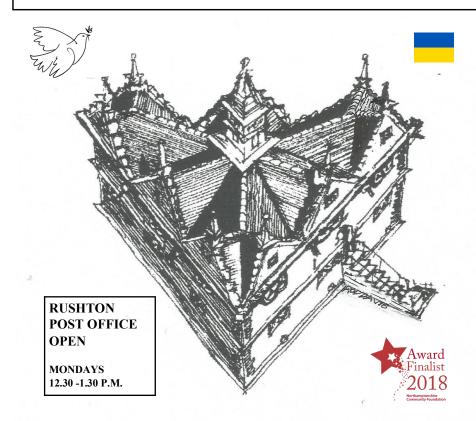
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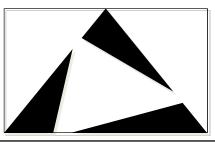
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It is very sad to report that 'The Thornhill Arms' has closed. Thanks to Georgina and her staff, who did everything possible to involve the community and who provided hospitality and enjoyment to so many people, not least in hosting the VE 80 evening 'do' on May 8th. There are many country pubs disappearing, despite great efforts to keep them going. The pub is a traditional centre for socializing and meeting with friends, and, in latter years, for dining. What will we do without it? The Village Coffee Morning has already found a new home (see page 5), but it won't be quite the same.

The VE 80 commemoration was a great success, but the weather could have been a bit kinder - the next day was sunny and warm! It was good though, and thanks go to all involved.

A technical crisis is looming - from October 2026, Microsoft is no longer supporting 'Publisher', with which this publication has been created since October 2001. Any expert advice on how to produce a 24page magazine without the help of Publisher would be much appreciated. Why do people have to do away with things that are successful and easy to use? The advantage of Publisher is that it gives one the framework to write and insert pictures with ease - no thank you to offers of A1 assistance and co-piloting - the death of literacy may be nigh! Our research has not yet found a suitable alternative, and the phrase 'You can't teach an old dog new tricks' is springing to mind. Perhaps it's time to hang up the mouse - who reads it anyway?

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RUSHTON POST OFFICE <u>MONDAYS</u> <u>12.30 - 1.30 p.m.</u> <u>RUSHTON VILLAGE HALL</u> (Not Bank Holidays)

Rajah now runs the Post Office.



CONGRATULATIONS TO MIKE BRIGHTMAN!

Congratulations to Mike, who has been chosen to receive a **ROSE OF NORTHAMPTONSHIRE AWARD** for services to the community of Rushton. The citation reads:

Through these awards, we're recognizing all the work that unsung heroes like you are doing to build happy and healthy communities in our great county of Northamptonshire.

To say a special thank you for your dedication to bettering the lives of those in your local community through your work with Rushton Parish Council, we'll be presenting you with a Rose of Northamptonshire Award certificate.



tonshire Award certificate. This awards initiative is managed by Northamptonshire Community Foundation, in partnership with North Northamptonshire Council and West Northamptonshire Council. We would be delighted to present you with your award at a dedicated tea party hosted by Northamptonshire Community Foundation and North Northamptonshire Council There is an invitation below for a celebration tea party that we will be hosting during Volunteers' Week, to honour our Rose of Northamptonshire Award winners. A representative from the Lord-Lieutenant's office will be present to thank you for your services for volunteering.

A copy of this invitation will also be posted to you as a souvenir of your special achievement on behalf of our county.



5 **ALL SAINTS 100 Club** APRIL No. 42 Mr. B. Eames 1st No. 33 Mrs. J. Hands 2nd 3rd No. 06 Miss M. Croker Coffee Morning at **Rushton Village Hall Organised by the Rushton Community Group** Wednesday 11th June 10:00 to 12:00 come and join us for a chat over a cup of coffee or tea and meet up with friends old and new. Unlimited Tea & Coffee with Biscuits - Self Serve £3.00 per person Cash Only Please All Welcome

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For further information please see regular updates and details posted in the Triangle Magazine, on the Parish Notice Boards, Rushton Village News and Views and Rushton Village Support WhatsApp Group. Rushton Village Hall

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<u>CHRISTINE EDITH SMITH</u> <u>1941 - 2025</u>

As long as I've lived in Pipewell, nearly 6 decades and counting (!), The Smiths were an integral part of my life. Even when they moved south to Rushton, they couldn't really escape The Jack family.

Christine was born just before Christmas in 1941 (hence her name). Her parents lived on a farm just outside Kettering; as a child she'd walk 3 miles to school and 3 miles back. Upon leaving school she took a job in a factory, but when she was 20, she had her head turned by Derrick Smith, a farmhand for the Hipwell's in Glendon.

They soon married and moved into a labourer's cottage in Pipewell. Their

neighbours were Derrick's brother, Norman, and his wife, Flo.

