PITSFORD COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER March 2026

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Volunteer Needed – Village Planters

A few years ago, **two beautiful handmade planters** were installed at the **Moulton Road entrance to Pitsford**, thanks to some blooming marvellous residents. They've stood the test of time, but the planting now needs a little TLC.

The Parish Council is looking for a green-fingered volunteer to help care for them. Any expenses can be reclaimed.

If you'd like to help keep our village looking its best, please contact **Sarah at clerk@pitsfordparishcouncil.org.uk**

Cakes for Charity – Support Octavia's Triathlon

Octavia (age 9), from Manor Road, will be selling homemade cakes at the next Village Hall Breakfast on the first Sunday of the month.



Octavia is taking part in a **triathlon for Spratton Hall** & is hoping to **raise £50 for charity**, and selling delicious cakes is her chosen challenge. **Please come along, enjoy a slice (or two) and help her reach her fundraising goal.**



To place an order in advance, contact Gareth on 07817 893491.

Let's show our support and help Octavia smash her target.



Saturday 14th March 2026: 2pm – 3:30pm

Bric a brac, clothes, toys & games & much more. Come along and pick up a bargain.

Don't forget the **Tombola & the sale of homemade cakes** & drinks.

Contributions of tombola prizes & cakes would be greatly appreciated.



Donations of jumble items will be accepted at the hall between **9:00am and 11:00am on Friday 13th March or 10am and 11am on Saturday 14th March.**

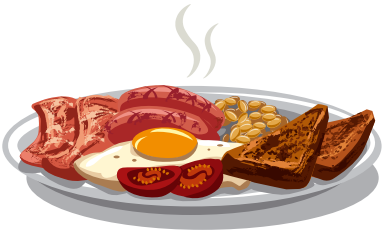
Stories Worth Sharing: Family history isn't just big events; it's the everyday stories that quietly disappear unless we pass them on. **These questions are simply invitations, to talk, listen, and share a story that might otherwise be lost.**



For couples / families: What place from your past still feels like "home" to you? **For children to ask parents/ grand parents:** Where did you grow up, and what was it like?

Pitsford Village Institute Update

Your Village has started 2026 in good shape with **new regular bookings and a sell out breakfast in February**. We have seen an increasing number of enquiries for further usage of the Hall following its transformation with people saying it is now one of the most impressive facilities they have viewed. **We are not resting on our laurels though and we are reviewing further improvements. Watch this space.**



Our next Community Breakfast will be held on Sunday 1st March 2026.

Breakfast is served from 9:30am to 11:30am, last orders taken at 10:45am. To help us cater efficiently and serve everyone promptly, reservations are required for groups of four or more. **To book, please contact Wendy Biggs on 07903 511 572.**

Sunday Services: We welcome everyone of all faiths, or none, to join us for our family service on a Sunday morning at 11am.



Thanks go to Colin Bull, aided by Roger 'the roofer', for kindly giving their time and great courage to removing the old ladder to the church bell tower. It was an exceedingly difficult task to undertake, as you can see, Colin is perilously perched at the top of the ladder with his chain saw. This saved the great expense of contractor work.



What's involved with a walk and talk? Simple answer is - we walk, and we talk.

The benefits of exercise for both our physical health and psychological wellbeing are well known. A simple walk will improve our mood, reduce stress, support a positive mindset, and help us with problem solving.

Walk info: Meet Space2Talk walk leaders at Grange Lane Car Park, NN6 9AP. Head down to the reservoir & over the dam to the cafe. Have a break at the cafe & enjoy whatever takes your fancy. Have a very important loo break, before heading back to the car park. Please wear footwear suitable for an approx 4km muddy walk.

Car park location is: Grange Lane car park through Pitsford village.
Dates: Sunday 1st March @ 10am; Sunday 29th March @ 10am.
Contact us: helen@space2talk.co.uk; www.space2talk.co.uk

space to talk

News from Pitsford Primary School Association (PSA)

The PSA continues to raise funds for school experiences & equipment.

