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Grendon Times

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Village Annual Parish Forum

Due to the pandemic the Annual Parish Forum had to be cancelled back in April. Due to current guidelines it is still not permitted to take place face to face but legislation now allows it to be held virtually which is what we are planning to do. Residents are therefore invited to attend the zoom Annual parish Meeting on Monday 9th November at 7.30pm.

This is your opportunity to hear about the work of the Parish Council during the last year and raise any issues / concerns you may have. Hopefully there will also be reports from other village organisations about their achievements during the year. Unfortunately you will have to provide your own wine & nibbles this year!

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84417349356>

Meeting ID: 844 1734 9356

If you wish to join by telephone details are on the Parish Council website.

<https://www.grendon-pc.org.uk/council-meetings.html?month=2020-11#item-1239614>

The minutes from the last Annual Parish Forum can be viewed by following this link-

<https://www.grendon-pc.org.uk/uploads/apm-draft-minutes-15419.pdf>

October 2020

A representative from Intelligent Alternatives Limited will be giving a presentation about the proposed Solar farm on Land To The East Of Northampton Aquapark (at Grendon Lakes)

If you wish to view the plans for this please follow this link

<https://publicaccess.wellingborough.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=document&keyVal=QGSUUZRB0D900>

The site plan can be viewed by following this link

https://publicaccess.wellingborough.gov.uk/online-applications/files/B816B10E351401B48E91C64F1EA07377/pdf/WP_20_00576_SCR-LOCATION_PLAN-334122.pdf



-Cllr Martin Griffiths reported at the October Parish Council meeting that following the recent Horse Fair there now seemed to be some semi-permanent caravans on the field, this was being looked into by planning and enforcement at the Borough Council of Wellingborough. He also reported that the new Tresham College has opened and is receiving students. The prison is progressing well and is due to open in early 2022 and will be called HMP Five Wells, it is and will continue to provide employment opportunities for the area with some 900 jobs being created. The move towards Unitary authority continues at pace although in light of the pandemic there is some question over the May 2021 elections which were delayed from May 2020. He has resigned from his role as deputy leader of the new North Northants authority as he wishes to concentrate on the new Wellingborough Town Council formation and ensuring that a strong legacy is left once BCW is dissolved, he will still sit on the shadow executive. He emphasised the importance of parish councils in the new structure and that they should be consulted with and listened to as part of the process.



Poors Land Charity

Registered Charity Number 201467

“For the relief of persons resident in the parish of Grendon”

The Poors Land Charity, is administered by trustees (appointed by the Parish Council), to provide financial help to village residents' and organisations.

Please contact the Secretary Mrs. Deborah Rush 01933 663918 in confidence, if you would like to discuss an application.

Trustees Mr. Ian Denton, Mr. Tony Knuff & Mr. Jason Ross

The Parish Council have asked Highways why Easton Way was recently closed without notification and with an inappropriate diversion being set up around Church ay which is already congested and weight limited. A response is awaited!



A huge thank you to Councillors Phil Mason (& Tracey), Martyn Smith, Martin Herron & Nick Blacklee who worked very hard to side out the footpath just over the bridge which had become very overgrown. A huge thank you also to Trevor Higgs who also helped out.



Welcome to our new Vicar

Hello! Thank you so much for the lovely ways in which you have welcomed me to the benefice. I'm so pleased to be joining you, and very much look forward to meeting you - in these strange times that may take longer than I would like! In the meantime, please do feel free to contact me. Every blessing, Morna

The Rev'd Morna Simpson

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Daylight centre

The daylight centre continues to support people in need and is still in need of many items with demand for it's services having shot up during the last few months.

Dean still delivers to the centre and donations can be left in the Church on a Wednesday or Sunday or in the Church room on Tuesday or Saturday.

Please take a look at their website to see what they are most in need of

<http://www.daylightcf.org/can-you-help/>

PROVIDING FRIENDSHIP AND SUPPORT FOR ADULTS IN NEED

Thank you.....

Many resident's benefitted from Melissa's hardwork in collecting and delivering the prescriptions during the pandemic. I have been asked how she can be thanked so we are going to have a collection for anyone who may want to thank her. Please put your donation in an envelope (marked Melissa collection & with your name) through my letterbox at 26 Main Rd and then we will ensure it is passed onto her (when she can escape lockdown in Liverpool where she is now at university!).



