

# ORTON ORACLE

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June always feels like the month when summer starts to show itself properly. The days are long, the evenings are lighter, and it's easier to say "yes" to getting out — whether that's for a coffee, a walk, a group meeting, or simply a chat with someone you recognise.

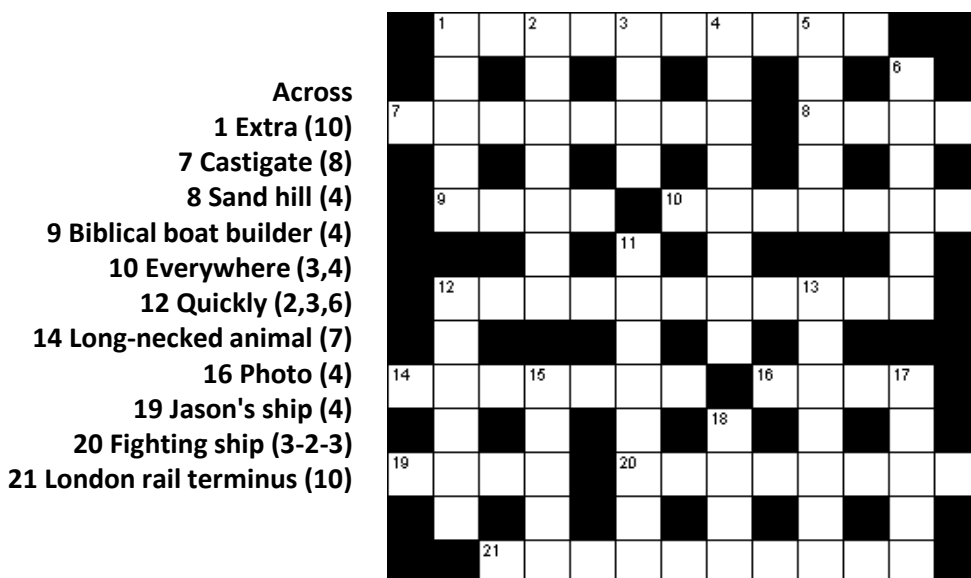
This issue is full of the practical things that keep our community ticking: dates for the diary, services, regular groups, local notices and ways to get involved. If you've been meaning to try something new, consider this your gentle nudge — bring a friend, come along for ten minutes, or just say hello. The first step is often the hardest, but it rarely stays that way.

June also brings a chance to enjoy the outdoors closer to home — a stroll later in the evening, a picnic, a visit to the park, or a gentle potter in the garden. And with Father's Day on Sunday 21 June, it can be a good excuse to pick up the phone.



Thank you, as always, to everyone who contributes copy, shares notices, helps with deliveries, supports advertisers and quietly keeps things running behind the scenes.

Wishing you a bright and hope-filled June.



## Across

- 1 Extra (10)
- 7 Castigate (8)
- 8 Sand hill (4)
- 9 Biblical boat builder (4)
- 10 Everywhere (3,4)
- 12 Quickly (2,3,6)
- 14 Long-necked animal (7)
- 16 Photo (4)
- 19 Jason's ship (4)
- 20 Fighting ship (3-2-3)
- 21 London rail terminus (10)

## Down

- 1 Very pale (5)
- 2 Remote (7)
- 3 Group of three (4)
- 4 Ignore (8)
- 5 Electronic sound reproduction (5)
- 6 Extension to a building (6)
- 11 Scented (8)
- 12 Building in which birds are kept (6)
- 13 Advantage (7)
- 15 Fragrance (5)
- 17 Small edible crustacean (5)
- 18 Author unknown (4)

## The heart of your community

A community bulletin produced and distributed for the  
Ortons, Alwalton & Chesterton. Supporting all our Churches

Where the community, local trades and all the local Churches meet  
The Oracle is published by a team of dedicated volunteers and delivered to  
Over 7000 homes If you can help in any way please get in touch at;

[ortonoracle@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ortonoracle@hotmail.co.uk)



## Community noticeboard June 2026

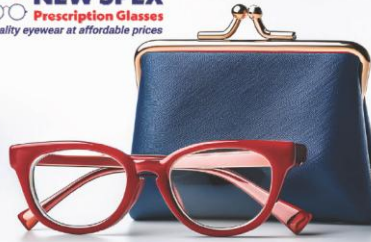
- 5 Jun — World Environment Day
- 8 Jun — World Oceans Day
- 14 Jun — World Blood Donor Day
- 21 Jun — Father's Day (UK) + Summer solstice (longest day)
- 22 Jun — Windrush Day
- 27 Jun — Armed Forces Day (UK)

