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As we step into the heart of summer, July and August offer us the perfect opportunity to slow down, soak up the sunshine, and enjoy everything our wonderful community has to offer.

From lively local events and family fun days to quiet moments in the park or catching up with neighbours over a cool drink, this season is all about connection, celebration, and a little well-earned rest. Whether you're staying local or heading off on holiday, we hope this edition brings you stories to inspire, events to enjoy, and a reminder of the strength and warmth of our community spirit. Inside, you'll find updates on activities and ways to get involved. Enjoy

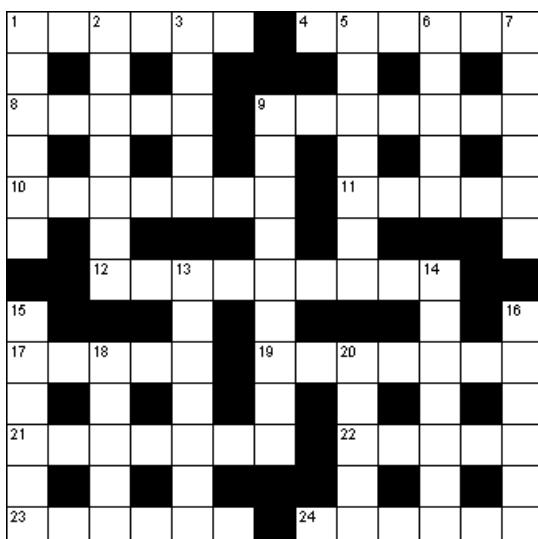
In July, we can look forward to Wimbledon; Women's EURO finals and the Tour de France as well as: **CHOCOLATE DAY (7th); WORLD JUDO CHAMPIONSHIP (18th); ICE CREAM DAY (20th); START OF WORLD WAR 1 (28th); TIGER DAY (29th).**

In August, England is hosting the Women's Rugby World Cup; Lung **CANCER DAY (1st); BOWLING DAY (9th); WORLD KARATE CHAMPIONSHIPS (10th); END OF WORLD WAR II (15th); PHOTOGRAPHY DAY (19th); DOG DAY (26th); BEACH DAY (30th);**



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- 1 Struggle (6)
- 4 Change over (6)
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For further information please contact:-

David Leary on:- 01733 234343 or

Email: david.leary@btinternet.com or

Our Website:- <https://bushfieldbowlingclub.wordpress.com>

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The Orton Social Group

2 - 4pm, Orton Waterville Village Hall

5th June - A talk by a volunteer from the Light Project

3rd July - Strawberry Tea (tickets will be sold in advance)

7th August - Holiday Memories

Tea, coffee and cakes will be served and there will be a raffle each month along with a tabletop quiz. Come and enjoy chatting to some new friends.

Orton Waterville Methodist Chapel Craft Cafe

Friday 4th July

Friday 1st August

2:30pm – 4:00pm



There's a new Social club in Peterborough for neurodivergent and disabled adults.

Opening 28th March 2025

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Orton Waterville

Village Hall

Annual General Meeting

Are you interested in finding out more about Orton Waterville Village Hall? The Management Committee will be holding the Annual General Meeting at the Village Hall, 11, Glebe Avenue, Orton Waterville, PE2 5EN on Wednesday, 16th July, 2025 from 2.45 p.m. and you are warmly invited to come along to find out how the Hall is run and how we support the Orton Waterville community.

We look forward to welcoming you.



5th/6th/12th & 13th July

For three weekends a year, the artists and craftspeople of the Peterborough area open their studios, homes or other venues to the public to showcase their work. Visitors are welcome to have a look around, talk to the artists and learn about the techniques and materials involved.

Entry to each venue is free. All the artists will have original work for sale and often have cards and prints available, although there is of course absolutely no obligation to buy anything.

Some venues will offer refreshments, demonstrate techniques or open their gardens. You can view or download a copy of our 2025 brochure here: <https://paos.org.uk/>



YOUR ORTON COMMUNITY

Orton Longueville Parish Council

Contact Parish Clerk
Alison Brown on 07907 160161
Chairman is Nick Penniall

Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month except August in the Herlington Community Centre, Orton Malborne Peterborough PE2 5PW at 7:00 pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend and will have an opportunity at the start of the meeting to bring up matters of concern which the Parish Council will discuss at a future meeting if they can't be dealt with immediately. Agendas and minutes can be obtained from the website:

ortonlongueville-pc.gov.uk

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CRAFT & CHAT GROUP

We meet on a Tuesday at Orton Waterville Village Hall between 10:00-12:00 Come along and enjoy a chat while you knit or sew! £2.00 per session includes tea and biscuits.
Contact:
Gina 07809 292379

Orton Bridge Club

Meets Monday and Friday evenings at
Orton Wistow Community Centre

We are a small, friendly club and new members will be made most welcome
Please ring Brian Harrison on 01733 661507 for further details

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COFFEE MORNING
10:30– 12:30



WEDNESDAY
9TH JULY &
13TH AUGUST

ALL WELCOME



Community Litterpicks

The regular monthly litter pick from The Herlington Centre is taking a break. If any community or local group in Orton wishes to organise a litter picking event please feel free to loan equipment stored at The Herlington Centre. This can be loaned by contacting the centre Mon-Thur and speaking to Dave Warne on 01733 233132 or visiting the centre in person.

