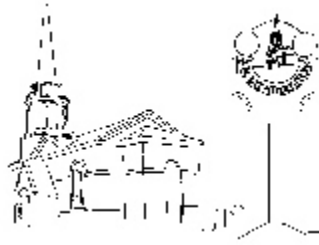


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Parish News

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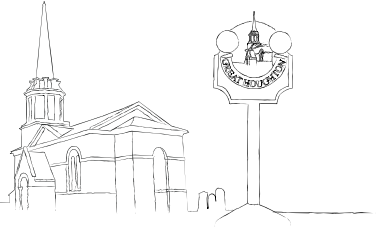
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- Must be available to attend Council meetings which take place every third Tuesday of each month from 7.30pm at Village Hall
- Must be over 18 years of age and either a local Government Elector for the Parish, or a resident or works in the parish for at least 12 months.
- Must **not** be a 'Disqualified' person as described in Section 80 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) which can be viewed at: www.legislation.gov.uk

**Please note that Great Houghton Parish is a
Non-Political Council.**

Please contact the Parish Clerk for further information.

PARISH COUNCIL CHAIR'S REPORT – APRIL AND MAY 2026

The new edition of the Parish News will be published as we head into Spring, Easter and Bank Holidays. The beginning of Spring sunshine feels very welcome after the recent long spell of rain.

Community Speed Watch

We know that speeding through the village remains a concern for our residents. Under a new system introduced by the police, we now have speed watch equipment on long term loan. We intend to carry out one speed watch session per month on a variety of days and times. We now have only a few volunteers to help with this project.

If you are able to take part (which would only be for a couple of hours every few months), please contact our Parish Clerk at clerk@greathoughton-pc.gov.uk for information or to be added to our email list.

Community Resilience Project

I wrote in the previous issue of the Parish News about WNC's Community Resilience project initiative. This is being spearheaded by WNC and the Environment Agency. If we are able to recruit two Flood Wardens for training, we can apply to receive a set of resources which would be useful to the village in case of an emergency. Although they are termed "Flood Wardens", in reality the Community Resilience Project has a wider scope and covers a variety of emergencies. The training is for only a few hours. We currently have one volunteer but need two to proceed. Again, if you can help, please contact any councillor or the Parish Clerk.

Wellbeing Plan – upcoming survey

The Council and the Great Houghton Playing Fields Association are putting together a survey which will be sent out to residents to understand their views with regard to the Health and Wellbeing Plan. Please look out for the survey and complete and return it to them.

Ability Transport

Unfortunately, we have seen on social media that Ability Transport, which provides transportation to less mobile residents is to close, due to a variety of factors.

General

If you have any issues you wish to raise with us, please contact any councillor or our Clerk at clerk@greathoughton-pc.gov.uk Alternatively, we hold our meeting on the third Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall and you're welcome to come and speak to us in person.

We hope you have a sunny and restful Easter.

Sarah Williams

The front cover photos,

My thanks and appreciation for the lovely Spring photos on the front cover,

Clockwise from top left: Church at sunset from The Cross by Alison Wright, Spring blossom by Alison Wright, The Green & wild cherry blossom by Denise Gibson and the wonderful cherry blossom in Cherry Tree Lane by Alison Wright.

WHAT'S ON...

IN APRIL AND MAY 2026

APRIL 2026

- Tuesday 7th** **WI – Abbi Jinks, motivational speaker on ‘The brave art of getting it wrong’.** at Great Houghton Village Hall from 7:30pm.
- Thursday 9th** **Great Houghton Growers,** from 7pm to 9pm at Great Houghton Village Hall.
- Friday 10th** **WI Community Coffee Morning** from 10:30am to 12 noon at Great Houghton Village Hall.
- Wednesday 22nd** **Houghton’s and Brafield History Society – Graham Mckenzie, on Blair Swannell an outstanding Northampton Saints player** at Little Houghton Village Hall at 7:30pm.
- Tuesday 28th** **Great Houghton Playing Field Association AGM** at Great Houghton Village Hall at 7:30pm.

