



# **Around Pattishall**

**233 • Christmas 2023-4**

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**Sat 17th February**  
**Venue - Pattishall Parish Hall**  
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## Pattishall Cafe

The Cafe goes from strength to strength with the support of Pattishall Parish Council. We are fortnightly going forward until at least Easter, all being well.

It is a great place to have a bite of lunch, meet your friends, make new ones, enjoy the welcoming atmosphere and so much more. The food is high quality, ranging from homemade soups and stews in giant Yorkshires, filled rolls, bacon rolls, pasties and beans, baked potatoes to WI-made cakes. There are free refills on hot drinks. And all at very reasonable prices. Great food, great value and great fun. It all takes place in the small hall at Pattishall Parish Hall, between 12 noon and 2 pm.

So if you haven't been yet do come and try us out and find out what you have been missing – you will be so glad you did.

Cafe Fridays – fortnightly – up to Easter are:

- 8<sup>th</sup> and Christmas Special on 22<sup>nd</sup> December
- 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> January
- 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> February
- 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and Easter Special on 29<sup>th</sup> March

Look out for our Facebook posts on Pattishall Community page and Pattishall WI page. See you soon.

Suzanne



## Towcester Farmers' Market

From December, Towcester Farmers Market is moving and will take place in the Sponne Arcade car park.

## Wild Flower Garden

The wildflower area in Holy Cross churchyard was developed in 2000 as part of the Parish Millennium project. Since then it has been looked after by volunteers and supported by the Parish Council. Over time it has been overtaken by some dominant plants so work is underway to clear sections and re-establish more wildflowers. Bulbs of English bluebells, fritillaria, daffodils and wild garlic are going to be planted for the Spring. It is hoped that in the early summer there will be a greater display of wildflowers.

If anyone would like to help with the project please contact Iris:  
[iris@pattishallparish.org.uk](mailto:iris@pattishallparish.org.uk)

Bob and Iris Illingworth

## Good Neighbours

Good Neighbours are looking forward to the Christmas Lunch in December, which this year is being held at the Saracens Head in Towcester. The Committee has decided, as funds will allow, the meal will be subsidised for the members.

Our programme for next year is being finalised and will be a mixture of speakers, outings and social afternoons which have proven to be a good time to catch up with each other.

On January 11<sup>th</sup> we will be inviting back Kate Wills, a local historian who speaks on aspects of Northamptonshire's history.

The February 8<sup>th</sup> event is to be announced.

March 14<sup>th</sup> is the A.G.M. followed by social time with tea and cakes.

We look forward to welcoming our members to join us in the New Year and also all newcomers.

All meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month at Cold Higham Parish Hall at 1.45pm.

For any further information please contact Jan Wallis on 01327 830306 or Richard Burgess on 01327 831612.



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## Minibus Trip to Oxford Markets

Gayton and Tiff eld Community Transport are running the minibus trip to Oxford Christmas and indoor markets on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December.

Leaving:

- 9:30am Gayton
- 9:40am Tiff eld
- 10:00am Pattishall/Astcote

Arriving about 11am. Leaving Oxford at 2:30pm, returning by about 3:30pm.

Trips will be £5 per head return and a minimum of five passengers are required – sixteen maximum.

If interested please contact Steve Jowers on 07890 764 633 or on [stevejowers@gmail.com](mailto:stevejowers@gmail.com)

## Remembrance Day

Pattishall church was filled for Remembrance Day, thanks to the uniformed brigades of Scouts and Beavers, their leaders, their families and the many local residents who attended the service. It was a very moving occasion, with the flag bearers dipping the flag at the Last Post, then raising them at the Reveille. Many thanks to everyone who came to take part.

Five wreaths were laid – left to right: two by the Scouts, the Royal British Legion, the Parish Council and the WI. The poppy spoons were made by Pattishall school Reception class, painted stones by the Beavers.

These remain on display until December.



## Pattishall WI



It is a lovely autumnal day as I write this – sunny, fresh, golden leaves whirling around in the breeze. Fingers crossed for a mild winter.

Our next meeting is on **Wednesday 13 December** when we will be having a Christmas party, with singing, games, party food, fizz, little gifts and festive fun. Do come and join us in this relaxed and fun filled atmosphere as we draw the year to a close.

We start 2024 off with our meeting on **Wednesday 10 January**.

We will be joined by Lucy who will be telling us all about her work at Madame Tussauds. This talk comes highly recommended. It will be fascinating to hear about the history of the waxworks and how the life like figures are made.

Our February meeting falls on Valentine's Day, **Wednesday 14 February** to be precise. So how appropriate that we have an extraordinary and award-winning chocolatier coming to join us! Sara will be demonstrating how her handmade, bespoke and luxury chocolates are made. There will be samples to try and an opportunity to buy. Trust me, Sara's chocolates are out of this world, the most amazing colours and flavours! Got to be seen and tasted to be believed.

Our meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every month, at 7.30pm in Pattishall Parish Hall. Ladies, you are very welcome at any of our meetings. Please do come and visit us, you will be glad you did. We are a fun-loving WI with a modern outlook and we have lots of laughs, of that I can assure you! Any questions – contact me on 01327 830279 or [suzanne.raper@talktalk.net](mailto:suzanne.raper@talktalk.net).

Suzanne  
President, Pattishall WI



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## We're Having a Barn Dance!

Save the date folks, this is advance notice that we are having a barn dance! It will be on **Saturday 9 March** at Pattishall Parish Hall. It has been a while since there has been a barn dance at the Hall so the Picnic in the Park crew thought we would put that right and have a fund-raiser. There will be more details in the Spring edition of *Around Pattishall* but get the date in your diary now.

