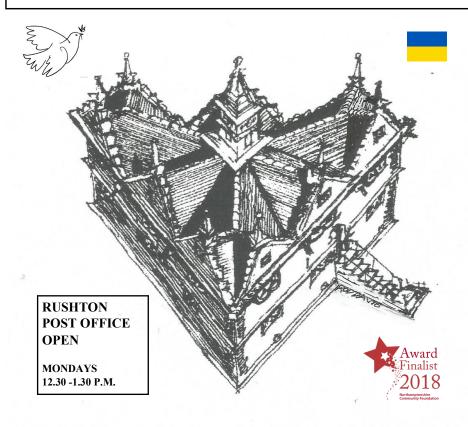
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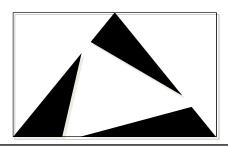


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July 2025



Most people are aware of the date, 1066, when William invaded from Normandy (North Land) defeated King Harold and his Saxon army and assumed the throne, thereby setting the scene for our history from then onwards. Not so many people know that what we call England wasn't England at all before that. From the Stone Age, through the Bronze and Iron Ages and in the hundreds of years leading up to 1066, the land was known as Tin Land. The 'Britons' who lived here were driven into Wales and Cornwall by invading forces, eager to exploit the rich

minerals and fertile land on offer. First came the Angles, the Saxons and the Jutes, then the Romans, and when they went back to protect Rome, the Danes and the Norwegian Vikings took advantage and plundered their way through until they ruled most of the country except Alfred's Wessex. In other words, they were all immigrants, and we are all

descended from immigrants. Most of us will have strands of Viking DNA and other cultural heritage in our genes.

We are unfortunate to live in a period of post-colonial arrogance - the now defunct Empire, where we invaded countries, took over, told the indigenous populations how wonderful we were, but never expected that they would want to come and live with us. Have you noticed how we are 'ex-pats', but everyone else is an immigrant? It is fashionable at the moment to blame people from other cultures for just about everything - BUT THAT IS WRONG. The blame lies squarely on the shoulders of those who spread those lies in order to seek power themselves.

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Our **10.00 a.m.** family services are going to be a little different for the next few months. We are planning to hold some of them outside as long as the weather is on our side!

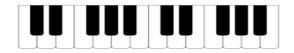
On **July 6**th we are having an outdoor service in the churchyard. It will be our usual mix of hymns, prayers and bible readings with even more fun activities to join in with than usual. Please bring something to sit on.

Another outdoor service on **August 3rd** is our annual **Songs of Praise**. This will be in the grounds of The Coach House. If you would like to choose a hymn, please let me know by Sunday 13th July on 07432 510994 or manfrog@btinternet.com.

The Pet Service will be held on Sunday 7th September. We look forward to welcoming our furry, hairy and scaly friends, as well as all our human ones.

Harvest Festival family service will be on October 5th. This is our chance to thank God for all his gifts to us.

Everyone will be made very welcome at any of our services. Family service is always informal, and is planned to be relevant for all ages. Our congregation has varied from 5 days to 90+ years!



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LETTERS AND RESPONSES

Thank you for all the responses and helpful suggestions following last month's editorial. I am going to try out **Canva**, which has been suggested by several people as a good alternative to Microsoft Publisher. There's plenty of time to get used to it, as the loss of support for certain Microsoft options doesn't happen until October 2026.

I received one very nice letter from Brenda (Downing):

"Oh, Jackie, please don't hang up your mouse. I, along with , I am sure, many others, look forward to Kevin posting 'The Triangle' to me. Although it is 52 years since I moved to Kettering, I still have fond memories of time living in Rushton.

I'm so thankful that the community spirit, which was lost for a time, has been returning to Rushton. I won't mention any names, as I would probably miss someone out.

I am also sorry to hear that 'The Thornhill Arms' has closed. Carol and I always enjoyed our Sunday lunches there, when she was visiting from Kent.

Let us hope that it will soon reopen and that people will support it.

To prove that I do read 'The Triangle' from cover to cover, may I also say how I miss reading the news from Pipewell."

Brenda

(Thank you, Brenda. I'm very glad that you enjoy 'The Triangle'; I really enjoy the letters that you send. You always choose such pretty cards and I appreciate the encouragement and support that you give. It is a rare treasure now to receive a hand-written letter - a great sadness to me, as I love writing letters and receiving them.)



