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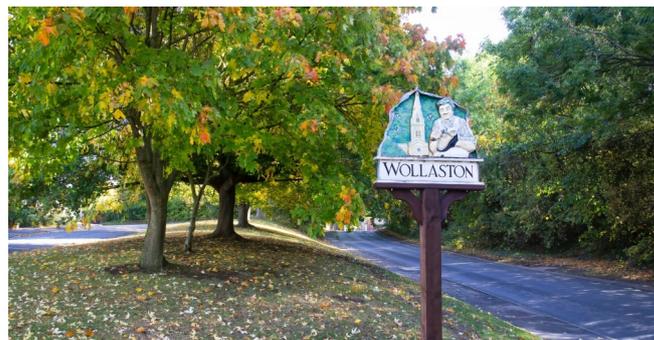
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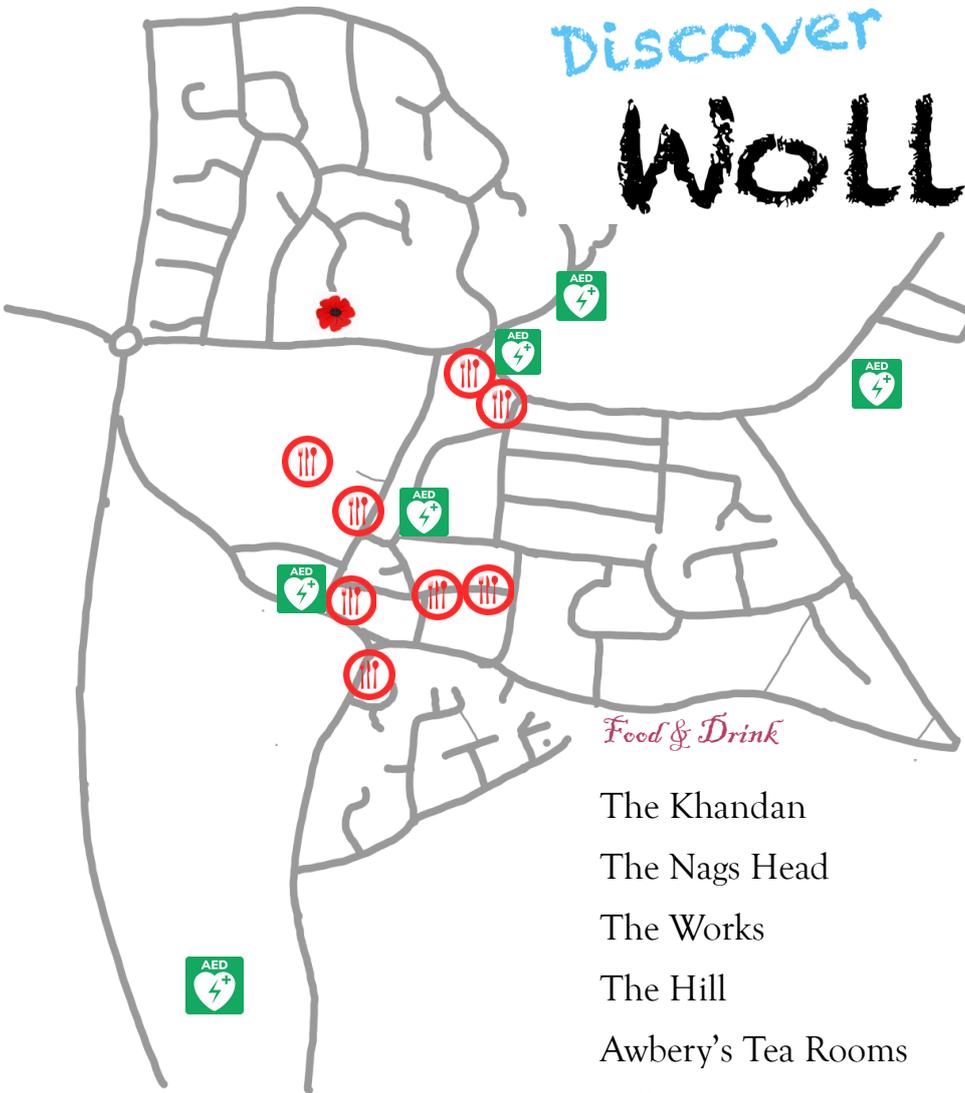
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Discover Wollaston



Food & Drink

- The Khandan
- The Nags Head
- The Works
- The Hill
- Awbery's Tea Rooms
- Village Fryer
- Jade Wollaston
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Food & Drink

History & Culture

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- Wollaston War Memorial
- Historical Walk
- Manchester bomber memorial

Outdoors & Nature

- The Pocket Park
- Wollaston Playing Fields

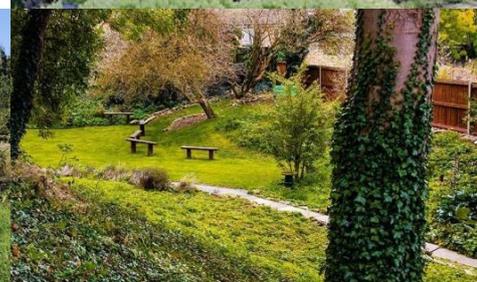




Photo by Rebecca Milroy

Dear Readers,

Welcome to the Spring edition of Wollaston Together. Finally, the sun seems to have broken through, and the advent of spring flowers tends to gladden my heart, until the hay fever season begins in earnest.

We have an important notice for any of those who are considered vulnerable, in the event of a problem with the water supply.

We have an introduction to the Northants Model Club, which meets monthly in the village, as well as the promotion of a music event being held at Wollaston School on 28th and 29th March, 2026.