Are you a skilled barn dancer or have no dance skills at all? No worries, it is suitable for all so come and have a go.

The details are 7.30pm start, reasonably priced bar, bring your own table nibbles or snacks. Tickets are £12.50 per person. Great ceilidh band, The New Bees, with a fun, skilled caller, will be delighting us with their fiddle playing and dance music. A chance to get your checked shirts and cowboy hats on – dressing up is optional, of course, but you know you want to!

Want to reserve your tickets now? No time like the present. Contact Suzanne

by text on 07514 255702

or email at [suzanne.raper@talktalk.net](mailto:suzanne.raper@talktalk.net)

Payment will be by cash or card on the night. But do book in early to be sure of entry. There will be a raff e too and might even be a spot prize for best dressed cowgirl and cowboy. It's gonna be popular and it's gonna be fun, yeehaw!



Suzanne  
Picnic in the Park Committee

## Pattishall Bells

The sweet sound of bells pealing from the tower of Holy Cross church is soon to return!



*The new 2nd bell, with the Pattishall coat of arms & inscription, "Ye joyful bells ring out your praise and make me an instrument of your peace".*

As I write this I can report that the bell frame has been completed and is at present being galvanised and powder coated. Transport is booked and the bells and all associated parts are due to arrive in the village on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November. A number of volunteers are signed up to help unload the lorry, and move the bells and everything else into the church later that day. Then the work of lifting the new bell frame into the tower can begin.

It remains to be seen how quickly the installation will progress, but in theory we could have the bells ringing in time for Christmas!

Chris Bulleid



*The new bell frame, complete with 8 bells.*

Scouts 1st Pattishall

## Christmas Post



Leave Your Christmas cards at your nearest drop off point:

**Pattishall:**  
59 Leys Road

**Asctote:**  
10 Hodge Close

**Eastcote:**  
Grove Close House  
Gayton Road

**Cold Higham:**  
13 Banbury Lane

No need to knock, just put them through the letterbox.

**1<sup>st</sup> Pattishall Scout Group will once again be providing a Christmas postal service this year.**  
The Scouts, Cubs, and Beavers will sort & deliver the cards as part of the requirements for their Challenge Awards. The service is free to Senior Citizens, and others are welcome to use the service for a cash donation to the Scout Group or, preferably, a donation made online to Pattishall Scout Group  
Acc No: 61004719 Sort Code: 404426  
Last posting date is Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December

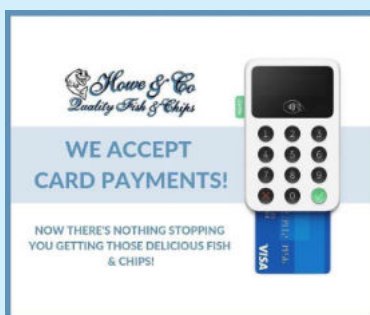
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Eastcote  
Pattishall  
Fosters Booth

  **07711 402066**



**Picnic in the Park 2024**  
**Saturday 13 July**

Hey, guess what? Next year is our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary and we have only gone and booked Abba for Picnic!

We'll not Abba exactly but Arrival, The Hits of Abba. The best Abba tribute band in the UK. Wow, now that is exciting. Who doesn't love Abba?

Some of us grew up with them winning Eurovision, every song hitting the charts. If you missed all that the songs have reached the next generation with the mega popular movies and musical productions. And now we have Abba Voyage in London, a not-to-be missed, very clever, high-tech reincarnation

of the band performing their hits as if they are right there on the stage, and all with the most incredible light show I have ever seen.

So now they are coming to Picnic, yay! Big Abba fan here, can you tell?! Super Early Bird tickets are on sale now. They are limited, and offer a huge saving of 28% so get them booked now. It's gonna be great! We have lots of other excellent bands too, of course.

Check out the poster below for details.

Book tickets now at:

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

See you there!

Suzanne  
Pattishall Picnic in the Park 2024





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## **Two Christmas Crafty Ladies**



Fancy getting in the Christmas mood with a bit of Christmas crafting? Then join Two Christmas Crafty Ladies on Saturday 16 December in the Small Hall at Pattishall Parish Hall.

We will show you how to make two crafts – a Christmas gnome and a macramé key tag and macramé decoration for the tree.

It starts at 2pm until approx 4pm and is £5 per person. Open to adults and children aged 11 and above – children must be accompanied by an adult. Sorry, not suitable for under 11s. You will go home with two completed Christmassy crafts – and a jolly time will be had by all. The fee includes light refreshments.

To book your place contact Suzanne by text on 07514 255702 or email at [suzanne.raper@talktalk.net](mailto:suzanne.raper@talktalk.net). Fee to be paid on the day, cash only. Space is limited so do book now. It's lots of fun!

Denise and Suzanne  
Two Crafty Ladies

## **Gardening Club**



The Gardening Club enjoyed an outing to Batsford Arboretum in October. The trees are spectacular. Our guide was entertaining and very knowledgeable. The meeting in November was a talk by Christine Pearson about “Influential gardeners in modern times”.

Our December meeting led by Becky Webb, is a wreath-making workshop with seasonal fun and refreshments.

We have a break in January then reconvene on 7<sup>th</sup> February for a talk on “Secrets and Scandals at Canons Ashby” by Laura Malpas.

Jean Pugh  
01327 830909

## **Cream Tea to Celebrate Valentine's Day**

Valentine's Day falls on a Wednesday in 2024. Not helpful in the middle of a work week. But don't let that get in the way of a celebration of love – why not bring your special person, or your friends, or yourself, to a cream tea, and celebrate early, on Sunday afternoon, 11 February?



