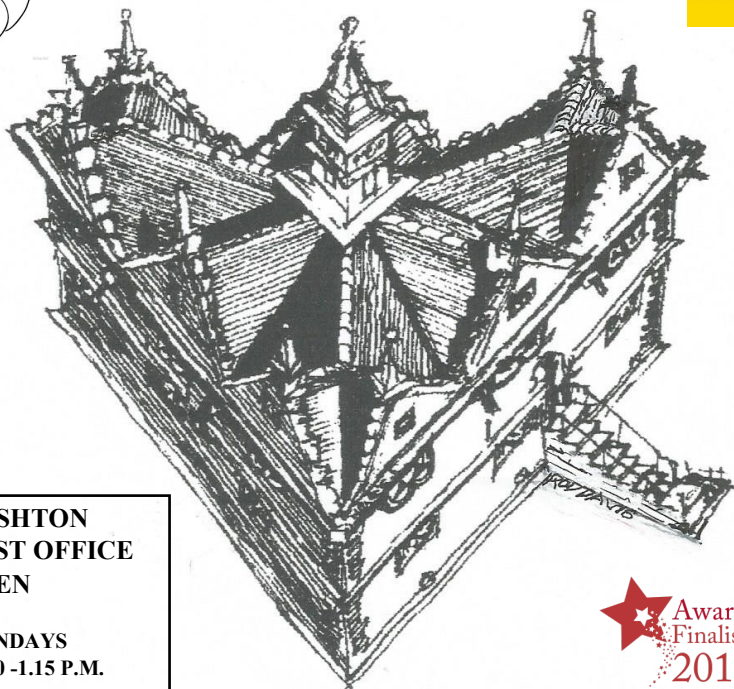


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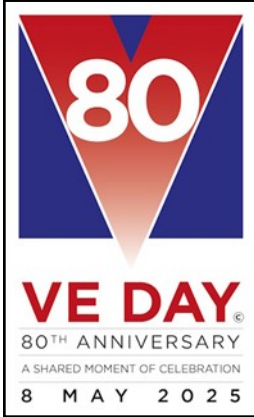
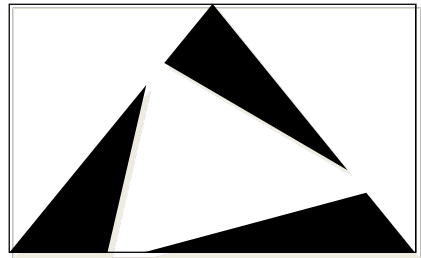


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On Thursday, May 8th, 2025, Rushton, like the rest of the nation, will be commemorating and then celebrating VE Day (Victory in Europe), which marked the end of the Second World War in Europe. Please keep the date free in your diaries, as there will be another big event, similar, but not the same as the one held in 2024 for the D-Day commemorations.

Everyone is invited to the three main events of the day:

1. A commemoration at the War Memorial at 9.00 a.m., with Amanda, children from Rushton Primary School and our own Village Crier, Nigel.
  2. Tea and cakes in the Village Hall for the remainder of the morning
  3. The evening event at ‘The Thornhill Arms’, including entertainment, games, a fish and chip supper, a commemorative lighting of the ‘Lamp of Peace’, followed by the lighting of the Beacon and fireworks.
- Tickets will go on sale in April, so watch out for more information, here and on social media.

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### **CHURCH FLOODLIGHTING**

Thanks to all who have sponsored the church floodlights for the coming year. The diary is filling up nicely with only about sixteen weeks spare. It would be great if we could light the building up for the whole year. The cost is £10.00 per week.

The latest sponsors are Graham and Paula Stenson who live in the New Forest. They are regular readers of 'The Triangle' and paid a visit to Rushton last year. They were very impressed with the village and the social activities available. They have been avid readers of the magazine for many years and Graham's ambition has been to see his name in print in it. Well Graham, you can now cross that one off your 'bucket list'.

Thanks for the sponsorship and continued interest in our village.

***Kevin J Abraham***



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There may be a few spare numbers - if you are interested, please ask Elaine, Jackie or Diane Hefford.