Additionally, Irchester Bowls Club will be hosting their open weekend on 9th and 10th May 2026.

Alongside our usual contributors, we also have the success story of a local person who was named Slimming World Icon 2026.

If you have an event or club you would like promoted please contact me on the email address below., also do encourage any local business to consider taking an advert as not only do they connect with the local community, it supports the printing costs for a not for profit magazine.

Thank you

Michèle

Michele Milroy Editor of the Wollaston Together
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<https://croylandpharmacy.com>



Wollaston Doctors Surgery

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North Northamptonshire Council

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Street Doctor

[FixMyStreet \(northamptonshire.gov.uk\)](http://FixMyStreet(northamptonshire.gov.uk))



Northamptonshire Police

www.northants.police.uk

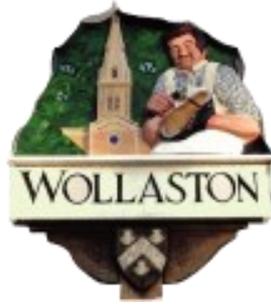


Wollaston Parish Council

www.wollastonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Discover more online

Click on the underlined links or type them into a search browser.



Hello, I'd like to introduce myself and explain why I joined the Parish Council.

My name is Kevin Seager and I've lived in Wollaston for just under three years. I'm married, have three grown-up children, and one lively cockerpoo who keeps us on our toes.

I've always had an interest in politics — perhaps less so at a national level these days — but I've consistently felt that local politics is where you can really make a difference. That's what encouraged me to stand for the Parish Council. I wanted the opportunity to listen to residents' concerns, work alongside fellow councillors, and see where we can help influence positive change for the village.

Although I'm relatively new to Wollaston, it's clear there are issues that matter to many residents, such as parking, HGV traffic through the village, and speeding. I'm keen to be part of finding practical ways forward on these matters, as well as any other concerns that may arise.

Being a parish councillor offers a valuable insight into the future of Wollaston — from planning and local services to community events — and I hope that during my time on the council there will be opportunities to help improve and protect our village for years to come.

Please feel free to get in touch if you'd like to raise an issue or have a chat.

Working together, I believe we can help safeguard Wollaston for future generations.

You can contact me at: cllr.kseager@wollastonparishcouncil.gov.uk

WATER SUPPLIES FOR VUNERABLE RESIDENTS

Following the recent water disruption due to a burst main, lasting 7 hours, the Parish Council have contacted Anglian Water to establish how vulnerable residents can receive water and receive updates as this is a very distressing and anxious time for many. Please see below the response from Anglian Water and please encourage the vulnerable to register for the priority register:

To sign up for our priority service all they need to do is call our free phone number 0800 145145.

"When there's an interruption to your water supply our team will contact everyone in the area on our Priority Services Register to check they're OK. Where a lack of water could have a significant impact for customers on the Register for a medical condition or mobility issues, we'll deliver bottled water directly to their door. We'll always do this for any interruption over 12 hours but will also look to do it for shorter periods where it's needed.

If it's a large issue affecting a lot of people, within 24 hours of us becoming aware, we'll set up places you can collect an alternative water supply from. This could be a hub where you collect bottled water from, or other methods like tankers, bowsers or standpipes which you'd collect water from in your own containers. If we're looking at any of these methods, we'll work with local councils to find the best spots to set them up in so people can reach them easily on foot or by car. As soon as we know where they'll be and what hours they'll be open, we'll send you the details by email and text as well as post it on our website. If you're on our Priority Services Register for a water-dependent medical condition or mobility issue we'll deliver bottled water straight to your door.

When there's been an unexpected interruption to your water supply, we'll work as hard as we can to get everything back to normal for you as soon as possible. If we're not going to be able to get things sorted within 12 hours, we'll provide an alternative water supply. This could be us diverting water from elsewhere in the network, sending tankers to pump water directly into the pipes that supply your home, or delivering bottled water to you. "

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WOLLASTON LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY HUB

OUR OPENING DAYS / HOURS ARE AS BELOW:

MONDAY 10 - 12PM
TUESDAY 1- 4PM
WEDNESDAY 9.30 – 12PM
THURSDAY 2.30 – 4.30PM
SATURDAY 9.30 – 12PM

Here are our current groups:-

Coffee and Chat **every Monday (except Bank Holidays) from 10.30-12pm**, £2 for coffee/tea and homemade cake/biscuits, £1 for just a drink.

Knit and Crochet group **every Tuesday from 2-3.30pm**: no charge.

Rhyme time **every Wednesday during Term Time 10am – 10.30am**: no charge

Back-room poetry group – **1st Thursday of month 3-4pm**: no charge.

Photography for all – **2nd Thursday of month 2-30-4pm**: no charge.

Book group – **last Thursday of month 2.45pm onwards**: no charge.

There are always refreshments available, so please just ask if you'd like a hot drink – all £1 each. We also have squash for children or those wanting a cold drink.

Don't forget that we have a meeting room available to hire, also the library space as well. In our meeting room we now have audio visual equipment and a flipchart – so ideal for meetings/presentations. Please email us if interested or pop in if you'd like to have a look!

Dates for your Diary

Children's Craft for World Book Day 7th March 10am – 11.30am

Collectables Tabletop Sale 21st March 10am – 12 noon

Children's Craft for Easter 28th March 10am – 11.30am

Easter Raffle Draw 28th March 11am – Tickets available from the library

Plant Fair 18th April 10am – 12 noon

You can contact us on Facebook, email us at: wollastoncml@gmail.com, call us on 01933 231525 or just pop in when we are open (details above).