MAY 2026

- Tuesday 5th** **WI – Resolutions Evening** at Great Houghton Village Hall from 7:30pm.
- Thursday 7th** **Great Houghton Growers,** from 7pm to 9pm at Great Houghton Village Hall.
- Friday 8th** **WI Community Coffee Morning** from 10:30am to 12 noon at Great Houghton Village Hall.
- Wednesday 27th** **Houghton’s and Brafield History Society - Andrew Tennet’s talk - A History of Northants Police** at Little Houghton Village Hall at 7:30pm

Save the date! Great Houghton Art Group will be exhibiting their art work at Piddington Church on 27th and 28th June as part of the Open Gardens Weekend held in the three villages. The church will be open from 10am until 4:30pm on both days. **Please come along and enjoy both events. DG**



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Irene's Inklings – Final Episode April 2026

“Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.”! Corinthians 12:27

As I write this, I find it hard to believe that the time has come to say the word “retirement.” After almost eight years of serving, first as your curate and then as assistant priest across our four parishes, the time has arrived for me to take a step back from church life and step forward to the next chapter of my life. **My last service will be on Sunday April 12th at St Mary's Church Little Houghton at 10am.**

When I first arrived here I remember driving along our narrow lanes bordered by hedgerows and fields, praying that I might learn not only the geography of the benefice but also its heart. Serving our parishes has been both a challenge and a privilege. There have been Sundays when I have felt rather like a rally driver moving from one church to another, carrying my vestments, my sermon and my “music box” tucked under my arm. I have learned many things on the way, the main one being that each church has its own distinct character, its own rhythm of prayer and praise, its own faithful core who keep the doors open, the brasses polished, the churchyard tended, the kettle ready and the tea just the way I like it, hot and weak!

I love that our beautiful churches are also living communities of faithful servants of Christ. I have baptised babies and adults, married couples of all ages in weddings full of laughter and joy and walked with families through funerals heavy with grief. In all of it I have seen again and again that the Church's calling is simple and profound: to be present, to pray, to proclaim Christ, and to love our neighbours.

There have been seasons of joy and seasons of strain both professionally and personally, but I have always been grateful for my calling to the Priesthood and for God “planting” me in this place where I have been loved and supported in ways I couldn't have imagined. I have always given you my love and my best efforts in everything I have done and I can honestly say that every day has been a privilege.

Through it all I have been sustained by many people, I am not going to single anyone out by name except to mention Churchwardens and PCC's who give countless hours of their time, musicians and singers who have practised faithfully, flower arrangers who have brought beauty week by week, and congregations who have prayed, not only for the sick and those in need, but who pray for me personally by name, something which never fails to move me. Rural ministry may not make headlines, but it is rich in steadfast love.

I have been deeply moved also by the way our parishes care for one another. When there has been illness, meals have appeared. When there has been loss, you have stood alongside one another. When there has been celebration, you have known how to rejoice wholeheartedly. This, to me, is the Gospel lived out in reality daily.

If I have achieved anything during my time here, I hope that I have helped you to see that your faith matters—not only within the church walls but in every aspect of village life and beyond. I hope you will always remember me encouraging you to speak of your faith to others yet to find Jesus because if you of faith don't do this – who will? The Church is not an optional extra in rural communities; it is woven into their story. Our festivals mark the year; our bells mark moments of national and local significance; our buildings stand as visible reminders that God is with us in this place, always has been and always will be.

As I retire, I do so with gratitude but also a little sadness. Gratitude for friendships formed and trust given. Gratitude for forgiveness when I have fallen short and gratitude to God for knowing what he's doing even when we don't. I am conscious that no priest serves alone, and I am grateful to Eddie for my start and Kris for the last two years which have been immense and hugely rewarding. Ministry shared is a joy. It has been a privilege to share mine with you and I firmly believe that in Reverend Kris you have a caring compassionate Rector who will guide you forward with love and energy – support him well.