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07516 109607  
[info@newspex.co.uk](mailto:info@newspex.co.uk)



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

Save the Children Ref: 42833590  
**Brenda's Country Corner**  
PRESENTS  
**Craft and Gift Fair**  
Save the Children  
In Aid of Save the Children  
**SATURDAY, June 27th,  
Sunday June 28th**  
Open 9:00 am - 4:00 Sat, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm Sun  
Serpentine Green Shopping Centre  
Hargate Way, Hampton, Peterborough PE7 8BE  
FOR MORE INFORMATION  
[www.facebook.com/Brendas.Country.Corner/](https://www.facebook.com/Brendas.Country.Corner/)

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[fosterwithpeterborough.org.uk](http://fosterwithpeterborough.org.uk)

## Chesterton Garden Party

St. Michael's Chesterton will be holding a garden party at 1 Oundle Road on 27th June.

This is part of our church's efforts to raise funds for the necessary repairs that our architects have identified.

Tickets will be on sale soon and will include tea and a dish of strawberries.

There will be other events throughout the summer so do keep in touch

**The CLUB**  
Kind. Respectful. Inclusive.  
There's a new Social club in Peterborough for neurodivergent and disabled adults.  
**All Welcome**  
Disco  
Tuck shop  
Games  
Arts and Crafts  
**Where** - Peterborough City College  
**When** - Last Friday of every Month  
**Time** - 7pm till 9pm  
**£5** entry, Support staff free

## The Orton Social Group



First Thursday of the month  
2 - 4pm, Orton Waterville Village Hall

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.

Everyone is welcome!

## CRAFT CAFÉ

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June

ORTON WATERVILLE  
Methodist Chapel  
From 2:30pm



## 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 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](http://ortonlongueville-pc.gov.uk)

### 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 Facebook

### Orton Waterville Parish Council

Parish Clerk is Mrs Alison Brown who can  
be contacted by email:

[clerk@ortonwaterville-pc.gov.uk](mailto: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](http://ortonwatervilleparishcouncil.org.uk)

Natter & Knit, Crochet, Embroider  
or Cross Stitch at the...

### 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

### SUMMER AT ST.MICHAEL'S

During the summer months our coffee  
mornings will be resumed at St. Michael's  
church, Chesterton. They will be on.

Wednesday June 3rd,

Thursday 2nd July

We also have a Book stall, Raffle, Tombola  
and a Bring and buy stall. Home made  
cakes available.

All proceeds to the Women's refuge,  
supported by

Peterborough Women's Aid.

We look forward to meeting you

### 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 Bridge Club

Meets Monday and Friday evenings:  
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

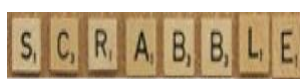
### SILVERTOPS at CHRIST CHURCH

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

### Rummikub & Scrabble Friday 12<sup>th</sup> and Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June From 2:30pm

Friendly fun for all  
abilities

Orton Waterville Methodist  
Chapel Chapel Lane



ST.ANDREW'S  
ALWALTON  
Coffee Morning

1030-1230.

Wednesday 10th June



ALL  
WELCOME



### Orton Waterville Methodist Chapel, Chapel Lane

### Drop-in for the Retired



afternoon and 4pm

Meet up with old friends and make  
some new ones, newspapers,  
magazines, games and crafts  
available to keep the hands and the  
mind active or spend time in  
company over tea and biscuits.

## Bushfield Joggers to become Bushfield Runners (from 1 March 2026)

One of Peterborough's longest-established running clubs is changing its name. From **1 March 2026**, **Bushfield Joggers** will be known as **Bushfield Runners**. The decision was agreed by members at the club's AGM and, in simple terms, it's about modern language and a modern message: most people now say they're "going for a run", not "going for a jog".

But there's a bigger point behind the new name. The club wants to make it clear that **you don't have to be fast, sporty, or experienced to be a runner**. Whether you're taking your first steps with a run-walk plan, coming back after a break, building fitness gently, aiming for a 5K, or training for a marathon, the club says the label "runner" still applies — and you'll still be welcome. In other words: **every pace belongs**.

