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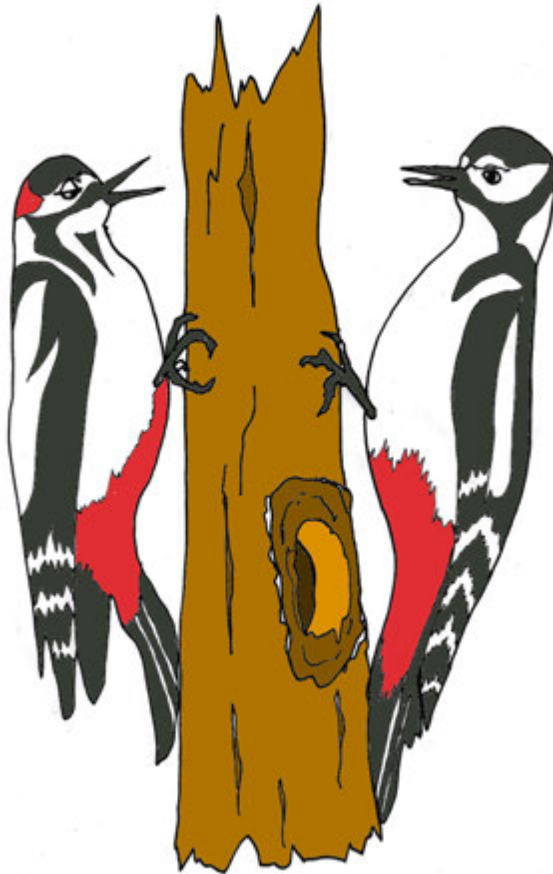
CLAYPOLE, DRY DODDINGTON, FENTON, STUBTON, WESTBOROUGH

# NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2024

Thanks for our superb new nesting hole!

Not tonight, Josephine... I've got a headache...



## **LOCAL INFORMATION**

### **CLAYPOLE**

**Churchwardens:** John Padley, 9 The Cottage, School Lane, 01636 626510  
Bridget Rosewell 2 Main Street Claypole

**Parish Council Clerk:** vacancy info needed

**Parish Council website:** <http://parishes.lincolnshire.gov.uk/claypole>;  
[www.facebook.com/claypoleparishcouncil](http://www.facebook.com/claypoleparishcouncil); [www.facebook.com/claypoleleisurepark](http://www.facebook.com/claypoleleisurepark)

**Claypole C of E School:** 01636 626268 [www.claypoleprimary.org](http://www.claypoleprimary.org)

**Claypole Brownies-** Please register at [girlguiding.org.uk/joinus](http://girlguiding.org.uk/joinus) or contact Sarah on 07765 791882 for further details

**School Hall-** contact Claypole School 01636 626268

**Claypole Village Hall bookings:** [villagehallclaypole@gmail.com](mailto:villagehallclaypole@gmail.com)

**DRY DODDINGTON Churchwarden:** Dick Loynes 07899 787057  
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**Parish Council Clerk:** Wendy McCallin, Clensey House 01400 282001  
[mccallinwpc@gmail.com](mailto:mccallinwpc@gmail.com)

**Village Hall bookings:** Debbie Yates 07815163456

**Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator:** Mike Hine, Hazelwood, Manor House Lane. 01400 282690 email- [mikehine38@hotmail.com](mailto:mikehine38@hotmail.com)

**STUBTON Churchwarden:** Mike Libby tel - 01636 626028 [mglibbyl4@gmail.com](mailto:mglibbyl4@gmail.com)

**Parish Council Clerk:** [stubtonclerk@gmail.com](mailto:stubtonclerk@gmail.com)

**Village Hall bookings:** [stubtonvh@gmail.com](mailto:stubtonvh@gmail.com)

### **WESTBOROUGH**

**Churchwardens:** John Lawrence, Sandalwood. Town Street 01400 281850  
Mavis Arnold, Holmes Farm, Long Bennington NG23 5EB 01400 281282