Retirement will bring its own adjustments but I am looking forward to having more time to read, to walk with my dogs, to pray without an eye on the clock before the next appointment and to spend time at the east coast and other places, including especially my garden. I shall continue as Chaplain to self-supporting ministers and I hope to have permission to officiate so that I can cover for clergy holidays and illness etc. But whatever way I occupy myself, I will carry you with me and remember you well. Once a priest, always a priest and the love I have for this Benefice will not end.

Finally, please remember that this is God's Church and Christ is at work among you to build, sustain, and guide you. **“I am with you always,” says the Lord.**

Thank you for everything you mean to me, thank you for your kindness, your patience, your humour, your prayers and your love. It has been my honour to serve you.

With every blessing for the years ahead,

Reverend Irene



CHURCH SERVICES ACROSS THE WYMERSLEY BENEFICE

Cogenhoe, Great Houghton and Little Houghton with Brafield on the Green

**From 1st April there is a Book of Common Prayer service every
Wednesday at 10am at Little Houghton
April 2026**

Wednesday 1 April	Holy Week	
10:00 am	Book of Common Prayer	Little Houghton
	Holy Communion	
7:00 pm	Holy Communion	Cogenhoe
Thursday 2 April	Maundy Thursday	
7:00 pm	Holy Communion	Brafield on the Green
Friday 3 April	Good Friday	
2:00 pm	An hour at the cross (The last words of Jesus)	Little Houghton
Saturday 4 April	Service of Light	
8:00 pm	Brafield churchyard	Brafield on the Green
Sunday 5 April	Easter Sunday	
06:00 am	Dawn Service	Great Houghton
10:00 am	Holy Communion	Cogenhoe
Wednesday 8 April	Book of Common Prayer	
10:00 am	Holy Communion	Little Houghton
Sunday 12 April	First Sunday after Easter	
10:00 am	Holy Communion	Little Houghton
	<i>Final Service with Rev'd Irene</i>	
Sunday 19 April	Second Sunday after Easter	
09:30 am	All Age Worship	Brafield on the Green
09:30 am	Holy Communion	Great Houghton
11:00 am	Morning Prayer	Little Houghton
11:00 am	Family Communion	Cogenhoe
Sunday 26 April	Third Sunday after Easter	
09:30 am	Said Communion	Brafield on the Green
09:30am	Morning Prayer	Great Houghton
11:00 am	Holy Communion	Little Houghton
11:00 am	All Age Worship	Cogenhoe
3:00 pm	Fire Church	Cogenhoe Scout Hut
	<i>A New Service for Young People</i>	



Any changes to this calendar will be published on
<https://wymersleybenefice.org.uk>



CHURCH SERVICES ACROSS THE WYMERSLEY BENEFICE

Cogenhoe, Great Houghton and Little Houghton with Brafield on the Green

There is also a Book of Common Prayer Service every Wednesday
at 10am at Little Houghton

May 2026

Sunday 3 May

Fourth Sunday after Easter

09:00 am	Morning Prayer	Brafield on the Green
09:30 am	Holy Communion	Great Houghton
11:00 am	All Age Worship	Little Houghton
11:00 am	Holy Communion	Cogenhoe

Sunday 10 May

Fifth Sunday after Easter

09:00 am	Sung Eucharist	Brafield on the Green
09:30 am	Morning Prayer	Great Houghton
11:00 am	Holy Communion	Little Houghton
11:00 am	Morning Prayer	Cogenhoe

Sunday 17 May

Sunday after Ascension Day

09.00 am	All Age Worship	Brafield on the Green
09.30 am	Holy Communion	Great Houghton
11.00 am	Morning Prayer	Little Houghton
11.00 am	Family Communion	Cogenhoe

Sunday 24 May

Pentecost

09:00 am	Said Communion	Brafield on the Green
09.30 am	Morning Prayer	Great Houghton
11:00 am	Holy Communion	Little Houghton
11.00 am	All Age Worship	Cogenhoe