A reminder of the current usage guidelines for the play area. The new rule of 6 applies to using the area so please do not gather in groups of more than 6.

Advice for using the play area – based on the Government advice to ensure the area is Covid Secure

Whilst we have done everything we can to minimise the risks your child plays here at their own risk

-Please try to **stay at least 1 m apart** from others (unless they are from your household).



-Use the **hand sanitiser** when you enter the play area & when you leave.



-**Only 6 children** can play in the area at any one time, please be considerate to others and limit your playtime especially if others are waiting.



-**Only 1 child on each piece of equipment** (unless from the same household).



-Please **wipe down the touched area of the equipment with an antibacterial wipe** when your child has finished playing on it, so that the next child can enjoy it.



-Try not to touch your face whilst playing and cover your mouth with a tissue if you cough or sneeze and then put it in the bin and sanitise your hands again.



-Do not enter the play area if you have any symptoms of Coronavirus.

Grendon Village Walks

Walks in and Around Grendon

A Circular Walk to Easton Maudit & Yardley Hastings - 7½ Miles

Introduction

All walks start from the Information Panel near the entrance to the school in Main Road.

The route for this walk is described from point to point on the map overleaf.

Two alternative routes are included one to go via Horn Wood (increases the mileage by ½ mile) and the other to walk along Yardley Road and miss Easton Maudit which reduces the mileage by 1½ Miles.

Unfortunately the number of stiles (5) and 6 ploughed fields on this walk make it unsuitable for pushchairs.

Refreshments are available with two Pubs in Yardley Hastings and a choice of Cafes in Castle Ashby.

MAIN ROUTE— 7½ Miles

Facing away from the information panel turn LEFT towards the church. (If you wish to walk the shorter alternative please follow the route outlined below and join the Main Route at point 11.) Turn RIGHT into Chequers Lane at point 1

Walk past footpath signs on the right and left to a footpath sign on the right just before a red brick cottage at point 2.

2) Go through the kiss gate and walk straight on towards a hedge at the hedge bear LEFT to a stile at point 3.

3) Go over the stile and turn immediately LEFT a short way to another stile. Go over the stile into a field. Walk straight ahead with the hedge on the left go through a gate and proceed until you reach another gate at point 4.

4) Go through the gate into the field. Walk across the field in a 2 o'clock direction to a bridge over the brook at point 5.

5) Go over the bridge into the field and walk in a 2 o'clock direction towards track and a derelict barn on the horizon at point 6.

6) Cross the track into the next field. Proceed in a 1 o'clock direction to a bridge over a 2nd brook at point 7.

7) Do not cross the Brook but turn RIGHT and walk towards a stone barn - Go past the barn on the LEFT to a metal gate - Go through the gate and head in a 1 o'clock direction towards another metal gate - On through the gate and walk to a road at point 8.

8) Cross over the road and walk through Easton Maudit - Walk to a metal gate on the RIGHT which has a waymarked bridleway at point 9 (To include the longer alternative walk via Horn Wood continue straight on the road and follow the route described below e.g. 9A - 9B etc)

9) Cross the field keeping a wall and then a hedge on the LEFT - Walk to another metal gate - Go on through the gate and follow the track to The Golf Course road at point 10.

10) Cross the road and continue on the bridleway which rises and then drops down to a brook and point 11.

11) Turn LEFT before the bridge and follow the path to the Golf Course Road - Cross the road and take a waymarked footpath through the old Castle Ashby Golf Course - The path rises over a mound and then drops down to a ditch - Cross the ditch and keeping to the RIGHT of the field walk to a stile over a fence at point 12

12) Bear RIGHT at 1 O'clock to a bridge over a ditch into an arable field - Keep to the RIGHT and walk with the brook on your RIGHT - The path enters a tree enclosed stretch until you pass a sewage works on your LEFT and the path turns into a track - It soon enters Yardley Hastings at Castle Ashby Road - Cross the road into the Pocket Park and follow the path to Rectory Road - Turn RIGHT and cross the brook to point 13.

13) Turn immediately LEFT into Little Lane and walk with the brook on your LEFT continue between some cottages to a grass triangle at point 14)

14) Take a waymarked footpath on the RIGHT before you reach the triangle - Follow the path between some cottages to a Kiss Gate into a pasture field - Head across the field in an 11 O'clock direction - The path then turns slightly RIGHT and drops down to a metal gate - Go through the gate into an arable field and turn RIGHT then LEFT

following the edge of the field - Continue on the edge of the field to a fringe of trees - Look for a gap in the trees and walk to a stile at point 15.