Individuals are also welcome to borrow the equipment.

For help and support in organising a litter pick in your own area contact Ward Councillor

Cllr Heather Skibsted on 01733 201085
Or Peterborough Litter Wombles on

Orton Waterville Parish Council

Parish Clerk is Mrs Alison Brown who can be contacted by email: clerk@ortonwaterville-pc.gov.uk or by telephone 01733 346483.

Meetings are now taking place on the last Wednesday of each month (except August) at 7:00 pm in the Orton Waterville Village Hall, Glebe Avenue.

Members of the Public are welcome. Should you have a matter to raise, please contact the Clerk before the meeting. Agendas and minutes can be obtained from the website ortonwatervilleparishcouncil.org.uk

COFFEE MORNING AT ST. MICHAEL'S

Join us for coffee, tea and cake during the summer months.

We have a raffle, tombola, bookstall and a bring and buy stall.

Thursday July 3rd

Tuesday August 5th,

Wednesday September 3rd



Between 10.30 and 12 noon

Do join us if you can

SILVERTOPS at CHRIST CHURCH

For the over 60s at Christ Church Orton Goldhay Wednesdays at 10am except 3rd Wednesday of each month at 2pm

Rummikub & Scrabble

Friday 11th Jun & 25th July & Friday 8th Aug & 22nd Aug
From 2:30pm

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Orton Waterville Methodist Chapel
Chapel Lane



Whist Group

Meets on a Friday evening, 6.30pm - 9.30pm at
Orton Waterville Village Hall.
The charge £3 per session with tea / coffee provided.

It's a friendly group and has been going for 40+ years but would welcome new people

WHIST

Orton Waterville Methodist Chapel,
Chapel Lane

Drop-in for the Retired

Every Monday
afternoon
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WALKING

With summer now well and truly with us why not come out and join us on our free and friendly walks around the Ortons, whenever you can the find time. Get some fresh air and exercise and meet up with friendly walkers for a chat along the way. Simply turn up on the day, join the walk and enjoy the company and the great outdoors. (Dogs, under your control, are welcome too). We look forward to seeing you, whenever you can make it..

Ramblewood Walk**Every Thursday morning at 11.00am**

Meeting place: The Ramblewood Inn car park, at Orton Hall, Orton Longueville

Approx. 1 hour (3 miles/5km)

Don Worby – 07722 367302 or 01733 236218 or email

don.worby@ntlworld.com

Hampton Vale**Every Tuesday morning at 11.00am**

Meeting place: Outside the Sue Ryder shop in Stewartby Avenue. PE7 8ND

60 minutes approx.

Don Worby - 07722 367302 or 01733 236218 or email

don.worby@ntlworld.com

Ferry Meadows Three Lakes morning walk**Every Monday at 10.00am**

Meeting place: Visitor Centre/café in Ferry Meadows.

45 – 60 minutes (dependant on attendees)

Barry Oxbury on 07931 179962 or 01733 713206 or email

barryoxbury@hotmail.co.uk

Ferry Meadows afternoon walk**Every Thursday afternoon at 1.30pm**

Meeting place: Visitor Centre/café in Ferry Meadows.

45 – 60 minutes (dependant on attendees)

Barry Oxbury on 07931179962 or 01733 713206 or email

barryoxbury@hotmail.co.uk

WITH**The Botolph Green Wednesday Evening Walk**
Every Wednesday evening at 7.00pm

Meeting place: Please park on roads adjoining Botolph Green, just off Oundle Road

(Please note this change)

Walk length Approx 60-75 minutes

Steve Nikel – 07563 257409

Botolph Green/ Longueville /Ferry Meadows walks
Every Friday morning at 11.00am

Meeting place: Please park on roads adjoining Botolph Green, just off Oundle Road, Peterborough, 60-90 minutes

Barbara Parsons – 07763 345817

Bereavement Wellbeing Walks**On the First Saturday of each month at 10.30am.**

Meeting place. Notcutt's car park PE2 5UU.

Approx 60 -75 minutes.