The room will be decorated with hearts and flowers, there will be tunes playing in the background, and there might even be a treat for lucky guests!

Organised by Pattishall WI it will be in the Small Hall at Pattishall Parish Hall. Our tiered cake stands will be loaded with savoury treats, a variety of cakes, and scones with jam and cream. Yummy.

Including a pot of tea (or coffee), the price will be £14 pp to celebrate 14 February. Add a glass of Prosecco for £5. There will be two sittings, the first at 2pm and the second at 3.30 pm. Payment by cash or card on the day, but do contact Suzanne in advance to book in as numbers are limited. Contact Suzanne on 07514 255702 or [suzanne.raper@talktalk.net](mailto:suzanne.raper@talktalk.net).



Happy Valentine's Celebration!

Suzanne  
Pattishall WI







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## Pattishall CE Primary School



School has got off to a good start this term, with the release of our Ofsted report - available to read on our website: Ofsted, SIAMS and Results ([pattishallschool.co.uk](http://pattishallschool.co.uk)). Although we already knew it... Ofsted says that we are a GOOD school!

It can't be underestimated the significance of this achievement and the incredible work the teachers have put in over the past 18 months to build a bespoke curriculum from scratch.

Thankfully this was recognised by the inspection team who noted that maths, reading, personal development, our nurturing ethos, provision for children with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) and leadership were all key strengths.

### Some of the highlights

- Pattishall Church of England Primary School is a friendly and inclusive school. Pupils enjoy coming to school and feel safe in this nurturing environment.
- Staff are ambitious for all pupils and want the very best for them. They are determined that all pupils, including those with SEND, receive the support they need to flourish and achieve well.
- Children get off to a good start in the early years. The school carefully considers children's transition into school. Children are happy and know the class routines. Teachers are passionate and knowledgeable and create a warm and caring environment.
- The school has designed a well-sequenced curriculum that enables pupils to build key knowledge over time.
- The school carefully considers how pupils will develop their character and values. There is a sense of community and respect, where older pupils become 'buddies' for younger children.
- In the daily collective worship assemblies, and across the curriculum, pupils learn about fundamental British values and diversity. Pupils know that everyone should be treated equally. A typical view was, 'Everybody is different in their own way.'

- Parents and carers hold the school in high regard. A typical comment was 'The school is welcoming and warm, with a strong emphasis on well-being.' Another parent commented, 'I feel confident that my child will be nurtured, feel safe and encouraged to be the best they can be'.
- My favourite thing to do is to show off our school to visitors as I am incredibly proud of what we do here. I felt that the inspectors took time to get to know us and were able to find evidence of everything that is good about us with ease. The result is fair and the areas for development are ones that we are pleased with.

### Trees

Following a tree survey, the majority of the perimeter fence leylandii trees have been taken out and the stumps removed. The plan is to buy several mature trees and hedging to replenish the Forest School Garden and we have around 30 families signed up to donate a tree as a legacy (with a plaque). Anyone with a connection to the school is welcome to join in this - please drop us a line: [off.ce@pattishallschool.co.uk](mailto:off.ce@pattishallschool.co.uk).

We are also delighted to be able to share our artwork in Holy Cross Church each half term. If you pop in, you will see some of the skills that the children have been learning from printing to felting!

### Christmas

For Christmas this year, we are running a raffle with some excellent prizes; email if you'd like tickets: [friendsofpattishallschool@outlook.com](mailto:friendsofpattishallschool@outlook.com).

Friends of Pattishall School are selling Pattishall Gin; here is the link to buy: <https://friends-of-pattishall-school.square.site/product/pattishall-gin-50cl-76?cs=true>

As we count down to Christmas, we look forward to our Reception class nativity in the Church and Year 1 and 2's Christmas play. Year 3 will also be leading a Christingle service in the Church. We will also be continuing our annual tradition of taking the

## Advent Lunch

studying

### The Gospel of Mark

With a frugal lunch of soup, bread and cheese.



Starts on December 7<sup>th</sup>  
at 11.45 – 13.15  
At Holmeview,  
8 Greenway Eastcote

Dates: December 7, 14, & 21<sup>st</sup>  
Continuing January 4, 11, & 18<sup>th</sup>

To confirm your place, please ring

Jean on 01327830909 / 07711329664  
or Sue on 01327351219 / 07870882660

## Carol Service

*Date near Xmas tbc, see Facebook*

Join us with our local scouting organisations for a joyful service of carols and seasonal readings

- 'PopUp' choir and full organ accompaniment
- Festive refreshments to follow...



At Holy Cross Church - Pattishall

The Amelcote Chorale

## Choral Day

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2024



**Singing Workshop**  
with  
**Richard Laing**

Accompanist  
**Andrew King**

### Holy Cross Church

*For information and booking forms,  
please contact Gail Stuart, The Old  
Chapel, Fosters Booth Road,  
Pattishall or send a message via Holy  
Cross Facebook page.*

whole school to the panto; as well as Christmas lunch with a visit from Father Christmas! On the last day of term - Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December - at 1.30pm we will be singing Carols in the Playground - all are welcome.

### Vacancies and Community Projects

We have positions for Midday Meal Supervisors, Foundation Governors (any faith) and volunteers to read with the children [www.pattishallschool.co.uk/vacancies](http://www.pattishallschool.co.uk/vacancies). We also have several garden spaces, including an allotment area, that we will happily hand over (free of charge) to any keen gardeners in the parish should you wish to expand your growing space: the added bonus being 150 willing volunteers to help with watering and weeding in the summer months. We also have a dormant chicken coop for up to 30 chickens, should anyone want to make use of it on site.

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: @pattishallceprimarieschool
- Facebook Group: Pattishall CE Primary Virtual Playground

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 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.