15) Cross over the stile into the Castle Ashby Estate parkland - Turn half right and head in a 2 O'clock direction - Cross over the Castle Ashby House drive and continue in the same direction towards some trees - Look for a stile on your LEFT and cross over into a scrubby area - Bear RIGHT and then LEFT through the scrub - Keeping the trees on the LEFT walk to an arable field and head straight across the field to another stile and a road at point 16.

16) Cross the road and turn RIGHT onto a pavement - Follow the road to Castle Ashby - On reaching the village take the first turning on the right and walk past the Rural Shopping Yard on the left - The road turns sharp LEFT by a Car Park on the RIGHT - Walk on to a small grass triangle close to the Falcon Inn at point 17.

17) Turn RIGHT into Parkhill Road and walk out of the village to a RIGHT hand bend in the road - Bear LEFT on to a footpath across an arable field heading back towards Grendon - Cross a bridge over a ditch and a grass track to continue on across another arable field to a stile with a dog flap - Follow the path up hill to a Kiss Gate - Then on between two houses to Manor Road at point 18.

18) Turn RIGHT and walk up Manor Road to Parsons Close on the LEFT - Walk to a Kiss Gate on the RIGHT and walk through the playing field back to the start.

SHORTER ALTERNATIVE - VIA YARDLEY ROAD

This alternative reduces the mileage by $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles but has $\frac{3}{4}$ miles of road walking with no footpath - Take great care when walking on Yardley Road as it can be very busy and has at least one blind bend.

Facing away from the information panel turn RIGHT - Stay on Main Road to where it changes into Easton Way. Walk to the fork in the road at point **1A)**

1A) Fork RIGHT down Yardley Road. Go past the football ground on the right and walk for $\frac{3}{4}$ mile to the turning right into Parkhill at point **1B)**.

1B) Continue straight on Yardley Road through a series of bends to a bridleway on the LEFT - Take the bridleway and walk downhill to a bridge over a brook go over the brook to point **11** on the Main Route - Turn Right on to the Main Route.

LONGER ALTERNATIVE - Via HORN WOOD -

Adds an extra $\frac{1}{2}$ mile - From point 9 continue to walk on the road to the Oakfield Centre - Bear LEFT at the fork in the road which soon turns into a footpath - Follow the path with a mixture of wall and hedge on your LEFT until you reach a stile at point 9A.

9A) Turn RIGHT before the stile and follow the path downhill to cross a brook then uphill to a gap in a hedge - Go through the gap and walk to some ruins of a barn - Skirt LEFT and RIGHT around the barn then drop downhill to a bridge over a brook - Cross over and walk uphill until you reach Cold Oak Copse on the RIGHT - Keep the woods on your RIGHT and walk to a footpath on the LEFT - DO NOT TAKE

THE FOOTPATH but bear RIGHT through a gap in the hedge through into an arable field at point 9B.




9B) With a hedge on your LEFT walk on a wide track downhill to a crossing track - Continue straight on uphill to a metal gate - Go through the gate and on between two hedges to another gate - Go through the gate and head in a 11 O'clock direction across a grass field to a stile at 9c.