When my parents moved into the village, they instantly sorted out a handyman and a cleaner; hence the Smiths became part of our extended family. They babysat - if us kids ran away from home, we never made it further than the Smiths' house; every Sunday at 11.00 a.m. they'd pop down for a drink... whisky, I remember.

Christine didn't just look after us, she took care of my grandmother when

Alzheimer's meant she had to move to our house. She cleaned for my dad right up to his death in 2014. Even in her retirement I asked her to 'pupsit' my Mimi and her 8 puppies. (In total, that's four generations of my clan!) When my mother died in 1999, her will stipulated that the only people to attend her funeral were 'close family and The Smiths'. That's how bonded we were.

After Mr. Smith was set out to pasture by the Hipwell's (e.g. retired), they had to move from Pipewell to Rushton some 30 years ago. It wasn't a move they welcomed. Pipewell was their home for 35 years, they knew everyone; down the bridleway was alien territory. But they soon made friends, not just in the bungalows, but throughout the village. She loved her dogs (Ginny, Riley to name a few; her cats.) What was Christine like? The best the kind of woman who should have been sainted. When Derrick died, I feared she wouldn't cope, I even half arranged that she would move in with my Dad (Christine had never lived on her own). However, cope she did and she blossomed into this independent woman (some may say stubborn) with a quick smile and addictive laughter - she was always one step away from hilarity. A wry chuckle and a smile. She shunned modern technology - I once tried to show her Google, and her eyes misted over saying, 'I'm too old for that.

Everyone who met Christine Smith was blessed. Her infectious laughter, the glint in her eye, her stoicism and resolve.

May she rest in peace.

(With grateful thanks to Louise Rowe (née Jack), for writing this lovely tribute. The quote and pictures on page 7 are also from Louise. Such wonderful images, which capture Chris's mirth and 'joie de vivre' to a tee.

It was good to see a good representation from Pipewell, Glendon and Rushton at Chris's funeral on Thursday 22nd May. Sadly, not many went back to Rushton Village Hall for the wake, but I think Chris would have been very pleased to see her friends from the community at the Crematorium to say farewell. We will all her miss her.



LIFE'S RACE WELL RUN, LIFE'S WORK WELL DONE, LIFE'S VICTORY WON, NOW COMETH REST. - Edward Hazen Parker -

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Rushton Parish VE Day 80 Anniversary Celebrations VOTE OF THANKS

As we approach the finale of our 80th Anniversary of Victory in Europe Day If falls to me to thank all those that have taken part and have contributed to today's, events

Honoured Guests

Our Independent Cllr. Jim Hakewill and his wife Christine.

VE Day Organizing Committee

Megan, Beth, Nikki, Amanda, Georgina Jackie & Joy.

Our Village Crier

Thank you, Nigel Tye.

Rushton Primary School.

For their VE Day flag design, Year 5 Pupils' service at the war memorial this morning, and Amanda for organizing and putting it all together, and Kevin for the sound system, and Mark for aerial photographs of the War Memorial events

The lovely ladies from the W.I.

For providing and serving us with Tea and Cakes at the Village Hall

The Thornhill Arms

Thank you, Georgina & all the staff, for your hard work and making us welcome.

The Volunteers.

Meg, Yvonne, Rob, Robbie, James, Peter P. and Peter H.

Tyetune

for the use of their Van to transport event furniture to and from the Thornhill Arms **Entertainment**

Emily Victoria, Ashby Clarke, Kettering Silver Band Supported by DJ Pat Coy

Lamplight of Peace

Thanks to the lovely Margaret Mudditt for agreeing to light our lamplight of Peace. **Beacon & Fireworks**

Beacon & Fireworks

Thanks to Heather and David Pain for lighting the beacon and setting off the fireworks. I would also like to thank our M.P. Rosie Wrighting and Laura Mackenzie from Northamptonshire Community Foundation, for taking time to come and visit us today.

Event Funding (two sources)

This event today would not be possible without the funding from:

North Northamptonshire's Members' Empowerment Fund

The Northamptonshire Community Foundation the Constance Travis Endowment Fund. I am sure you will all appreciate that a tremendous amount of work goes into planning organising and setting up an event and sometimes when things do not go according to plan it can be quite stressful, but that all disappears when we see you all having a wonderful time. The event is supported by All Saints' Church, Rushton Village Hall, Rushton W.I, Rushton Parish Council and Rushton Community Group

Most of all, a big thank you to our Parishioners our Friends and families for attending the events today. **Could I ask you all to please raise you glass -----To Rushton** Mike Brightman.

Tresham Benefice Mothers' Union

Our St George's Day tea party was a great success and raised over £200 for our funds, which will be used for one of the many projects organised by the MU. Thank you to everyone who supported this event.