If this sounds like the sort of school you want for your child, come and see us in action. Call 01327 830301 to book a personal tour with Emma McLean, Head Teacher.



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## The Well Group

The Well Group for Women  
meet most months, usually on the last Thursday

**12midday-2pm for Lunch**  
with a speaker on a Christian theme.

More information is given in Around Pattishall or The Messenger. 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

**25<sup>th</sup> January**  
*Mrs. Diane Forsyth*

**29<sup>th</sup> February**  
*TBA*

**At Astcote Methodist Church**



## Pattishall Parish Hall and Playing Field Associations

How lucky were we with the weather on our Bonfire Night and Firework event? It had rained earlier but stopped mid afternoon so that we could all enjoy a dry evening if a bit damp underfoot. It was a wonderful display once again. Thank you to all the volunteers who manned the gates, made, cooked and served the sausages, provided the bar, the stalls, and of course, organised the fireworks and bonfire. I would like to say special thanks to Mark Couling for, once again, organising and overseeing this event so magnificently. Well done to Mark and all his helpers. It was a wonderful evening.

The next community event is the Senior Citizens' Christmas lunch on Saturday 9 December at the Hall, for those who live in the parish who are 60 and over. All those who are attending will, I know, enjoy a lovely afternoon, with a very tasty Christmas lunch and some musical seasonal entertainment. But do please book yourself in with Muriel, the organiser, if you would like to come. It is essential that you are on her list. Muriel can be contacted on 07708 492847 or email her at [muriel.hough@yahoo.com](mailto:muriel.hough@yahoo.com). There is still time to book in, but be quick!

We look forward to more events at the hall in 2024. There will be a quiz, a barn dance, other fundraisers, Picnic in the Park Music

Festival and lots more to come next year. The Hall and Fields Committees wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Suzanne Raper

Pattishall Parish Hall & Playing Fields Committees

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

#### Hall – Clubs and Activities

U3A Bridge club  
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Keep Fit  
Morning Badminton  
Pilates  
Hyodokan Karate and Self Defence

Line Dancing  
Independent Learning  
Gardening Club  
WI  
Sing & Sign  
Yoga

#### Meetings

Hall & Field Committees meetings  
Parish Council meeting

#### Field – Events & Activities

GLK football  
Sixfelds Rangers football

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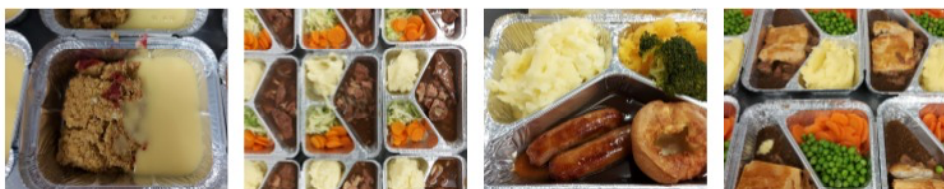
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## Cold Higham Parish Hall

A 2023 Resumé ..... and  
Looking towards 2024

A busy 2023 for our wonderful Parish Hall and the Committee would like to thank local residents for their continued amazing support throughout the year.

We have continued to host a number of well-attended events this year which has enabled us to raise some much needed funds for the hall. From "Soup and Rolls" in the Spring, to Summer "Garden Tea & Cakes" and two very successful quizzes; all events were enjoyed very much by those attending.

With support from Sainsbury's Community Fund, Cold Higham Parish Council and members of the local community, we organised a "Big Coronation Lunch" party to mark the Coronation of King Charles, on Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023. The weather was delightful and residents enjoyed circus skills and garden games as well as a tombola and home made fayre.

Cold Higham Parish Hall Committee has been able to raise well over £1,000 this year which is amazing! This has allowed us not only to cover the running costs of the hall, but has also enabled some renovations. Committee members spent a couple of weekends decorating the bathrooms which were in much need of a 'facelift'. We hope to continue renovations in 2024 with some further decorating so watch this space!

The Parish Hall Committee has also been able to purchase a community def brillator, which is something we have been focused on trying to secure for a number of years. This has been purchased with assistance from Cold Higham Parish Council, and has been installed outside the front entrance to the hall.



We will be hosting one further event in 2023 with our "Carols at the Hall" which will take place on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2023 from 6pm in Cold Higham Parish Hall. Supported once again by Sainsbury's Community Fund, we will be serving complementary mulled wine and mince pies, together with some soft drinks and nibbles, for those attending. However we would welcome people to bring along their own "picnics" to supplement.

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. Raff e 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.

In addition to the hosting of events organised by the Parish Hall Committee, which strives to raise funds to maintain this great community 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. All enquiries for bookings can be made via Karl Lange, who can be contacted at [KarlNLange@outlook.com](mailto:KarlNLange@outlook.com) or on 07801 716872.

Thank you again for all your support. Have a wonderful Christmas and we hope to see you again in 2024!

Cold Higham Parish Hall Committee





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## Def brillator at Pattishall Parish Hall

Great news, a def brillator has now been installed and registered at Pattishall Parish Hall. It is located outside the building so that it can be accessed by anyone in an emergency. It is to the right of the front doors, near the disabled parking.

Following a cardiac arrest the survival rate is 74% more successful if the patient has access to a def b within the f rst 3-5 minutes. Always ring 999 and the ambulance service will give you the code to the def b unit if necessary. Instructions will be given to you by phone and by the device itself. But if you would like to be prepared, check out the Resuscitation Council UK's website or facebook page and watch the Def b Dani video. It takes you through the necessary steps and will give you the conf dence to help save a life.

