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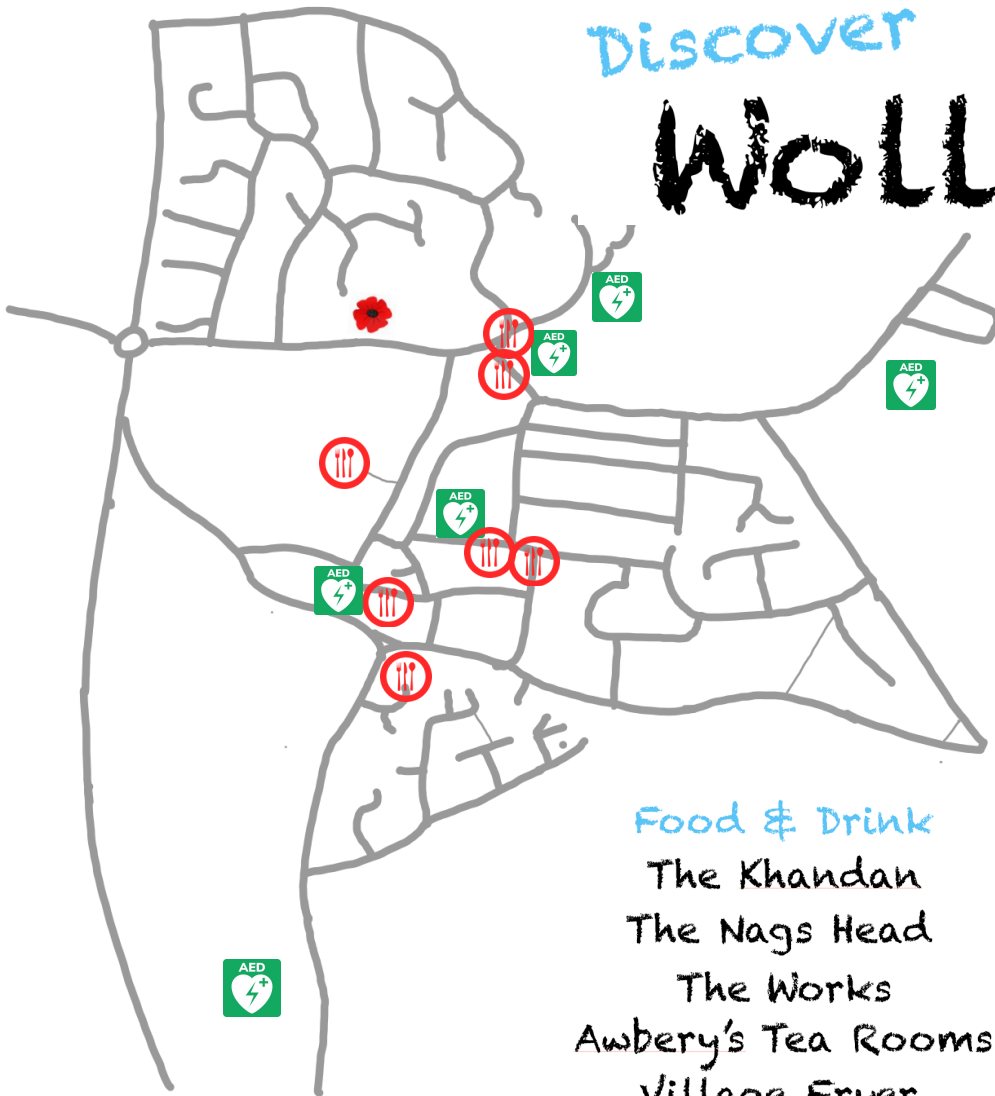
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Discover

# Wollaston



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Food & Drink

### Food & Drink

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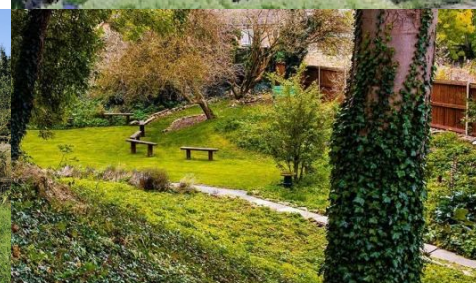




Photo by Rebecca Milroy

Dear Readers,

Welcome to the December 2024 edition of Wollaston Together.