Sunday 31 May

Trinity Sunday

10:00 am	Benefice Service	Little Houghton
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www.wymersleybenefice.org.uk



We are Great Houghton WI, a group of women from local parishes who meet monthly to enjoy a varied programme of talks and social events. **We always welcome visitors and your first two visits are free....so why not come along?**

Our next meeting will be on 7th April, when we will listen to the motivational speaker and poet, Abbi Jinks on the “The brave art of getting it wrong”. Then **on 5th May we will hold our Resolutions Evening**, where we will discuss the various resolutions proposed by the national WI before we select the one we wish to support and voted for at the national conference in June.

If you like us, and would like to join, we will tell you about our annual subscription. This not only joins you to our group but also gives you access to many free courses and a wealth of information through the ‘VIA New Learning’ on www.thewi.org.uk, and there are also loads of County Events that you can join in with, too.

Highlights from our recent meetings:

In February we held our February Feast when members and guests enjoyed a delicious hot catered supper and then listened and sung with The Northampton Ukulele Group. A great evening thoroughly enjoyed by all.

In March we held our AGM and after we had listened to all of the serious bits we chatted and tucked into a ‘Bring and Share’ supper, so much so that we didn’t have time for the planned bingo!!

We meet at 7.30pm on the first Tuesday of the month at Great Houghton village hall and you would be most welcome to join us.

Special note: Great Houghton WI, along with other WI's in the county, have been challenged by Northamptonshire County Federation WI to raise money for Gt. Houghton WI and the NCF, so look out for our pop up events, some will be advertised on the village notice boards.



Produce at our most recent coffee morning!

If you would like more information or wish to tell us that you would like to visit then please email: hramsden560@gmail.com



COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNINGS



**Great Houghton Village Hall
Friday 10th April & Friday 8th May**

Everyone is welcome.

Enjoy a tea/coffee with some delicious cake while having a chat and meeting others.

**Held on the second Friday of the month
Run by the WI from 10.30am to 12noon - Costs £2.50.**

Just turn up on the day.....we look forward to seeing you

Latest Data from our, Motor Vehicle Activated Sign (MVAS)



High Street, opposite church



1st to 28th February 2026

37286 Vehicles registered within this period.

1366 Average daily vehicles

(5.7%) Vehicles were above speed limit.

5575 Vehicles exceeding the safe speed for road *

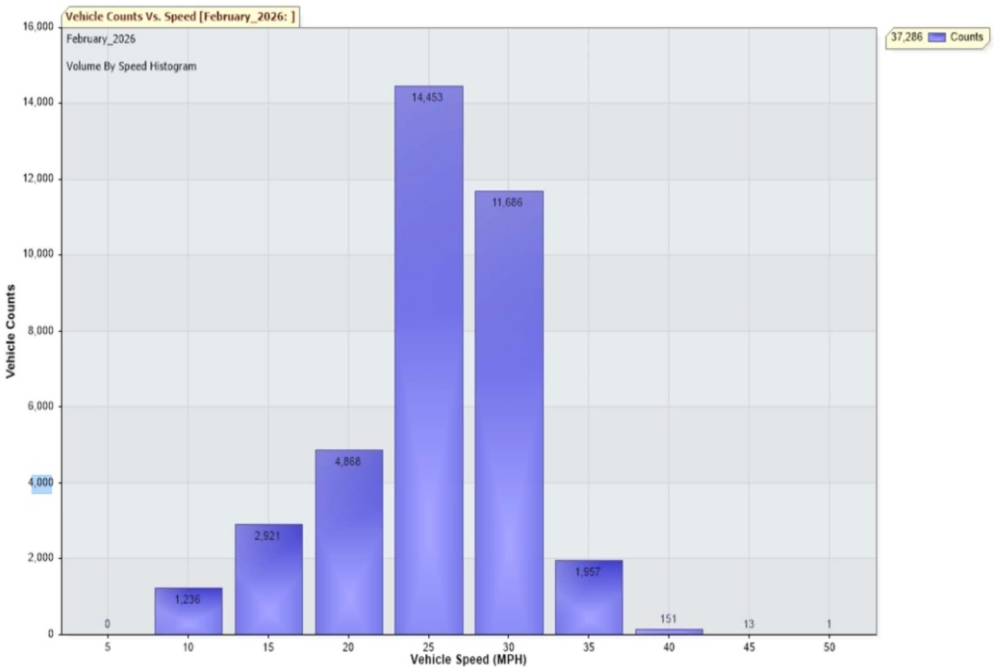
165 Vehicles above NPCC threshold of 35 mph