Suzanne  
Pattishall Parish Hall



## Pattishall Hall and Field Committees need Volunteers!

We really do need some help. Do you have an hour or two to spare once a month and would like to help keep our parish hall and f eld running for the community?

We meet once a month on the f rst Thursday at the Hall at 7pm and I promise we are a friendly bunch. Or if that kind of regular commitment isn't for you how about just putting your name forward to help when we put community events on, like bonf re night or the Seniors' Christmas lunch? Either way we would be delighted to hear from you.

For more information please contact Suzanne on 01327 830279 or [suzanne.raper@talktalk.net](mailto:suzanne.raper@talktalk.net).



## Pattishall Produce Show

What a better way to fill up the short winter days and long winter nights than by working on your art, handicraft, and photography entries for the 2024 Pattishall Show? (And if you haven't yet saved the date, the 2024 Show will take place on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September.)

Remember, in all categories, items must not have been previously entered in our Show. Have fun, and we look forward to viewing the artistic talents of our community!

2024 Art, Handicrafts and Photography Sections	
<b>SECTION H: ART</b> <b>Any media, size and theme, unless stated otherwise</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A painting or drawing in any medium</li> <li>3D art (any media: ceramics, wood, glass, surprise us!)</li> <li>Art on a "postcard" (any subject or media max 4"x 6" / 10cm x 15cm)</li> <li>Cartoon or graphic art</li> <li>A greetings card</li> </ul>	<b>SECTION J: HANDICRAFTS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any sewn item</li> <li>A needlework, tapestry, cross stitch, or embroidery item (must not be framed or mounted)</li> <li>A knitted or crocheted wearable item</li> <li>A soft toy</li> <li>A game, toy, ornament or object (wood, metal or other rigid material)</li> <li>A piece or set of jewellery</li> <li>An upcycled item</li> <li>You made it now show us!</li> </ul>
<b>SECTION K: PHOTOGRAPHY</b> <b>Max. 6"x 8", including mount</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Animal or animals</li> <li>Reflections</li> <li>Elements: Earth, Air, Fire, Water</li> <li>Tree or trees</li> <li>Patterns In nature</li> <li>Food, glorious food!</li> </ul>	Submitted photographs will be pinned. Images of children MUST have parents' permission. Please put your name on the back of the photo.

## Crafts & Play

Crafts and Play are having a craft activity during the Crib Service on Christmas Eve, at 3pm in Holy Cross church. Come and enjoy making something while we put together the Nativity scene and make Christmas come alive for you! See poster on page 27.

The Crafts and Play sessions in the church have been really amazing, with craft activities producing animal puppets, leaf garlands, f rework rockets, a beautiful poppy wreath, with glass painted tea lights and Christmas

decorations to follow. The different construction toys and games, including marble runs and puzzles, are thanks to the Toy Library in Northampton. We would welcome more construction games and toys, if people want to pass things on to us.

Bring your preschoolers, babies and toddlers, sharing smiles and mat play before the children come straight from school. As always, the children are the stars of the show, bringing much fun to us all. Our older residents really like watching the play, and craft while they sit chatting over tea and cake. Parents supervise, and everyone is welcome - come in!



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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): 01604 858226  
[ann.addison97@gmail.com](mailto:ann.addison97@gmail.com)

Barry Evans (Chairman): 01327 830523  
[sixpencesheep@aol.com](mailto:sixpencesheep@aol.com)  
*Environment, Around Pattishall & allotments  
liaison*

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*Highways including potholes*

David Keeble 01327 830792  
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*Grass cutting*

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*Planning*

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*Maintenance*

Fiona Mytton 01327 830943  
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*Lighting*

Nigel Banister 07762 146838  
[nigel.banisterpc@outlook.com](mailto:nigel.banisterpc@outlook.com)  
*Churchyard, trees & hedges*

Iris Illingworth 07786 012123  
[iris@pattishallparish.org.uk](mailto:iris@pattishallparish.org.uk)  
*Grants & notice boards, school liaison*

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.

### Council News

We still have a vacancy to fill so do please  
contact our clerk, Ann Addison, for details

should you feel that you would be interested  
in becoming a parish councillor. There are  
many interesting projects being considered  
and an additional resident to the council  
would be most welcome.

### Roads & Safety

The possibility that the 30mph speed limit  
may be extended to the east as far as the  
development at Millfield has met with a  
favourable response from Highways and we  
hope for a positive outcome. The state of  
Leys & Festival Roads remains a priority and  
again we look forward to Highways acting on  
the information as presented by the Council  
and through their visits to the area. Plans  
are afoot to put double yellow lines at the  
junction where Fosters Booth Road joins the  
A5. With vehicles parked so close to the  
junction it has become dangerous to users of  
this highway. The council is also looking to  
improve the VAS signs throughout the Parish  
and looking at ways they may be deployed.

### Hedges, Trees & Footpaths

The council is looking to install 'kissing gates'  
along some of the footpaths. This would  
enable easier access for residents as well as  
for dogs. In all cases permission from the  
landlord is a prerequisite and that is not  
always forthcoming.

### Lighting

It is now estimated that after the installation  
of LED lights and part night cells there has  
been at least a third less consumption of  
energy, which is good news in view of the  
rising energy costs. We have also received  
a detailed report of our parish, from the  
police, stating that there has been no  
increase in crime or traffic accidents since  
the part night cells were introduced.

### Anglian Water & Road Closures

It appears that many residents have been  
experiencing difficulties with water pressure.  
The Parish Council has no influence or  
jurisdiction over private companies, but  
parishioners should contact the water  
authority directly with their concerns.  
Because of the problems encountered by  
Anglian Water a part of Butchers Lane was  
closed for longer than anticipated. There will  
be another closure in February (12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>) so  
please check the Parish website for details  
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## Mobile Phone Problems

It appears that many residents are experiencing problems with the signal for their mobile phones. There are many suggestions as to the reasons, but in the meantime residents should contact their provider, who in many cases offer a refund for the time that service was not provided.