I have taken over as editor from Callum Boddington, I worked with Callum as part of the Wollaston Events Committee who organised Christmas fairs at the Village Hall and the Wollaston Festival for the past three years.

Our village has a strong community spirit reflected in all the great organisations mentioned in our magazine, there are others that are not here but do sterling work.

They all have something in common, the tireless work of volunteers.

I will mention a loss in the village this year, our youth club has ceased operating due to a lack of volunteers which is a shame, although if anyone would like to get it up and running again it was a great safe space for our teenagers.

*Michèle*

Michele Milroy Editor of the Wollaston Together  
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Magician Thomas Dixon mid trick

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Above, Relaxing at the Festival. Below, Honey. Honey, closing the show.

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# WOLLASTON LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY HUB

## NEW OPENING HOURS FROM JANUARY 2<sup>nd</sup> 2025

### 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**

Just to remind everyone that our current groups are as follows:

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

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

Rhymetime **every Wednesday during term time from 10-10.30am**. This is for under 5s, a free activity but we welcome any donation to help keep our library open, run by W&S Preschool.

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

Photography for all – **2<sup>nd</sup> 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!

You can contact us on Facebook, email us at: [wollastoncml@gmail.com](mailto:wollastoncml@gmail.com), call us on [01933 231525](tel:01933231525) or just pop in when we are open (details above).

We look forward to welcoming you all.

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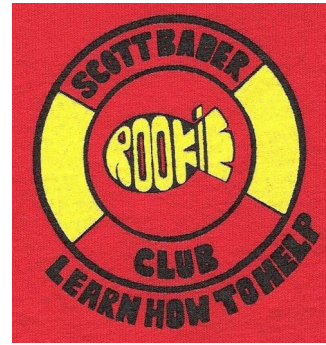
**8-10 years old?**

**A good swimmer?**

**Do you want to learn water safety, life saving and first aid?**

**Do you enjoy having fun in water?**

**If the answer is yes, why not join the Scott Bader ROOKIE Club and work through the RLSS Rookie programme.**



There is a one off joining fee of £15, for which the new ROOKIE will receive a specially designed ROOKIE shirt, folder and leaflets.

The Monthly fee is £15.00 per child, which is used to buy equipment and sponsor additional activities such as open water activities – Wind surfing, Kayaking, sailing, and raft races. We also have other activities

throughout the year, scuba diving, bowling and visiting the local Christmas Panto.

The club is run by volunteers who have a combination of qualifications and ALL have Police clearance to work with children.

The Scott Bader ROOKIE Club is run for competent swimmers on a Wednesday evening between 7 – 8.00 pm in the Company Swimming pool.

It is a structured programme set out by the Royal Life Saving Society with achievement awards promoting lifesaving, water safety, personal survival and first aid skills through fun learning. Receive badges and certificates for your achievements. We run 2 groups, bronze and Silver & Gold.

- **SKILL THAT CAN SAVE LIVES**
- **INCREASE SWIMMING COMPETENCE**
- **DEVELOP THE ABILITY TO SURVIVE IN WATER**
- **LEARN INITIATIVE, JUDGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP SKILLS**
- **PROVIDE A FUN VEHICLE FOR THE ACQUISITION OF IMPORTANT CITIZENSHIP AND LIFE SKILLS**
- **WATER SAFETY DROWNING PREVENTION & FIRST AID**



If you are interested in joining the ROOKIE Club please contact Elizabeth for further details on **07905 604384**



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## 2<sup>ND</sup> WOLLASTON SCOUT GROUP

During the Summer period, when the Scout Group don't meet, the adults have a chance to re-charge their batteries. In theory. What actually happens is that we spend some of that 'down time' tidying up our meeting place and stores, keeping the weeds on our allotment down and starting to plan for the new term starting in September and there is always the odd fundraising event to man.

In October, we took a party of Scouts and Explorers to Scarefest, which is a Halloween themed activity weekend at Gilwell Park, near Chingford, Essex (the home of Scouting in the UK).

We have already booked our usual week-long camp for the 2025 May Bank Holiday week – next year we will be returning to one of our favourite sites, the Robin Hood Activity Centre in Sherwood Forest. Before that, we have booked the annual 'Brass Monkey' weekend in February. Northamptonshire Scouts provide a special blanket badge for anyone who sleeps under canvas in the winter months.