Max speed registered was 50 mph

Average speed registered was 23 mph

Average speeder speed was 38 mph

* This is the number of vehicles which were exceeding the 85th percentile speed for the road (calculated at 29.4mph) and can be considered as driving above the reasonable speed for traffic conditions in that location.



The Parish Council uses this information to help us make decisions about road safety and traffic mitigation. For further information visit our website at: www.greathoughton.org.uk

In January, Great Houghton Playing Field Association (GHPFA) hosted a lovely lunch at The Old Cherry Tree to thank two hugely important committee members who have recently stepped down. Bill Hart and Angus Buglass have each served in many roles, including Chairman, and have been invaluable to the organisation for over 30 years. **We are incredibly grateful for all they have done!** Both are cricketers, and their connection to Great Houghton began through the game.



Bill (right) and Angus have been appointed Honorary Lifetime President and Vice-President respectively

Although Great Houghton Cricket Club (GHCC) first played in 1865, it subsequently became inactive. The Club was revived in 1981 by Bill, and his wife Margaret, alongside a small group of players. It grew significantly, at one point running three senior teams and three youth sides. Bill has been central to its success, contributing in countless roles on and off the field.

Alongside GHCC, Bill has also played a major role in the village, from refurbishing the old hall to serving as Chairman of the GHPFA.

In the early nineties Angus and his brother Stuart were welcomed to GHCC for a game of cricket. Stuart went on to captain the club, while Angus became a true club legend—tour organiser, groundsman, and a driving force behind the GHPFA.

Both Bill and Angus have also contributed to the future of the club through their families, Rob, Charlie and Archie all now part of GHCC. **The village owes a tremendous amount to Bill and Angus. Without them, neither the Cricket Club nor the GHPFA would be where they are today!**



The Houghtons & Brafield
HISTORY SOCIETY

Our annual programme for 2026 and 2027 starts with APRIL AND MAY 2026

22nd April - Blair Swannell - Graham Mckenzie Graham's voice is well known on Radio Northampton as its Sports Editor. He is also a keen historian especially on military matters and he's the Saints official historian. He has spoken on Edgar Mobbs and Walter Tull.

He will talk on another outstanding Northampton Saints player who has the distinction of being the first to become both a British Lion and Australian International by of his virtue of his successful career in in the UK and emigration before the First World War. When war broke out in 1914, he joined up and was part of the ANZAC force in the ill fated Gallipoli campaign in 1915. Graham is an excellent speaker and raconteur, and a talk not to be missed.

27th May - A History of Northants Police - Andrew Tennet It is rather appropriate that at a time of Government plans to reorganise the police forces, although entirely coincidental, that Andrew, as a retired police officer will give us a talk on the history of the Northamptonshire Police Force. Older residents will recall that until the early 1960s there were two forces, the County and Northampton Borough, each with its own Chief Constable and Headquarters. This should be another good evening on a local historical topic.

Non Members always welcome, we will be pleased to see you.

