

Glass recycling update

Rushcliffe Borough Council began distributing its new purple-topped glass recycling bins, with the first of 55,000 delivered to residents at the beginning of September. All households should now have received their bin, ahead of the launch of kerbside collections on Monday 1st December.

Glass will be collected every sixth week, on the same day as residents' grey bin collections. A revised collection calendar will be published later this year to confirm exact dates.

As part of the rollout, the council has reviewed the number and location of existing bring sites and recycling banks for glass and Tetra Pak items. While most residents will now be able to recycle glass from home, some bottle banks will remain in place for those who do not have the space for an additional bin. These include:

- Morrisons, Gamston
- Asda, West Bridgford
- The Hook Car Park, Lady Bay
- The Health Centre Car Park, Radcliffe-on-Trent

For more information, visit www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/simplerrecycling.

Shopmobility

West Bridgford Shopmobility is a local charity offering scooters, wheelchairs, and walking frames for short-term use, available for a weekly or weekend fee. Based at the rear of West Bridgford Library, the service supports individuals with temporary or long-term mobility challenges, whether navigating illness, recovery, or everyday activities.

Annual membership costs £20 and enables access to the service and support throughout the year. First-time users are asked to bring two forms of ID, one of which must include a photo, and complete a short registration form.

The office is open Monday to Friday, 10:00am to 12:00pm, where volunteers are available to assist with bookings and advice. Equipment can be reserved in advance.

Hire Gamston Village Hall

An ideal venue for Party Events and Celebrations!

- Well-equipped kitchen facilities
- Indoor tables & chairs available
- Enclosed Village Green Area

Please contact Rebecca on **07786 141066** or bookings@hpgpc.org.uk

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Sandale Close Christmas Lights

Gamston resident, David Carter, is once again preparing to light up Sandale Close with his much-loved Christmas display. Now in its thirteenth year, the event has become a seasonal highlight for local families, combining festive fun with fundraising for the RSPCA Radcliffe Animal Centre.

This year, visitors can enjoy a vibrant animated light show, talking heads, and a choir, plus refreshments, a raffle, and free lollipops for children. The big new addition is Santa's Grotto, running on selected December evenings, where children receive a small gift and families can take their own photos.

The 'Grand Switch-On' takes place on Sunday 23rd November at 5.00pm, with the display continuing nightly from 4.00pm to 9.00pm until Thursday 1st January 2026.

Donations are welcome and go directly to support animal welfare at the Radcliffe Centre.



Changes to local bus services

In mid-September, Nottingham City Transport, in partnership with Nottinghamshire County Council, introduced significant changes to the bus routes serving the parish, the city centre, and the surrounding countryside.

The Green 11 is now an extended service running hourly between Nottingham City Centre and Cropwell Bishop from Monday to Saturday during the day. After leaving Lady Bay, it travels via Ambleside, Morrisons, the Spire Hospital, Tollerton, Cotgrave, and Hollygate Park before reaching Cropwell Bishop. The first bus arrives in the city centre just before 7.00am, with the last return from Nottingham at approximately 6.00pm.

The Green 11B now operates solely between Lady Bay and Nottingham City Centre, while the Green 11C continues beyond Lady Bay to serve the National Water Sports Centre at Holme Pierrepont.

For full timetable details, visit nctx.co.uk/services/NCT11.



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Holme Pierrepont & Gamston Parish Council
Newsletter

Autumn 2025

A few words from the Vice Chair

Welcome to the Autumn 2025 edition of the Holme Pierrepont and Gamston Parish Council Newsletter.

With colder days now upon us, it is a good time to reflect on the events that brought our community together over the summer. One of the highlights was the Summer Play Day in August, which brought a lively mix of music, activities, and community spirit to Ambleside Play Park.

This year's 'Gamstonbury' theme embraced the festival spirit, with live performances on stage throughout the afternoon. Creative activities ranged from bracelet making to a drumming workshop, while for those feeling energetic, there were bouncy castles and plenty of space to run and play, especially through the mesmerising bubble displays drifting across the park. It was a fantastic afternoon, and lovely to see so many families enjoying it together.

The next event will be 'Christmastime at Gamston Village Hall' on Saturday 29th November. As in previous years, there will be a range of activities for children, along with carol singing and seasonal refreshments including mince pies and mulled wine. It is always a joyful way to begin the festive season, and we look forward to seeing you there.

For more on these events and other updates from around the parish, please read on.