We look forward to welcoming you all.





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Cllr Tom Partridge Underwood

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Report a Pot Hole

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Help young people
in Wollaston step up
and dream big.

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Scouts
2nd Wollaston



In this article we are going to delve into a specific area that children enjoy at Busy Bees.

‘Developmental benefits of block play and materials’.

Block play offers tremendous benefits for children across physical, cognitive and social – emotional domains. It’s more than just stacking and building; it’s a powerful learning experience that offers creativity, problem solving and collaboration.

1 Cognitive development

Manipulating blocks helps children understand shapes, balance, structure and early maths skills in geometry. Children learn to problem solve when their structures fall down or blocks don’t fit. Children experiment and adjust developing persistence and critical thinking. Children learn to design using their imagination, planning and executing ideas – skills, fundamental for STEM learning.

2 Physical development

Gross motor skills are needed for lifting, carrying, stacking and moving blocks, this strengthens muscles and coordination. Hand-eye coordination is developed when blocks are accurately placed where needed. This refines motor control and awareness. Balance and spatial control are developed as children navigate around constructions.

3 Social and Emotional development

Block play can often require collaboration and teamwork; children negotiate roles, share materials and work towards the same goal. Communication is improved as children explain ideas, solve disputes and plan projects, strengthening vocabulary and social language skills. Completing ambitious structures or solving design challenges gives a strong sense of accomplishment, boosts self- esteem and confidence.

4 Creativity and Imagination

Block play offers open-ended play. Blocks can become castles, spaceships, cities and obstacle courses, bridges etc. Children set their own rules and narratives. Dramatic play is introduced when constructions are introduced into role-play, this supports storytelling and social imagination.



So next time you accidentally knock over a tower or construction or tidy it away, remember that your child has spent a lot of time creating and refining their ideas and learning to make a masterpiece!

If you are looking for a pre-school place please give us a ring on 07908 182544 or pop down and see us. We take children **from 2 years**. We are now open till 3pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; 12 noon on Tuesday's and Thursday's.

We also offer earlier starts at 8.30/8.45 if this is required.

Please check us out on Facebook @ **Busy Bees Wollaston**, where we have been uploading videos of our setting or find us on Instagram@ **busy_bees_wollaston**. You can also email us at busybeeswollaston@hotmail.co.uk

[Open 9 till 3pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays](#)

We look forward to seeing you soon

Penny, Jess and Katy

Earls Barton Music Presents...



Golden Age of Musicals

Join us as we celebrate the golden age of musicals with songs from the shows including Oklahoma!, The Sound of Music, South Pacific, and more!

Featuring the EBM choir and full concert orchestra.

 Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th March 2026

Wollaston School, Irchester Road, Wellingborough
Concert starts at 7pm
Tickets: £12 adults / £6 children

Relaxed performance Sunday 29th March
Concert starts at 3pm
Tickets £5 (carer goes free)

Tickets available from Jeyes in Earls Barton, or online
(Relaxed performance tickets available online only)



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The
Wo[♪]aston Sin[♫]ers

Hello All,

Hopefully, by the time this edition of Wollaston Together goes to press it will have stopped raining – although I won't hold my breath!

Long, wet January and February seem have made Christmas an even more distant memory than usual at this time of year, but I still need to say the usual 'Thank you' to everyone who came and supported us at our Christmas concert in December! Our eagerly anticipated return to a festive performance did not disappoint and we thoroughly enjoyed entertaining you from our new venue of the Methodist Church. The acoustics were great, and we even had one audience member saying it sounded like The Royal Albert Hall!! Not sure I'd go that far but great feedback nonetheless!

We also braved a very wet and blustery night to bring you some carol singing form around the village. Thank you to those who also braved the weather to listen to us and for your very generous donations. We raised £250 which we split between our chosen charities which, this year, were the Muscular Dystrophy Association and Glamis Hall, Wellingborough.

That's enough about Christmas because I have some very welcome news to report! I had previously announced that, due to unforeseen circumstances, we had been unable to book the Commonwealth Centre for our annual summer show and were planning to bring you our 2026 performance from the main hall at Wollaston School. Well, I am very pleased to report that it's all changed, and we are now back in the Commonwealth Centre for this year's show which we are delighted about. We would like to thank Wollaston School for agreeing to accommodate us when we found ourselves without a venue, but the Commonwealth Centre is just right for us, and we are so pleased and excited to be able to return there.

So all that remains for me to say is that I hope you will be able to join us for our 2026 summer show (at The Commonwealth Centre!). Show dates are **Wednesday 1st, Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd July** and we will be bringing you our usual cabaret style performance with an eclectic mix of show tunes and more. Tickets will be available from mid May – watch this space and hope to see you there!

Rachel Nakash

Chair Person, The Wollaston Singers www.thewollastonsingers.co.uk



Wollaston & Strixton Pre-school

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Wollaston, NN29 7SF

Email: management@wollastonpreschool.org.uk Phone number: 01933 664551

Registered Charity Number: 1028629



Tidying Up

Getting children involved in cleaning, tidying and helping to set up their play is about so much more than keeping the room neat – it plays a huge role in their development.

Within the EYFS and Birth to Five Matters, children are encouraged to become confident, independent and capable learners, and everyday routines like tidying help build these skills in a natural, meaningful way.

When children help to tidy, carry, wipe or organise, they are doing important “heavy work” that supports their gross motor development and helps to ground and regulate their bodies, which in turn supports emotional wellbeing.

These predictable routines also help children understand what comes next, giving them a sense of security and belonging. By being trusted with real responsibilities, children learn to look after their environment, value their play, and feel proud of their role within it – skills that support them not just now, but for life.