The MU was delighted that Sophie, the Duchess of Edinburgh, has accepted to be our patron - she follows the late Queen, who was patron for many years. The MU is now looking forward to celebrating 150 years since its foundation in 1876.

The branch was able to provide two parcels of food as part of the Frances Lunch Club Project This is to help families during the school holidays: one parcel was taken to Rothwell Infants School and one to Rothwell Junior School. We hope to be able to make this a regular gift.

On Saturday 7th June there is to be a Diocesan Quiet Day at St. Katherine's Church, Irchester. led by our chaplain, the Revd. Deborah Marsh. and for our June branch meeting we are planning an evening meal out together.

For more details about our Branch and Diocesan activities, please contact Brenda Austin (telephone 710258).

Doreen Lambert

VE DAY 80 - MAY 8th 2025

This letter from Mrs. Margaret Mudditt sums up the success of the event. " A big thank you to the Committee and especially Mike Brightman, for organizing such a memorable day. The Proclamation, read by our Town Crier, Nigel, at 9.00 a.m., the service at the War Memorial at 11.00 a.m. with Year 5 pupils from Rushton Primary, admirably led by Amanda Frogley. Then tea and cakes in the Village Hall, served so well by members of Rushton Village W.I. We had the two minute silence there, but for the rest of the time, the room was filled with happy voices as friends gathered to enjoy the occasion. In the evening, the 'fish and chip supper' hosted by 'The Thornhill Arms', with plenty of entertainment provided, including, Ashby, Emily, Kettering Silver Band and D J Pat Coy. There were also some army vehicles of the period. The evening finished, thanks to David and Heather with the traditional lighting of the beacon and fireworks.

Thank you to all of you.

Margaret.

On pages 19 and 21, you can find a selection of the many wonderful pictures taken by Mark with his drone, Heather/David, Kevin and Mike.

CHURCH SERVICES IN JUNE

SERVICES IN JUNE

Sunday 8th JuneDay of Pentecost9.15 a.m. Said Parish Communion(Fete Day)Sunday 15th JuneTrinity Sunday9.15 a.m. Parish CommunionSunday 22nd JuneFirst Sunday after Trinity9.15 a.m. Parish Communion atPipewellSunday 29th JunePeter and Paul Apostles10.00 a.m. Benefice Service atLODDINGTON





Sunday 8th June Acts 2: 1-21 (Margaret Mudditt) John 14: 8-17 (Kevin Abraham) Sunday 15th June Prov. 8: 1-4. 22-31 (Heather Pain) John 16: 12-15 (Jackie Hands) Sunday 22nd June Isai. 65: 1-9 (Kevin Abraham) Luke 8: 26-39 (Margaret Mudditt) ALTAR FLOWERS June 1st/June 8th Elaine Warner June 15th/June 22nd Nicola Brvan June 29th/July 6th Margaret Mudditt

SUNDAY READINGS



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RUSHTON POCKET PARK SUMMER 2025

The Pocket Park was created in 1997 and is managed by a small group of volunteers, Rushton Pocket Park is just a (very) short walk up the bridlepath, please feel free to visit! The aim is to provide a quiet peaceful space which promotes biodiversity and encourages wildlife, so areas of the park are managed and some areas are deliberately left wild to help achieve this.

If you would like to know more about the space, have any comments or would like to volunteer, please contact Elaine on 07818292138 or Jackie on07484790862.

For those members of the community who are recent arrivals, or who do not know what the Pocket Park is, the information above gives you a brief idea of what it is and what it's for. We were young things when we started, but not now. We may have been guilty of assuming that everyone knows about the Park and has some knowledge of why it is there - please forgive us if that is the case. As part of our ongoing management of this beautiful, natural space in the heart of the village, we are going to be much more proactive about communication, education and information. The Pocket Park is for everyone in the community, even if you only visit occasionally, you will see a beautiful habitat for plants, trees, birds, small mammals, butterflies and insects of all shapes and sizes. It is not meant to be 'tidy'; it actually takes hard work and determination to keep it as it was



CREATURE OF THE MONTH Cockchafer or 'doodlebug' They are large and quite alarming at night. They buzz loudly and like to cling on, but they are harmless. intended to be. You can see the original plan on a noticeboard near the kissing gate (Matthews' Close entrance). We planted the hedgerow in mid-winter 1996 - as you can see, everything has grown and it now has a 'mature' look. Peter (Palmer) mows the Park and does lots of other jobs and, with the help of grants from the Northamptonshire Community Foundation, we are able to work on our latest five-year plan, with the assistance of the Conservation Volunteers. (More of the plan in another issue). The Conservation Volunteers also carry out surveys of the different species to be found in the Park - there are well over 250 different types of flowers, grass, bees, butterflies and other species. The pupils from the Primary School enjoy visiting the Park to study nature 'in the field', and they enjoy looking at the 'bug hotels' as well as doing their own surveys.

