http://www.t-daa.uk/membership.html) and in the tackle shops from May 1<sup>st</sup>. Most local tackle shops sell them and they are listed on our website [www.t-daa.uk](http://www.t-daa.uk) or in existing books.

No membership applications from non-members are accepted during April as it would be unfair to accept money for a one-month membership, day tickets for all waters except Astwell Mill are available anyway.

The padlock codes at Astwell will be changed at the beginning of May.

During winter we have undertaken a lot of work on access for Astwell Mill and Silverlake.

At Silverlake we will be constructing a new path to make life easier going up the "dam hill" and it will then continue down the left-hand side of the lake, as this path is uneven and slopes towards the lake. This will improve access for those with mobility issues or those hauling kit trolleys.

Astwell now has a ramped pathway down to the bottom lake replacing the sometimes awkward set of steps that were there. As with Silverlake this will make access much easier for people of limited mobility and those hauling kit trolleys.

We have added 320 Tench to the bottom lake at Astwell additional to the 400 that have been put in the top lake, we would like to make Astwell the premier Tench water in the district, many anglers find that Tench offer the best sport.

As ever we will be organizing working parties during the season, particularly at the start to ensure our venues are a pleasure to visit. We would encourage as many members as possible to join one of these sessions as many hands make light work and sometimes, as ever, it devolves down to the few stalwarts to do the work and none of us are getting any younger!

Wet nets and hopefully we will see you on the bank this year.



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## Pattishall CE Primary School



I am sure that I say it every year – but where does the time go? We are yet again entering the Summer Term, leading up to the end of another academic year.

Last term, Years Three and Four performed as a brass band to their families and friends – the culmination of ten weeks of tuition from NMPAT's Mr Flemming. Their performance was outstanding and no less than seventeen children will be continuing their musical journey because of the programme.



We were also extremely privileged to be part of a pilot scheme called Culture Club. This offered an opportunity for a group of twelve children across Key Stage Two to connect on a weekly basis, over six weeks, with a school in Ethiopia. The children had a great time finding out about Ethiopian culture, medicines, daily life and schooling. It was wonderful to share in the similarities between our schools, as well as our shared love of pizza! The children spoke eloquently to the rest of the school about their findings and we hope to be part of the scheme in the future as we gained so much from it.

Back in March, we celebrated World Book Day. The children came dressed as characters from water-themed books and our focus text was Julia Donaldson's The Snail and the Whale. We have two most beautiful ornamental whales in our library, donated by John Lewis. These are part of a whole school display of the children's written work as a result of a fun-filled day of activities.

In sport, we have had success at recent fixtures against other school across the county. Our netball team showed excellent tactical strategy and teamwork, winning their group in the early stages of the competition. Our new age curling team won their group and came fourth overall. Our hockey team battled the elements, coming third overall and our Year Two gymnasts came second out of twenty-six schools and clubs! Further to this, our Key Stage One children thoroughly enjoyed their intra-school house-team multi-sports competition, where the red team came out triumphant!

As we enter into the Summer Term, we look forward to Year Three and Fours' performance of 'Rock Bottom', a musical about The Stone Age era. We also look forward to celebrating the King's Coronation with an afternoon of traditional games and activities, as well as dressing up!

Our amazing FoPs team (Friends of Pattishall School) are in full swing behind the scenes preparing to run the Children's Zone at Picnic in the Park – all volunteers welcome here! Please email if you have an hour to spare on the day or setting up beforehand: [friendsofpattishallschool@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofpattishallschool@gmail.com)

You can follow our learning journey on our social media:

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At our school, we firmly believe that the children come first; they are at the heart of every decision we make. We are also passionate that their learning journey is a partnership with you – their family – as you know your child better than anyone. Our door is always open and we are here to ensure that your child gets the best foundations for life.

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## Pattishall Parish Hall and Playing Field Associations

The Hall and Field committees continue to work on improvements to keep our wonderful parish asset up to scratch.