Cynthia Stacey

Christmastime
AT GAMSTON VILLAGE HALL, NG2 6NX
SAT 29TH NOV 3.30PM - 5.30PM

Please join Holme Pierrepont & Gamston Parish Council celebrating the festive season and raising valuable funds for Rainbows the fantastic local children's hospice

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Brightening short lives

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COMPETITIONS * REFRESHMENTS

Flagpole Update

To mark the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day last May, the commemorative VE flag was proudly displayed on the front of the Gamston Village Hall. The intention was to fly it from the flagpole, but the internal halyard mechanism became jammed during preparations and could not be freed in time.



Repairs took longer than expected because the mechanism required specialist attention, and only a small number of companies offer this type of service. As a result, the parish council had to wait for an available appointment. The issue has now been resolved, and the Union flag is once again flying on the village green.

Gamstonbury Play Day

In August, the parish council held its annual Summer Play Day at Ambleside Play Park, and what a wonderfully vibrant event it turned out to be. Families from across the area gathered to enjoy an afternoon of music, play, and creativity, all shaped by this year's 'Gamstonbury' festival theme.

The event was officially opened by Councillor Richard Butler, Deputy Mayor of Rushcliffe, and although it did not match Glastonbury's five stages, the single stage delivered musical entertainment throughout the afternoon. Super Sparkle opened the show, with the day building towards a lively headline performance from High Speed Peach.

While the sand pit and miniature tents were popular with younger children, those seeking more excitement headed for the bouncy castle and slide or joined in the lively drumming workshop. Karen, the stilt-walking balloon modeller, was once again a highlight, creating extraordinary balloon animals for a long line of delighted children.

Creative activities continued in the craft tent, where children made colourful bead bracelets, while face-painting added even more sparkle to the day. Throughout the afternoon, Sophia, the Bubbleologist, captivated the crowd with her mesmerising bubble displays, transforming the air into a kaleidoscope of shimmering colours. Ice cream was in high demand, and for the first time, freshly spun candy floss was available.

For a few magical hours, time seemed to stand still as children did what they do best – they played and had fun.



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CHRISTMAS 2025 at St Edmund's, Holme Pierrepont

Sunday 30th November
Christingle Service 3.00pm

Sunday 14th December
Carol Concert: "A Soulful Noel" 6.45pm

Sunday 21st December
Nine Lessons & Carols 4.00pm

Wednesday 24th December
Festal Communion 5.00pm

Ambleside Play Park

2026 marks twenty years since the first major upgrade to Ambleside Play Park, a project that transformed the original site into a modern, welcoming space for local families.

The parish council had established the play area more than a decade earlier, but after years of heavy use and a growing population, it was clear that an upgrade was needed. At the time, Gamston comprised around 1,300 homes, with a projected 12% increase by 2005.

Only the swings and a bench were retained from the original site, as the parish council sought a fresh design that would stand out locally. Pierrepont Gamston School was consulted regarding equipment preferences, many of which were reflected in designs submitted by five play equipment manufacturers. These were shared with residents at a public meeting, and Clements Play Management was awarded the contract following a competitive tender.



The £75,000 project included land acquisition, site clearance, tree works, pathways, fencing, waste bins, wet-pour surfacing, and picnic tables. To help reduce the financial burden, the parish council successfully secured a £25,000 grant from WREN Recycling Environmental.

Construction began in January 2006 and was completed by early March. The park opened informally one Friday afternoon after school, drawing excited children keen to explore. A formal launch followed in June, attended by sponsors, local officials, and residents, featuring Robin Hood and Maid Marian as special guests.

In 2024, further upgrades were made to the play park, with the addition of new inclusive play equipment, helping to make the space accessible to more children. These improvements reflect the parish council's continued commitment to maintaining a well-used and valued space for the local community.

The shipping container

A message from Gary Dykes, volunteer Ranger with the Grantham Canal Society:

"If you have been wondering why there is a green shipping container near the InPost lockers at Morrisons, then the mystery is solved. This is the new base for Grantham Canal Society volunteers working on the canal from Lady Bay to the A46."



We hold work parties every Wednesday with volunteers coming from Lady Bay, Abbey Park, Gamston, Bassingfield, and Radcliffe. Are you able to join us? If so, you can now work locally and see the benefits of your efforts first-hand. Do you know someone who enjoys being active and wants to help improve the canal's appearance?

Volunteering is not only beneficial for the community, but it can also improve your physical and mental health and wellbeing. Full training and equipment are provided, so please email volunteer@granthamcanal.org if you would like to get involved. In the meantime, when you see us working, please say hello!"