Our Beaver Colony was established in 1984, which makes it one of the oldest in the country, and we will be marking our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a special badge and, no doubt, some special events for the young people. Beavers only became an official part of Scouting in 1986, so Wollaston was very much ahead of the game.

Our catchment area encompasses Bozeat and Grendon, as neither village currently has a Group of their own. Consequently, we have waiting lists in all sections – we have 17 Squirrels, 20 Beavers, 26 Cubs, 29 Scouts and 18 Explorers. 110 young people!

We are always on the lookout for adults who would like to get involved with the Group, whether working with the young people or helping in other ways. We have a Scout Active Support Unit (SASU), who help in all sorts of ways – from helping man a burger stall to getting involved with our allotment (which is used for camp fires rather than growing vegetables!). Drop us a line if you might be interested.

Paul Palmer  
Group Scout Leader  
2ndwollaston@gmail.com





## **Wollaston Together – Article November 2024**

Hello everybody,

Welcome to Busy Bees article!

As always Busy Bees has been a hive of activity in the last couple of months. Our new starters are all settled and we have just carried out this year's first parents evening, which was a huge success and continues to improve the working relationship between staff, parent and child, always putting the little ones first.

During half term, we hosted a BUSY BEES HALLOWEEN PARTY, which was open for every child in the community. It was 'spooktacular'. Lots of games like wrap the mummy, under and over with a pumpkin and musical bumps. A children's disco and Halloween tea. Thank you to everyone who came and enjoyed the event. Definitely will do another party next year!

### **Wollaston Tots Group**

In September we set up **Wollaston Tots Group** which is run by Penny. This is proving to be very popular and offers a safe environment where adults and young children/babies can come and play, sing and chat. We offer tea, coffee, toast and fruit, which is free of charge. The group runs on a Thursday morning (term time), between 9.15 and 11am in the village hall on the high street. Please feel free to pop along.

### **Pre-School Activities and learning**

As usual the children always lead the sessions and play, choosing and accessing their resources.

With a potential 3 year age gap between the children, activities have to be set up and led in a way that meets the needs of the youngest and oldest child, as well as their range in ability. An example of this is recently we set up a **playdough activity** with various resources and pumpkin seeds.

The younger children would prod, roll and make sausages out of the dough, enjoying the process of poking seeds into it!

Older children were able to mould the dough into hedgehog shapes and use the seeds to create spikes!

The language during this activity extended from simple words like soft, hard, smooth, and cold to discussions about Autumn, hedgehogs, nature and environments. Fine motor skills, imagination and exploration are all encouraged and used. The activity also allows for children to bring in other loose play parts like stones and fir cones.

There is no right or wrong in an activity and even outcomes can differ from what we think will happen as children always manage to surprise us!

At the allotment, the children have been using mud and herbs to make muddy pies, using unusual shaped potatoes as dinosaurs and leaves and twigs to create faces and people. The allotment offers children the opportunity to explore the outside.

Often we provide minimal resources to encourage nature based learning and to improve critical thinking.

Allotment visits are every Monday.

If you are looking for a pre-school place please give us a ring on 07908182544 or pop down and see us.

We take children **from 2 years**. We are now open till 2pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 12 noon on Tuesday's and Thursday's is toddler group. 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](mailto:busybeeswollaston@hotmail.co.uk)

We look forward to seeing you soon

Penny, Jess and Katy



# The Wo<sup>♪</sup>llaston Sing<sup>♫</sup>ers

Hello All

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!.....

Normally, at this time of year we have a packed programme of festive performances to bring you including our highlight – the Christmas Concert in St Mary's church.

We're having a little break this year though. Our summer show was postponed until October which meant not enough time to rehearse for a full Christmas show but..... we can't let Christmas pass us by so we will be performing some of our favourite Christmas songs and carols at The Hill on Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup> December at around 5.30pm. I'm sure mince pies and mulled wine will be on the menu!

Our October show 'You Can't Stop the Beat' was a sellout success! Thank you, as ever, to our loyal audience and also quite a few 'virgin' show goers who, by their own admission, were 'blown away' by how much they enjoyed their evening! It makes us all warm and fuzzy to get feedback like that – it's what keeps us going and we really appreciate people taking the time to contact us with their thoughts.