The School Road boundary fencing has just been replaced – we now have smart green metal fencing. The old, crumbling concrete posts and warped, bent out of shape grey fencing had been long past their best!

With the new fencing, new car park, daffodils and tulips flowering in the central island flower bed the hall and its surrounds looks very smart indeed. Thank you to Johnny Smith for all the work he has put in overseeing both car park and fencing replacement. Both the committees and parishioners alike appreciate your endeavours on our behalf.

The Hall and Field AGMs will take place this year on Thursday 1 June at 7.00 pm. Clubs, groups and parishioners all very welcome to attend.

There is lots going on at the hall and field during the summer –

Pattishall Community Café continuing on alternate Fridays until end June, and hopefully returning in the autumn

Pattishall WI Coronation Celebration community event on Bank Holiday Monday 8 May

Pattishall Picnic in the Park Music Festival on Saturday 8 July

Pattishall Produce Show on Sunday 10 September

Pattishall Cricket Club fixtures started up again in April for the summer

And much more going on too I'm sure.

Suzanne, Hall and Field Committees

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[www.pattishallparish.org.uk](http://www.pattishallparish.org.uk)

## Cold Higham Parish Hall

Spring 2023



The Cold Higham Parish Hall Committee would like to thank local residents for all their amazing support at our recent Quiz Night on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023. Around 45 people attended and we were able to raise almost £450 for hall funds. Following the success of this evening, we are proposing to host further events throughout the Summer months, making use of our beautiful garden.



Dates for our current scheduled events are as follows:

Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> – 12pm to 3pm  
Tea & Cakes on the lawn

Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup> – 12pm to 3pm  
Tea & Cakes on the lawn

Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup> – 12pm to 3pm  
Tea & Cakes on the lawn

Saturday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> – 12pm to 3pm  
Tea & Cakes on the lawn

We are proposing to have a further quiz night on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> 2023, with a Lasagne and Salad supper provided for attendees. Further details about this event, including how to register a Team, will follow closer to the time.

Please do come along and support us at any or all of the above events. It is lovely to see people enjoying our Parish's wonderful facility.

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. The hall can be hired for £8 per hour (non residents) or £7 per hour for residents of Cold Higham Parish (including furniture, cutlery/crockery etc). All enquiries for bookings can be made via Karl Lange, who can be contacted at [KarlNLange@outlook.com](mailto:KarlNLange@outlook.com) or 07801 716872.

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to confirm the date of this year's Annual General Meeting, which will be held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023, at Cold Higham Parish Hall at 8pm. If anyone from the Parish is interested in joining the Hall Committee, or would simply like to attend the AGM, please make a note of the date in your diaries.

Thank you again all and we hope to see you at our 2023 events!

Cold Higham Parish Hall Committee

### Regular Events at Pattishall Parish Hall or Playing Field

#### Hall – Clubs and Activities

U3A Bridge club  
Pattishall Cubs & Scouts  
Keep Fit  
Morning Badminton  
Pilates  
Hyodokan Karate and  
Self Defence  
Line Dancing

#### Independent Learning

Gardening Club  
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Selected Thursdays in May, June, July & September (see website)	2pm – 2.45pm	Guided visits to Priory Church and medieval Stew Ponds	Find out more about the medieval history of Canons Ashby with a guided visit to the church, and then to the restored medieval stew ponds: an area not accessible to the public without a guide. An exclusive chance to see this beautiful area. This visit will only go ahead in good weather due to ground conditions on the route. Not recommended for children under 8 years old. Normal admission prices apply.
20 May	6pm – 7.45pm (doors open from 5.15pm)	Baroque Classics in the Garden performed by Eboracum Baroque	Eboracum Baroque are delighted to return to Canons Ashby to perform baroque classics by Handel, Vivaldi and Purcell in the beautiful formal garden. Relax in these picturesque surroundings with a picnic, or buy yourself something from the tea-kiosk, and bring your own picnic chairs or rugs. The shop and tea-kiosk will be open between 5.15pm until the end of the interval. This event will go ahead whatever the weather, unless it's unsafe to do so. Pre-booking via the website is essential, £10 children, £16 Adults
27 May – 4 June	10am – 4pm	Canons Ashby Book Fair	Come to the medieval Priory Church and browse a wide selection of books which have been donated by our supporters, all different genres from crime to cakes, new and old. Stock up for your summer holidays whilst raising funds for our special place. We recommend bringing cash to make it easier to buy books. Normal admission prices apply

