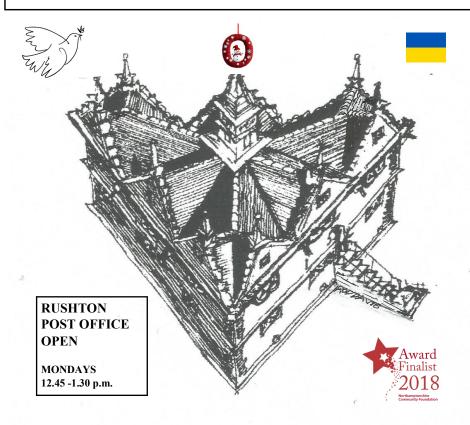
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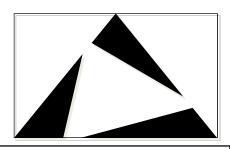


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It was surprising and pleasing to hear from quite a lot of people that last month's editorial resonated with them. Thank you for the responses.

This month, as it's the Christmas edition, there can be no better subject than empathy. The ability to put yourself in the shoes of other people and **feel** what they are feeling. Perhaps the best question to ask is: "What if this were me?" You can always trust Shakespeare to come up with the right words of illustration. In 1517, a mob of about 1000 apprentices gathered near St. Paul's Cathedral in London to protest about the large number of 'foreign' merchants living in the city. It was what we would now call a 'race riot'. In a play about Sir Thomas More, he gives the protagonist a speech which is a desperate appeal for empathy - for the rioters to look at themselves and consider what would happen if they were the 'strangers' (the literal meaning of the word 'foreign'.)

"Not one of you should live an aged man, For other ruffians, as their fancies wrought, With self same hand, self reasons, and self right, Would shark on you, and men like ravenous fishes Would feed on one another. Say now the King Should so much come too short of your great trespass As but to banish you, whither would you go? What country, by the nature of your error, Should give you harbour? Go you to France or Flanders, To any German province, to Spain or Portugal, Nay, any where that not adheres to England, Why, you must needs be strangers: would you be pleased To find a nation of such barbarous temper, That, breaking out in hideous violence, Would not afford you an abode on earth, Whet their detested knives against your throats, Spurn you like dogs, and like as if that God Owed not nor made not you, nor that the claimants Were not all appropriate to your comforts, But chartered unto them, what would you think To be thus used? This is the strangers' case; And this your mountainish inhumanity"

In a nutshell - do as you would be done by. Happy Christmas!

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Rushton Community Litter Pick Sunday 9th November 2025

Congratulations to all the intrepid members of the community who turned out for the Litter Pick. As you can see from the pictures, it was a bumper crop of other people's rubbish. An admirable result. It

would be lovely if this activity were not necessary, but unfortunately, some people lack civic pride and education.



Many thanks to everyone who took part and to all those who regularly clear litter in their spare time. The *pièce de resistance* this



time was a toilet near the Barford Bridge junction - no photo' - sorry! Well done and thanks to Suzi for coordinating the event.



Report on Road Issues in Rushton Parish

Dear Rushton Parishioners,

I have compiled a comprehensive report on the persistent and wide-ranging issues affecting the road network within Rushton Parish. These challenges have been repeatedly brought to attention by local residents and include the following:

- Increasing levels of traffic through the Parish
- Speeding Vehicles
- Potholes and deteriorating road surfaces
- Severe congestion at school times
- Inadequate or poorly sited road signs
- Overgrown Hedges and Grass Verges
- Flooding Due to Inadequate Drainage
- Poor Road Maintenance:
- Inadequate Street Lighting:
- Poor visibility at critical junctions and locations
- Insufficient street lighting
- Obstructive parking on pavements and roadways
- Lack of pedestrian safe walking routes
- Noise pollution from heavy vehicles and increased traffic

Although these problems differ in nature they are closely linked. Influencing factors such as driver behaviour, diverted traffic and mounting pressures from ongoing development are placing considerable strain on roads that were not originally built to cope with present-day traffic volumes.

Given the extent of these issues, I respectfully requested that the Parish Council formally recognise this document as an accurate record of the current road-related challenges facing Rushton Parish. Furthermore, I propose that the report be submitted to North Northamptonshire Council and other

relevant stakeholders. The Parish council unanimously agreed to support this initiative. The intended outcome is to encourage meaningful action to address and resolve the difficulties currently impacting our community.

This report is also created to assist efforts to prevent further growth in commuting traffic through Rushton Parish a trend fuelled by both current and future housing and commercial developments.

At present, the report is undergoing final checks and updates. Once complete, it will be published on the Rushton Parish Council's website for public review in January. The document is intended to be a current record regularly reviewed and updated to reflect any changes or newly emerging issues within the parish.