Our thoughts, however, are now skipping ahead to next year's summer show which will be a special one as it's the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our group forming!! Yes, back in the heady days of the mid 1970's a small group of locals (including my parents!) formed the Wollaston Theatrical Society. The group has entertained Wollaston every year since (apart from a small pandemic break!). We changed our name to The Wollaston Singers about 10 years ago to bring us into the 21<sup>st</sup> century and to reflect the fact that we had evolved into a choir rather than still an 'am dram' group. Having said that, our group is rooted in its 'theatrical' beginnings as our loyal audiences will know!

We don't just stand and sing like other choirs – we 'perform' our songs which brings them to life, is more of a laugh and (according to audience feedback) is much more entertaining to watch!

Our summer show in 2025 will be a celebration of the journey that The Wollaston Theatrical Society/Singers has been on over the last 50 years. Some of us have been in the group for many years and we are even privileged enough to have two of our founder members still singing with us!

We have all had a say in choosing our favourite songs from our back catalogue so expect some golden oldies as well as more up to date stuff. It's going to be a real blast so watch this space (and Facebook) for more details in the new year.

We hope you all have a very happy and healthy Christmas.

Rachel Nakash

Chair Person, The Wollaston Singers

[www.thewollastonsingers.co.uk](http://www.thewollastonsingers.co.uk)



The Wollaston Singers  
at the Summer  
Festival 2024

Photo credit  
Steve Akinson



Dear Wollaston,

We hope you are looking forward to Christmas.

We were pleased to provide a positive update on The Hill in late September and we look forward to keeping you updated on further developments.

As you may know, a huge part of Scott Bader Commonwealth is fundraising, charitable giving and volunteering activities to help support our local communities.

All Scott Bader colleagues can take one day's paid leave each year to use for volunteering, so they can contribute to and connect with their local community, building relationships and supporting our founder's principle of a wider social responsibility.

Scott Bader UK are always looking for new places to volunteer. If you know anywhere local looking for volunteers, please contact: [commonwealth.office@scottbader.com](mailto:commonwealth.office@scottbader.com)

Ahead of the festive break, we would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your loved one's health and happiness for the year to come.

Have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year!







**Wollaston & Strixton Pre-School**  
**'Learning for Life'**

Wollaston Primary School, College Street,

Email: [preschool@wollastonpreschool.org.uk](mailto:preschool@wollastonpreschool.org.uk)

Registered Charity Number: 1029629



## Wollaston & Strixton Pre-school



Taking our children's current interests and extending their learning to the maximum.



Walks around the village exploring our community.



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### Rhyme Time

Wednesday's,  
(Term time only) 10-10.30.

Wollaston Library.

All welcome.



- Taking children from the age of 2.
- Sessions run 9-2 Monday-Friday.
- We offer wrap around from 7.30am until 6pm.

### Contact us:

Phone number: 01933664551

Email: [wollastonandstrixtonpreschool@gmail.com](mailto:wollastonandstrixtonpreschool@gmail.com)



## WOLLASTON HERITAGE SOCIETY

As the winter approaches, and the long evenings draw in it is time to reflect on our activities during the past year. We aim to have an event each month and hope we can please all our members and attract new ones with a varied programme of talks, outings and activities in the museum garden.

After the Annual General Meeting in April, we had a talk on Preston Deanery Hall given by Maureen Williams who described the history and ownership of the old house. Later in the month we had a film show from the

Wellingborough Film Archive Group showing old films of local rural events, Queen Elizabeth II's Coronation and the history of Northampton General Hospital. This was held in the Village Hall on a Saturday afternoon and was a sell out!

In May, Steve Dimmer gave us a "One Man Show" of tales and legends of Northamptonshire. He has a great gift for story telling and had us all spell bound.

We opened up the gardens for the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D Day and the beacon was lit. Colonel Kerry Woodrow opened the ceremony with an introduction to the events leading up to D-Day and Lindsay Alvis paid tribute to all those who gave so much to secure the freedom we all enjoy today.

Our most popular event is Open Gardens and this year was no exception. There were ten gardens open, the weather was kind and we had approximately 300 visitors. Thank you to all those of you who participated in opening your garden and those who helped with the organization.

The Rushden Mission Band came and played for us in the garden in early September and then later in the month Will Osborne of Osborne's toy shop came to tell us about his favourite things. He had quite an eclectic display of memorabilia. His main hobby has been collecting autographs and he surprised us with the amount of famous names he had collected.