### Cafe Day

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## 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 (<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

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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.

### Chairman's Annual Report

Sadly, the three P's (potholes, poo & planning) are still causing concern within our parish. It is with considerable consternation that when one pothole is filled in others within spitting distance remain untouched! The parish council have met with a representative from Highways to discuss the deterioration of the road surface along Festival & Leys Roads and hopefully this has now been highlighted for repair. We encourage residents to contact 'FixMyStreet' ([northamptonshire.gov.uk](http://northamptonshire.gov.uk)) and report problems.

Undoubtedly during 'Lockdown' we saw more dogs appear around the parish and with more dogs, more poo presents appeared. The parish council are looking to install more dog waste bins, but please if the bin is full do not leave your doggie bags around the bin. It is entirely permissible to put your best friend's waste in your black bin rather than discarded elsewhere. Please remember to keep your dog on a lead when on footpaths where there are livestock, especially now that there are sheep and lambs in many of the fields around the parish. Also note that dogs are strictly prohibited in all three of our playing fields (Butchers Lane, Booth Close & School Road).

Planning is another area that remains a focus for residents. The Parish Council continued to monitor developments in the DHL planning application on the north side of Towcester, and also maintained regular contact with the Save Towcester Now team.

Overall, our concern has been that this massive, proposed development will have a significant detrimental impact on our highway network, our parishioners, our beautiful rural area, and the historic town of Towcester and its local communities. On that basis we have lodged a number of objections in the last year and have regularly shared our position at our Parish Council meetings. We are aware that many of our parishioners have also tabled their concerns with WNC. We still do not know when this application will be determined as several questions from statutory consultees remain outstanding.

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Twice during the course of the year, the Parish Council has held meetings requested by parishioners regarding planning issues that impact on our community. The first one was concerning the use of the bridle way at Beggars Lane to be used as an access to dump huge amounts of soil from the proposed DHL site. It appears that we have been successful in our efforts, but a watchful eye needs to be kept ensuring this does not happen. The other meeting concerned the development of the Millfield Business Park on Banbury Lane, which raises questions of safety on what is already a very busy road. This is on-going debate, and we await the outcome from WNC.

Throughout the year the Council has been delighted to support various activities throughout the parish. The Produce Show in September brings together residents of all ages who bring their produce and crafts to be exhibited and judged. A donation was made towards the Platinum Jubilee celebrations, and we will also be supporting the Coronation party in May. We also support the Over 60's Christmas party which is always well attended and enjoyed by our more senior residents. A new introduction was the Warm Hub Café run by the Women's Institute. The Parish Council are happy to pay for the hall hire and heating. We also helped with the transport costs for the school choir to attend a festival in London. Where possible, we are delighted to help organisations so please do contact our clerk should you have a suitable project or event that requires funding.

We were so pleased to be able to finally provide a new piece of equipment for the play area in Booth Close, which for many years has only had one set of swings and nothing else. It was agreed by the Parish Council that funding from the CIL (new house build) money could be used to provide the much-needed equipment. It was agreed to provide the Goal Target, which was on the wish list, after consulting with the younger residents of the area. An order was placed with Wicksteed and it arrived in time for the school holidays. A bench, donated by the widow of Maurice Rolls and refurbished by John Russell has recently been installed. The Parish Council are still looking at funding/grant options for additional

equipment so that the needs of younger children are met. Members of the Parish Council do a monthly inspection of all playground equipment at all three play areas and are having them inspected in June by a professional company whose speciality is children's playground equipment.