**Village Hall Bookings:** Jane Ford 01 400 281 206 [jane.h.ford1@gmail.com](mailto:jane.h.ford1@gmail.com)

**Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator:** vacancy

### **FENTON**

**Parish Meeting Website** [www.fentonvillage.com](http://www.fentonvillage.com). [chair.fentonvillage@gmail.com](mailto:chair.fentonvillage@gmail.com)

#### **Chairman Parish Meeting**

**Clerk:** Graham Doney, [clerk.fentonvillage@gmail.com](mailto:clerk.fentonvillage@gmail.com)

**Churchwarden:** Libby Mason, Corner Cottage, Main Street, Fenton 01636 627178

**DOCTORS: LONG BENNINGTON SURGERY** 01400 281220

**CAYTHORPE -SURGERY** 01400 272215

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Treasurer - David Harvey [david.l.harvey@btinternet.com](mailto:david.l.harvey@btinternet.com)

LOCAL POLICE: PC Mark Barr 07973 845128.

PCSO Barbara Mooney 07795 972786 NOTE NEW NUMBER

***If you ring 999 state "Lincolnshire Police" or your NG postcode will get the Nottingham force and delay any response!***

# Letter from your Editor



Hello!

It's a beautiful Spring day as I am writing this. Warm breeze, sunshine and buds bursting everywhere. Soon it will be time for my lilac trees to flower. That is my very favourite time. The lilacs remind me of my parents. The old song "We'll gather lilacs in the Spring again" was "their" song during the war years, and luckily my dad did come back from the RAF to enjoy the lilacs again. I have the three main colours of lilac: dark purple and white as well as the mid-lilac traditional colour. The smell is wonderful especially in the evening.

The birds too are up to their usual sex and violence in the hedgerows! I am pleased that my lonely woodpecker has found a mate this year - hence the topic of the cartoon this time! Since my Christmas gift of a sunflower seed feeder, I have even more little birds feeding here. I have at least four goldfinches which dart back and forth. They are messy or choosey eaters and on the floor below, sparrows, my pheasant and wood pigeons are all vying for the scraps.

Fat balls and peanuts are also on the menu for all the birds. When it is at its coldest, I get four or six long-tailed tits coming to feed. They are so tiny! I have chaffinches too, but where are the greenfinches that used to be so common years ago? I can spend hours watching the birds back and forth on my three feeders.

Birds frequently appear in my cartoons and have done for years. I have a tame pheasant each year, coming to almost hand feed, and a pair of crows, one of which has a damaged wing but still flies well enough. You're never alone with a bird feeder or two! Enjoy the Spring!

Best wishes, *Jane*

**Info for May 2024 EDITION**

**By 16th APRIL please**

The Ings, Town Street, Westborough NG23 5HJ  
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## Ascension Day

We commemorate Jesus Christ's ascension into heaven by celebrating Ascension Day, which occurs on a Thursday, 40 days after Easter.

This year, it will take place on May 9th at  
7pm All Saints Westborough.



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## CLAYPOLE LITTER PICK

### *A BIG THANK YOU!*

To everyone who came to the litter pick on Sunday 3rd March, 38 bags of litter collected and a large attendance of 55 volunteers!



## Book Fair

The total raised for St Peter' church was £529.40

The next Book Fair will be on

**Saturday 15th June**

Donations to the Tombola may be given to Michele 01636 626032. A big thank you to everyone who helped to make the fair a success.

## CAN YOU HELP?

This time of year is a good time to split established plants and sow seeds!

If you have spare plants which can be put to one side and donated to Claypole village hall for use in the garden or for plant a sale in June that would be very helpful.