*(Editor's Note: Many thanks once again to Elaine and Richard Phillips, who work so hard to raise funds for All Saints' Church.)*



## Rushton Community Minibus

Rushton Minibus Serving Our Community

**Welland Vale**  
Uppingham's Local Independent  
Garden Centre & Café



**Wednesday**  
**26<sup>th</sup> March**

We will be departing Rushton Village at 10:30 and will arrive at approximately 11:00 giving everyone the chance to explore the extensive range of quality home grown plants, shrubs, climbers, perennials and herbaceous, as well as a full showroom of garden furniture, lighting, water features and home ware and gifts.

We will all then all meet up for a lunch or a snack at 12:00 in the onsite "**Orchard Café**" offering a warm welcome with freshly prepared food, scrumptious cakes, and local products

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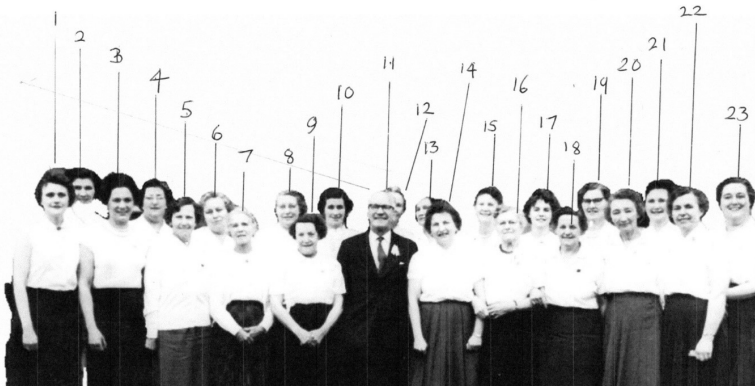
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### From the archives

We have had a good response to the photograph of the Rushton & Pipewell W.I. choir which featured in last months edition of 'The Triangle'.

Thank you to Beryl Wetherall and her sister Brenda Downing, and also Elaine Philips and Myra Jackson (nee Butler) for providing the information below. The photograph was probably taken when the choir sang at Oundle, possibly at two Eisteddfods in the early 1960's. The choir also sang on two occasions in Rushton church.



1. Sybil Liddle – 1 Desborough Road.
2. Mary Palmer – White Gates Farm. Peter's mother.
3. Mavis Bailey – 5 Desborough Road.
4. Ida Kendall – 3 Manor Road.
5. Mrs Hill – Pipewell.
6. Mrs Mason – 4 Desborough Road.
7. Mrs March Sen. - Manor Farm. Beryl and Brenda's grandmother.
8. Mrs Skinner – Pipewell.
9. Maggie Woolmer – Chapel Lane.
10. Phyl Turner – Storefield Cottages.
11. Mr Leonard Walker – The Estate Office. (Choirmaster).
12. Mrs Bradley – Pipewell.
13. Mrs Day – 11 Midland Cottages.
14. Maud Butler – 13 High Street.
15. Mrs Dunmore – The School House, Station Rd. Head Teacher.
16. Mrs Pearson – 15 Desborough Rd, Gordon's Grandmother.
17. Brenda Downing (nee March). Beryl's sister.
18. Alice Hornsley – Midland Cottages.
19. Flo Wetherall – High Street. Gordon's mother.
20. Sue Houghton – 2 High Street.

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21. Doris March – Manor Farm. Beryl and Brenda’s auntie.
22. Lily March – Matthews Close. Beryl and Brenda’s mother.
- 23 Mrs Boot – 18 Midland Cottages.

Having been born in the village and lived here all my life I can recall all those named in this photograph. They all played an active part in the social and working life of this parish. It has brought back many fond memories of times past. More from the archives next month.

**Kevin J Abraham.**

### **A tribute to Charles Fraser Wooton. R.I.P.**

*(Grateful thanks to Mark, Charles’ son, for allowing us to print this wonderful eulogy spoken by him at the funeral.)*

Life is a journey and sometimes it isn't about the start or the destination, but all about the journey itself.

Out dad, known by most of you as “Charlie” was born in Corby on 5th of June 1940. He lived and went to school in Corby until his late teens, when he moved to Wilbarston to live with his grandmother Florence Winn.