Two of our greatest expenditures are grass mowing and street lighting. The Council has agreed to mow and strim all our agreed areas in a fortnightly and monthly cycle and always welcome feedback from parishioners. It was of course very difficult last summer as the long, hot, dry spell meant we did not do any mowing or strimming for several weeks. That seems a long way in the past given our recent wet weather but now we have started our 2023 programme we endeavour to keep everywhere neat and tidy. In respect to those laid to rest in the church and the Old Burial Ground and their families; the Council have instigated a programme of regular maintenance of both sites. This was preceded by a significant trimming back and pruning of the Old Burial Ground trees and foliage, making access easier on the surrounding footpaths, and improving the aesthetics of the area.

We spend more on street lighting than any other item in our budget. This year we have invested nearly £30,000 extra on upgrading our streetlights. We have replaced the last seven concrete columns, as the old concrete suffered from a form of concrete cancer and could come crashing down with little or no warning. We have also replaced 42 of the old sodium lanterns by LED ones and ordered a further 12 LED lanterns, which will be installed shortly. LED lanterns are more energy efficient and require less maintenance.

As energy costs increased substantially during the year, the Parish Council decided to install part night cells on all the new LED lanterns installed since January, except those at the three major junctions (Butchers Lane, School Road and Gayton Road). The part night cells switch the lights off between midnight and 5:30am. 21 part night cells have now been installed and we have a further 15 which will be installed shortly. We have been advised that when a part night cell is installed on a LED lantern, it will reduce



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the energy the lantern burns annually by approximately 44%. Our streetlights were also renumbered during the year which will help us manage our 113 lights better and make it easier for parishioners to report lights which are out of order. In the next financial year, our remaining sodium lanterns will be replaced by LED ones, with part night cells.

One of the priorities of the Parish Council for the forthcoming year is to improve the safety for pedestrians and motorists travelling on the Butchers/Banbury Lane. The Parish Council is fully aware of the increase in all types of traffic along this route, as well as extra properties being built with access onto the road, further increasing traffic volume. We are working closely with West Northamptonshire Highways to establish ways to calm traffic and some small steps have already been taken. These include the repainting of the zebra crossing and some recently added temporary 30mph warning signs. The Council remains committed to further improvements.

We thank Sarah Toll for her contributions to parish life during her time on the Council, especially in setting up the Parish Council Facebook page and her continued monitoring of the defibrillator located on the wall of the school. We welcomed Iris Illingworth and Nigel Banister to the team and already their input has been noted. Our parish is quite large incorporating Pattishall, Astcote, Eastcote, Fosters Booth, Cornhill & Dalscote. We thank all those who give of their time to help enrich the lives of our residents and greatly appreciate their time and efforts.

## Cold Higham Parish Council

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### Parish Council Items

The Council held the Annual Parish Meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> March. This meeting provides the opportunity for all our parishioners to meet and hear about the work that the Parish Council has been engaged in during the last twelve months and hear suggestions on where support may be needed. The meeting

also provides an opportunity for anyone to deliver details of their various activities which



they undertake within the community. Reports were given from the Chairman, our District Councillor Charles Manners, PC Mel Carter sent apologies and an annual report was circulated, all reports will be available to view on the Parish website [What's On | Cold Higham Parish Council \(coldhigham-pc.gov.uk\)](http://What's On | Cold Higham Parish Council (coldhigham-pc.gov.uk)). Cold Higham Parish Neighbourhood Watch Mrs Margaret Merris attended as well as Mr Colin Stoneman our footpath warden and Chloe Nickless (Chairman of the Village Hall Committee) gave a report on the Village Hall plus activities. This meeting was the followed by the Parish Council Meeting.