*Thank you*

*Book your events as soon as you know them please*

# Events Calendar 2024

## April 2024

Tue 9 WI Powertex Fabric sculpting demo at Westborough  
Wed 10 Long Ben Methodist craft/games afternoon  
Fri 12 Westborough annual quiz in village hall  
Sat 13 Lebanese Feast cookery at Claypole Village hall  
Mon 15 Brownies Taster session 6.00pm  
Wed 17 Wellbeing Walk Long Ben surgery  
Fri 19 Good Neighbours Westborough village hall  
Sat 20 Long Ben Methodist Coffee morning  
Wed 24 Long Ben Methodist craft/games afternoon  
Sat 27 "Clothing the lost king" Reconstructing historical costumes  
Talk at Long Bennington village hall

## May 2024

Wed 8 Long Ben Methodist craft/games afternoon  
Thurs 9. Westborough & Dry Doddington Parish Council Westborough  
Tue 14 WI Westborough "Life in our River"  
Sat 18 Long Ben Methodist Coffee morning  
Sat 18 Westborough Yard Sale afternoon  
Sun 19 Good Neighbours at Stubton Village Hall  
Wed 22. Long Ben Methodist craft/games afternoon  
Sun 26 "Lovely Loaves" Baking Day Claypole village hall

## June 2024

Thur 6 Lancaster flypast Westborough 12.45pm  
Tue 11 WI visit to Brant Broughton Quaker House  
Sat 16 Long Ben Methodist Coffee morning  
Wed 19 Good Neighbours at Westborough village hall  
Thur 27 "Garderobes & Gonfermers" going to the privy in  
mediaeval times - talk at Long Bennington village hall

## July 2024

Thur 4 Westborough & Dry Doddington Parish Council Dry Doddington  
Sun 14 Westborough village Fete

## August

## September

## October

Thurs 10 Westborough & Dry Doddington Parish Council Westborough  
Fri 18 Dry Doddington Harvest Supper

JS Julie Simpson  
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## Claypole Village Hall

New class starting in May

Body blast Thurs 9.15 -10

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CLAYPOLE CINEMA CLUB

# MOVIE NIGHTS

WHAT'S  
ON?



**SAT 13TH APRIL**  
**4PM: ELEMENTAL**

**7PM: BALLAD OF**  
**SONGBIRDS &**  
**SNAKES**

**(HUNGER GAMES)**

Doors open 4pm/7pm  
Films start 4:30pm/7:30pm

Scan QR Code to join

ANNUAL  
MEMBERSHIP:  
£10 INDIVIDUAL  
£25 FAMILY OF 4  
EXTRA MEMBER  
£5





Westborough Annual Quiz  
for the cup!

**Friday 12th April**

Westborough Village Hall

7.30 for 8.00 start sharp!

Teams of up to 6 —  
£2.00 per person.

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and have done so for many years

## **We want to donate Toiletries & Towels**

### ***CAN YOU HELP?***

Plenty of bags have been received - now we need things to fill them please!  
Women often arrive with what they stand up in and basics are needed

#### **Can you help by donating any spare?...**

**Basics:** toothpaste and brush, shower gel, shampoo & conditioner, soap, deodorant.

**Extras:** wipes, tissues, plasters, soap/hand gel, lip balm, cotton buds, face cloth, torch, hair brush & comb.

**Luxuries:** make up, perfume, hairbands/clips, gloves, scarf, notebook and pen, purse, playing cards, sunglasses, jewellery.

If you can donate or help in any way, please contact any WI member or Editor Jane and WI secretary Kathleen (see WI Page)

## ***Information from Lincolnshire Police***

### **The Safer Together Team**

[SaferTogetherTeam@lincs.police.uk](mailto:SaferTogetherTeam@lincs.police.uk)

As you may already be aware, the Safer Together Team Coordinator for the North and South Kesteven districts has recently been successful in a new role within Lincolnshire Police. There will be a period of transition prior to recruitment and as such I am writing to provide information on how to contact the Safer Together Team and Officer of the Police and Crime Commissioner during this time.

If there are things you wish to speak to the Safer Together Team about, please email:

[safertogetherteam@lincs.police.uk](mailto:safertogetherteam@lincs.police.uk)

In addition, wider communities are able to provide feedback to the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner through contacting the office ( <https://lincolnshire-pcc.gov.uk/contact-us/contact-the-opcc/> ), sharing information with local Safer Together Team coordinator ([safertogetherteam@lincs.police.uk](mailto:safertogetherteam@lincs.police.uk) ) or via an information capture on <https://survey.lincolnshirealert.co.uk/Survey/GUID/31e1820f-f5d2-4076-b527-cd8bb708e5df>