Kind regards,

Grace Henson

Deputy Manager

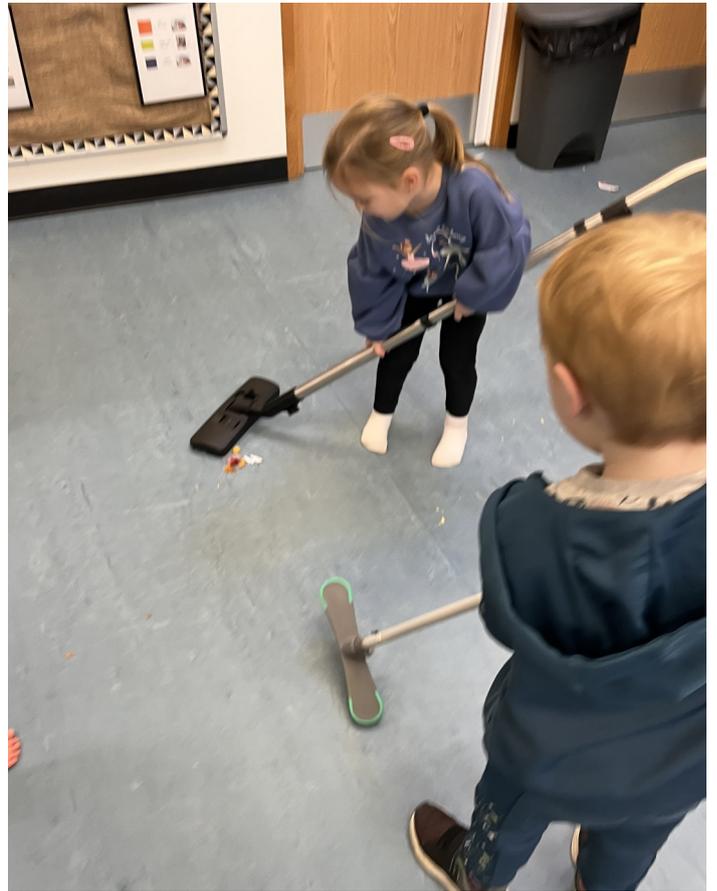
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Phone number: 01933 664551

Website: <https://www.wollastonpreschool.org.uk/>

Facebook: Wollaston & Strixton Preschool





Every Wednesday (Term Time only)

10am-10:30am

At Wollaston Library

Everyone Is Welcome

This Is A Free Event

NORTHANTS SCALE MODEL CLUB



Meetings : 7pm on the First Tuesday of every month at The Nags Head, Wollaston

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A bit of history....

The club was started in the early 1960's by George Hangar and Richard North. It was originally called Mid-Northants Military Model Club. Mainly concentrating on military figures and vehicles.

Sadly the club disbanded in the late 2000's but a small group continued to meet as the county branch of the British Model Soldier Society.

Over the years we have grown back up to a functioning great little model club.

We now concentrate on all aspects of modelling. As you can see by this small selection of photographs.



If you are interested in learning more about our club you will find us at The Nags Head in Wollaston on the first Tuesday of every month. Young or Old, Skilled or Novice, all are welcome.

WABIK has had a busy few months and we are grateful to you all for your support.

Our new food table opened just before Christmas and has been very busy.

It is located on South Street, Wollaston, near to the NPS shop and opposite the Primary School back gates. This table area is open 24/7 and is available to anyone regardless of need as the aim is to reduce food waste.

We are extremely grateful to many people and organisations for enabling this to happen.

A huge thank you to NPS who have been extremely generous in providing the land and to Matthew Lines for building the shed and table. We are so grateful to The Hill, Wollaston and to Wollaston Co-op for incredibly generous donations, which enabled us to purchase a suitable shed, we have also received generous donations to fund the table going forward.

There are drawers containing essentials for those in food poverty under the table.

Our foodbank is particularly busy at the moment, and it is thanks to your generosity that we can provide this. It is separate from the table and available to those living in Bozeat or Wollaston. We are able to offer a supermarket delivery to those in need. If you need help with food, please contact me and I will arrange this.

Thank you to The team at Bozeat Annual Show who have kindly donated money to provide fruit and vegetables to four Bozeat households. This has been delivered with a suggested recipe. This is very kind and much appreciated.

In April, we plan to hold our rescheduled meal, and all guests will receive an invitation nearer the time. A continued thank you to Genti and his team at The Nag's Head for accommodating us with such generosity. Thank you also to everyone who sponsored the meal.

Our summer seaside trip is in the early planning stages and I hope to update you with more detail in the next issue.

WABIK is now in its tenth year and this provides us with the perfect opportunity to celebrate and show gratitude to everyone who continues to ensure that Wollaston and Bozeat are Kind.

Kind Regards

Moira Bovenzi On behalf of the WABIK Committee



Wollaston Heritage Society

Reg. Charity No. 271530

Volunteers needed!

Do you have any spare time?

We have a small group of volunteers involved in running the Society and looking after the Museum, Curiosity Cottage and Beacon Hill. Could you join us?

