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Grendon Times

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If you know of any residents who would like to receive this publication please ask them to contact the clerk at clerk@grendon-pc.org.uk

What an improvement.....

The Parish Council are delighted with how much better the new fence around the playing field looks. This was made possible by a grant from the Borough Council of Wellingborough and funds from the Parish Council. Countrywide Fencing from Earls Barton worked extremely hard in very high temperatures to get the job done.



Prescription delivery service

Denton surgery have advised residents that the prescription delivery service is ending. Huge thanks must be given to Melissa Williams who has collected and delivered for the last 4 months, we know how much resident's appreciated the service. If anyone gets really stuck please do contact your Street Champion to see if they can help. Now would also seem a good time to thank the Street Champions who helped out vulnerable and extremely vulnerable residents during lockdown. Hopefully everyone got to know their street champion and I am sure that if ever there was an occasion in the future when you need some help they would do their best to do so.



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 Clerk reported at the recent Parish Council meeting that she had attended the virtual Q&A session hosted by NCALC about the new North Northants Unitary Council. This had been attended by 44 parishes and was attended by the new leader Russell Roberts & the deputy leader Martin Griffiths. Russell Roberts reported that the new chief executive Rob Bridge had been appointed and would take up the role on the 2nd November 2020. Various other appointments had been made which should be approved shortly. There would be 78 councillors on the new authority with each ward having 3. The new authority does not have a physical home yet but as most work was being conducted virtually this was not considered a pressing issue. On vesting day residents would not notice much change as transformation of services can only happen when existing contracts reach the end of their term. There were questions around planning and the importance of local knowledge and policy around developer contributions through either s106 obligations or community infrastructure levy. The subject of redundancies was raised, these have been budgeted for. One of the major issues to resolve is the harmonisation of council tax & council tax support as there is currently a range of between 8.5 – 45% support across the 4 local authorities. An 8-week consultation to residents would be undertaken. It was confirmed that no actions of the new authority would affect the Parish Council's ability to precept to meet their own budget costs.

Cllr Martin Griffiths had not been able to attend the September Parish Council meeting, but had provided an update by telephone on the recent Horse Fair. He had attended the police debriefing, where it had been reported there was no increase in crime due to the event and the high levels of policing over the weekend. He explained that concern had been expressed about certain comments on social media and on flyers, these had been referred to the Race & Equality Commission.

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



Water leak – Blackmile Lane

Several residents have mentioned the water leak in Blackmile Lane, the parish Council have spoken to Anglian water about this and they are carrying out investigative work to establish where it is coming from. They have also booked the drain opposite the Village Hall for some investigative work as the lid comes off after heavy rainfall.

Jon Sayles and the family have asked us to thank residents who stood out last Thursday to pay their respects to Chris. The gesture meant a lot to them and the kindness shown to them during this very difficult time has been much appreciated.

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

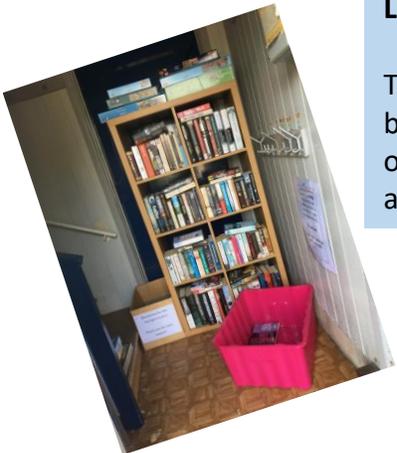
<http://www.daylightcf.org/can-you-help/>

PROVIDING FRIENDSHIP AND SUPPORT FOR ADULTS IN NEED



Lending library

The lending library of books, jigsaws & DVDs has been moved to the Church Room entrance. It is open on Tuesday's & Saturdays from 10am -4pm and continues to be well used.



Please join us for an **outdoor service**

on

Sunday 20th September at 10am,

followed by

bring your own coffee & cake.

to celebrate

'Harvest & Creation'

Food donations can be made to the Daylight Centre
on the day

(visit their website to see what they need)

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



Please collect & bring something "beautiful" on your journey to Church.

Please email grendonchurchwardens@gmail.com to let us know you would like to come to the service.

Please bring a chair or rug if possible.

Everyone warmly welcome

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 Walk to Denton - 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.

An alternative route is included to go via Whiston Ford and Whiston which increases the mileage by 1 mile - The alternative route is outlined below eg points 10A - 10B etc.

Unfortunately the number of stiles (5) and 3 ploughed fields on this walk make it unsuitable for pushchairs.

Refreshments are available with a Pub in Denton and a choice of Cafes in Castle Ashby.