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that you can receive local information, community safety and crime prevention campaigns through Lincolnshire Alert. To find out more or sign up please visit, [www.lincolnshirealert.co.uk](http://www.lincolnshirealert.co.uk)

Information on local crime prevention can be found at: <https://www.lincs.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/> and local crime data can be found at: <https://www.police.uk/your-area/>

Lee-Anne Flowers-Andrews,

[Lee-Anne.Flowers-Andrews@lincs.police.uk](mailto:Lee-Anne.Flowers-Andrews@lincs.police.uk)

# COOKERY WORKSHOP

## LEBANESE FEAST



**Learn to cook a healthy-eating, Lebanese feast with Sharon Johnson, the Cooking Nutritionist. Then enjoy your meal along with a glass of wine, selected by Ann et Vin.**

**Booking essential**

**£32 per person**

(includes all food & 1/2 bottle of wine and recipe cards to take home)

**11:30am-2pm,  
Saturday 13 April**

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BOOKING LINK:  
[HTTPS://BIT.LY/LEBANESEFEAST](https://bit.ly/LebaneseFeast)



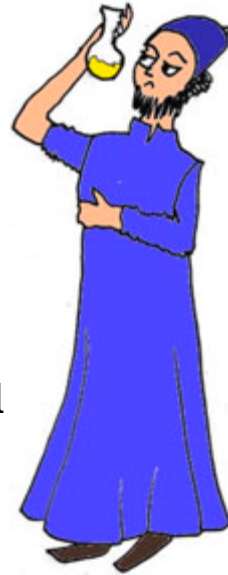


The Richard III Society presents

# Barbers & Bloodletting:

## Medicine & surgery in the Later Middle Ages

*An illustrated talk by Stuart Orme  
who is back by popular request*



**Saturday 30th March 7.30pm**  
**Long Bennington Village Hall**

£4.00 ticket



Barbarous and unsophisticated practices, consisting of amputations and leeches form a widely accepted image. The reality is much more complex. Stuart looks at some of those cures, the medical professionals of the period and surgical techniques including replica instruments.





## CLAYPOLE VILLAGE HALL



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**BOOKINGS:** We're delighted that the improvements made to the hall are proving popular and that is translating into more bookings – this makes the Hall more sustainable and allows us to build a plan to maintain the building in the longer term. We'd encourage people to plan a little further ahead if planning an event or party as many of our weekend dates are now booked up for several months in advance.

If you're interested in hiring the Hall, you can view our calendar and request a booking online via our website: [www.claypolevillagehall.org/onlinebooking](http://www.claypolevillagehall.org/onlinebooking)

If you are planning a celebration or event, we would be glad to show you round at one of our regular **open viewing sessions** – the next one is 9am on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April.

### REGULAR EVENTS

#### **Fitness & Wellbeing Classes**

Sophie is currently on maternity leave but here are 4 other classes available:

Tuesday 10:30-11:30am: Pilates with Karen

Tuesday 7-8pm: Movement and Meditation with Claudia Graham

Wednesday 9:10-10:30am: Movement and Meditation with Claudia Graham

[www.claudiagramtherapies.com](http://www.claudiagramtherapies.com)

#### **Crafty Cuppa Club**

Stampin' Up card making: £8 for card making, tea/coffee & cake

**Fri 19<sup>th</sup> April, 10:30am-12:30pm**

**Fri 24<sup>th</sup> May, 10:30am-12:30pm**

Book your space on Carrie's website: <https://theinkynook.com/>

### **LITTLE CITY LINCOLNSHIRE is returning to Claypole Village Hall on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April Sessions at 9.30am and 11am**



Little City Lincolnshire is a mobile role play set up for children up to the age of 6. You and your little ones can explore 10 well-resourced role play areas including a cafe, supermarket, doctors, construction area amongst others. In addition, there's always a themed enhancement area too.

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### **THISTLE AND SKETCH ART CLASSES**

Gemma has booked the Hall for two 6-week art classes. "The Sketchbook Sessions", during April/May as follows:

1-3pm on Tuesday from 23<sup>rd</sup> April

6:15-8:15pm on Thursdays from 25<sup>th</sup> April

£12 per class and you need to bring your own sketch book.