Richard Deacon Chairman
01604 890275

The society meets every fourth Wednesday in the month (except December) at 7:30pm
Little Houghton Village Hall

FULL PROGRAMME FOR THE REST OF 2026

DATE	TALK	SPEAKER
24th June	The Great Fire of Northampton 1675	Ruth Thomas - We missed out on the anniversary year last year, but we welcome back Ruth to tell us the whole story.
22nd July	Jadzia's War	Izabela Frydrych - Having given us the history of Philip Manfield, Izabela returns with this intriguing story set at the end of WW2.
26th Aug	Up Before the Beak	Ron Johnson - Having "toured" the Judicial buildings with Richard Blacklee last year, Ron will relate the development of the judicial system from the Middle Ages through the times when the judges who would have served in these buildings.
23rd Sept	The Life of Mrs Beeton	Sharn Matthews - Explains that there was more to her life than just her cookery books.
28th Oct	The Culworth Gang	Richard Blacklee - Perhaps the County's own Dick Turpin but Richard will relate the story of their crimes, their eventual capture and how the law dealt with them.
25th Nov	Petunias (Comedy Songs)	Kevin Varty - After his last talk on gravestones he returns with a light hearted look at comedy songs over the years. A light hearted evening in the run up to Christmas.
Saturday 5th December	Social Event plus Quiz	Richard Deacon -

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Local Police	neighbourhoodteamnorthampton@northants.pnn.police.uk	
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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AREAS & MEMBERS DETAILS

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Lower High St. & Rectory Close	VACANT	
Cherry Tree Lane, The Cross & Little Lane Email: mike@cumminsfamily.me.uk	Mike Cummins 3 Cherry Tree Lane NN4 7AT	07963 785980
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Willow Lane Email: jo.jo.thom57@btinternet.com	Joanne Thomason 22 Willow Lane NN4 7AW	01604 769980 07413 630051
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Neighbourhood Watch messages are headed Northampton Talking.

Cliff Bebbington

GREAT HOUGHTON PLAYING FIELD ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday, 28th April 2026 at 7:30pm
Parsons Memorial Hall (Village Hall) on Leys Lane

The village hall and playing field are tremendous assets for Great Houghton, but 2025 was a challenging year. The GHPFA had to stop taking bookings early in the year as the existing team became overwhelmed. We are enormously grateful that many of you came forward to offer your support and we were able to get things running again with a largely new team.

However, we are still facing challenges. We need more volunteers to help with running and maintaining the hall and playing field and we are still without a secretary. We also need your guidance as we continue to get back on track.

All Great Houghton residents are entitled to attend and contribute to the AGM. Please join us to show your continued support.



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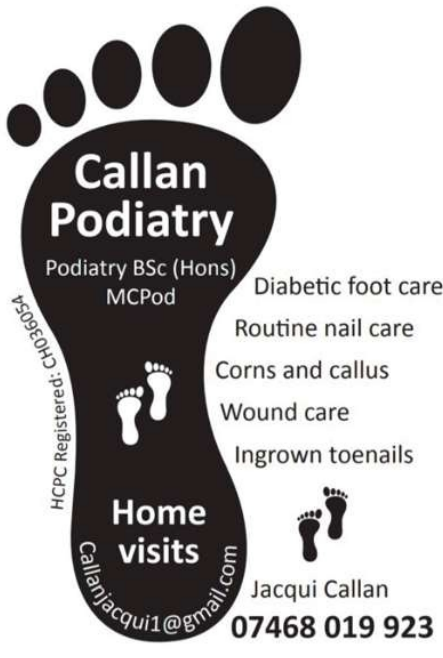


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for the next edition
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Or Email:

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REGULAR ACTIVITIES – these occur WEEKLY unless indicated