### Litter Pick – Weekend 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> April

This year's litter pick replicated those we did during Covid, in that we asked for volunteers to gather litter/rubbish at any time to suit



them over the weekend of 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> April. This was to coincide with the national Great British Clean Up. Nine groups of litter pickers answered the call and collected a host of rubbish from our major roads and streets (see photograph), and we are very grateful for their efforts over the weekend. It is always interesting to see what finds its way into the ditches and hedgerows around the parish. This year included a couple of tyres and other miscellaneous car parts! Sadly, litter is constantly appearing. We know that a number of parishioners collect rubbish regularly on their walks around the area; may we encourage others (dog walkers?) as well to pick up even one crisp wrapping on their daily exercise? Thank you.



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**Parish Councillors.** All councillors must live or work within or very close to, the parish. No special skills are required, but training in the role is provided. Being a team player is essential. We adhere to our Code of Conduct, which is published on the parish web site (also maintained by the PC).

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**Pothole A5/Banbury Lane Junction**  
There is a serious set of potholes at this junction which is the responsibility of Highways. Please continue to report any road or street issues to FixMyStreet (<https://fixmystreet.northamptonshire.gov.uk/>).

**DHL Warehouse**  
The DHL Planning Application has been put back yet again to May 29<sup>th</sup>. This is to allow consultants to answer the many concerns from key bodies, including National Highways. (From Save Towcester Now Facebook page).

**The King's Coronation**  
The Parish Council and Parish Hall Committee are working together to host a Big Lunch on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May to celebrate the King's Coronation. Please see more in the Village Hall article.

**Vehicle Activated Speed (VAS) Indication Signs**

The decision on placing a sign is still on going in terms of which company to use. We hope to move this forward soon and progress on to the grant application and installation.

**HGV Issues in Grimscoth**  
Currently there is temporary "Not Suitable for Heavy goods vehicles" signage at the South end of Manor Road. This has been necessary due to ongoing problems with large vehicles accessing the area via these approaches. Recently a large vehicle had become wedged between the wall and bollards in Manor Road resulting in green verges being damaged. We have contacted the Highways department and are in the process of setting up a meeting to look at permanent signage.

**CHPC Meetings**  
18 May 2023, Cold Higham PC Meeting 6pm Cold Higham Parish Hall  
15 June 2023, Cold Higham PC Meeting 6pm Cold Higham Parish Hall  
20 July 2023, Cold Higham PC Meeting 6pm Cold Higham Parish Hall  
21 September 2023, Cold Higham PC Meeting 6pm Cold Higham Parish Hall  
19 October 2023, Cold Higham PC Meeting 6pm Cold Higham Parish Hall  
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Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2-3.30pm  
*Spotlight*

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 12-2pm  
*Lunch & Speaker*

At Astcote Methodist Church

## Bus News

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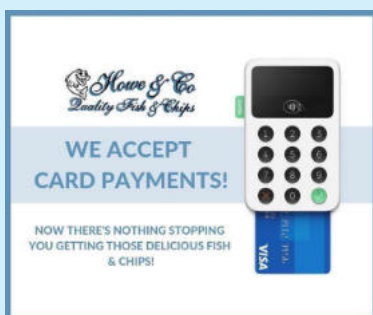
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Brackley Tesco	x	x	x	x	x			1447	x	x
Brackley Waynflete Ave	x	x	0830	x	x			x	x	x
Brackley Springfield Way	x	0707	0833	0939	x			1455	x	x
Brackley Turweston Rd N	0649	0715	0841	0948	0949			1503	1633	1638
Syresham Kings Head	x	x	0846	x	x				x	x
Silverstone 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			

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Northampton	Rail Station	0921	1323						1754		1804	
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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	Turwestern 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		

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**7<sup>th</sup> May – 9.30-10am Prayer for the Community**  
**10.30 Service led by John Atkin**

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May – Lunch Club 12 midday**