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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 Chapel Lane









Rushton Village Hall Proposal for the installation of Solar Panels

Rushton Village Hall is an essential facility providing a focal point for our community to come and meet up with friends old and new. Providing an inexpensive facility for local groups, Social Events, fundraising events, national celebrations, exhibitions and public meetings.

The Village hall is a registered charity and is operated on a not-for-profit basis. Over the years the trustees have continued to maintain the building and improve the facilities. The operating and maintenance costs are raised from the hiring of the hall and running social events.

We are sure that you are all aware of the current rising costs in all services and products, which is also having an impact on our Village Hall's finances.

The trustees are therefore considering ways of reducing the running costs without having to increase hire charges allowing the Village Hall to maintain the level of services and events that are currently being provided.

The Trustees have considered and agreed that the installation of Solar Panels could provide significant savings. The installation of a PV system is estimated to generate 71% for the annual electricity consumption providing a potential saving of £2,000 per year. With the opportunity to export excess solar energy to the grid providing an estimated additional income of £800 per year.

The new PV system will supply the Village Hall with clean green electricity and in sunny periods some will also be exported back to the grid making a big contribution to reducing CO2 not just by lowering the carbon intensity of the electricity, but by putting low-carbon electricity back in the grid for others to use too.

The Trustees believe that this proposal will provide significant cost saving for the Village Hall enabling the continuation of its highly successful services and facilities to Rushton Parish now and into the future.

We would appreciate any comments you may have on this proposed project.

Many thanks Mike Brightman Trustee

Rushton Village Hall

Chapel Lane



POEMS FOR PEACE

The world is a turbulent place at the moment, and it is easy to lose a sense of peace, even living in such a tranquil place. Here are some poems following that theme.

Peace

By Patrick Kavanagh

And sometimes I am sorry when the grass Is growing over the stones in quiet hollows And the cocksfoot leans across the rutted cart-pass That I am not the voice of country fellows Who now are standing by some headland talking Of turnips and potatoes or young corn Of turf banks stripped for victory. Here Peace is still hawking His coloured combs and scarves and beads of horn.

Upon a headland by a whinny hedge A hare sits looking down a leaf-lapped furrow There's an old plough upside-down on a weedy ridge And someone is shouldering home a saddle-harrow. Out of that childhood country what fools climb To fight with tyrants Love and Life and Time?

PEACE By Sara Teasdale

Peace flows into me As the tide to the pool by the shore; It is mine forevermore, It ebbs not back like the sea.

I am the pool of blue That worships the vivid sky; My hopes were heaven-high, They are all fulfilled in you.

I am the pool of gold When sunset burns and dies, You are my deepening skies, Give me your stars to hold.

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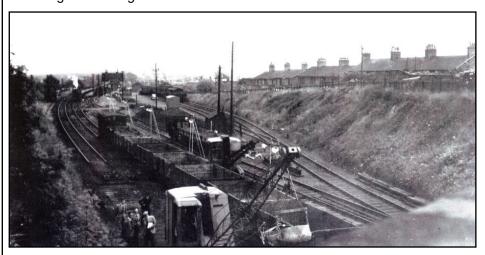


From The Archives

Last month's image of the Foden lorry tipping iron ore into a railway wagon at the top of Midland Cottages, brought back memories to a few readers who remember the noise and dust created. Peter Palmer kindly sent in an image of one of the fully loaded Foden's travelling along Storefield Road towards the village.



This month the archive image is from the early 1950's. It shows the extensive railway siding layout in the station yard. The photo was taken from the bridge on the bridle way to Pipewell. Sadly, this view is no longer available due to the rebuilding of the bridge to accommodate the electrification works.



The works being carried out are probably to improve an area of clay ground which the railway runs over. The presence of water and with the constant traffic, this 100 yards or so of track constantly required maintenance. My father who worked this section would regularly visit the area, on a weekly basis, to raise the track and pack it out with extra ballast.

The Midland Railway (MR), which after grouping in 1923 became the London, Midland & Scottish Railway (LMS), was a major employer in the parish during the first half of the 20th century. The 21 houses in Midland Cottages, seen in the background of the photo, all housed families employed on the railway in the local area.

Kevin J Abraham

TRESHAM BENEFICE MOTHERS' UNION

Two of our members took part in the MU Diocesan Quiet Day held at St Katharine's Church in Irchester on 7th June. This was led by the Diocesan Chaplain, the Revd. Deborah Marsh.

Starting with a welcome coffee, the day focussed on the seven IAM statements of Jesus, found in St John's gospel.