During the Parish Council meeting in July two residents from High Street Rushton attended and expressed their concerns about speeding vehicles, dangerous driving, and poor parking in their area, a common theme in our community, It was recommended that organising a petition signed by local residents and submitting it directly to Northamptonshire Council would be the most effective way to achieve results.

In response to these ongoing concerns and considering all the issues included in the report I have prepared a petition as a parishioner. The petition specifically refers to each of the problems outlined above and aims to collect signatures from fellow parishioners. Once sufficient support is gathered the petition will be submitted to Northamptonshire Council. This effort is intended to complement the Parish Council's submission and highlight our (The parishioners of Rushton Parish) collective frustration with the worsening state of the road network.

We are fortunate to have a number of willing volunteers who have agreed to take the petition door to door to gather signatures. If any other parishioners wish to assist with this important initiative, your participation would be greatly appreciated.

Kind regards,

Mike Brightman

Please see the Triangle Parish Magazine. Village Notice Boards and Social Media for further updates and information.

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21st March 2026

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Staring-Ralph Fiennes - Jim Broadbent and Simon Russell Beale.

The Final Film title for winter/spring 26 to be decided.

Saturday 18th April

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.

Doors Open at 7:00pm - Film Starts at 07:30

Tickets £7.00 on the door

Chapel Lane



















Christmas Afternoon Teas at Rushton Village Hall

Saturday December 13th 2:30 to 4:30

We invite you to join us for a festive Christmas Afternoon Teas Come and join us for a chat and meet up with friends old and new.

There is a strong possibility that you could meet Father Christmas if you have been good!

We will be serving teas coffee and Mince Pies there will be no charge all we ask is for a small donation to one of our chosen charities. Wine will be available for a small charge.





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Coffee Morning at

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Organised by the Rushton Community Group

Wednesday 10th December

10:00 to 12:00

14th January 11th February 11th March

come and join us for a chat over a cup of coffee or tea and meet up with friends old and new.

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Christingle at All Saints Church, Rushton



Our Christingle service this year will be on Sunday, December 7th at 10.00 a.m.

Like all our family services, it will be suitable for all ages, short and fun - the perfect way to put Christ into Christmas!

We would love you to join us, and raise some money for the Children's Society.

MOTHERS' UNION

16 days of Activism against Gender based Violence is our focus from 22nd November, when members from across the Diocese meet at St John's Peterborough at 12 o clock then a service led by Revd Michelle Dallistan . This is part of our Rise Up campaign against gender based Violence. M.U.is working with the United Nations and Women's Aid in Highlighting Domestic Abuse .

As such at our Diocesan Meeting on 15th November at St. .Mary's Wollaston our speaker was from EVE.

This charity based in Northampton works with other domestic abuse charities nationwide to protect women and children.

They have a helpline and offer help with Women and Children needing refuge. Please also remember that men also can be affected by Domestic Abuse although it is less common.

Our Branch will be displaying doves and Prayers in Holy Trinity during this time.

We meet on 19th November to plan our very special next year's celebration of 150 years of Mother's Union.

Penny Knight.

TRESHAM BENEFICE FELLOWSHIP

After a very busy year for members, the last outing was to Gates' Garden Centre for the Christmas decorations! Then we all gathered together for a sumptuous Christmas lunch at The Red Lion Rothwell - a lovely way end the year. We don't meet in December, but we will start the new year with a meeting in Cransley Village Hall at 2.00 p.m. on January 15th when a member of Northampton Council will be talking about her work with the local area partnership which promotes organisations such as ours. Please come along and support her. We have talks February and March so look out for your email. So a very happy Christmas to all of you. We look forward to another busy programme in the new year.

Colin Chairman.

CHURCH SERVICES IN DECEMBER

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Saturday 6th December

3.00p.m. Wedding (Sophie and Frederick)

Sunday 7th December Advent 2

10.00 a.m. Christingle at Rushton 6.00 p.m. Carol Service at Pipewell

Sunday 14th December Advent 3

10.00 a.m. Family Communion

Thursday 18th December

1.30 p.m. Rushton Primary School Christmas Service

Sunday 21st December Advent 4

6.00 p.m. Rushton Carol Service

Wednesday 24th December Christmas Eve

6.00 p.m. Christmas Family Communion

Sunday 28th December Christmas 1 - Holy Innocents

10.00 a.m. Holy Communion at Holy Trinity, Rothwell (only service in the Benefice)

Tuesday 30th December

1.00 p.m. Wedding at Rushton (Dorothy and Matt)

SUNDAY READINGS

Sunday 14th December

Isiah 35: 1-10 (Richard Phillips) Matthew 11: 2-11 (Heather Pain)

Wednesday 24th December

Isiah 9: 2-7 (Amanda Frogley) Luke 2: 1-14 (Kevin Abraham)

ALTAR FLOWERS

No flowers until Christmas

December 25th Christmas Day

The Hipwell family

JANUARY FAMILY SERVICE

Our 10.00 a.m. family service on Sunday 4th January will be held in Rushton Village Hall. It will be our usual informal service, the only thing that is changing is the venue. Hope to see you there!