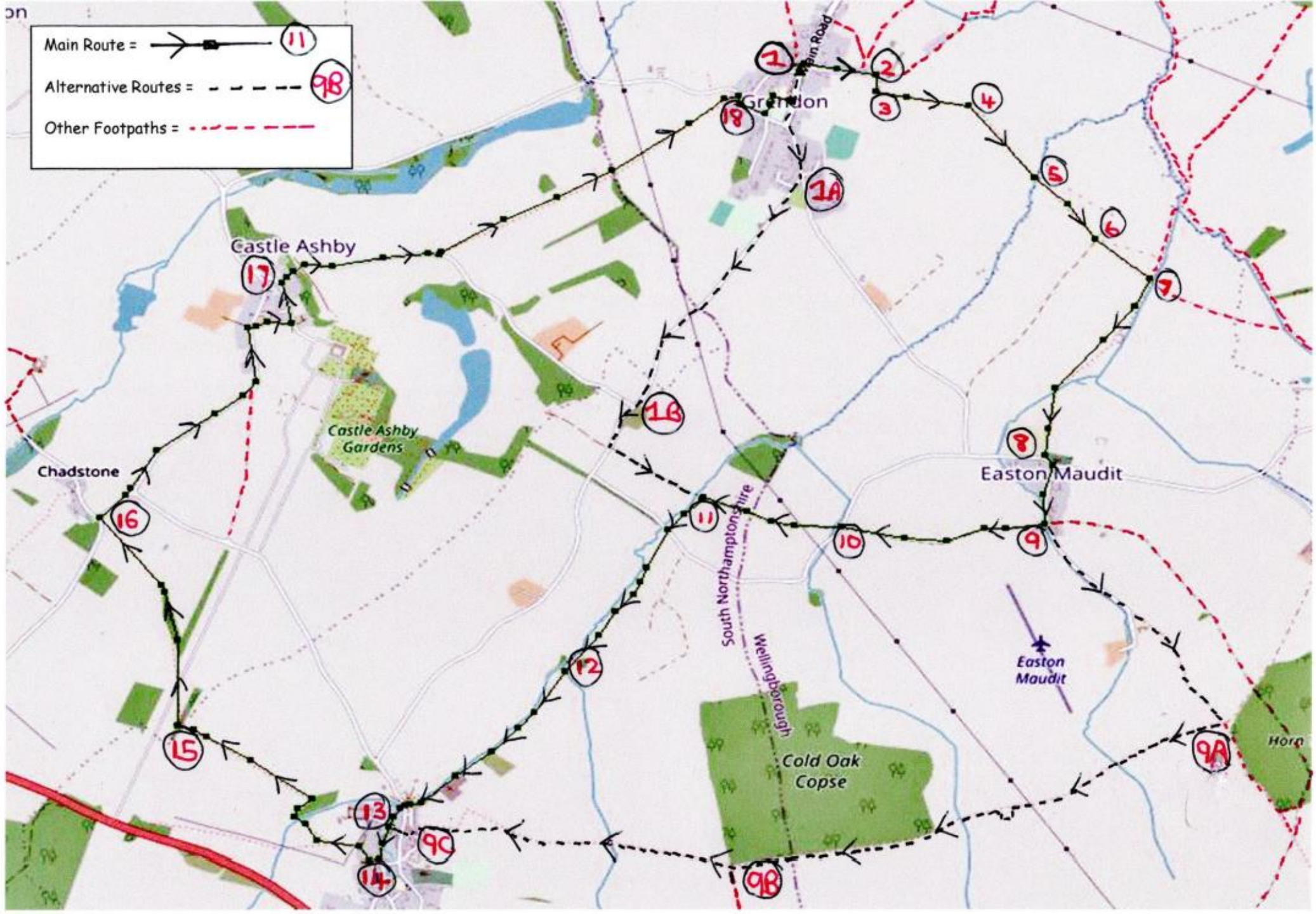
9C) Follow the path to the LEFT between two fences - The path bears RIGHT beside a cottage to a road - Go down some steps and cross the road into Rectory Lane - Continue on to join the Main Route at point 13.

SAFE WALKING

Be prepared—always wear suitable clothing and sturdy footwear - Take care when crossing or walking on roads (walk facing the oncoming traffic) - Follow the Country Code - Keep to the line of the paths - Leave gates as you find them - Respect the countryside—Leave wildlife, livestock, crops and machinery alone - Keep dogs under control - Take your litter home.

Trevor Higgs June 2020

Main Route =  11
 Alternative Routes =  98
 Other Footpaths = 



The Legion's work is more vital than ever as we support people from all generations who have new hardships as a result of Covid-19.

This Poppy Appeal, we want to ensure that everyone can still get their poppy, so we've developed an A4 poster of the iconic Remembrance Poppy that you can download, print, and display at home, perhaps in your front window.

<https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/ways-to-give/donate>

Unfortunately due to the pandemic door to door collections won't happen this year but there will be poppies available in the Church lending library at the Church Room (open Tuesday & Saturday) or in Church (Wednesday & Sunday) from 31st Oct – 7th Nov. You can also purchase poppies online to give to your friends and family -

<https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/ways-to-give/poppies-in-the-post>



Details of this year's Act of Remembrance are being finalised and will be communicated once known.