We need help with :

Stewarding the Museum or Cottage when open

Organising or helping with fundraising or events

General maintenance to buildings etc

Gardening

Arranging displays

Social media

If you think you would like to join us, or would just like more information, please contact us via email at wollastonheritage@gmail.com

2026 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 1st April Museum Opens

Sunday 5th July Open Gardens

Wednesday 30th September Museum Closes



IRCHESTER BOWLS CLUB

Join Us for an Open Weekend at Irchester Bowls Club

May 9th and 10th 2026

Experience the Joy of Playing Bowls

Have you ever played bowls? If not, here's your chance to give it a try and discover a new passion! Did you know that there is a vibrant bowls club right here in Irchester? We invite you to our open weekend on **May 09th and 10th from 10:00am to 4:00pm** each day for a chance to experience the game first hand. We will supply the bowls equipment and qualified coaches. Don't miss this opportunity all you need to bring is a pair of flat trainers to wear while on the bowling green

Bowls is a delightful and engaging sport that can be enjoyed by people of all ages and skill levels. Whether you are a complete novice or an experienced player, our friendly and welcoming community at Irchester Bowls Club is eager to help you learn and enjoy the game.

What to Expect

During the open weekend, you will have the opportunity to:

- Learn the basics of bowls from our experienced coaches
- Participate in fun and friendly matches
- Meet and socialize with fellow bowls enthusiasts
- Discover the benefits of joining our club
- Enjoy refreshments and a relaxed atmosphere

Why Bowls?

Bowls is not just a sport; it is a wonderful way to stay active, make new friends, and enjoy the outdoors. It promotes physical well-being, mental sharpness, and social interaction. Plus, it's a lot of fun!

Join Us

We look forward to welcoming you to Irchester Bowls Club. Don't miss this opportunity to try something new and exciting. Bring your family and friends along, and let's have a fantastic time together on May 09th and 10th 2026

We can't wait to see you there

If you are unable to come along to the Open Day but would still like to try Lawn Bowls, we offer free coaching each Saturday between 10:00am and 12:00 mid-day from 16th May 2025 to 20th June 2025

For more information, please contact us at ibc.enquiry@outlook.com

The Smart family had lived at Strixton since the mid eighteenth century, the men working consistently as agricultural labourers. In such a small hamlet there was limited opportunity for a growing family, and as the generations expanded many of the children moved to Wollaston. Thomas Morris Smart (1839-1903) was born and died in Strixton and is buried in the cemetery there. His second son, Morris Alfred Smart (1861-1908), who was Bernard's grandfather, moved to Wollaston shortly after marrying Jane Elizabeth Barnes (1864-1941) in 1883 and became a bootmaker.

A well-known character in Wollaston was Morris's younger brother John Wilson Smart (1863-1947). Wilson lived and died in Strixton but was a regular visitor to Wollaston. He was the gardener to Mr. W.S. Gibbard J.P. at Strixton, and often co-judged the annual show of flowers, fruit and vegetables organised by the Wollaston Allotment Association. The first of these shows took place in 1920 at the Nag's Head.

The Co-op bakery in Thrift Street baked bread every day except Sunday, though its ovens were kept warm throughout the weekend. Each Sunday, Wilson would walk from Strixton carrying the family joint wrapped in a tea towel under one arm and a can of batter in the other. The baker, Mr Alwyne Kilsby, would kindly place the



Wilson and Ellen Smart (1862-1938) at the rear of their cottage in Strixton (Now No.8), both buried at Strixton cemetery.
[Photo courtesy Bob Smart]

joint in the oven and add the batter at the proper moment. While it cooked, Wilson would spend an hour or so at The Nag's Head, enjoying a pint with friends. Once the meal was ready, he would collect it and make his way briskly back to Strixton, determined to get it home before it got cold.

Phil Smart

wollastonboots@hotmail.com



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MONDAY		
<i>MORNING</i>	<i>AFTERNOON</i>	<i>EVENING</i>
Wollaston Library & Community Hub OPEN 10.00-12.00	Youth Café, 15.00-16.30 Term-time at St Mary's	Cubs 18.30-20.00 (8-10½ year olds) Term-time at WAY building
Coffee&Chat every Monday 10.30-12.00 at WL&CH		Youth Cell Group 19.00-20.30 St Mary's
Ladies Bible Study Group 09.45-11.30 Baptist Church		The Wollaston Singers 19.00-21.30 At the Baptist Church
		Boxercise The Oasis Room 7-8pm
TUESDAY		
<i>MORNING</i>	<i>AFTERNOON</i>	<i>EVENING</i>
Toddlers, Toast & Toys 10.00-11.30 St Mary's	Wollaston Library & Community Hub OPEN 13.00-16.00 Knit & Crochet Group 14.00-15.30	CAMEO 18.30 1 st Tuesday in month at Salvation Army Bible Study/Prayer Meeting 19.30 2 nd Tuesday in month at Salvation Army
	'The Pop-In' 14.00-15.30 Baptist Church	Weekly Prayer Walking & Meeting 19.30 St Mary's
		Beavers 18.15-19.15 term-time 6-8yo Scouts 19.30-21.00 10½-14yo Explorers 19.15-21.00 14-18yo All at WAY building
		Brownies 18.15-19.45 Methodist Hall
		Taekwon-Do 6.30 –8pm Wollaston Secondary School

WEDNESDAY		25
<i>MORNING</i>	<i>AFTERNOON</i>	<i>EVENING</i>
Wollaston Library & Community Hub OPEN 9.30-12.00	Wollaston Museum OPEN 14.30-16.30 April-September	Squirrels 18.15-19.15 4-6 year olds Term-time at WAY Building
Rhymetime 10.00-10.30 Every Wednesday morning at Library (run by Wollaston & Strixton Pre-School)		Songster Practice 18.30 Band Practice 19.30 Both at Salvation Army
Coffee, Chat, Cake 10.30-12.00 St Mary's		Bell Ringing Practice 19.30 St Mary's
		Rainbows 18.00-19.00 Methodist Hall
		Rookie Lifeguarding Club 19.00-20.00 Scott Bader Swimming Pool 8-10yo

