PITSFORD COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER May 2026

If you have any articles that you would like to submit, or an advert from your local company, please email maureeneholliday@runbox.com

PITSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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

Our **Annual Parish Meeting** will take place on **Tuesday 12th May** at **19:30** in **The Village Hall. This is an open meeting**, and **we invite all residents to attend.** We will hear news from the various organisations and groups in the community and provide an update from the Parish Council.



This year we are seeking your views on:

A Village Sign. This would likely be placed at the top of High Street as you enter the village, the design and exact location have not been decided. If you have ideas or want to express a view, please come to the meeting.

We have been asked to consider a request for a **"Dark Nights Policy".** Many villages in the UK are choosing not to have streetlights on between **midnight and 5am**, this helps **reduce our carbon footprint**, **saves money** and is **very good for local nocturnal wildlife**. The current LED system is programmed to dim during those hours. **What do you think?**



MONTHLY EVENT

FULL ENGLISH BREAKFAST SERVED BY THE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE AND VOLUNTEERS ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH (EXCLUDING JANUARY).



SERVICE RUNS 9:30-11.30AM (LAST ORDERS 10:45AM).

THE COST PER BREAKFAST IS £6.50, INCLUDING REFILLABLE TEA/COFFEE AND EXTRA TOAST.

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED FOR TABLES OF 4+. BOOK VIA WENDY BIGGS (07903 511 572).

2026 DATES: 3RD MAY, 7TH JUNE, 5TH JULY, 2ND AUGUST, 6TH SEPTEMBER, 4TH OCTOBER, 1ST NOVEMBER, 6TH DECEMBER.

ADDITIONALLY, HOMEMADE CAKES AND PASTRIES ARE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE.

BOOK THE VILLAGE PAVILLION FOR YOUR NEXT EVENT





The Sports Pavilion is a fantastic venue for children's parties, summer family gatherings, and community celebrations. With wide open outdoor space, plenty of parking, and easy access to beautiful walks through T's Wood, it's ideal for both energetic fun and relaxed get-togethers.
Plus, with a newly upgraded heating system, the pavilion is now a comfortable, year-round venue, whatever the weather.

For bookings and enquiries please contact Tony Miles on 07979802524

Important: Changes to Landline Telephones

Landline phones across the UK are being upgraded to a new digital system, which works through your broadband rather than the old phone network.

What this means for you:

- You can keep your current phone number
- Your provider (e.g. BT, Sky, Virgin) will contact you when it's your turn
- Your phone will plug into your broadband router instead of the wall socket

Please wait to be contacted, your provider will guide you and supply any equipment needed.

Things to ask:

- Will my current phone still work?
- What happens during a power cut?
- Do I need a battery backup?
- Will my care alarm/pendant still work?



Important: Digital landlines do not work in a power cut unless you have backup. If you rely on your phone, keep a charged mobile and inform your provider if you are vulnerable.

If you need help, please speak to a family member, neighbour, Parish Councillor or local volunteer.

Scouts
Pitsford

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.



In **April** we held our **AGM** where a new committee was voted in and we held a lively discussion on this year's W.I. resolutions.

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 19th May** when we will all take part in a **Laughter Yoga session** led by instructor Lisa, who will show us **the importance of bringing laughter to people's lives, and introduce us to new ways to find hilarity, health and happiness.**

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.**

THE TWILIGHT WALK

THE BRAIN TUMOUR CHARITY

A huge thank you to everyone who supported Hemming's 5k Twilight Walk, together we've raised an amazing **£2,351** for **The Brain Tumour Charity**.

If you haven't had a chance yet, there is still time to donate, simply scan the QR code to show your support.

Every penny makes a difference, thank you again for your generosity.

A RETURN VISIT TO UGANDA



Tony and I recently returned from another visit to Uganda, where we support a nursery and primary school in Bwaise, near Kampala. This was my 19th visit over 29 years, and the warm welcome from the children and staff is always incredibly moving.

We were pleased to see good progress on the new school hall, although building continues slowly due to limited funds. Thank you to everyone who supported last year's fundraising events, your help is making a real difference.