It was during this period that he met our late mum, Elaine Peacock. She quickly became his rock and the love of his life. They met at the Granada cinema in Kettering, (an unlikely scenario in Kettering today).

Mum told me that he sat behind her and talked to her all throughout the film. He must have made quite an impression, as not long after on their first holiday together dad proposed, and they became engaged on the Isle of Wight when mum was just 17 years old.

They were married in this church on March 30th 1963. Now I know I'm among family members and friends and that many of you will know I'm very nearly 61 years old, I've noticed a few of you counting on your hands, I would like to reassure you that there is no scandal here, all above board [JUST].

When mum and dad first met he had started his first job as an apprentice butcher, working at a shop in the old village of Corby. With my arrival so early in their married life, the lure of the Stuarts & Lloyds steelworks beckoned, bringing with it much better pay, albeit with the anti-social three shift system.

Dad spent the largest part of his working life at the steelworks, finishing his career in the tube dispatch division. After an unfortunate accident, resulting in injury to both hands, dad took early retirement from the works. He later went on to work for Alan Mills Stonemasons of Rothwell where he made lifelong friendships which meant the world to him.

Until I was six years old, we lived at the gardener's cottage, Glendon. This was a fantastic place to grow up. A two-bedroom cottage with the unusual feature of having the bath located in the kitchen behind a modesty curtain.

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With plans to extend their family, and the need to move on from the cottage to pastures new, mum and dad arrived at 2 Desborough Rd, Rushton during 1969. It was to be their home together for the best part of 53 years.

Here, so many new friendships were formed and they soon became very active members of the village community.

James arrived on 25th of September 1971. He was born at the maternity hospital in Corby, near to the boating lake, this is the very same building, now a Community Hospital, in which dad was looked after for a period of time last year.

James and I can both confirm to have been blessed, as we both enjoyed our childhoods to the full.

Holidays were to the East Coast including Pakefield Caravan Park and Chapel St. Leonards, and during the early years we enjoyed many happy stays in Mr Hipwell's holiday home in Brixham, Devon.

Although mum was not a big fan of flying, they did venture further afield in later life, including trips to Ireland, Malta and all the way to the USA visiting family who had made Texas their home many years ago.

Other proud highlights include going to London to see his mother, Vera, presented with the British Empire Medal. She had a long and distinguished career at Somerset House in the city.

I can't fail to mention the cars in dad's life. The first I can remember was a green Morris Minor with red leather seats. Prior to this dad had commuted to work on his faithful Raleigh runabout moped. I do believe that this was the very same moped that went on to become famous or should I say infamous. I will say no more here, but I recommend a chat with Steven Osborne in 'The Thornhill Arms' later, where I feel sure he can tell you more.

Austins, Anglias, and many more other cars were to follow, and I am happy to report that his most recent car is staying in the family where it belongs, under the careful watch of James. It seems incredible that dad was still driving it less than 12 months ago.

Dad also loved the water and enjoyed many fishing trips with his brothers-in-law Eddie and Peter. He was also proud owner of his own boat which he kept moored at the Ringstead Mill Marina. He and mum enjoyed many a happy trip up and down the River Nene often accompanied by their dear friends, Barbara and John.

Dad also made an appearance on Gok's Fashion Fix. Gok Wan was giving a lady from Kettering a makeover and she was asked to walk through the town centre to gauge reaction. Dad, along with Alan Mills were doing a job near the Newland Centre when the said lady walked past. To see the look on their faces could well have been the origin of the saying 'a picture paints a 1000 words'. If you would like to see for yourselves, check out Amazon Prime Video series 3 episode 5.

Dad passed away peacefully on the 16th of January at Cheaney Court Care Home in Desborough. We got to know so many of the wonderful staff who worked so



incredibly hard to make sure that Dad's final months were the best they could possibly be. Our family are forever grateful to them.

The man whose life we celebrate today was so many things to so many people - a wonderful husband, brother, uncle, father and brother-in-law. A wonderful grandad to Amie, Chloe and Maisie. Amy and Cam will be raising a glass in his memory while in Singapore, from where they join us now.

Finally, to James and me he was the best dad you could ever wish for.