THURSDAY		
<i>MORNING</i>	<i>AFTERNOON</i>	<i>EVENING</i>
	Health & Wellbeing Group 14.00-16.00 Monthly at St Mary's Wollaston Library & Community Hub OPEN 14.30-16.30	

FRIDAY		
<i>MORNING</i>	<i>AFTERNOON</i>	<i>EVENING</i>
Open Door 09.45-11.00 Salvation Army	Little Pickles 13.30-15.15 Term-time at Baptist Church	Support Group 19.30 St Mary's
St Mary's Church OPEN 10.00-12.00	Craft & Natter 14.00-16.00 Last Friday in month at Salvation Army	Guides & Rangers 19.00-21.00 Methodist Hall

SATURDAY		
<i>MORNING</i>	<i>AFTERNOON</i>	<i>EVENING</i>
Thrift Shop OPEN 09.30-12.30		
Wollaston Library & Community Hub OPEN 09.30-11.30 From 02/01/25 09.30-12.00		
Captain's Coffee Morning 09.45-11.00		

SUNDAY		
<i>MORNING</i>	<i>AFTERNOON</i>	<i>EVENING</i>
Salvation Army Worship, Praise, Prayer & Fellowship 10.30 Sunday School 11.00	Wollaston Museum OPEN 14.30-16.30 April-September	
Baptist Church Breakfast Church 10.00 (breakfast followed by half hour service at 10.30) on 1 st Sunday Sunday Service at 10.30 on 2 nd Sunday Sunday Communion Service at 10.30 on 3 rd Sunday (Baptist Church continued) Sunday Service at 10.30 on 4 th & 5 th Sundays Prayer Together and Bring & Share meal follows the service on the last Sunday of the month. Creche and Junior Church available.		
St Mary's Church Sunday Service 11.00 at St Mary's Sunday Service 09.00 1 st & 3 rd Sundays at Strixton		

Contact Details

Baptist Church	01933 327709		
Wollaston Community Library	01604 368255	Methodist Church	01933 664513
Youth Club	wollastonnyc@outlook.com	St Mary's Church	01933 664256
Wollaston Singers	07734 105222		
Salvation Army	01933 663125	Rookie Lifeguarding	07905 604384
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St. Mary's Wollaston

Vision: To be a church that increasingly sees God's kingdom come

Who are we...

We are a vibrant, growing, charismatic village church community, who believe that Jesus came to give us life. So we long to see Him bring joy, peace, hope and healing into every aspect of our lives. Whether you have strong beliefs, just curious or somewhere in between, you will be made very welcome.

What's on...

Here's a brief look at what's on weekly...

- SUNDAY:** 11am, Wollaston Sunday Service* (groups for children & youth)
(Alternative traditional service at Strixton: 1st & 3rd Sundays - 9am)
- MONDAY:** 3:00-4:30pm, Youth Cafe (alternate weeks during term time starting 9th March)
7:00-8:30pm, Youth Group (alternate weeks during term time starting 2nd March)
- TUESDAY:** 10-11:30am, Tuesday Tots, (Toys & Activities) Toddler Group (during term-time)
- WEDNESDAY:** 10:30-12pm, 3Cs (Coffee, Chat, Cake) everyone welcome
7:30pm, Bell Ringing Practice – learners & returners welcome

* this service is live streamed and can be accessed via our website, Facebook page or YouTube channel, see below:



ALPHA course



The Bereavement journey



Discovering
treasure
in life's scars

Wellbeing groups

Who to contact...

For more details of the above, or for enquiries about baptism, a wedding or a funeral, please contact the church as below:

Church email: webschurches@gmail.com

Revd. Holly Horspole (Curate): Tel. 07354410513 (on maternity leave until May 2026)
Jean Rose (Church Administrator) Tel. 01933 663778



<http://stmaryswollaston.com>



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St Mary's Church Wollaston

Our Anglican church is now in vacancy following the departure of Revd. Adrian Morton and his wife Louise who have moved to a new parish in Boston, Lincolnshire. Our Curate, Holly, is on maternity leave so we are very grateful to Revd. Margaret Johnson (whom some may remember as a teacher at Wollaston Comprehensive School, before going into ministry), who will have oversight of our church services while we are in vacancy. All the usual Sunday services will continue as will baptisms, weddings and funerals as requested. The process of getting a new Vicar is still in progress. Profiles have been written and are about to be presented to all four churches governing bodies. This will then form the basis of an advert for the job which it is hoped will be posted by the end of March.

Then a shortlist is drawn up and interviewing begins. Our Bishop Debbie is very keen to be a part of this process so both she and the Archdeacon of Northampton will also be involved.

We will try and keep people updated as best we can.

Easter Events 2026

Thursday 2nd April Passover Meal at Bozeat Community Hall. Please book with Linda Brett on 07846 217633

Friday 3rd April Walk of Witness around Wollaston

Sunday 5th April 11am Easter Communion at St Mary's Church Wollaston

St Mary's Church Bell Ringers

There are few special occasions to ring for during the first part of a year, but we shall ring for Easter Sunday, then Bell Sunday in May, and moving forward to July, for Wollaston Open Gardens. We are always looking for new recruits so if you would like to learn to ring church bells, or maybe polish up a skill you had in your youth, do come along to a practice evening at St Mary's Church, we are there every Wednesday from 7.30pm till 9pm. You will be most welcome.

Jean Rose, Tower Captain

Phone 01933 663778

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If you are interested in any of our activities, would like prayer, a visit, or simply want to talk to someone, contact the Church Office on 01933 664114 email: office.wollastonbc@gmail.com or contact Brian, our Pastor.