Bushfield is particularly well known locally for its **Couch to 5K** course, which has helped many people feel safe and supported while they build confidence. For some, it's the start of a new habit; for others, it becomes a social highlight of the week. The club says many current members first joined through Couch to 5K and then stayed because of the friendships and encouragement, as well as the fitness benefits.

The club also supports the wider running community in Peterborough. Members regularly volunteer at **Ferry Meadows parkrun**, helping the weekly event go ahead, and the club has raised funds towards equipment for the parkrun too. Bushfield began in the early 1980s as the area grew, and it has built a strong community focus over the decades. Today the membership includes a wide age range: people training for longer events, regular parkrunners, and those who simply want to stay active and enjoy a friendly group. From March, the name may be different — but the club says the people, coaches, and welcoming ethos remain the same.

With summer now just a short step away, we hope, why not come out and join us on our free and friendly walks around the Ortons, whenever you can find the 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 PE2 7DN**

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. PE2 5UU**

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. PE2 5UU**

45 – 60 minutes (dependant on attendees)

Barry Oxbury on 07931179962 or 01733 713206 or email barryoxbury@hotmail.co.uk

**The Botolph Green Wednesday Evening Walk** – (Started up again on

Wednesday 8th April 2026 and continues weekly until September 2026)

**Every Wednesday evening at 7.00pm and weekly until September 2026.**

Meeting place: Please park on roads adjoining Botolph Green, just off Oundle Road, Peterborough, PE2 7WE. (Please note this change)

Walk length Approx 60-75 minutes Walk leader: Steve Nikel – 07563 257409

### Botolph Green/Orton Longueville/Ferry Meadows walks

**Every Friday morning at 11.00am**

**Meeting place: Please park on roads adjoining Botolph Green, just off Oundle Road, Peterborough, PE2 7WE.**

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, Peterborough PE1 4DX**

Approx 30 – 60 minutes

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

### City Centre Walk – Cathedral Green, Peterborough City Centre

**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 5 September 2026

Thank you to all those who attended the Plant Sale on Saturday 9 May. It was a great success and the weather was glorious, enabling the delicious refreshments to be enjoyed outside. The plant sale is a fundraiser for the Village Show.

This year's Village Show takes place at the Village Hall, Glebe Avenue on Saturday 5 September. The show is open from 2-5pm. Schedules are available from local shops and businesses. Alternatively you can request one by emailing [stewart.goodacre@gmail.com](mailto:stewart.goodacre@gmail.com) or phoning Joan on 07816 533956.

Entry night for exhibitors is on Tuesday 1 September between 7-8pm at the Village Hall or the entry forms can be given to a committee member. Exhibitors can bring their entries to the Village Hall on show day between 8.30-10.15am.

There are lots of categories to enter, including fruit, vegetables, baking, art, photography, flowers, preserves, drinks, floral art, handicrafts and up-cycling. There are also categories for children.

There will be stalls at the show including the popular tea tent. The Village Show is a fun community event and the afternoon is an opportunity to meet and make old friends and new.

If anyone would like to offer assistance on the day or bake a cake, please email or phone as above.

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



## Volunteers wanted: help guide £40m "Pride in Place" improvements

Peterborough residents who care about their neighbourhood and want to help shape local decisions are being invited to apply to join new Neighbourhood Boards. These boards will help guide a major "Pride in Place" programme, with £40 million set aside for community improvements in the city.

Two boards are being set up to cover Paston, Gunthorpe and Welland, and Orton Malborne and Orton Goldhay. Board members will help steer priorities and plans so that the funding supports long-term change in the areas that need it most.

The roles are voluntary, but reasonable expenses can be reimbursed (for example travel, childcare, or other caring costs). You can apply if you live, work, volunteer, or have a strong connection to the area. You don't need formal qualifications or previous board experience — what matters is your local knowledge, ideas and commitment.

There are a few limits: the roles are not suitable for people applying on behalf of an organisation that is seeking Pride in Place funding, and members will need to follow a code of conduct and work in line with the principles of public life.

The council has already appointed board chairs: Jonathan Jelley MBE JP for Paston, Gunthorpe and Welland, and Ejaz Moghul for Orton Malborne and Goldhay. Local MPs have also backed the call, emphasising that the community should help decide how the money is used.

More details : [prideinplace@peterborough.gov.uk](mailto:prideinplace@peterborough.gov.uk). Tell them a bit about yourself, why you want to be involved, what you care about locally, and any examples of how you've supported others or contributed to the community.