You can find more details on her facebook page or email her at [thistleandsketch@outlook.com](mailto:thistleandsketch@outlook.com)





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### UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>Cookery Workshop:</b> Lebanese Feast	Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> April, 11:30am-2pm	Learn how to prepare a Lebanese Feast with expert tuition from Sharon Johnson, the Cooking Nutritionist.  <b>£32/person</b> includes food, tuition, recipe cards and ½ bottle of wine, recommended by Ann et Vin. Spaces now limited
<b>Cinema Club DOUBLE BILL:</b> family film & then grown ups	Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Elemental: 4:30pm start Hunger Games – Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes: 7:30pm start Doors open 30 mins earlier <b>Membership link below</b> Beers, wine, hot/soft drinks, & snacks available to buy
<b>Garage Sale Safari &amp; village breakfast</b>	Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> May (bank holiday)	Breakfast at the Hall from 9am Garage sale 10am-2pm (table top pitches available at the Hall) £5 per stall – see facebook page & next month's newsletter for booking link
<b>Cinema Club</b>	Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> May	The Holdovers Doors open 6:30pm, film starts 7pm <b>Membership link below</b> Beers, wine, hot/soft drinks, & snacks available to buy
<b>Baking Workshop:</b> with Lovely Loaves	Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> May, 10am-2pm	Leslie Gadd from Lovely Loaves will show you how to bake bread, make pastry and bake a cake – all of which you get to take home!  <b>£45/person</b> includes all ingredients and tuition Booking essential: <a href="http://bit.ly/lovelyloaves">http://bit.ly/lovelyloaves</a>

### CLAYPOLE CINEMA CLUB

We'd love to see more people enjoying Claypole Cinema Club. It's very much a social cinema; seated around tables with drinks and snack available to buy. You can bring a bean bag if you want to get really comfy!!

We screen a minimum of 1 film per month, with a range of genres. We're happy to take requests if there's a film you missed at the cinema and want to see on a big screen.

The licensing means that we operate as a members' club so films are advertised within the membership, which costs £10 per person or £25 for a family ticket (2 adults + 2 children/1 adult + 3 children, £5 for extra child) - great value compared to a cinema trip!

**New members, from the village and beyond, are very welcome and can join online using the QR code or this online link:**  
[bit.ly/461yR5T](http://bit.ly/461yR5T)





# Garage Sale Safari

## SHOPPING GOES WILD!

Here's how it works....

If you have pre-loved items to sell, set up a stall outside your home on May Day Bank Holiday (6th April 2024) from 10am-2pm. It's a great way to declutter and be greener without having to drive to a car boot or post your eBay sales.

Sellers make a donation of £5 to be put on the safari map, which will show where each stall is located. Please register by Saturday 4th May using the online registration form at:

<https://bit.ly/ClaypoleSafari2024>

If you don't have a drive/garage/suitable space at home or if you're at the edge of the village, you're welcome to set up at the Village Hall.

Maps will be on sale from the Village Hall from 9:30am on Monday 6th May for a £2 charge. There will also be breakfast butties available. Then, you can set off on your Claypole safari to see what bargains you can find!

All proceeds from stall fees, map sales & breakfasts will go to the Village Hall, St Peter's Church, Rectory for Refugees & Claypole School PTFA.



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<https://bit.ly/ClaypoleSafari2024>

## The Wall, The Wall!



The churchyard wall at St Peter's Claypole has over time seen several types of repair. Last year a section collapsed and repairs began. The winter frosts which could damage the mortar brought work to a halt. There are plans to rebuild it over the coming months.

We have expert guidance available to us and we now need to recruit a band of volunteers to assist with the work.

John Padley is keen to hear from people who would like to help.  
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Following successful grant applications and much fund raising the church roof which has suffered from lead theft is also to be repaired in the coming months. Tern coated stainless steel will replace the lead as it is much less attractive to thieves.