This half term, we provided refreshments at the school's **RED January celebration run**, funding hot chocolate & pastries for the children while selling bacon rolls & drinks for adults. We also funded a professional storyteller for a full day of workshops, which pupils thoroughly enjoyed.

To mark Valentine's Day, every child & staff member received a decorated pebble with a motivational quote.





Our **community afternoon tea in the village hall**, supported by Year 6 pupils & Mental Health Ambassadors, **raised £288** while strengthening school–village links. **A mufti day also raised £100 for Pets as Therapy.**

Next term brings a **Mother's Day plant sale**, an **Easter disco**, and **Easter eggs for all pupils**.

Save the date: **Our Summer Fair** will take place in the school playground, we look forward to welcoming the community to see the playground revamp funded by the PSA last year.

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At our **February meeting** we were joined by members of **St John's Ambulance** in conjunction with our resolution, **Bystanders can be Lifesavers**. They demonstrated the use of a **defibrillator & explained what we, as the general public, can do in these situations.**

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 17th March** when we will be getting creative for our **Spring craft session**.

We meet in the **Village Hall** on the **3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm**, unless otherwise advertised. We welcome visitors to join us for an evening or to become a member. **For more information contact Sandie Bamford 01604881662.**

Scouts
Pitsford

If you are interested or would like to know a little bit more about what we do and how you can help us please contact Sue McTaggart Pitsford Group Lead Volunteer at the following email address pitsfordleadvolunteer@gmail.com or pop along to see us at the Sports Pavilion on a Thursday Evening. I am sure you would enjoy working with us to support the young people in Pitsford and surrounding area.

Pitsford Scout Group

The weather since Christmas has not been good and we feel that **we are becoming ducks**. Hopefully after half-term we will see some brighter weather and lighter nights to enable us to organise some **outdoor activities**. Despite this the leaders have provided some interesting activities for the young people

All sections took the opportunity to learn some bell ringing in the church. We would like to say **a big thank you to all the volunteers who supported the young people,** enabling them to have a go at ringing the church bells and the hand bells. **Our next village activity in the church will be our St Georges Day event in April which we are all looking forward to.**



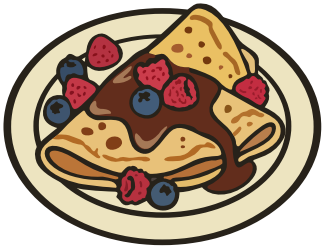
Beaver Scouts

The Beaver Scout Leaders have provided a fun evening designing & building Lego Structures. The Beaver Scouts were very creative completing their designs in their lodges. They have enjoyed a messy evening making lava lamps & exploding volcanoes for their experiments badge. They are looking forward to planting seeds & watching them grow for their gardeners' badge & ending the term with some Easter Craft and an Easter Egg hunt.

Cub Scouts

There appears to be a theme here, with Cub Scouts also having a scientific experiment evening making slime & volcanoes. All the Cub Scouts have been learning about Mardi Gras & looking forward to next term, better weather and lighter nights.

Scouts



The Scout section recently invited Spratton Scouts to join them for bell ringing, an activity new to many of the Scouts and thoroughly enjoyed by all. They had the opportunity to ring the main church bells as well as try their hand at handbells, and also took part in a church quiz during the evening. Over two weeks, Scouts created penny stoves from old drink cans and then tested them out by attempting to cook on them.

Unfortunately, the weather wasn't kind on pancake night, making cooking a challenge. However, true to the Scout motto, "Be Prepared," we had portable stoves on hand, ensuring everyone was able to successfully cook and enjoy their pancakes. The section is now looking forward to the lighter evenings and is busy planning a weekend camp and a week-long summer camp, once again joining forces with Spratton Scouts.



Explorer Scouts

The Section is continuing to grow and are busy planning their events including the Monopoly Run, Weekend Camps and interesting talks, helping them to develop their skills.