- I am the bread of life
- I am the light of the world
- I am the door of the sheep
- I am the good shepherd
- I am the resurrection and the life
- I am the way, the truth and the life
- I am the true vine

We started with an act of worship when we were all invited to decide which statement was speaking to us at that time, and which one (or ones) we were actually in need of in our lives now. Then a time of silence, after which we had an opportunity for conversation and fellowship as we ate our lunch.

After lunch a simple Healing Communion, then departure, with the prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you have put your life into our hands, now we put our lives into yours
Take us, renew and remake us,
What we have been is past;
What we shall be, through you, awaits us.
Lead us on, take us with you.
Amen,

A most helpful and enjoyable day. Doreen Lambert

Laurel

TRESHAM BENEFICE FELLOWSHIP

'The Three Cranes' Cransley was the venue for 17 members to enjoy a Ploughman's lunch and our thoughts were with Ann Jones who recently had a fall and couldn't make it. July 17th will see 21 members sailing up the Grand Union canal on two narrow boats from Market Harborough to Foxton Locks for lunch and a look around the Locks. Starting at 9.00 a.m. and returning to Market Harborough at 5.00 p.m. This is a very popular outing with Colin skippering one boat and Charlie the other. We hope that the weather is good. Our August visit to Margaret's home in Desborough is filling up and members are asked to contact me if they are going. Have you thought about joining us? We meet every third Thursday of the month and the diary is very flexible. It's just £5.00 per annum and outings are very reasonable. We have members from Rushton and Cransley and even Broughton. You don't have to be a church member. Everyone is welcome.

CHURCH SERVICES IN JULY

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Sunday 6th July

Third Sunday after Trinity

10.00 a.m. Family Service

Sunday 13th July

Fourth Sunday after Trinity

10.00 a.m. Family Communion

Sunday 20th July

Fifth Sunday after Trinity

9.15 a.m. Parish Communion

Sunday 27th July

Sixth Sunday after Trinity

9.15 a.m. Parish Communion at Pipewell.

PLEASE SEE PAGE 7 FOR NOTICE ABOUT FAMILY SERVICES



SUNDAY READINGS

Sunday 13th July

Deut.30: 9-14 (Sharon Short)

Luke 10: 25-37 (Richard Phillips)

Sunday 20th July

Gen. 18: 1-10A (Amanda Frogley)

Luke 10: 38-42 (Heather Pain)

Sunday 27th July

Gen. 18: 20-32 (Margaret Mudditt)

Luke 11: 1-13 (Kevin Abraham)

ALTAR FLOWERS

July 6th

Margaret Mudditt

July 13th/July 20th

Amanda Frogley

July 22nd/August 3rd

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RUSHTON POCKET PARK

During this last month of June, the Conservation Volunteers have completed a work day, and they will be back twice during July. This time they focussed on recovering some pathways, which have been overwhelmed by summer growth. If you enter the Pocket Park via the kissing gate at the top of Matthews Close, you will see the original layout of the site. Everything has grown and flourished in the intervening 28 years, and Nature has to be tamed in some places, so that everyone can see the different areas for themselves.



One of the volunteers clearing a pathway between the brambles and the longer grasses.

Elaine and Peter looking at the wild flowers, and discussing where we can place a trial bed to introduce yellow rattle to weaken the stronger grasses and allow more wild flowers to grow.



CREATURE OF THE MONTH CINNABAR MOTH

There are a lot of these about at the moment - this is a female - the males are red rather than orange. They love to lay their eggs on ragwort.





Another volunteer clearing a different pathway, where the nettles are rampant. Note the thick gloves!



Clive, the project leader, strimming the central pathway, which had temporarily disappeared.







From left to right: a well-earned tea break - colour in the raised beds and a picture of a Meadow Brown butterfly, which was kind enough to stay still just for a moment. Please visit - you are welcome to go through the Park with your dog - but on a lead, and please clear up any mess. Thank you.

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RUSHTON VILLAGE FETE

Thank you so much for helping to make the fete such a success.

Thank you to the cricket club for allowing us to use the field and pavilion, and to Tyetune for sponsoring the bouncy castle.

I can't possibly name everyone because there isn't enough room in 'The 'Triangle'. However, I hope you all know that your help and support is much appreciated.

It takes a lot of effort to put on the fete, and not all jobs are obvious or glamorous!

Before the day there are people making cakes, collecting prizes, finding helpers, setting up displays.

On the morning of fete day, there is a team setting up. They also dismantle everything, put it away and clear the litter when most people have gone home. There are the people who work when the fete is open, manning car parks and gates, running stalls, serving teas.