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Shortlisted applicants will be invited to an informal conversation with the chair, and appointments will be subject to references and a standard DBS check. For more information, email [prideinplace@peterborough.gov.uk](mailto:prideinplace@peterborough.gov.uk).

**THE ORTON ORACLE NEEDS YOUR HELP -** Are you passionate about our local community? Do you have a flair for writing and a keen eye for detail? We're looking for a dedicated and enthusiastic Editor to lead our magazine!

As the editor, you will be the heart of the magazine, responsible for ensuring it is useful, informative, and engaging. This is an ideal opportunity for a local resident who wants to make a positive impact on their community.

From Curating Content: Sourcing, writing, and editing engaging local news, articles, and event listings. Managing Submissions: Liaising with contributors and local groups to gather news and stories. Meeting Deadlines: Managing the production schedule to ensure the magazine is published on time each month. Collaborating: Working closely with the advertisers, finance and dedicated volunteers.

*If you would like to get involved, please get in touch @ [tina@abigjay.com](mailto:tina@abigjay.com)*

## Orton Waterville Methodist Chapel.

Chapel Lane.  
Sunday Morning Worship

Normal services 10:30am.

Chapel Anniversary 10:30am June 7th  
with Rev. Dale Sherrif

Holy Communion June 21st with Nigel Lightfoot  
June 28th Service at 3:00pm with Rev. Colin Sherwood  
All are welcome.

### Orton Friends

Drop in for retired people.  
Every Monday afternoon between 2.00pm. and 4.00pm.  
Come and meet with friends old and new.  
Share in a variety of activities and refreshments.

### RUMMIKUB and SCRABBLE

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> June  
From 2:30pm

### CRAFT CAFÉ

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June  
From 2.30pm

## CHRIST CHURCH

ORTON GOLDHAY AND ORTON MALBORNE

Revd Canon Sarah Gower  
[sarahcgower@btinternet.com](mailto:sarahcgower@btinternet.com) or 01733 394411

### June

Sunday Jun 07 10.00am Holy Communion

Sunday Jun 14 10.00am Morning Worship

Sunday Jun 21 10.00am Holy Communion

Sunday Jun 28 10.00am Morning Worship

Coffee Connect meets twice this month on Fridays, Jun 12 & 26, from 2.00 – 4.00pm. Do come along for a cup of coffee or tea, for homemade cakes and biscuits, and for a chat.

CHRIST CHURCH 2 BENSTEAD ORTON GOLDHAY,  
PETERBOROUGH PE2 5JJ

## ORTON GOSPEL HALL

Malborne Way, Peterborough, PE2 5LX



**EXPLORERS - SUNDAYS (EXCEPT 3RD SUNDAY) AT 12PM.**  
Term time only. Singing, quizzes & Bible stories for primary school-aged children.



**GOOD NEWS SERVICE - 1ST, 2ND AND 5TH SUNDAYS AT 4:30PM.**  
A good news message from the Bible for everyone.



**FAMILY SPECIAL - 3RD SUNDAY AT 4:30PM.**  
A Bible-based message, songs, quizzes and a buffet tea for the whole family.



**TEA & TOTS - TUESDAYS AT 10AM.**  
Term time only. Fun, snacks, stories and singing for pre-school children.



**COFFEE MORNING - 1ST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 10AM.**  
A time of warmth, company, hot drinks & cake.

[www.ortongospelhall.org.uk](http://www.ortongospelhall.org.uk)

## PETERBOROUGH FOODBANK.

If you would like to donate items for the Peterborough Foodbank, Orton Waterville Methodist church will be glad to receive them at any of our services and pass them on to the warehouse.

## St. Michael's Church Chesterton

Rev Canon Sarah Gower - 01733 394411

### Services for June

7th 9am Holy Communion

14th 5pm Evening Prayer

21st 9am Morning Prayer

28th 5pm Evening Communion

To learn more about our church visit the  
"A Church Near You" website.

All Welcome  
BCP usually used

### **The Orton Benefice: St Mary's Orton Waterville and Holy Trinity, Orton Longueville.**

Rev. Imogen Falvey. Tel: 01733 230896.

revimogen@gmail.com (Rest day Friday)

Full details of church services can be on-line :

A Church Near You website.