It is with a heavy heart that I share the news that our **wonderful Beaver Scout Volunteers, Nicola (Rabbit)** and **Claire (Squirrel)**, **will be leaving us at the end of the Summer Term**. They have been **invaluable members of the Pitsford Group and outstanding leaders of our Beaver Scout Section for many years**, providing a safe, fun and engaging environment where our Beavers have grown in confidence and thrived. **Their dedication to delivering exciting programmes, including camping and overnight experiences, has made a lasting impact on our young people.**

We are incredibly grateful for everything they have given to the Group. **Thank you, Nicola and Claire, you will be greatly missed, and we hope you will keep in touch.**

As they step down, we are now seeking new Volunteer Leaders to work alongside Emma (Owl) and continue the success of our Beaver Scout Section. Unfortunately, leaders from other sections are unable to fill these vacancies.

Without new volunteers for the Autumn Term 2026, we may have to suspend Beaver meetings until leadership is in place. We would love for you, or someone you know, to consider getting involved.

If you are interested in learning more, please come along to a meeting to meet the team and see what's involved. Alternatively, you can contact Sue McTaggart, Pitsford Group Lead Volunteer, on 07929 202864 or at pitsfordleadvolunteer@gmail.com for an informal chat.

Kind regards

Sue McTaggart, Pitsford Group Lead Volunteer





Brixworth Library: Can you help?

We are looking for **new volunteers** to join our team and help run our **Explore a Story session on Tuesday mornings, and Rhyme Time on Wednesday mornings.**

This role would be suitable for people who **enjoy working with young children**, and who would be **confident reading or singing in front of a small friendly group of under 5s and their families**. You absolutely don't have to be a great singer, just enthusiastic.

Full training and support will be given and, as you'd be joining an established team of equally enthusiastic volunteers, you could opt for a weekly, fortnightly, or monthly commitment.

To find out more, or if you'd like to arrange to sit in on an session, please get in touch: **brixworth.libraryplus@westnorthants.gov.uk.**

Full opportunity listings can be found here:

https://communityactionnorthants.org.uk/organisation/302023

Pitsford Parish Council

The first point of contact is always our Parish Clerk: clerk@pitsfordparishcouncil.org.uk

Parish Council Update: Full minutes and newsletters are available at:
www.pitsfordvillage.co.uk (Parish Council → Agendas & Minutes)

West Northamptonshire Council has published its draft Local Plan. The Parish Council is working with neighbouring councils to protect our area. An update will follow after the 3rd March meeting.

Road Closure: Grange Lane: 11th March 2026, 9am–3pm for essential tree safety works. Emergency access maintained. Residents affected have been notified.

Planning Applications

2026/0466/S73 – West Lodge Cottage, Grange Lane: Variation of condition (gable addition).

2025/3625/FULL – 1 The Square: Single-storey rear extension, timber outbuilding and new fencing.

2024/3523/FULL – Land adjacent to Riverbank Farm Fishery: Change of use of barn to dwelling (Retrospective) – Refused.

Footpath (Grange Lane to Moulton Road): Please report issues (including muddy sections) to the Parish Clerk.

Report It: Potholes, hedges, signage, parking & footpaths: use West Northants **Fix My Street**.

Future Meeting Dates: 3rd March; 12th May (Annual Parish & Council Meetings); 14th July; 8th September; 10th November 2026.





Exhibitor bookings are now open for our 2026 Vintage Transport Day, featuring steam train rides and a wide range of heritage vehicles.

We welcome agricultural vehicles, cars, motorbikes, buses, commercial & military vehicles (7.5T limit), & traction engines.

Exhibitor entry is free (plus one companion).

Donations are appreciated.

To book: email webteam@nlr.org.uk

Please include vehicle details (make, model, year) & length for large vehicles.



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A Ramble through Time and Place



BOOK LAUNCH at the WHYTE MELVILLE
1230-1330 Saturday 28th February 2026

JUDY SHEPHARD



7TH APRIL – 10TH APRIL

RK HOLIDAY CAMPS

EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB

8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.



WHAT TO BRING:

- Packed lunch
- Drinks
- Waterproof jacket
- Suitable footwear for indoor and outdoor activities
- Appropriate medication (if applicable)

AGES 5 – 14



ACTIVITIES:

- Multi-Sports
- Gymnastics
- Dance
- Forest School
- Arts & Crafts
- Football
- Dodgeball
- Rugby
- Cricket
- Team Games & Challenges and much more!

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