During our visit we helped paint the school, read with the younger children, and did craft activities with older pupils. We also met sponsored children and gathered updates to share with their UK sponsors.

It was especially wonderful to reconnect with Steven, one of our first sponsored pupils, who has gone on to gain a BSc in veterinary care and animal husbandry, and build a successful career and family, something we are very proud of.

If you are interested in sponsoring a child (£400 per year), please get in touch.
Georgina Miles – 07836 555025









PITSFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

22nd April 2026: Today is **Earth Day** and the children are taking part in lots of eco activities.

Duck eggs have arrived (funded by the Pitsford School Association) so children can watch ducklings hatch.

We have been asked by the school to fund **Bat Boxes** and **Bug Hotels** which we are very happy to do. **Our next event will be a Film Club in mid May.**

We would like to welcome everyone to save the date and come along to our Summer Fair. Saturday 13th June 11am - 3pm in the school and playground.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE
POLICE, FIRE & CRIME COMMISSIONER

You can also access it via this link to our website: https://northantspfcc.org.uk/newsletter-april-2026/

The April 2026 edition of our newsletter includes articles on:

- Expanding specialist support skills for children affected by domestic abuse
- The Fire Service delivering courses to teach safety skills to young people who are leaving care
- An update on the local areas that have received road safety funding from the Commissioner
- How the dedicated ASB Early Intervention Team is already clamping down on anti-social behaviour and easing pressure on frontline Policing and schools
- How offenders taking part in the Immediate Justice scheme are proving less likely to reoffend than those who did not engage



Safer Roads Team
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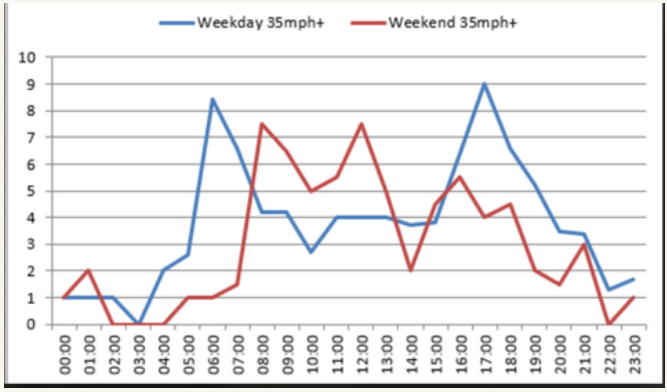
Northamptonshire Police
Safer.Roads@Northants.Police.uk

Traffic Survey Update – Pitsford

A traffic survey was carried out on **Moulton Road** and **High Street** following a resident's concern (**20th–27th March 2026**). Results showed good compliance with the 30mph speed limit.

Speeds did not meet the threshold for mobile enforcement, as the 85th percentile was below 35mph. Only a small number of vehicles were recorded travelling above 35mph, mainly during commuting times.

Due to limited resources, enforcement is prioritised in higher-risk areas. **However, the local policing team has been asked to carry out occasional handheld speed checks to help raise awareness (and have already been seen near the school).**



Mackie
For local cleaning or ironing
call 07817 177 913

For Local Gardening & Grass Mowing
Call Clive on 07817 177 913

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: Where did you grow up, and what was it like?





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Whats On At The Inn

Wednesday nights - Pie + Pint - £14!
Thursday nights - Fish + Chips + Pint - £15!
Wed - Sat nights - Land, Sea & Air Menu
Wed - Sat 12-2:30 - Senior Citizen Menu
Sunday Lunch @ 12pm, 2pm or 4pm

SUMMER IS COMING

SUPPORT YOUR VILLAGE PUB

Great food, real ales, fine wines
& a warm welcome

WEDNESDAYS
Pie & Pint – £14

THURSDAYS
Fish & Chips & Pint – £15

WED-SAT LUNCH
12-2:30 – Senior Citizen Menu

WED-SAT EVENINGS
Land, Sea & Air Menu

SUNDAYS
Lunch sittings at
12pm, 2pm & 4pm

VINTAGE TRANSPORT DAY

10TH MAY

NORTHAMPTON & LAMPORT RAILWAY



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For further details, advance tickets, or to register your exhibit

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.