#### **St Mary's Orton Waterville Church Warden**

Mr Daniel Goymour  
01733 231535

For bookings of Weddings and  
Baptisms and Funeral Enquiries  
Rev. Falvey 01733 230896  
revimogen@gmail.com

#### **Holy Trinity Orton Longueville Church Wardens**

Jackie Harrison 01733 238732 Mrs Sue  
Martin 01733 288875

Baptism and Churchyard enquiries  
Jackie Harrison 01733 238732  
jackie.54.Harrison@gmail.com  
Wedding and Funeral Enquiries Rev. Falvey  
01733 230896  
revimogen@gmail.com

### **St Mary's Church, Orton Waterville June 2026**

Sunday 7th @ 9am Morning Praise  
Sunday 14th @ 9am Holy Communion  
Sunday 21st @ 9am Holy Communion  
Sunday 28th @ 9am Morning Praise

All services followed by refreshments

Charity Coffee Morning on Saturday 27th 10.30-noon

### **Holy Trinity Church, Orton Longueville**

Wednesday 3rd @ 9.30am BCP Holy Communion  
Sunday 7th @ 10.30am First Sunday Worship  
Sunday 14th @ 10.30am Holy Communion  
Sunday 21st @ 10.30am Morning Praise  
Sunday 28th @ 10.30am Worship for All Holy Communion

All morning services followed by refreshments

Coffee Morning on Saturday 13th 10.30-noon.

### **CHRISTIAN PRESENCE CHURCH**

founded in 1976 in Orton Malborne  
Herlington Community Centre

7th June - 10.30am

14th June - 10.30am

21st June - 10.30am - Father's Day

28th June - 10.30am

Contact: Tracey

07479 933845

All are welcome



### **St Andrew's Alwalton**

Serving Orton Southgate, Northgate,  
Wistow and Alwalton

[www.alwaltonchurch.org.uk](http://www.alwaltonchurch.org.uk)

Rev. Canon Sarah Gower

Tel 01733- 394411

Church Wardens

Prof Jonathon Chambers

07803 500840

Mr Timothy Burgess

07785 942166



#### **June 2026**

All services at 10.30am

7th Family Service  
14th Morning Worship  
21st Holy Communion  
28th Morning Worship

Services based on  
Common Worship  
For other activities  
please see the website  
Learning, loving & living for Christ

If you or anyone you know have difficulty reading,  
why not have it read to you? The Oracle is recorded  
on tape, and can be reproduced on tape, pen drive  
or CD then just email us:

[ortonoracle@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ortonoracle@hotmail.co.uk)

**Ancient Stories, Shared Questions - When you read ancient stories. These old stories aren't just about the past. They explore jealousy, fear, injustice, forgiveness and survival — the same themes people wrestle with now. Here are a few simple ideas to help you read them with fresh eyes.**

**1) Look for the human story** - One strand begins in Genesis, with Eden, Cain and Abel, Noah, Babel, Abraham, Sarah, Hagar, Ishmael, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph. These sacred stories explore origins: humanity, moral failure, family rivalry, promise, migration, survival and chosen lines. Some readers may find parts inspiring; others may find them morally difficult.

The story of Cain and Abel raises questions about jealousy, rejection and violence. The story of Hagar and Ishmael raises hard questions about a mother and child being sent away, while the text also says that God hears, preserves and blesses Ishmael.

**2) Notice the world behind the words** - Ancient Bible stories sit within a wider ancient Near Eastern world of storytelling, empire, exile and faith. For modern readers, the question is not simply whether these accounts are "right" or "wrong", or whether one tradition borrowed from another. A more useful conversation may be to ask how ancient peoples used stories of creation, justice, family, conflict and divine authority to make sense of their world.

A second strand comes from Babylonian tradition, especially the creation story involving Marduk and Tiamat. Marduk became supreme within Babylonian religion, but not in the monotheistic sense understood in Judaism, Christianity or Islam. In the Babylonian story, Marduk defeats Tiamat, a chaos-sea figure, and brings order to the world. This is not the same as Genesis, but there are points of comparison: creation, chaos, divine rule, human purpose and the ordering of the world.

A third strand is the lived history of the people of Judah among neighbouring cultures, including Canaanite and Babylonian worlds. The Hebrew Bible contains imagery that some scholars compare with wider ancient traditions: divine assemblies, sea monsters, chaos serpents and heavenly judgment. Psalm 82 speaks of God standing in a divine assembly and judging unjust powers. Job 41 describes Leviathan, an untameable sea creature.