More information and up to date events & activities are on our Noticeboard
 Website www.wollastonbaptist.co.uk Facebook page [Wollaston Baptist Church Group](#)



COME AND JOIN US THIS EASTER

Maundy Thursday 2nd April – 7.30pm Reflective Communion

Good Friday 3rd April – 10.00am Walk of Witness, leaving from the Salvation Army

Easter Sunday 4th April – 8.30am Communion, 9.00am Breakfast, 10.30am All Age Service

Usual Service Schedule

- 1st Sunday of the month
 All Age Late Late Breakfast Church
 10.00 am Breakfast followed by a half hour service at 10.30am
 Followed by Prayer Meeting at approx 11.30am
 - 2nd Sunday Service at 10.30am
 - 3rd Sunday Communion Service at 10.30am
 - 4th Sunday Service at 10.30am
 - 5th Sunday Service at 10.30am
- Refreshments available after the morning services
 Bring & Share meal follows the service, on the **last** Sunday of the month
 Creche and Junior Church available

1st Sunday of the Month All Age Late Late Breakfast Church

10.00am Breakfast



Followed by short
 all age service 10.30am

Various groups meeting in people's homes and the church for fellowship, Bible study, discussion and prayer



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Mondays

(Term Time Only)

Ladies' Bible Study Group

Meet at 9:45am for tea/coffee and chat



Bible study and prayer
 10-11:30am



Tuesdays

"The Pop In"

Social Afternoon

All welcome
 2:00-3:30pm



Pool Snooker
 Draughts
 Table Tennis
 Games Quizzes



Fridays

(Term Time Only)



Little Pickles

Baby & Toddler Group

Fridays (term time)

1:30 - 3:15pm

Drink & Snack, Toys, Craft, Messy Play, Song Time & more!



[Little Pickles \(Wollaston\)](#)



At the time of writing, rain has dominated country wide causing many problems . Hopefully, when April comes around and the season starts, things will be somewhat drier than at present.

Senior fixtures are on our website and Junior and Youth will be available soon at wollastoncc.co.uk.

Magazine dates 2026

<u>Edition</u>	<u>Content Deadlines</u>	<u>Magazine Release Dates</u>
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June	Monday 18th May	Monday 15th June
September	Monday 17 th August	Monday 14th September
December	Friday 6th November	Friday 4th December

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Wollaston Salvation Army

Hinwick Road

A Christian Church & Charity

The Salvation Army has been established in Wollaston for 138 years; most of that time on the same site in Hinwick Road, but we first started in the Congregational Chapel in the High Street, now the museum.

Over the years, we have helped people in the village, and ministered to many, whether inside of our church or out on the streets, Wollaston Corps is just as committed today as it ever has been to

"Bring Christ to the People and People to Christ"

We hold worship every **Sunday** from 10.30am, during which we sing, pray and listen to the teachings of the bible; following this, we enjoy fellowship with a tea or coffee.

During the week, we have our **Open Band Practise** on a Wednesday evening from 7:30pm, this is open to all, if you play a brass instrument then you are welcome.

Friday afternoons from 2pm is our **Singing Group Practise**.

Don't forget our weekly coffee morning **The Open Door** which is on every Friday from 9.30-11am, the ideal place to come for tea and toast and a chat with friends, and quite often there are warm sausage rolls to enjoy too.

We also hold monthly events:

Last Friday of the month 2-4pm is **Craft & Natter**, come along and do exactly what it says on the tin!

The Last Saturday of the month is our ever-popular **Bill Booth's Breakfast**; hot food and drinks at reasonable prices served from 9:30-11:30am.

Each month we hold a **Supper & Social**; a meal followed by a film night, a quiz night, Countdown or the very popular Jigsaw Challenge.

Please see our Facebook page **The Salvation Army, Wollaston** for more information or email us on wollaston@salvationarmy.org.uk

The Salvation Army 2026 The Salvation Army is a Christian church and registered charity in England (214779), Wales (214779), Scotland (SC009359) and the Republic of Ireland (CHY6399)