Many people helped this year, but it would have made it easier for them if we had a few more helpers. If you can spare a few hours for next year, please get in touch.

None of it would happen without the tireless efforts of the amazing team on the fete committee. My grateful thanks go to Heather Pain, Jackie Hands, Julie Cruickshank, Kevin Abraham, Margaret Mudditt, Mike Brightman, Nigel Tye, Sue Parker and Suzi Smith.

If anyone would like to join our merry band – only 3 meetings each year for most of us – you would be very welcome at our post-fete meeting on Monday 7^{th} July at 7.30 p.m. in the church. If anyone has suggestions for

improvements or additions for next year please come along, or contact a committee member.

Of course, it would be a pointless exercise if nobody came along on the day. Thank you to everyone who spent their afternoon at the fete and helped to raise £2656.85.

The aim of the fete is not only to raise money for village organisations, but also to be an enjoyable social event where we meet old friends and make new ones. One of the most important aspects of living in a village is being part of a community. There is definitely a strong community in Rushton, and long may it continue.

I hope you all enjoyed the afternoon as much as I did. Amanda

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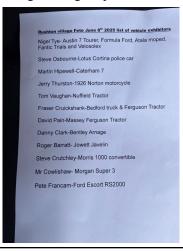






Many thanks to Kevin for the photos and also to Mark Turner for the magnificent aerial view.

Thanks to Amanda for leading the Committee, and doing such a great job.



The vintage vehicles were great!

Rushton Village W.I.

Our June meeting found us out and about for afternoon tea at Woodmeadow Garden Centre. It was obviously a popular choice; with 24 members attending. We all enjoyed a splendid spread with many savoury and sweet items including, of course, scones with jam and cream. It was a real treat to sit outside on a warm, sunny day and be waited on. It was a role reversal for some of our members who had served tea and cake at the Fete just a few days before. As always, they did a sterling job!

Our book club met to discuss the dystopian novel 'I Am Number 4' by Pittacus Lore. We would universally recommend it, even though some of us weren't too keen on reading it.

Art seems to be our theme at craft group. In May we had a go at Zentangle, described as 'posh doodling', and June will be still life drawing. We meet on the fourth Wednesday of the month for craft, so I can't let you know how it went, but our aim is to have a good time so we always succeed with that!

Our speaker in July is Fay Tennet on Protection Politics about her time as Deputy Director of Parliament. Fay has spoken to us previously about her career in the police force, so we know we are in for an informative and entertaining evening. Guests are always welcome, so please get in touch if

you would like to join us.











POINT TO PONDER FOR JULY 2025

"Penny for your thoughts" is a much-used expression when we encounter a familiar friend deep in contemplation. It originates from the 15th century, when a penny was a lot of money and thoughts were seen as personal prayers. Sharing one's thoughts with another is a deep sign of trust and support, especially if someone is facing tough times. That is when we become aware of how deep a friendship is or how fickle it can become or how it can be so easily threatened by outside forces. There is nothing more dreadful to have a close friend turn their back on us or be left with no one to turn to when we need help. We learn in life that this is not the way God is with us. As recorded in Isaiah 55:8 He reminds us "for my thoughts are not your thoughts." As we become aware of the presence of our heavenly Father, we discover that He will share His thoughts with us and bring us close to Him. "I will let you find me", is God's response to our human frailty and our sense of isolation when things go wrong. (Jeremiah 29:14) That intimate relationship between God and us is also made clear by Jesus to his disciples. "I have called you friends." (John 15:15). It is one of the challenges of Jesus in loving our neighbour that it also includes cultivating "the stranger we encounter" and that he or she is also yet to be a friend. We do not need plans, programmes, or deals to be full human beings, but we do need friends with whom we can share our thoughts and our common concerns. Some friends will be so trusted and valued that we claim that they are worth their weight in gold, and are so kind that we say they have a heart of gold. Such friendships can transcend colour, class or creed and they enable us to share our deepest thoughts and aspirations with one another. Social media can be an invaluable tool in growing and creating a supportive and caring society. On the other hand, some people are using it to continue division and uncharitableness in conversations by whatever electronic devices they possess to deny the cultivation of friendships or prevent them in the first place. What do we gain in our humanity if we deny hospitality to the immigrant? Do we not impoverish ourselves with unbridled xenophobia in the way we look at strangers? How many of us owe our lives, our health, our education and even the love of our lives to those who were not born in these shores? Sharing our thoughts with our fellow citizens has made us as we are and given us hope for our world. Which side of history are we on? Our future does not lie in our past because God is sharing His thoughts with us and our friends about what matters today.

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