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Dear friends

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I'm taking the easy way out not walking round the village with my cards, so will make a donation to the Church and the Pocket Park.

Love Diane Hefford xx

A Christmas Chestnut from Kevin!

Rain or snow.

A couple was being shown around Moscow one day, by their communist guide, Rudolph, when the man felt a drop hit his nose. "I think it's raining," he said to his wife. "That felt more like snow to me," she replied. "No, I'm sure it was just rain," he said.

Well, it seemed they were about to have a major argument about whether it was raining or snowing! "Let's not fight about it!" the man said. "Let's ask our guide, Rudolph, whether it's officially raining or snowing."

As their tour guide approached, the man said, "Tell us, comrade Rudolph, is it officially raining or snowing?" "It's raining, of course," he replied, officiously. But the woman insisted, "I know that it felt like snow!"

The man quietly applied "Pudolf the Pod Imayor min dear!"

The man quietly replied, "Rudolf, the Red, knows rain, dear!"

What's on in Rushton Village Hall January 2025 - December 2026

Day	Activity	Time		Contact	Telephone No
Monday	Post Office	12.45-1.30pm	Weekly	Rajan Patel	07738 464808
	Pilates Pilates	6.15-7.00pm 7.00-8.00pm	Weekly Weekly	Martine Henderson	07545 084327
Tuesday	Yoga for all.	09.45-11.00am	Weekly	Angela Folwell	07981 049389
	Kettering Tai Chi	5.45-7.15pm	Weekly	Paul Bassinder	07823 772554
Wednesday	Community Coffee Rushton Village W.I. Rushton Village W.I.	10.00-12.00 2.30-4.30pm 7.15 -9.15pm	2 nd week in the month Coffee Morning 4 th week in the month Craft Meeting 2 nd week in the month – Ordinary	Mike Brightman Sue Parker Sue Parker	07850 236833 01536 506961 01536 506961
	Rushton Parish Council Meeting	7.00pm	3 rd Wednesday bi-monthly from January.	Parish Clerk	clerk@rushtonparishc ouncil.gov.uk
	Trefoil Guild God Squad	7-9pm 3.30-4.30 pm	1st Wednesday of the month 2nd Wednesday of the month	Gillian Joy Amanda Frogley	07792 000297 01536 510994
Thursday	Private Hiring	10.00-12.00	Weekly		
Friday					
Saturday	Film Nights	7:00pm	8th November 2025, 24th January, 28th February, 21st March, 18th April 2026	Mike Brightman or Heather Pain	See bottom of page for contact numbers
Sunday	Afternoon Tea & cakes	2;30 to 4:30pm	Every 3" Sunday of Month from May 2026 up to and including 20th Sept 2026	Heather Pain or Toni Orwin	See bottom of page for contact numbers

To book the hall for meetings, private parties, clubs etc, please contact via RushtonVH@outlook.com or 07777 752266. Room Hire is currently £10.00 per hour between 7am and 7pm and £15.00 between 7pm to 11pm.

Church Flowers

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to ensuring that there are flowers in the church every week. We are currently compiling the rota for 2026 and will welcome new volunteers. If you are not currently on the rota and would like to be included, please contact Beryl on 01536 712043 or Kevin and Anne by email (annemarya@btinternet.com) no later than 10th December.

The new rota will be published in the January edition of 'The Triangle'.

Kevin







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RUSHTON POCKET PARK

There is not much to report this month, so instead, here is a poem kindly given to me by Elaine Warner. There is nothing quite as comforting as a wood fire in this cold and wet part of the year.

WOOD FIRES By Lady Celia Congreve
Beechwood fires are bright and clear,
If the logs are kept a year, Oaken logs burn steadily,
If the wood is old and dry.
Chestnut's only good they say,
If for long it's laid away,
But ash new or old,
Is fit for a Queen with a crown of gold.

Birch and fir logs burn too fast,
Blaze up bright but do not last,
Make a fire of elder trees,
Death within you house you'll see,
It is by the Irish said,
Hawthorn bakes the sweetest bread.
But ash green or ash brown,
Is fit for a Queen with a golden crown.