Thank you and God bless.



My sincere apologies to Brenda (Downing) for omitting the following brief tribute to the late Rod Davis last month.

**My Early Memories of Rod Davis when he first moved to Rushton**

I was very sorry to hear of the death of Rod Davis. I wonder if anyone remembers him taking part in the W.I.'s Annual December Concert - they performed at Rushton School. The stage was erected after the children left school on Friday afternoon, and taken down again on Saturday. Eventually men were admitted to join and were in the opening and closing musical themed songs. Mavis Bailey always partnered Rod, and being the youngest, I was always partnered by Revd. Matthews. So many happy memories. R.I.P. Rod Davis.

*Brenda Downing*

*Thanks also to Brenda for sending us stamps and envelopes to send her a hard copy of 'The Triangle' each month.*

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### **TRESHAM BENEFICE MOTHERS' UNION**

Ian Scales was the speaker at our February meeting, when he told us of how he was prompted to set up the WARMTH programme in Holy Trinity on Tuesday mornings during the winter months. How an idea was fostered and boosted by support and grants, and then the encouragement of members of the congregation. After a slow start, there is now a regular group who meet together for tea/coffee/soup as well as chat. Lego, reading papers and magazines, recycling unwanted items and of course, most important, social contact.

In March we will be supporting the World Day of Prayer at 2.00 p.m. on Friday 7th in Toller Church in Kettering, then on Tuesday 25th (Lady Day) at 2.30 p.m. we will be hosting a Communion Service for Kettering Deanery in Holy Trinity.

Our Tea Party for St George's Day is on Wednesday 23rd at 2.30 p.m. - please put this date in your diaries now as this event is to raise funds for Mothers' Union projects world-wide

(For more details about our programme the contact is Brenda Austin, telephone 710258).

(Doreen Lambert)

### **A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**

## **SUNDAY JUNE 8TH 2025**

### **RUSHTON**

### **VILLAGE**

### **FETE**

If you like to volunteer to help, please contact Amanda Frogley.

Otherwise, just come and join us on the day.

## CHURCH SERVICES IN MARCH

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**Sunday 2nd March**

**Sunday next before Lent**

10.00 a.m. Family Service

**Sunday 9th March**

**1st Sunday of Lent**

10.00 a.m. Parish Communion

**Sunday 16th March**

**2nd Sunday of Lent**

9.15 a.m. Parish Communion

**Sunday 23rd March**

**3rd Sunday of Lent**

10.00a.m. Benefice Communion at

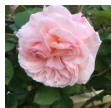
Thorpe Malsor

**Sunday 30th March**

**4th Sunday of Lent**

**Mothering Sunday**

10.00 a.m. Family Service



### SUNDAY READINGS

**Sunday 9th March**

Deut. 26: 1-11 (Heather Pain)

Luke 4: 1-13 (Sharon Short)

**Sunday 16th March**

Gen. 15: 1-12, 17-18 (Amanda Frogley)

Luke 13: 31-35 (Jackie Hands)

### ALTAR FLOWERS

**March 2nd**

Margaret Mudditt

**5th March to 18th April**

Lent - no flowers.



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## **RUSHTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OVERVIEW 15th JANUARY 2025**

The meeting was attended by all councillors other than accepted apologies from two, with one member of the public present alongside North Northants Councillors, Jim Hakewill and Cedewin Brown. No issues have been reported by the Environment Agency. Cllr. Joy Brightman questioned the recent flooding at Keepers Cottage, Greg from the EA has confirmed that the root cause is the size of the culvert. 1 member of the public attended the meeting to discuss the personal effects he has felt from the recent flooding. The Clerk is to write to the NNC Councillors to discuss the recent effects felt by the Parish from the recent floods.

### **NNC Councillor Updates:**

**Cedewin Brown:** Cedewin Brown has now joined the Conservative party.

Cedewin attended an extraordinary Devolution NNC meeting as the Government wants to create larger communities. Currently, no other areas want to join with Northamptonshire. Cedewin is unsure what is going to happen and hoping this will be resolved by next year. Cedewin believes there will be a 4.99% increase in the next budget. The figure will be agreed at the full council meeting next month.