Art Group Thursdays	1:30pm to 4:30pm	At the village Hall - For all abilities - please contact Sarah Kelly on 01604 661266 or just pop in for a chat on a Thursday afternoon.
Community Coffee Morning 2 nd Friday each month	Monthly 10:30am to Midday	At the village hall run by the WI - ALL WELCOME
Cricket (Summer Season only) Wednesday Evening Practice Saturdays	5:30pm to 6:30pm 11am to 7:30pm	Dynamos Cricket for boys & girls from 8-11 yrs old *
If you are interested in joining Great Houghton Cricket Club please email Ben Mousley (1st team captain) benmousley@hotmail.co.uk *Contact Rob Hart robert.hart3@sky.com on 07979 598074 for Dynamos Cricket		
Great Houghton Growers 1 st Thursday each month	Monthly 7pm to 9pm	At the village hall –keen gardeners with any level of gardening experience or skills are welcome. Contact mandyrobertson22@gmail.com 07737 522522 or nikimay@btinternet.com 07734 806032 for more information.
GH Playing Fields Association 4 th Tuesday each month	Monthly Meetings 8:00pm to 10pm	At the Village Hall
GH Parish Council 3 rd Tuesday each month	Monthly Meetings 7:30pm to 10pm	At the Village Hall

SCA Junior Football		
Tuesdays	5:30pm to 7pm	Training at Weston Favell Academy astroturf pitches in the winter months email: info@sportingclubaspire.com or contact SCA via Facebook Messenger
Saturday	9:00am to Midday	
Short Mat Bowls		
Monday	7pm to 9pm	At the village hall contact John Sullivan 01604 763556 or Tony Gammage 07885 135202
Tuesday	10am to Midday	
Social Hiit 'Fresh Air' Session		
Wednesday	7:30pm to 8:30pm	See Facebook page - fitness life styled coach 07464 595067
Saturday	8:15am to 9:15am	
Tennis Court		
<i>including Pickleball</i>		If you are interested in joining the Tennis Club and playing tennis Contact Nicky Wates 07711 065944 For more information contact Shane Welch on 07904 064499 or email dinkydonkpickleball@gmail.com
Women's Institute (WI)	Monthly Meetings	
1st Tuesday of the month	7:30pm to 9:30pm	At the village hall see the notice boards for WI programme details. If you would like more information or wish to tell us that you would like to visit then please email: howardkay@btinternet.com

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Journey number						
Monday to Saturday						
Dolben Avenue (via Stanwick Lakes) (Saturday & school holidays only)						16:22
Rushden Lakes (Stop 1)					12:00	16:30
Wellingborough Church Street Interchange (Bay B)			10:09	10:13	12:11	16:46
Wellingborough Dog and Duck			10:13	10:20	12:15	16:50
Wollaston, adj Priory Road	07:28	08:53	10:20	10:23	12:22	16:57
Wollaston, outside Nags Head Inn	07:31	08:56	10:23	10:27	12:25	17:00
Bozeat, adj Allens Hill	07:35	09:00	10:27	10:29	12:29	17:04
Bozeat, adj Camden Square	07:37	09:02	10:29	10:30	12:31	17:06
Bozeat opp St Mary's Road	07:38	09:03	10:30	10:33	12:32	17:07
Easton Maudit, opp St Peter and St Paul's Church	07:41	09:06	10:33	10:35	12:35	17:10
Grendon, opp Parsons Close	07:43	09:08	10:35	10:37	12:37	17:12
Castle Ashby Bus stop	-	09:11	-	12:40	14:10	R
Whiston, opp The Green	07:47	09:14	-	12:43	14:13	R
Cogenhoe, o/s The Royal Oak PH	07:51	09:17	10:39	10:39	12:46	17:21
Billing Aquadrome	-	09:22	10:44	10:49	12:51	17:26
Brafield-on-the-Green, adj Grove Road	07:57	09:27	10:49	10:51	12:56	R
Little Houghton St Mary's Church (near Great Houghton, White Hart)	07:59	09:29	10:51	10:55	12:58	17:33
Great Houghton, White Hart	08:03	09:33	10:55	13:02	14:32	17:37
Great Houghton, adj Lime Farm Way	R	R	R	R	R	R
Brackmills, opp Footpath to The Lakes	08:06	09:36	10:58	13:05	14:35	17:40
Northampton General Hospital (Stop A)	08:11	09:41	11:03	13:10	14:40	R
Northampton Bus Interchange (Bay 14)	08:17	09:47	11:09	13:16	14:46	R
Northampton College of Further Education (TTO)	R	R				-
Weston Favell Shopping Centre (Billing Brook Road) D		R				-
Earls Barton, Dowthorpe Hill						R
Wellingborough, Park Farm, Shaw Close						R