MAIN ROUTE— 7½ Miles

Facing away from the information panel turn RIGHT up Main Road to Manor Road on the right at point 1

1) Turn RIGHT into Manor Road walk past the playing field on the right to where the road bears right. Take the footpath between two houses at point 2

2) Walk between the two houses to a kiss gate. Go through the kiss gate out into a paddock walk across the paddock in a 10 o'clock direction to a stile. Go over the stile into a field head across the field in a 1 o'clock direction to a small bridge over a ditch at point 3

3) Proceed over the bridge and across the next field keeping to the left of the clump of trees until you meet a road at point 4

4) Turn RIGHT on to the road and walk up the hill into Castle Ashby to point 5)

5) Turn LEFT into the minor road and follow the road around into the village - The road bears RIGHT at the Car Park and passes the Rural Shopping Yard on the RIGHT to a road - Cross the road and turn LEFT on to the pavement - Follow the road out of the village to a RIGHT turn into the hamlet of Chadstone at point 6.

6) Walk to a small triangle of grass and turn left to a footpath into a small paddock - Go

through the paddock and into the next field - Head left to the corner and a stile - Now cross the arable field heading to the right of Castle Ashby Lodge - Continue on through a hedge and then to a brook at point 7.

7) Cross the brook and turn left - Walk to a bridge on the left - Here turn right and walk to a gap in the hedge on the left - Cross the field to the corner of a hedge - Walk on with the hedge on the right - At a gap in the hedge turn right and walk across the field to a stile and a road - Go LEFT then RIGHT and follow the access road to a footpath which leads to Main Street in the centre of Denton at point 8.

8) Turn RIGHT on Main Street and walk out of the village - Where the road bends LEFT - Continue straight on to a waymarked footpath opposite - Enter the field through the gate and head to 11 O'clock and the end of a stone wall - Walk alongside the wall to a stile on its own once past the stile continue across the field to a gap between some trees - Once through the gap bear half RIGHT in a 2 O'clock direction to the far right hand corner of the field to a track - Turn LEFT on to the track which turns into a footpath by a brook on the RIGHT - Walk by the

brook until you reach a bridge on the RIGHT at point 9.

9) Cross over the brook and turn LEFT follow the path to a bridge back over the brook on the LEFT - Cross over and turn RIGHT - Walk past the Paradise Ponds on the right to an access track at point 10.

10) Turn RIGHT for the Main Route (**Or LEFT for the alternative via Whiston Ford and Whiston - An additional 1 mile - Outlined in points 10A - 10B etc below**) - Walk up hill into Chadstone - Go through the hamlet to the T junction - Turn LEFT and walk on the pavement retracing your steps back to Castle Ashby stay on the road through the village passing the Rural Shopping Yard on the RIGHT and walk on to the Falcon Inn on the right at point 11.

11) Walk down the hill over a brook to a RIGHT turn at point 12.

12) Turn RIGHT and follow the road. Soon The Basin and Scotland Ponds appear on the right. Go past the entrance to the Fishing Lodge at the end of Scotland Pond. Walk past the layby take the path around the west shore of Grendon Quarter Pond at Point 13.

13) Follow the path round the shore of the lake until it re-joins the road at point 14.

14) Turn RIGHT onto the road then immediately RIGHT again at the T Junction. Follow the road up the hill back into Grendon. At the fork in the road head RIGHT into Manor Road - Turn LEFT into Parsons Close Turn right at the Kiss Gate through the playing field back to the start.

Longer Alternative - Whiston Ford & Whiston - Additional 1 mile

At point 10 on the Main Route Turn LEFT and follow the access road to Chadstone Lodge - Turn LEFT on to a bridleway in front of the farm and wall up the hill through some trees and on to the Denton Road at point 10B.

10B) Cross the road at follow the bridleway downhill to some trees - At the trees bear RIGHT in a 2 O'clock direction to where the path drops down to the LEFT to a bridge over a brook - Climb up from the brook to a track at point 10C

10C) Turn RIGHT and walk along the track to where the brook crosses the track at a Whiston Ford - Cross the outlet of the ford to the LEFT and walk up hill to Whiston Road

- Turn LEFT and walk downhill to a LEFT turn into Whiston - Walk to Manor Farm - Look for a footpath on the RIGHT which climbs the hill to Whiston Church and point 10D.

10D) Walk to the right of the church and go through the churchyard to a stile in a stone wall - Turn RIGHT into the field and follow the edge of the field to a gap on the right - Turn right and take a green path through the centre of a field to Whiston Road - Turn LEFT and walk on the road downhill to re-join the Main Route at point 12.

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