A Pumpkin Hunt was held in October for small children and this was also a sell out. We had 81 children in the garden enjoying all the fun.

As I write this resume, we are looking forward to a talk by Andrew Tennet entitled "My father's journey through World War II".

After the service of Remembrance the museum was opened for visitors.

There was a Christmas Fair in the museum courtyard at the end of November where small items were available to buy. There was a lovely festive mood with decorations and music playing. Our year ends with the Boxing Day Quiz which starts off from the Museum courtyard.

All our talks are held in the Baptist School Rooms, look out for time and dates on social media, and posters round the village. Any money raised at events goes towards the upkeep of the museum, Curiosity Cottage and Beacon Hill.

Our thanks to all who support the Society and we wish you all a very merry Christmas.

Susan Woodrow



# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

<b>MONDAY</b>		
<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 19.30-21.30 The Works

<b>TUESDAY</b>		
<i>MORNING</i>	<i>AFTERNOON</i>	<i>EVENING</i>
Toddlers, Toast & Toys 10.00-11.30 St Mary's	Wollaston Library & Community Hub OPEN 13.00-17.00 <b>From 02/01/25 13.00-16.00</b> Knit & Crochet Group 14.00-15.30	CAMEO 18.30 1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday in month at Salvation Army  Bible Study/Prayer Meeting 19.30 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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

<b>WEDNESDAY</b>		21
<i>MORNING</i>	<i>AFTERNOON</i>	<i>EVENING</i>
Wollaston Library & Community Hub OPEN 10.00-12.00	Wollaston Museum OPEN 14.30-16.30 April-September	Squirrels 18.15-19.15 4-6 year olds Term-time at WAY Building
<b>From 02/01/25 09.30-12.00</b> 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
		Wollaston Women's Institute 19.45-21.15 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday in month at Baptist Church
		Rookie Lifeguarding Club 19.00-20.00 Scott Bader Swimming Pool 8-10yo

<b>THURSDAY</b>		
<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	

<b>FRIDAY</b>		
<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

<b>SATURDAY</b>		
MORNING	AFTERNOON	EVENING
Thrift Shop OPEN 09.30-12.30		
Wollaston Library & Community Hub OPEN 09.30-11.30 <b>From 02/01/25 09.30-12.00</b>		
Captain's Coffee Morning 09.45-11.00 Last Saturday in month at Salvation Army		

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

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Wollaston Singers	07734 105222		
Salvation Army	01933 663125	Rookie Lifeguarding	07905 604384

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# Christmas with The Salvation Army

Hinwick Road Wollaston

Saturday 30th November @ 10.30-12.30

**CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

Sunday 1st December @ 10.30 am

**1st Sunday of Advent Service**  
**Martyn Watson - Hope**

Saturday 7th December @ 7pm

**Christmas Jigsaw Challenge**

Sunday 8th December @ 10.30am

**2nd Sunday of Advent Service**  
**Majors Richard & Pauline Cook - Peace**

Saturday 14th & 21st December @ 10.30 am

**The Band will be outside the Coop**

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December @ 10.30 am

**3rd Sunday of Advent Service**  
**Ian Cook - Joy**

Sunday 22nd December @ 4.00 pm

**Carol Service Led by the Corps - Love**  
**Followed by tea & mince pies**

Sunday 29th December @ 10.30am

**Cafe Church**





The Wollaston Town Silver Band (1950) - from *Pictorial History of Wollaston* by Barry Robinson

Wollaston's Excelsior Band was formed in about 1892 with Bernard's grandfather, Morris Smart, playing double B-flat bass (a type of tuba). Money collected in the village allowed them to buy instruments. On the 25th August 1894, after much practice, the band came second in a competition at Wolverton on their first outing. The band had a clubhouse in High Street and used to practice in a wooden hut that had a small room next to the entrance for storing the instruments. Bernard recalled: "Uncle Fred Smart often related the story of how when he was a child, together with other off-spring of the band, they managed to put the stem of a double bass through a hole in the side of the hut where a knot had fallen out. By fixing the mouthpiece into the instrument from the outside they could make rude noises and attract the secretary who was at the meeting in the main part of the building. Thinking that the

children were messing about, the secretary looked in the instrument room to find no one there. This was repeated two or three times before they realised what was going on." In 1910 the Excelsior Band became the Wollaston Town Band and later on the Wollaston Town Silver Band (photo above); all brass bands. A 78 record originally belonging to Bernard's father, Alf, has been discovered recently which is a recording of the band from a competition at Bletchley in December 1950. This recording of "Divertimento" and further information about the transfer can be heard on Youtube by searching for "Wollaston Town Silver Band".