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CHANGES TO THE BEDFORD TO NORTHAMPTON BUS SERVICE 41

From 2.3.2026 the operator of Bus Service 41 changed from Stagecoach to Grant Palmer. The bus picks up from stops at the bottom of the village High Street, on either side of the A428 Bedford Road, depending on direction of travel. They normally run every 2 hours during peak times. The bus tracker and route maps are also available on the Grant Palmer website at <https://www.grantpalmer.com/bus-services/bedford/41/>

More information is available on the Great Houghton village website www.greathoughton-pc.gov.uk, under Community Transport and Bus Services. The bus timetable is also printed alongside (on page 27) or you can click the link for the service timetable [41-bedford-northampton-010326](#) . Bus Travel Passes are accepted on this service.

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	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41
Bedford Bus Station	0610	0810	0900	1010	1100	1210	1300	1410	1610	1710
Bedford Rail Station	0615	0815	0905	1015	1105	1215	1305	1415	1615	1715
Biddenham, Merril's Field	0620	0820	0910	1020	1110	1220	1310	1420	1620	1720
Bromham, The Swan	0624	0824	0914	1024	1114	1224	1314	1424	1624	1724
Bromham, Springfield Road	0628	0828	0918	1028	1118	1228	1318	1428	1628	1728
Bromham, Brookside Park	0635	0835	0925	1035	1125	1235	1325	1435	1635	1735
Stagsden, High Street	-	-	0930	-	1130	-	1330	-	-	-
Turvey, The Laws	0640	0840	-	1040	-	1240	-	1440	1640	1740
Lavendon, Memorial	0644	0844	-	1044	-	1244	-	1444	1644	1744
Olney, The Bull	0651	0851	-	1051	-	1251	-	1451	1651	1751
Yardley Hastings, High Street	0702	0902	-	1102	-	1302	-	1502	1702	-
Denton, Bridge Meadow	0705	0905	-	1105	-	1305	-	1505	1705	-
Brafield-on-The-Green, Red Lion	0710	0910	-	1110	-	1310	-	1510	1710	-
Northampton, Bus Interchange	0725	0925	-	1125	-	1325	-	1525	1725	-

	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41	41
Northampton, Bus Interchange	-	0730	-	0930	-	1130	-	1330	1530	1730
Brafield-on-The-Green, Red Lion	-	0743	-	0943	-	1143	-	1343	1543	1743
Denton, Bridge Meadow	-	0745	-	0945	-	1145	-	1345	1545	1745
Yardley Hastings, High Street	-	0748	-	0948	-	1148	-	1348	1548	1748
Olney, Aspreys	-	0756	-	0956	-	1156	-	1356	1556	1756
Olney, The Bull	0711	0801	-	1001	-	1201	-	1401	1601	1801
Lavendon, Memorial	0720	0810	-	1010	-	1210	-	1410	1610	1810
Turvey, The Laws	0725	0815	-	1015	-	1215	-	1415	1615	1815
Stagsden, High Street	-	-	0930	-	1130	-	1330	-	-	-
Bromham, Brookside Park	0730	0820	0933	1020	1133	1220	1333	1420	1620	1820
Bromham, Springfield Road	0734	0824	0937	1024	1137	1224	1337	1424	1624	1824
Bromham, The Swan	0738	0828	0941	1028	1141	1228	1341	1428	1628	1828
Biddenham, Merril's Field	0742	0832	0945	1032	1145	1232	1345	1432	1632	1832
Bedford Rail Station	0747	0837	0950	1037	1150	1237	1350	1437	1637	1837
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