Cruse Bereavement Support Volunteers.

Contact Peterborough Cruse by email at
peterborough@cruse.org.uk

Central Park Walk**3rd Saturday of each month at 10.30am**

The Willow Cafe, in Central Park,

Approx 30 – 60 minutes

Walk Leaders. Cruse Bereavement Support Volunteers

Contact Peterborough Cruse by email at
peterborough@cruse.org.uk

City Centre Walk – Cathedral Green,**Every Saturday morning at 10.30am**

Meeting place: Cathedral Precincts, just inside the Norman Archway main entrance, PE1 1XS

Approx. - 90 minutes

Eleanor Elliott 07745 173790

Orton Waterville Village Show - Saturday 6 September 2025

The Orton Waterville Village Show is taking place at the Village Hall, Glebe Avenue, Orton Waterville on Saturday, 6 September 2025.

For residents of the Ortons, there are plenty of categories to enter, including vegetables, fruit, flowers, preserves and baking, drinks, floral art, handicrafts, up-cycling, art and photography. There are also categories for children. Entry forms must be received in person at the Village Hall on Tuesday, 2 September between 7 - 8pm or they can be given to a committee member. Show schedules, which include a list of committee members, are available at local businesses or can be requested by emailing angela.henderson2@ntlworld.com or phoning Joan on 07816 533956.

On Saturday, 6 September, exhibitors can bring their show entries to the Village Hall from 8.30 - 10.15 am.

The show is open to all from 2 - 5pm. There will be stalls, including traditional children's games, jigsaws and games, vintage, a raffle and a Prosecco/wine bar. The afternoon is an opportunity to meet old friends and make new friends whilst enjoying tea and delicious cakes. If anyone would like to bake a cake or help on the stalls, please email bryanandjeansmale@gmail.com or phone Joan on 07816 533956.

This is a lovely traditional community event and whether you wish to enter something in the show or not, it's a really fun afternoon out for everyone.

We look forward to seeing you. The Orton Waterville Show Committee.



From the Oracle Historian Archives: A rare Victorian riot in Orton Waterville

Many small villages, like Orton Waterville, would have been very peaceful in Victorian times.

However, in August 1853, this sleepy village bore witness to uproar when a riot took place. A group of Irish agricultural labourers entered the village, causing local men to fear that they would lose their jobs to these brazen newcomers. The result of this anxiety culminated in a massive fight with the Irishmen being driven out of the village.

A warrant was subsequently signed by a local magistrate for the arrest of the Orton ringleaders. A police constable came from Peterborough with the intention of apprehending the alleged five ringleaders, three of whom he found mowing in Slater's Meadow (a field off Ham Lane). The police constable's statement read: 'I waited until they had finished mowing, then told the three I had a warrant for their arrest for driving off the Irishmen. These three men were Jackson Allen, William Austen, and George Ladds. Another man with them, Samuel Austen, then brandished a stick

saying that no one would be taken, and George Ladds unslung his scythe and said: 'Here's one B----- that don't mean to be taken. I'll chop the first B----- that touches me.' I (the PC) then said, 'Put it down, if you touch me with that cold steel I'll blow a hole through you.'



It would appear that the gathering then moved down the village street, reaching The Windmill Inn, where 30-40 people were congregated, including some women with sticks, who said: 'No one will be taken tonight'. One elderly man seemed to be egging the others on. When the police constable enquired who it was, he was told that it was John Austen who was stirring up the village folk, making the situation worse.

The fracas resulted in arrests and a court appearance for Jackson Allen, William Austen, and George Ladds, who were all charged with threatening behaviour and public order offences likely to cause a breach of the peace. Two were fined for driving off the Irishmen and bound over to keep the peace. George Ladds was additionally charged with threatening a police constable in the execution of his duty and was given a short custodial sentence for all three offences. It's not known whether the police executed the warrants on the other two men from the original gang of five ringleaders. Perhaps they had lucky escapes from the long arm of the law!



Orton Waterville Methodist Church Chapel Lane

Orton Waterville Methodist Chapel.
Chapel Lane.

Sunday Morning Worship
Normal services 10.30am.

Sunday 6th July Circuit Service
at Brookside Methodist Church, 10:30am

Sunday 20th July Holy Communion
3:00pm with Rev Janet Titterton

Sunday August 17th Circuit Service
at Christ Church. 10:30am

All are welcome.

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JULY & AUG SERVICES

Sunday July 06 10.00am Morning Worship

Sunday July 13 10.00am Morning Worship

3.00pm Afternoon Holy Communion

Sunday July 20 10.00am Holy Communion

Sunday July 27 10.00am Morning Worship

6.30pm Healing Communion

Coffee Connect meets twice this month on Fridays, July 11 & 25, from 2.00 – 4.00pm. Do come along for a cup of coffee or tea, for homemade cakes and biscuits, and for a chat.