### **Jim Hakewill:**

The current green space earmarked for a new Traveller site in Rothwell is too expensive to convert, a different site will be allocated. Jim has set up a new group called 'Rothwell against warehousing' (RAW), 77% of residents questioned are against the new proposed warehouse being built by the A14.

### **Minibus Updates:**

Cllr. Mike Brightman provided the following updates for the Minibus:

- Private hire mileage has been increased from £1.09 to £1.15 per mile from 01/01/25.
- All private hires have been paid, there are no outstanding bad debts.
- Minibus insurance is due for renewal 31/03/25.
- The Committee and Drivers meeting will take place before the next meeting.
- The new Minibus dedicated telephone number is 07728866492, going forward this number will be included on all relevant paperwork and advertising.

Cllr. Mike Brightman is continuing to complete weekly inspections at the recreation ground. There are a few items on the annual inspection report that need attention. Pest control recently trapped and removed 7 moles from the park.

### **Funded Projects:**

**Improvements to the Public Footpath Styles (update)** Installation of the new kissing gates has been completed. Feedback is required for the NCF end of grant report.

**Bus Shelter Refurbishment** The funds for this grant have now been received. Orders have been placed for a new map, notice board and refurbishment works.

**Radar Speed Signs** The funds for this grant have now been received. An order has been placed for the supply and installation of VAR post. *Continued on page 21*

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**JULES (12A) Comedy**

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March – 7:30pm**

**Doors Open at 7:00pm**

**Rushton Village Hall**

**Chapel Lane**

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# Coming Soon to Rushton Roxy Cinema

**Dates for your diaries**

*Dates & Films are subject to change*

**15th March 2025**

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**19th April 2025**

## **CONCLAVE (12A) Drama/Thriller**

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**Staring- Ralph Fiennes, Stanley Tucci and John Lithgow.**

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**Doors Open at 7:00pm - Film Starts at 07:30 - Tickets £7.00 on the door**

*For further information please see regular updates and details posted in the Triangle Magazine, on the Parish Notice Boards, Rushton Village News and Views and Rushton Village Support WhatsApp Group.*

**Rushton Village Hall**

**Chapel Lane**



**Rushton Village Hall New contact details.**

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## RUSHTON VILLAGE W.I.

The speaker at our February meeting was Kylie Ball from KB Premium Designs. She started making scented candles and wax melts during lockdown in 2020, and soon set up her own business. She gave a fascinating and informative talk on candle making before leading a workshop when we each made a scented tea light. We also had the chance to purchase her products; this was very popular.

During the business part of the evening, we discussed our A.G.M. and 95<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations.

The evening finished in the usual way with us catching up on everyone's news over tea and biscuits.

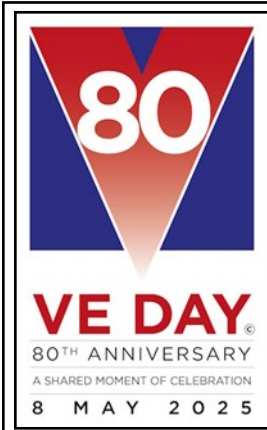
For many of us, W.I. is not just once a month.

It's our committee meeting on the first Wednesday – the best committee I've ever been on (and I dread to think how many committees I've been part of in the last 40+ years). We're very efficient at getting through the agenda, then we chat for about an hour with a cuppa and homemade cake.

Book Club is on the third Wednesday at Costa in Desborough. Again featuring a delicious drink, occasional cake, and plenty of chatter. Sometimes we even discuss the book we've been reading!

On the fourth Wednesday, it's craft group. We've tackled many crafts over the years, some more difficult than others. We have just finished making fairies and cardboard baskets. At our next meeting we will be making an Easter craft. These meetings always include a drink and a chat too.

Our meetings always include fun, laughter and friends. If you would like to join us you would be very welcome. Get in touch for details.  
Amanda Frogley



## Design a flag to commemorate the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day

The winning design - or a combination of several designs - will be made into printed flags which will be used to decorate the village for our VE Day 80 celebrations in May.

The competition is open to anyone aged 16 or under.