The major historical meeting point came when Babylon overpowered Judah. In 597 BCE, many Judean elites were deported to Babylon. In 587/586 BCE, Jerusalem and the First Temple were destroyed. The people of Judah, whose worship centred on Yahweh and Jerusalem, found themselves living within a powerful Babylonian world where Marduk was the great civic and imperial god. That encounter raises questions rather than easy answers. Did exile sharpen Jewish identity? Did older stories take on new meaning in Babylon? Did biblical writers use shared ancient imagery to make a distinctive claim about justice, creation and God? Historians and theologians debate these issues.

**3) Ask what the story is trying to change in us** - These ancient traditions should also be handled carefully when thinking about the modern world. Today's conflicts are not simply caused by ancient scripture. They involve politics, land, memory, empire, trauma, nationalism, security, injustice and many other human factors.

Perhaps the value of revisiting these stories is not to reach a final verdict, but to notice how long human beings have wrestled with the same questions: Where did the world come from? What are humans for? Why does violence begin within families? What happens when empires crush smaller peoples? And how should justice be understood when power, faith and suffering collide?

### **Scouting Opportunities in The Ortons** **Scouting is a worldwide movement** **offering adventure for young people from the age of 4.**

In addition to weekly meetings we offer activities such as camping, canoeing, performing, hiking, sailing and climb. All activities are age appropriate, comply with Scout Association regulations and are supervised accordingly. Opportunities are available in the Ortons for all age groups i.e.

#### **Squirrels - 4 to 6 years**

- Wednesdays 4:30pm - 5:30pm Herlington Community Centre
- Wednesdays 4:15pm - 5:15pm Skip Clements HQ - Nene Park Academy Campus

#### **Beavers - 6 to 8 years**

- Wednesdays 5:30pm - 6:45pm - Skip Clements HQ - Nene Park Academy Campus
- Wednesdays 6pm - 7:15pm Herlington Community Centre

#### **Cubs - 8 to 10 1/2 years**

- Wednesdays 7pm - 8:30pm Skip Clements HQ - Nene Park Academy Campus

#### **Scouts - 10 1/2 to 14 years**

- Mondays 7pm - 9:15pm Skip Clements HQ - Nene Park Academy Campus
- Thursdays 7:15pm - 9pm Skip Clements HQ - Nene Park Academy Campus

#### **Explorers - 14 to 18 Years**

- Fridays 7:30pm - 9:30pm Skip Clements HQ - Nene Park Academy Campus

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For more information please contact [2ndNene@gmail.com](mailto:2ndNene@gmail.com) or complete the form at <https://www.2ndnenscouts.org.uk/contact-us/>

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## Cinnamon Butter French Toast With Maple Syrup Drizzle & Berries

### Method

Make the Cinnamon Butter

In a small bowl, mash together the softened butter, cinnamon, and maple syrup until smooth and then set aside

Prepare the Egg Mixture

In a shallow dish, whisk together eggs, milk, vanilla, cinnamon, sugar, and salt. Slice your Naturally Genius Tiger Bloomer into thick slices (around 2.5–3 cm).

Dip each slice into the mixture, turning to coat well. Let it soak for 10-15 seconds per side.

Cook the French Toast

Heat a large non-stick pan over a medium heat and melt your butter.

Add the soaked bread slices and cook for 2–3 minutes per side until golden brown and slightly crisp at the edges.

Brush or dollop a little cinnamon butter on each slice while still warm.

Assemble & Serve

Stack or layer the cinnamon butter french toast on a plate.

Drizzle with warm maple syrup.

Scatter with fresh berries.

Dust lightly with icing sugar.

Serve with the pot of maple syrup for extra drizzling.

### Ingredients

4 thick slices of Tiger Bloomer

2 large eggs

120ml milk (can be non dairy)

1 tsp vanilla extract

1 ½ tsp ground cinnamon

1 tbsp brown sugar (optional for sweetness)

Pinch of salt

1–2 tbsp butter (for frying)

50g unsalted butter, softened

1 tsp ground cinnamon

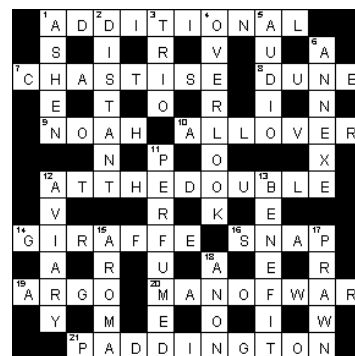
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