Village Hopper



Enquiries 07512 045418 Timetable from 13.10.25

Northampton -Stanwick Lakes via Cogenhoe, Bozeat, Wellingborough & Rushden Lakes.									
<i>Journey number</i>	VH1								
Monday to Saturday		SD					SD		
Northampton College of Further Education (TTO)								15:40	17:40
Northampton Bus Interchange (Bay 14)			08:30		12:00	14:00	14:00	16:00	18:00
Northampton College of Further Education (TTO)			R		-	-	14:15	-	-
Weston Favell Shopping Centre (Billing Brook Road) D			-	10:30	-	14:15	14:20	-	-
Northampton General Hospital (Stop B)			-	-	12:06	-	-	16:06	18:06
Brackmills, adj Footpath to The Lakes			08:55	10:40	12:11	14:25	14:30	16:11	18:11
Great Houghton, White Hart			08:58	10:43	12:14	14:28	14:33	16:14	18:14
Great Houghton, adj Lime Farm Way			R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Little Houghton, o/s St Mary's Church			09:02	10:47	12:18	14:32	14:37	16:18	18:18
Brafield-on-the-Green, opp Grove Road			09:04	10:49	12:20	14:34	14:39	16:20	18:20
Billing Aquadrome			-	-	12:25	14:39	R	R	-
Cogenhoe, opp The Royal Oak PH	07:15	07:15	09:10	10:55	12:30	14:44	14:54	16:30	18:26
Whiston, adj The Green	07:19	07:19	-	R	12:33	14:47	14:57	16:33	R
Castle Ashby Bus stop			-	R	12:36	14:50	15:00	16:36	R
Grendon, adj Parsons Close	07:23	07:23	09:14	11:00	12:39	14:53	15:03	16:39	R
Easton Maudit, o/s St Peter and St Paul's Church	07:25	07:25	09:16	11:02	12:41	14:55	15:05	16:41	R
Bozeat, adj Camden Square	07:28	07:28	09:19	11:05	12:44	14:58	15:08	16:44	R
Bozeat opp St Mary's Road	07:29	07:29	09:20	11:06	12:45	14:59	15:09	16:45	R
Bozeat, opp Allens Hill	07:31	07:31	09:22	11:08	12:47	15:01	15:11	16:47	R
Wollaston, outside Nags Head Inn	07:35	07:35	09:26	11:12	12:51	15:05	15:15	16:51	R
Wollaston, opp Priory Road	07:38	07:38	09:29	11:15	12:54	15:08	15:18	16:54	R
Wellingborough Dog and Duck									
Wellingborough Broadway							15:23		
Wellingborough Church Street Interchange (Bay B)	07:49	07:49	09:40	11:26	13:05	15:19	R	17:05	
Wellingborough, Park Farm, Shaw Close	08:00	08:00							
Wellingborough Dog and Duck				11:30	13:09	15:23		17:09	
Glenvale Park, Primary School		08:10							
Christopher Hatton School via Oakway Academy		08:20							
Wellingborough Church Street Interchange (Bay B)									
Christopher Hatton School							15:35		
Oak Way Academy							15:40		
Glenvale Park, Primary School							15:48		
Wrenn School		08:30							
Earls Barton, Dowthorpe Hill	R	R							
Brackmills, opp Footpath to The Lakes	R	R							
Rushden Lakes (Stop 1)				11:37	13:16	15:30	16:00		
Dolben Avenue (via Stanwick Lakes) (Saturday & School holidays only)				R					

Stanwick Lakes to Northampton via Rushden Lakes, Wellingborough, Bozeat & Cogenhoe						
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Monday to Saturday						
Dolben Avenue (via Stanwick Lakes) (Saturday & school holidays only)						16:22
Rushden Lakes (Stop 1)				12:00	13:30	16:30
Wellingborough Church Street Interchange (Bay B)			10:09	12:11	13:41	16:46
Wellingborough Dog and Duck			10:13	12:15	13:45	16:50
Wollaston, adj Priory Road	07:28	*08:53	10:20	12:22	13:52	16:57
Wollaston, outside Nags Head Inn	07:31	08:56	10:23	12:25	13:55	17:00
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Weston Favell Shopping Centre (Billing Brook Road) D		R				-
Earls Barton, Dowthorpe Hill						R
Wellingborough, Park Farm, Shaw Close						R

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Date joined Slimming World: September 2022

Group: Ray attends the Wollaston group, which is run by

Consultant Leanne Onderka.



Slimming World Icon 2026

Unrecognisable Ray's 11½st weight loss has his family doing a double take

At more than 24st (152.4kg), Raymond 'Ray' Brown was resigned to living life in the shadows

Now after losing 11½st (73kg) with Slimming World, Ray is entering his 40s full of confidence

Since losing half his bodyweight he has now been named one of Slimming World's Icons for 2026

A primary school teacher from Wellingborough Ray Brown, 40, who's been named one of Slimming World Icons for 2026 – a competition celebrating the most inspirational members across groups in the UK and Ireland – had such a remarkable transformation that his own family didn't recognise him at his wedding vow renewal, when he turned up half the size.

Ray, who at his heaviest weighed 24st 5½lbs, says: "I've been big since I was a child. Coming from a Caribbean family, making sure the kids were well fed was just part of life – and I was no different.

We'd always have big meals with all the trimmings, and I really enjoyed my food.

"Throughout school I was nicknamed 'Big Ray'. As I got older my weight had a huge impact on my confidence. While I had a strong group of friends around me, I often felt like the spare part who was tagging along with the more confident people. And when I started teaching, the thought of socialising with the other teachers filled me with dread."

While Ray had tried various weight-loss methods in the past, nothing felt sustainable. He says: "I've tried every diet going – juice cleanses and meal-replacement plans where you only had soups and shakes – and I did lose weight for a while, but I was always hungry and miserable. I wasn't keeping track of my weight loss either, and the lack of accountability gave me the perfect excuse to give up. I was stuck in a repetitive cycle of yo-yo dieting. Then, in 2015 I met my now-wife Amy, and as we spent more time together enjoying meals out, the weight slowly crept up."

Ray continues: "As I gained weight, everything started to slow down. I'd get out of breath just going up the stairs, and my knees would creak and ache even on short walks – at my age, feeling like that wasn't a good sign.

"After lockdown lifted in 2022, we decided to take our health more seriously. Our GP referred us to a local Slimming World group, giving us vouchers for 12 weeks' membership free on the NHS. Amy had

previously been a member and always said how lovely her group was, but I felt nervous walking through the doors for the first time. I thought I'd be the only man there and was worried my size would draw attention to me too. I couldn't have been more wrong.

Being part of the group helped Ray approach his weight loss with a fresh mindset. He says: "My

Consultant, Leanne, has been incredible from the get-go. I felt confident I knew how Slimming World's healthy eating plan, [Food Optimising](#), worked.

However, when I explained how I often struggled to stay on track in the past, Leanne went through it with me again and suggested planning my meals for the week and keeping a food diary to help me stick to the plan. I did exactly that – using the app and *Slimming World Magazine* to plan our meals for the next seven days – and I was amazed when I lost 6½lbs in my first week. That was the motivation I needed to keep going.”



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