## Burial Plots

The council is aware of the limited number of burial plots left in the churchyard. We are in the process of trying to extend the burial ground on the grassed area towards the church and hope for this to be approved. In the meantime, it has been suggested that the bank to the north of the burial ground be excavated to allow for additional plots.

## Maintenance

Our noticeboards throughout the Parish are either being replaced or renovated and there will be new signage erected on our three playing fields.

The roundabout at the playing fields on School Road will soon be removed for the winter months but will return in the spring all newly renovated.

The council is committed to not only maintaining our present playground equipment but also to purchasing new items for our younger residents to enjoy.

## Minibus Service

The Gayton & Tiffeld minibus service which is now operative in the Parish is offering Christmas shopping trips to Oxford & Milton Keynes in addition to their normal weekly service.

## Over Sixties Christmas Party

The Parish Council is once again pleased to support this event with a donation of £150. A jolly time is being planned for Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, so do come along and join in the fun.

## Planning

The Parish Council has learned that West Northants Council has requested a Flood Assessment for the DHL site which adds to the mounting concerns raised about this development.

## Cold Higham Parish Council

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## Budget and Precept 2024/2025

One of the biggest and most responsible jobs a PC has is to set the budget for the year covering everything from grass cutting to street light electricity. This determines the precept paid by the members of the Parish through their Council Tax and that the Parish Council then uses to maintain the Parish. Being acutely aware of the pressures households face in the current climate, the Council is very keen to minimise the increase in precept for the coming year, which hasn't been raised in cash terms since 2020/21. This is always a significant challenge with rising costs and we know we must spend wisely and prudently, but our plan is to keep the cash increase as small as we can.

## Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>  
November was this year's date for the Remembrance Service. We carried on the tradition of a small ceremony to honour the Parish members who fell in the two World Wars, which took place at St Luke's War Memorial in Cold Higham.

We had soup and rolls in the Church afterwards as a joint event with the Village Hall Committee. A really great turn out of people came to pay their respects, with Seth Noon (Grimscote) laying the wreath.





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### Maintenance of Public Footpaths and Rights of Way

It was again brought to the attention of the Council that there are issues with overgrown rights of way/footpaths. This matter has been reported via Fix my Street. Cllr. Kimbell has raised the issue with the Voluntary Footpath Warden and has been advised that there are ownership changes currently taking place. It was agreed to contact the new owner once this is officially known and make attempts to contact the WNC Rights of Way Team to find out what action can be taken. Cllr. Kimbell will discuss again with the Footpath Warden, undertaking an audit of the rights of way in the Parish, and surveying the condition paths, styles and gates etc.

### Churchyard/Cemetery

The Council is reviewing the current Cemetery Policy through a working group That is looking at the current Cemetery regulations and rules and whether any changes are needed. This is still a work in progress. A review of the Cemetery and Churchyard grounds tree maintenance has also started. We are obtaining quotations for a schedule of tree and ground works to be carried out before the end of the year.

### DHL Warehouse

WNC and National Highways are still assessing the traffic impact of the developments and are now looking at the impact as a whole. The latest hold on the application expired on 22<sup>nd</sup> November. (From Save Towcester Now Facebook page ).

### Vehicle Activated Speed (VAS) Indication Signs

The decision on placing a sign is still ongoing in terms of which company to use but we are making progress! We hope to move this forward soon and progress on to the grant application and installation. There will be a meeting with the Highways Liaison Office to also discuss rumble strips through Cold Higham village.

### HGV Issues in Grimscote

Currently in Grimscote there is temporary "Not Suitable for Heavy goods vehicles" signage at the south end of Manor Road. Several locations have been agreed as suitable for signage "No Access for HGV vehicles" including the A5, the telephone box

and the current location of the temporary sign. Helen Howard from Highways has agreed to obtain quotations for the signs and let us know when they are available.

### Telephone Box in Grimscote

Thanks to kind residents, the phone box is now finished. Very nice it looks too. The Parish Council is very grateful to the residents taking this on.

### Fraud and Scam Awareness

There was a fraud and scam awareness talk given by the police as part of Neighbourhood Watch on 23<sup>rd</sup> November in Cold Higham Village Hall; the event lasted around an hour.

### Defibrillator at Cold Higham Village Hall

This was a project instigated by the Village Hall Committee and funded by the Parish Council. The defibrillator has now been installed near the front door of the Village Hall and is operational.

We would like to wish all our Parishioners a lovely Xmas, a very Happy New Year and a happy, healthy 2024.

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## CRAFTS & PLAY

Fridays

12th, 19th, 26th January

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### MONDAYS TO SATURDAYS except Public Holidays

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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 SpringfieldWay	x	0707		0833	0939	x		1455	x	x
Brackley TurwestonRd 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 ButchersArms	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			

### 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 ButchersArms	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 TurwesternRd N	0928	1437	1604	1619	1727	1727	1858	1904	1908	
Brackley SpringfieldWay	0936	x	1611	1626	1735	1735	x	1911		
Brackley Tesco	0941	x	x	x	1740	1740	x	x	x	
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### TO TOWCESTER - SCHEDULED SERVICE