Sunday Aug 03 10.00am Holy Communion

Sunday Aug 10 10.00am Morning Worship

3.00pm Afternoon Holy Communion

Sunday Aug 17 10.00am United Service with Methodist Circuit

Sunday Aug 24 10.00am Morning Worship

6.30pm Healing Communion

Sunday Aug 30 10.00am Morning Worship

Coffee Connect meets twice this month on Fridays, Aug 08 & 22, from 2.00 – 4.00pm. Do come along for a cup of coffee or tea, for homemade cakes and biscuits, and for a chat.

Summer Holiday Messy Church BBQ is happening on Friday, August 01, from 10.30 – 12.30, with fun and activities for all the family – bbq lunch included. We look forward to seeing you!

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Services for July / August

6th 9am Holy Communion
13th 5pm Evening Prayer
20th 9am Morning Prayer
29th 5pm Evening Communion

3rd 9am Holy Communion
10th 5pm Evening Prayer
17th 9am Morning Prayer
24th 5pm Evening Communion
31st 9am Morning Prayer

To learn more about our church visit the
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**Website Full details of church services can be found on the
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Revd Falvey 01733 230896
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St Mary's Church, Orton Waterville

JULY 2025

Sunday 6th @ 9am Holy Communion
Sunday 13th @ 9am Morning Praise
Sunday 20th @ 9am Holy Communion
Sunday 27th @ 9am Morning Praise

All morning services followed by refreshments

Charity Coffee Morning on Saturday 26th 10.30-noon

Holy Trinity Church, Orton Longueville

Wednesday 2nd @ 9.30am BCP Holy Communion
Sunday 6th @ 10.30am First Sunday All-Age Worship
Sunday 13th @ 10.30am Holy Communion
Sunday 20th @ 10.30am Morning Praise
Sunday 27th @ 10.30am Worship for All Holy Communion

All morning services followed by refreshments

Coffee Morning on Saturday 12th 10.30-12pm

CHRISTIAN PRESENCE CHURCH

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Services for July/Aug

6th July - 10.30am
13th July - 10.30am
20th July - 10.30am
27th July - 10.30am
3rd August - 10.30am
10th August - 10.30am - Richard Renouf
17th August - 10.30am
24th August - 10.30am
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JULY 2025

All services at 10.30 a.m.
6th Family Service
13th Holy Communion
20th Morning Worship
27th Morning Worship

AUGUST 2025

3rd Family Service
10th Holy Communion
17th Morning Worship
24th Morning Worship
31st Café Church in the
Colonel Dane Hall

Services based on Common Worship
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please see the website
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MOVIE OF THE MONTH

The Peanut Butter Falcon (2019)

: PG-13 | Length: 1 hour 37 minutes

If you're in the mood for something uplifting, funny, and full of heart, *The Peanut Butter Falcon* is a great pick. It follows Zak, a young man with Down syndrome, who runs away from a care home to chase his dream of becoming a professional wrestler. Along the way, he crosses paths with Tyler, a guy down on his luck, and Eleanor, who's trying to bring Zak back. Instead, the three end up on an

unexpected journey that changes all their lives.

This movie is all about friendship, freedom, and finding your own way in the world—even if it's messy and unpredictable. It's the kind of story that makes you laugh, maybe shed a tear, and definitely feel good by the end. The performances are fantastic, especially from Zack Gottsagen, who brings so much honesty and charm to the screen.



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With its southern landscapes, lovable characters, and a warm, adventurous spirit, *The Peanut Butter Falcon* is a perfect film to bring people together. It's suitable for teens and adults, with just a little bit of language and rough edges—but nothing that overshadows the heart of the story.

Bottom line: Sweet, funny, and totally worth watching.

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Herlington Community Centre

Orton Malborne
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Orton Waterville Village Hall

Glebe Avenue PE2 5EN To find out what's on and to contact us please go to:-

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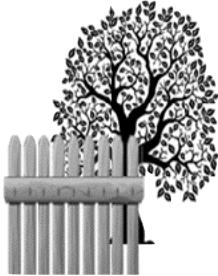
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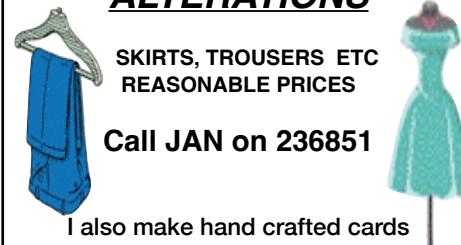
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