Elm wood burns like churchyard mould,
E'en the very flames are cold,
Poplar gives a bitter smoke,
Fills your eyes and makes you choke,
Apple wood will scent your room,
With an incense like perfume,
But ash wet or ash dry,
Fit for a Queen to warm her slippers by.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS!

From The Archives

This months image was taken within living memory, we think December 1987 — 38 years ago. It shows the cast of the Rushton Sunday School nativity play. Some of you may recognise yourself or know someone who is in it. The Rector at this time was The Revd. Paul Rose.

K J Abraham

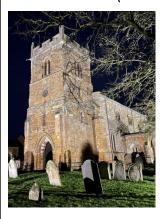


Church Floodlights.

A thank you from the Revd. Andy Giles, All Saints' P.C.C., and churchwardens to all who sponsored the church floodlights throughout 2025.

Your generosity has meant that we have been able to light up this beautiful, 800-year-old, medieval building for the entire year.

We are now on the Christmas sponsorship scheme which runs until Sunday 1st February 2026. Sponsorship during this period is at £3.00 per evening. (There is a diary at the back of the church). If you would like to sponsor an evening(s) please contact a churchwarden or any member of the PCC. I can be contacted at kjabra@btinternet.com - Payment by bank transfer is possible. Kevin J Abraham (Churchwarden)



THOUGHTS FOR THE MONTH

- 1. Accept only what is true.
- 2. Work for the common good.
- 3. Match our needs and wants with what is in our control.
- 4. Embrace what nature has in store for us.

RUSHTON VILLAGE W.I.

After a period of serious illness, Dave Askew was persuaded by his daughter to start a blog about the walks he was doing to boost his mental health. He credits this with saving his life, and went on to set up Northamptonshire Walks.

On the website, which had over 1 million views last year, there are routes for 264 walks in Northamptonshire. There are walks of varying lengths for all abilities and the instructions come with many pictures. Dave intended the pictures to enable children to lead a family walk, which has happened on many occasions. However, the other benefit of the pictures is that people who are no longer physically able to walk in the countryside can enjoy the beauty of the area online.

The walks start in many different towns and villages, including one around Rushton and Pipewell. Many of the routes include interesting historical facts.

There are also organised group walks with a maximum of 20 people. Thanks to a team of seven leaders, 4000 people were able to participate in group walks last year.

Northamptonshire Walks participates in many community activities which benefit various charities, and won the 'Together Award' category in the BBC 'Make a Difference Awards'.

Dave ended his talk with this quote:

"If just one of my walks has helped just one person, then it's all been worthwhile."





POINT TO PONDER FOR DECEMBER 2025

The infant Jesus did not have a welcoming committee when he entered this world in Bethlehem. His mother Mary laid him in a rough crib, which she had hastily fashioned from a manger, and wrapped him in strips of cloth as his first baby outfit. The story writer tells us this because "there was no room for them in the inn." (Luke 2 verses 1 to 7). It was a miracle in our eyes that the child survived such a birth under such squalid conditions! The first to hear of this event in the history of the world were also his first visitors, local shepherds. The socially correct of that day looked down on them because of their rough and ready lifestyle. Ironically, they were also symbols of God's love in a religious tradition that Jesus would take to describe himself. (Psalm 23, John 10 verse 11) These were God's choices in the first pictures we have of the birth of Jesus. As he grew up and into the society of His day, he would encounter the faithful and the traitors in the whole spectrum of human nature. He came into the world as it is, in great poverty to enable it to discover the richness of the dimension of heaven and the love of God. He also enters the lives of everyone to assure us all, that the God who created everyone's humanity never leaves anyone desolate. Christmas is the celebration of letting God be God in His love of humanity and in His creation. The overcrowded inn at Bethlehem reminds us He does not do deals with us. He does not select those we may think worthy of His attention and give them special favours. Divine love to be genuine can never be exclusive. God is the one, as the old Christmas carol puts it, who "feels for all our sadness, and He shares in all our gladness". Empathy is not a weakness of the faithful but a challenge to the traitors who deny the place of joy in a society that knows more tears of pain than laughter. We know that we live in a world where people do not care for one another or make room for the vulnerable or the defenceless. However, the Festival of Christmas in letting us see God as He is, can also be a wonderful opportunity to let us reveal our humanity in its true colours. We must not overlook the incredible generosity that Christmas encourages, inspires, and renews in people of good will towards the needy, the war torn and the afflicted. This happens because love is in the very fabric of the universe and we reveal this truth in goodness, kindness, and generosity. The shepherds left the inn with joy when they saw the infant Jesus. (Luke 2:20) We also are never the same again when we allow the truth of His birth to be born in our hearts. Revd. George Burgon.





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Friday - 5th 12th & 19th @ 10:00



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