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**Girlguiding in Wollaston**

Rainbows, Brownies and Guides –

what an exciting time they have all been having.

Each section took part in the Girlguiding Northamptonshire's Girlguiding in Motion challenge badge, covering the Olympic and Paralympic values of Excellence, Respect, Friendship and Courage, Determination, Inspiration and Equality and how they are closely aligned with the values and promise of Girlguiding.

Our Olympics took in teabag throwing, building towers with marshmallows and spaghetti, sitting volleyball played with a balloon and how many socks a girl could put on in a minute? Lots of cheating and lots of giggles!

Rainbows went on a visit to the fire station, made ghosts and spiders, been "blind sheep" and completed their construction and animal lover badges among many other fun activities.

Brownies have been experimenting, learnt lots about space, designed their dream garden, made wonderful constructions out of recycling and enjoyed water fights and fire-work evenings.

Guides have been busy geocaching, cooking pizza's, sweet making, and doing a chip shop challenge (Note: Lots of food involved!) Making knot men and sewing their own poppy. Some of the girls took part in an After Dark Adventure, got totally lost and absolutely covered in mud but had a great time and want to do it all again!

As Christmas approaches there will be new crafts to learn, badges to complete and fun

**Girlguiding in Wollaston**

All our Units meet at the Methodist Hall, College Street (opposite the junior school) at the following times:

Rainbows – aged 4 to 7 years	Wednesday 6-7pm
Brownies - aged 7 to 10 years	Tuesday 6.15pm -7.45pm
Guides - aged 10 to 14 years	Friday 7 –9pm

If you would like to join us for lots of Fun and Activities, please get in touch on 07968 091988 (Gemma) or 07858 886356 (Barbara).

Look out in the next issue for write-ups from the girls on what they get up to and the fun they have.

# St. Marys 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) <i>(Alternative traditional service at Strixton: 1st &amp; 3rd Sundays - 9am)</i>
MONDAY:	3-4:30pm, Youth Cafe (during term time) 7-8:30pm, Youth Cell Group
TUESDAY:	10-11:30am, 3Ts (Toddlers, Toast & Toys) Toddler Group 7:30pm Weekly Prayer Walking & Meeting
WEDNESDAY:	10:30-12pm, 3Cs (Coffee, Chat, Cake) 7:30pm, Bell Ringing Practice

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



## **Christmas services and events at St. Mary's Wollaston and St. Romwald's Strixton**



*(All at St. Mary's Wollaston unless stated otherwise)*

Sunday 22nd December - 7pm Traditional Carol Service

Christmas Eve - 4pm Christingle Service  
- 6pm Traditional Carol Service at St. Romwalds, Strixton

Christmas Day - 10:30am All-Age with Communion

## Who to contact...

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

Revd Adrian Morton



adrianmorton762@gmail.com



01933 664256



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Wollaston Methodist Church

High Steet , Wollaston

**Sunday Morning Worship** 10.30am with various Ministers

**Coffee Mornings** with Tea Cakes or Bacon Rolls begin 10.30am

January 18th

February 15th

March 15th

April 12th

**Tea and Concert** May 10th

Tea at 4pm Concert 6pm

**Thursday Lunches** fortnightly at 12noon

**Fellowship** alternate Thursdays 2.30pm TBA

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Contact the Church Office : 01933 664114 email: office.wollastonbc@gmail.com

Or

Rev Brian White, our pastor, 01933 327709 email: wollastonbc.minister@gmail.com

More information and up to date events & activities are on our

Website [www.wollastonbaptist.co.uk](http://www.wollastonbaptist.co.uk)

Facebook page [Wollaston Baptist Church Group](#) and Noticeboard 

## Usual Service Schedule

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month is 'Breakfast Church'  
10.00 am Breakfast followed by a half hour service at 10.30am.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Service at 10.30am
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Communion Service at 10.30am  
Prayer Meeting 6.00 - 7.00pm
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Service at 10.30am
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Service at 10.30am
- Bring & Share meal follows the service, on the **last** Sunday of the month