The design must be handed in on or before Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March to:

Amanda Frogley, Know It Hall, 13 Manor Road,

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Cllr. Yvonne Turner provided a planning report.

The Parish Council now has a new website: <https://rushtonparishcouncil.gov.uk> & nearly all Councillors have set-up their new gov.uk e-mail addresses. The new website is still work in progress; improvements/additions will be made each month.

Cllr Milne has e-mailed via the Street Watch website to request more information online as the Parish are going to be relaunching a Street Watch Campaign. Cllr.

Milne has registered herself for the Neighbourhood Watch campaign and will speak with Kevin for more information before the next meeting. RPC will not be looking for volunteers until more information has been received. Cllr Milne is going to provide a date for the next village litter pick and request more equipment (Grabbers, Hi-Viz jackets and bags) from the council.

**The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday 19th March 2025 in the Village Hall. All welcome to attend!**



We are hoping that as many members of the community as possible will take part in all or some of the planned events. It will be a day to add to Rushton's excellent reputation for staging memorable events and adding to the rich heritage of this parish and community.

Please note that tickets will need to be bought promptly in order to reserve a supper, as there are maximum numbers for catering.

The Planning Committee has been hard at work since before Christmas. We do need a legion of fit and healthy volunteers to set things up and clear away.

Many thanks to the W.I., who will be in the Village Hall, but we need cakes!

### POINT TO PONDER FOR MARCH 2025

The sight of the Statue of Liberty in New York Harbour was for many years a beacon of hope for those emigrating to the United States. They were escaping poverty, persecution, and oppression from their homelands. On the plinth which supports the Statue are found these words written by the American poet Emma Lazarus (1849 - 87) "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses, yearning to break free...." This monument remains an important symbol and is part of the American identity. It was something I learned when I was a student there in 1963/4. I shared also with my fellow students this very practical application of the Christian approach to life's problems. To show hope, mercy, and compassion to those who are poor and needy, is found in the teachings of Jesus (Matthew 5:1-12). What we call "The Beatitudes" contain challenges to every member of humanity irrespective of nationality. All people of goodwill can identify with the invitation in the Statue of Liberty. For me, it was entirely proper for Mariann Budde, Bishop of Washington DC to remind the incoming President of America of the spiritual traditions of their nation in her sermon during the prayer service held to inaugurate his term of office. Her call for Donald Trump to show mercy to those in need was not made to cause offence but, like every sermon, to encourage a change of heart. Governments, like individuals, need to repent because we do not think, live, and act to our true potential as children of God. As citizens of the world, we have expectations of what our governments should do, but as citizens of the Kingdom of God, we should remember that God has expectations of us and how we should be in "loving our neighbours as ourselves." (see Luke 10:25-37). We often fail, as do the authorities, because others have failed us, or we have acquired an unoriginal warped version of human success. The temptations we often face is to reject people who do not fit in or make us feel uncomfortable and use that action as a sign of strength. It is the Challenge, whoever we may be, to accept that we are all loved equally by God and for us all to be less judgemental. One of the ways we can look at things is through the words of Portia to Shylock in the Merchant of Venice (Act IV scene 1) on the virtue of mercy, "it blesseth him that gives and him that takes". Our world surely needs the blessings of mercy today as a new beacon of liberty to give hope to an incalculable number of suffering people who are victims at the hands of those who have lost their sense of humanity. There is no peace for anyone when it is not desired for all just as there is no unity in a nation or in the human heart when division is the order of the day.

Canon George Burgon





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## Community Minibus Schedule for March 2025

**Aldi & Morrisons Great Oakley**

**Monday**

**3<sup>rd</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> @ 10:00**

**Asda Superstore & The Peel  
Centre Retail Park**

**Friday**

**7<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> @10:00**

**Rushden Lakes**

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30**

**Farndon Fields**

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30**

Date and times are subject to change

Sign up to "Rushton Village Support" What's app group to keep you updated with the latest Minibus News

[www.rushtonparishcouncil.org.uk/rushton-community-minibus](http://www.rushtonparishcouncil.org.uk/rushton-community-minibus)

*Looking forward to seeing you on your next trip.*

**The Rushton Community Minibus  
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