**14<sup>th</sup> May Service 10.30am – Rev Francis M'Itiiri : Holy Communion**

**21<sup>st</sup> May –10.30am FAMILY SERVICE (45 Minutes) – Dcn Richard Beckett**  
**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2-3.30pm – Well Group 'Spotlight'**

**28<sup>th</sup> May – CIRCUIT SERVICE FOR PENTECOST – St Andrews Methodist Church, Harlestone Road, NN5 6AB (No service at Astcote)**

**4<sup>th</sup> June 9.30-10am Prayer for the Community**  
**Service 10.30**

**11<sup>th</sup> June Service 10.30am**

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June – Lunch Club 12 midday**

**SATURDAY 17<sup>th</sup> JUNE – CAFÉ DAY 10-4PM**

**18<sup>th</sup> June – FAMILY SERVICE – Rev Ian Forsyth**

**25<sup>th</sup> June – 3pm Scones of Praise**

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 12-2pm Well Group Lunch & Speaker**

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May 14th	10am	Family Communion	Tiffeld
May 21st	10am	Family Communion	Pattishall
May 28th	10am	Family Communion	Gayton
June 4th	10am	Family Communion	Cold Higham
June 11th	10am	Family Communion	Tiffeld
June 18th	10am	Family Communion	Pattishall
June 25th	10am	Family Communion	Gayton

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# DIARY DATES

## May

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Gardening Club: *Karen Gimson, Hospice garden*, Patt. Parish Hall 7.30pm
- 4<sup>th</sup> Pattishall Parish Hall & Playing Field meetings, Pattishall Hall, 7pm
- 8<sup>th</sup> Coronation Celebration, Pattishall Parish Hall 2-5pm
- 10<sup>th</sup> Santina's Pizzas, Pattishall Parish Hall, from 5pm
- 9<sup>th</sup> Cold Higham Hall AGM, Cold Higham Parish Hall, 8pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> Good Neighbours: Talk: *Keeping the Faith*, Cold Higham Hall, 1.45pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> Pattishall Parish Council meeting, Pattishall Parish Hall, 7.30pm
- 12<sup>th</sup> Community Cafe, Pattishall Parish Hall, noon - 2pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> Cold Higham PC Meeting, Cold Higham Parish Hall, 6pm
- 24<sup>th</sup> Santina's Pizzas, Pattishall Parish Hall, from 5pm
- 25<sup>th</sup> Well Group: *Spotlight*, Astcote Methodist Church, 2-3.30pm
- 26<sup>th</sup> Community Cafe, Pattishall Parish Hall, noon - 2pm
- 26<sup>th</sup> End of Pattishall School term

## June

- 1<sup>st</sup> Pattishall Parish Hall & Playing Field AGMs, Pattishall Hall, 7pm
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Tea & Cakes on the lawn, Cold Higham Hall, 12pm to 3pm
- 6<sup>th</sup> Start of Pattishall School term
- 7<sup>th</sup> Gardening Club: Visit to Kathy Brown's Garden, Stevington, Beds
- 7<sup>th</sup> Santina's Pizzas, Pattishall Parish Hall, from 5pm
- 8<sup>th</sup> Good Neighbours: Outing: Art Tearooms, Cold Higham Hall, 1.45pm
- 8<sup>th</sup> Pattishall Parish Council meeting, Pattishall Parish Hall, 7.30pm
- 9<sup>th</sup> Community Cafe, Pattishall Parish Hall, noon - 2pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> Music Sunday, Holy Cross, 4-5pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> WI: *The Royal Butler*, Pattishall Parish Hall, 7.30pm
- 15<sup>th</sup> Cold Higham PC Meeting, Cold Higham Parish Hall, 6pm
- 21<sup>st</sup> Santina's Pizzas, Pattishall Parish Hall, from 5pm
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Community Cafe, Pattishall Parish Hall, noon - 2pm
- 29<sup>th</sup> Well Group, *lunch & speaker*, Astcote church, 12-2pm

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