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We ae relaxing our rule about dogs - please feel welcome to walk through the Park to access the bridleway. Please do observe the usual etiquette - the nearest 'poo bin' is near the bus stop.

There is always plenty to do - here is Elaine in May. We weeded the three raised beds. One is mainly bulbs and sensory plants, the large one is for perennials and the third one is for herbs and aromatic plants.



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From The Archives

In the May edition of 'The Triangle', the image in 'From The Archives' pictured a magnificent arch built over the High Street in Rushton to celebrate the coronation of a monarch. No one was able to definitely identify which



coronation, but those who have contacted me are of the opinion that it was to celebrate George V ,crowned June 22nd 1911.

This month's image is from about 1959, and shows the ironstone chute at the top of The Midland Cottages. A fleet of Foden lorries

transported iron ore from the Oakley Road quarry, now the landfill site, to the waiting railway wagons below in the cutting. From memory I think there were between six and eight of these lorries each hour, from 8.30 a.m. until 4.00 p.m., running up and down The Midland Cottages road.

During the hot summer days the orange dust, from the ore, covered the road and adjacent gardens—not popular with the residents on wash day. On wet days the road became a river of orange sludge.

If any readers have interesting memories of these lorries, and would like to share them, then please do write in to 'The Triangle'.

K J Abraham





RUSHTON VILLAGE W.I.

Our speaker in May was one of our members, Katrina Maylan, who has a dog training business – Katrina's Happy Dogs. The lovely Django came too, and made many friends.

We heard about her travels around the world with her dogs and her husband in the RAF. From Cyprus, where they adopted Django when Katrina

volunteered at the British Armed Forces Rehoming Centre, to the Falklands and then California where her work at another rehoming centre convinced her that she wanted to help dogs and owners before things got so bad that the dogs were given up.

On returning to Kettering, with a lack of suitable jobs, Katrina decided to set up her own business. After a gradual start, business has built up. Her main focus is on training dogs, who are often scared of everything, to turn them into confident, trusting animals. Alongside this, Katrina has several other projects. She works with Red Head Rescues Animal Sanctuary, sells top quality products, has won awards for dog training, and is taking a course to become a dog agility trainer.

Katrina aims not only to improve a dog's behaviour but also, if necessary, to change their owner's expectations. As she says, all dogs are different and so are their owners.

In June we will be enjoying afternoon tea at Woodmeadow Garden Centre. Before that, we'll be serving tea, coffee and delicious cakes at the Village Fete. See you there!

DJANGO







POINT TO PONDER FOR JUNE 2025

One of the first songs we ever learn is "Happy Birthday." From the minute we are born we become part of our family history and the world community. Our date of birth is registered for identification purposes, and we enter on to the world stage as a human being. We have a name, and we have a place in our family history. We hear stories and memories of the people who are our relatives which explain or fascinate or amuse us. The family tree, like old photos, helps to shape our sense of belonging and identity. Ancestry research is a big business and makes for some interesting TV programmes. William Barclay, the prominent 20th century Scottish, New Testament scholar and broadcaster wrote "there are two great days in a person's life. The day we are born and the day we discover why." The second date is not found in the public calendar of events but in the secret diary of our hearts. The "why" is always with us. What answers do we give to ourselves and to those close to us? Does our birth have a strong influence? Or family upbringing? Or events? Or one's circle of friends? It is vital to one's well-being to have times of questioning. There are no glib answers to the question "why," only challenges. People who are in love with life wrestle and care passionately about the answers they discover. In the process they often find what they are looking for, namely their own awareness of the essence of love and that love is unconditional. The real person who is "me" must be challenged to

embrace the richness and diversity in love that is built into our existence. St. Paul gives us this message in his First Letter to the Thessalonians "encourage one another and build up one another." William Barclay puts it this way "in the time we have it is surely our duty to do all the good we can to all the people we can in all the ways we can." Every child that is born is a bundle of opportunities and hope. Today's world has many voices that talk people down and thwart human potential. When we hear them, we must question them and reject them if they deny someone their full humanity. The late Pope Francis was not afraid to remind us that there are people who need help to be full human beings. As we work out in our own ways, the journey of self-discovery may we be inspired by the words of Jesus that "in everything do to others as you would have them do to you." That is the challenge of God's love to everyone of us that we enjoy our birthright.

Brian Wren, the 20th century hymn writer puts it this way:

"Together met, together bound by all that God has done,

We go with joy to give the world. The Love that makes us one."

Canon George Burgon





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