## Breakfast Church

First Sunday of the month  
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



## Ladies' Bible Study Group

Monday's

(Term Time Only)

Meet at 9:45am for  
tea/coffee and chat  
Bible study and prayer  
10-11:30am



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"The Pop In"

Coffee Afternoon for all

Tuesdays 2:00-3:30pm

Transport available



## Little Pickles



Baby & Toddler Group

Fridays (term time)

1:30 - 3:15pm

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



Little Pickles (Wollaston)

## Christmas Services

**Sunday Dec 1st** 6.30pm Christmas Tree of Light Service in partnership with Cransley Hospice Trust

**Sunday Dec 22nd** 10.30am All Age Nativity Service  
4.00pm Carols by Candlelight Service

**Sunday Dec 25th** 10.00am Short All Age Service





Despite the First Team winning the penultimate game of the season, relegation from the Premier Division was confirmed and we will compete in Division One next year.

Our Seconds meanwhile had a very successful campaign finishing runners up to Horton House in Division Two and our Thirds won 12 games and earned promotion to Division Nine.

Senior Playing Awards for 2024 presented at the recent Club Night:

2024 1st XI bowling Chris Perry	2024 1st XI batting Rohit Mehmi
2024 2nd XI bowling Steve Musgrave	2024 2nd XI batting Steve Musgrave
2024 3rd XI bowling Karanbir Benipal	2024 3rd XI batting Nathan Dawson

Centurion Award

Steve Musgrave 2024 109 WCC 2nds v Weldon 1<sup>st</sup>

Centurion Award

George Green 2024 124 WCC 2nds v Brixworth 2<sup>nd</sup>

1st XI captains Player 2024 Chris Perry

2nd XI captains Player 2024 George Green

3rd XI captains Player 2024 John Pike

Young Player 2024 Karanbir Benipal & Rohit Mehmi

Chris Perry 1000 League Wickets

Our Junior/Youth section goes from strength to strength with the U13's winning the League and Cup double and finishing the season unbeaten.

Individual awards were as follows:

Under 11. Freddie Morgan & Will Peat

Under 13. Aahil Sayed

Under 15. Alex Lawes

Overall Player of the Year Isaac Singleton.

Thanks are due to everyone who helped in any way, to our supporters on match days and sponsors. For all our results, news and fixtures please check our website [www.wollastoncc.co.uk](http://www.wollastoncc.co.uk) or contact [wollaston.cricket@googlemail.com](mailto:wollaston.cricket@googlemail.com)





## Wollaston Vics YFC Bowled Over by Sports Fund Help

Budding Harry Kanes and Lauren Hemps in Wollaston have been given a boost towards achieving their dream thanks to a new sports fund backed by former England cricketer Darren Gough.

The £100,000 [Gigaclear Rural Sports Club Fund](#) aims to support teams based in rural communities across the broadband company's full fibre network, which spans 26 counties.

Wollaston Victoria YFC is a Charter Standard football club, affiliated to Northamptonshire FA, and plays in the Weetabix Youth Football League. It successfully applied to the fund to buy two pitch-side shelters.

Club Secretary Phil Cotter said: "We really appreciate the support Gigaclear have given us through the grassroots rural sport clubs fund. The team shelters it's provided will help protect our players from the elements throughout the season and at tournaments. The supply of footballs and training equipment will help to equip our new young teams coming through and allow us to continue to develop young people from the area through football."

Fund ambassador Darren Gough said: "Since launching the fund, it has gone from strength to strength, providing valuable support where it is needed most. It's great to see so much kit and equipment being sent out to rural sports clubs such as the Wollaston Vics and I wish them every success in the coming season. I believe the fund is helping make a difference to players now and to the rural sports teams of the future."

Wollaston Victoria YFC, who play their fixtures at their ground in London Road, is a village football club that seeks to give opportunities to children to have fun, playing football with their friends.

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For further information, please contact Gigaclear Communications Manager Richard Arquati on 07501 395415 or email [Richard.arquati@gigaclear.com](mailto:Richard.arquati@gigaclear.com)

### **About Gigaclear**

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Fund Ambassador Darren Gough



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