Stage	Gayton - Start	9:30	Dep	Gayton - Hillcrest Rd, Five Ways, High St, Back Lane
1	Tiff eld	9:40		High Street - North and South
	Eastcote	9:50		High Street - Eastcote Arms
	Pattishall	9:55		Pattishall - Church St, Fosters Booth Rd, Leys Rd, Pool Close
	Astcote	10:00		Astcote School, High Street
	Towcester- Arrive	10:05	Arr	Towcester - Tesco, Aldi, B&M - Market Square - Waitrose

### TO NORTHAMPTON - BY REQUEST

2	Towcester - Depart	10:10	Dep	Towcester - Waitrose
	Northampton	10:25		Tesco Mereway
	Northampton	10:35		Morrisons
	Northampton - Arrive	10:40	Arr	Northampton - Drapery

### RETURN FROM TOWCESTER - SCHEDULED SERVICE

3	Towcester - Depart	11:15	Dep	Towcester - Waitrose - Market Square
	Towcester	11:20		Towcester - Tesco/Aldi/B & M
	Tiff eld	11:25		Tiff eld, High Street South and North
	Gayton	11:30		Gayton (Hillcrest Rd, Five Ways, High St, Back Lane)
	Eastcote	11:35		High Street, Eastcote Arms
	Astcote	11:40		Astcote - School, High Street
	Pattishall	11:45	Arr	Pattishall - Church St, Fosters Booth Rd, Leys Rd, Pool Close

### RETURN FROM NORTHAMPTON - BY REQUEST - COLLECTION TIMES TO BE CONFIRMED BY PASSENGERS

4	Northampton - Depart	Approx 12:05	Dep	Northampton - Drapery
	Northampton	12:10		Northampton - Morrisons
	Northampton	12:15		Northampton - Tesco Mereway
	Gayton	12:25		Gayton (Hillcrest Rd, Five Ways, High St, Back Lane)
	Tiff eld	12:30		Tiff eld - High Street North and South
	Eastcote	12:40		High Street, Eastcote Arms
	Astcote	12:45		Astcote - School, High Street
	Pattishall - Arrive	12:50	Arr	Pattishall - Church St, Fosters Booth Rd, Leys Rd, Pool Close

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Timetable June 2023 v.3



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**Lunch Club** is held monthly at 12 midday on the second Tuesday of the month in our warm, comfortable kitchen and is accessed through the side door on the left of the Chapel with no steps to climb. We hope you will be tempted to come along.



## Astcote Methodist Church

Acting Superintendent: Rev David Speirs 01604 705642 (on sabbatical until 26<sup>th</sup> July)  
Pastoral Minister: Rev Ian Forsyth 01604 515674

### ALL SUNDAY SERVICES 10.30am unless stated otherwise

3<sup>rd</sup> Dec – 9-9.30am Prayer for the Community

10.30am Rev Ian Forsyth to include Holy Communion

10<sup>th</sup> Dec – Service 10.30am – Sue Foy

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec – Lunch Club 12 midday

17<sup>th</sup> Dec – 10.30am FAMILY SERVICE – led by Keith Brooks

*Our Christmas Theme is .....*

*Out of the Ordinary – Scratch Beneath the Surface*

Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec 4pm – Carols in the Barn at Home Farm, Astcote (near the Green)  
Come dressed as someone from the Nativity!

Sun 24<sup>th</sup> Dec 4.30pm – Candlelit Service at the Chapel

Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Dec 10.30am – Christmas Family Celebration

31<sup>st</sup> Dec – 10.30am NMC United Service at St. Andrews Methodist Church,  
Harlestone Road, NN5 6AB

7<sup>th</sup> Jan – 9.30-10am Prayer for the Community

Service 10.30 Rev Ian Suttie to include Holy Communion

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

14<sup>th</sup> Jan – Service led by Paul Barford

21<sup>st</sup> Jan – FAMILY SERVICE led by Angela McNally followed by New Year Lunch

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> Jan – 12-2pm Well Group – speaker Mrs Diane Forsyth

28<sup>th</sup> Jan – 3pm Scones of Praise – Rev Ian Forsyth

CRAFTERNOON EVERY MONDAY 2-4pm – ALL WELCOME

BIBLE STUDY 7.30-9pm TUESDAY EVENINGS – ALL WELCOME – check noticeboard for details

BABY & TODDLER GROUP 9-11am EVERY WEDNESDAY IN TERM TIME

For information on any Services of events at Astcote Chapel please contact:  
Ann Atkin 830907, [ann.atkin51@btinternet.com](mailto:ann.atkin51@btinternet.com) or Kate Stretton 830115



### 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



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## Astcote Chapel 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



2024 will see the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Chapel building in Astcote – although Methodists had been meeting for some time before 1874 in the

village. We are planning celebrations – particularly over the weekend of 3<sup>rd</sup> August.

In Chapel records the names of local families are recorded who were involved in some way in the life of the Chapel early in the 1800s. Could any of these be your ancestors?

Edward, Mary, Hannah, John, Ann, Sam or Sarah STAMP

Hannah, Susannah, Elizabeth, or Sarah BIRD

John HARVEY

Sarah or Jane JONES

Hannah or Thomas WATERS

John or Ambrose JUDKINS

Elizabeth KINGSTON

Sarah GARDINER

John MARRIOTT

Thomas EVANS

Arthur HEEL

Elizabeth or William PELL

Hugh, May, Frederick or Phoebe ASHBY

Ann LUCAS

William or Martha PALMER

Thomas SKERRY

William or Ernest STEEL

The foundation stones were laid in 1874 by George West, Mrs Ashworth, Mr Joseph Gibbs and W. Humphreys – these names are on the front of the Chapel.

If you have any record or knowledge of any connection your family has had with the Chapel we would love to hear from you. Perhaps someone went to Sunday School, or was christened there. Do you have any old photos of the building or activities connected with it? WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Please contact: John or Ann Atkin 01327 830907 or email [ann.atkin51@btinternet.com](mailto:ann.atkin51@btinternet.com) OR Kate Stretton 01327 830115 or email [kate.stretton@btinternet.com](mailto:kate.stretton@btinternet.com)

Thank you.

## Astcote Methodist Church

### 'Scones of Praise'

**Sundays at 3pm on**  
**28<sup>th</sup> January**  
**25<sup>th</sup> February**

Enjoy a relaxed  
Songs of Praise Service  
with tea & scones



## WINTER WARMER LUNCHES



**All Welcome for hot soup, roll,  
cake, tea & coffee**

**3<sup>rd</sup> December,**  
**7<sup>th</sup> January, 4<sup>th</sup> February.**

**Holy Cross Church, Pattishall,  
12 - 2 pm**

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

(part of the Amelcote Benefice)

Peace and Joy at Christmas  
from the Amelcote Benefice churches

### Services for December 2023

Date	Time	Service	Church
Sun 3rd Dec	10am 2pm	Family Communion with Carols Blessing of the bells	Cold Higham Pattishall
Sun 10th Dec	10am 5pm	Family Communion Carol service	Tiffield Gayton
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6pm	Carol Service	Tiffield
Sun 17th Dec	10am	Family Communion	Pattishall
Tue 19th Dec Date to be confirmed	6.30pm	Carol service	Pattishall
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec <i>Christmas Eve</i>	10am 3.00pm	Family Communion Crib Service	Gayton Pattishall
Mon 25th Dec <i>Christmas Day</i>	10am 11am	Family Communion Family service	Pattishall Tiffield
31 <sup>st</sup> Dec		No Service	

### Services for January and February 2024

Date	Time	Service	Church
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10am	Family Communion	Cold Higham
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10am	Family Communion	Tiffield
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> Jan	10am	Family Communion	Pattishall
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10am	Family Communion	Gayton
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10am	Family Communion	Cold Higham
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10am	Family Communion	Tiffield
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10am	Family Communion	Pattishall
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10am	Family Communion	Gayton

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

#### Churchwardens

Cold Higham - Pauline Pearson, 01327 830287  
Pattishall - Alison Brierley, 01327 830770

#### Reader

Sue Titheridge, 01327 351219

#### Lay Pastoral Assistant

Jean Pugh, 01327 830909

# DIARY DATES

## December

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Winter Warmer Lunches, Holy Cross Church, Pattishall, 12-2pm
- 6<sup>th</sup> Minibus trip to Oxford Christmas & indoor markets
- 6<sup>th</sup> Gardening Club: Wreath making and Quiz
- 7<sup>th</sup> Pattishall Parish Hall & Playing Field meetings, Pattishall Hall, 7pm
- 8<sup>th</sup> Pattishall Cafe, Pattishall Parish Hall, 12 - 2pm
- 9<sup>th</sup> Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch, Pattishall Parish Hall
- 9<sup>th</sup> Carols at the Hall, Cold Higham Parish Hall, 6pm
- 13<sup>th</sup> WI: *Christmas Party*, Pattishall Parish Hall, 7.30pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> Pattishall Parish Council Meeting, Pattishall Parish Hall, 7pm
- 16<sup>th</sup> Two Christmas Crafty Ladies, Pattishall Parish Hall, 2-4pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> Holy Cross Carol Service, 6.30pm (*to be confirmed*)
- 20<sup>th</sup> End of Pattishall School term, Carols in the Playground - all welcome
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Pattishall Cafe, Pattishall Parish Hall, 12 - 2pm
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Carols in the Barn at Home Farm, Astcote, 4pm
- 24<sup>th</sup> Crib Service with Carols, Holy Cross, 3pm

## January

- 4<sup>th</sup> Pattishall Parish Hall & Playing Field meetings, Pattishall Hall, 7pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> Pattishall Cafe, Pattishall Parish Hall, 12 - 2pm
- 7<sup>th</sup> Winter Warmer Lunches, Holy Cross Church, Pattishall, 12-2pm
- 10<sup>th</sup> WI: *At Madame Tussauds*, Pattishall Parish Hall, 7.30pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> Good Neighbours: Kate Wills, local historian, Cold Higham Hall, 1.45pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> Pattishall Parish Council Meeting, Pattishall Parish Hall, 7pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> Cold Higham PC Meeting, Cold Higham Parish Hall, 6pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> Pattishall Cafe, Pattishall Parish Hall, 12 - 2pm
- 25<sup>th</sup> Well Group: *Mrs. Diane Forsyth*, Astcote Chapel, 12 - 2pm

## February

- 1<sup>st</sup> Pattishall Parish Hall & Playing Field meetings, Pattishall Hall, 7pm
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Pattishall Cafe, Pattishall Parish Hall, 12 - 2pm
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Choral Day Singing Workshop with Richard Laing, Holy Cross
- 4<sup>th</sup> Winter Warmer Lunches, Holy Cross Church, Pattishall, 12-2pm
- 7<sup>th</sup> Gardening Club: *Secrets & Scandals at Canons Ashby*
- 8<sup>th</sup> Good Neighbours, Cold Higham Hall, 1.45pm
- 8<sup>th</sup> Pattishall Parish Council Meeting, Pattishall Parish Hall, 7pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> Valentine's Cream Teas, Pattishall Parish Hall, 2pm & 3.30pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> WI: *Chocolatier*, Pattishall Parish Hall, 7.30pm
- 16<sup>th</sup> Pattishall Cafe, Pattishall Parish Hall, 12 - 2pm
- 17<sup>th</sup> Picnic in the Park Quiz Night, Pattishall Parish Hall, 7.30pm

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