# Coffee Morning

at the Methodist Chapel  
Long Bennington

*Every 3rd Saturday 10.00 a.m. £2.50*

**20th April**, 18th May, 15th June



*Teas,  
coffee  
Home made cakes  
Raffle*



*Everyone welcome!*

## **Games and crafts afternoons**

every 2nd and 4th Wednesdays 2-4pm

10th and 24th April. £2.50

## **Can anyone help?**

Mike Cragg is seeking his great great grandfather  
**Mark Cragg (b 1831).**

He is mentioned in "A short history of Dry Doddington" by Ann Fox and Mike is wondering if she has any further information about him other than what he has gleaned from the census,

He is asking the village newsletter readers if they have any other information.

His son John (b.1858 in Dry Doddington) was Mike's great grandfather, who apparently had met him before he died.

Thanking you in advance for any assistance you can give.

*Mike Craggmichaelian22@protonmail.com*



## 1st Claypole Brownies

We are having a taster session at Claypole Village Hall  
on Mon 15 Apr 24 from 6 pm to 7.15pm

The cost is £3.00 per person.

Do you know any girls aged 6 to 9 who would like to join us? There is no obligation to join the group but, we do have some spaces available.

Please book in advance by texting Sarah on 07765 791882 or by contacting Claypole Brownies on Facebook by **Sun 6 Apr 24**.

If you require further information, please contact us.

We hope to meet you soon.



# The Green Page

By definition, upcycling is making something new from old materials by repurposing them.

It has been present within society since 1941, with Britain limiting the amount of clothing that can be bought, teaching people how to turn something that they used to love into something they can love again. And it has just become more popular!

There are many benefits to upcycling, personal and for the environment. If more people begin to upcycle we can continue lowering the number of raw materials used. It turns out that 59% of Gen Z are buying upcycled materials, with sources saying that the social media application TikTok is popularising the mindset of transforming old clothes. Recently, more people are adopting a unique style of dressing and upcycling is a great way to make yourself stand out! From cutting jeans into shorts or skirts to sewing different patches of jeans together, there are no limits to what you can achieve by upcycling.

And it isn't only for clothes!

22 million pieces of furniture gets discarded yearly in the UK, most of which is reusable. If you have a piece of furniture that doesn't quite fit the theme of the room, instead of throwing it out and contributing to unnecessary waste, think about what changes you can make. Sometimes just a simple paint job can make a difference - and that counts!

There are many tutorials available describing how you can, for example, turn doors into headboards. And that is only the beginning! Help the environment by not being so quick to bin your preloved items!

**—Elizabeth**

# Good Neighbours



*All are welcome, please come and join us*

Coffee mornings are open to all, so please do come along and see how enjoyable they are.

We will be at the following venues on the following dates:

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April**, this month we are at Westborough Village Hall, there will be tea/coffee and cake for those who attend, please come along and join us. The time will be 10.30 to 12.00.

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May**, this month we will be at Stubton Village Hall, there will be tea/coffee and cake for those who attend, please come along and join us. /the time will be 10.30 to 12.00



**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June**, this month we are at Westborough Village Hall, there will be tea/coffee and cake for those who attend, please come along and join us. The time will be 10.30 to 12.00.

If you need to contact me our Email is [lindaandderek1@sky.com](mailto:lindaandderek1@sky.com) or contact me by phone on 07456 475964. You can leave your name and number and I will get back to you.



**If you have any ideas as to what you would like to do at Good Neighbours please let me know**

*Kind regards Linda and Derek Drury*



## **Patient Participation Vacancies**

**We are looking to expand our group for 2024. The group currently meets once a month at the Medical Centre. If you have an interest in becoming a member, please pop down to the Medical Centre and ask to speak to Chantelle. An informal chat can then be arranged to speak with the Chair at a suitable time to suit both.**

## **Well-Being Walks**

**If you have not joined us before and are free every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month, then feel free to join us on one of our well-being walks. The next walk is scheduled for Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 11:15am from the Medical Centre. Please ensure you wear the appropriate footwear. Walks suit all abilities.**

## **Covid over 75yr invites**

**New Spring invites will be sent to those patients who are eligible for the next Covid Vaccines. We will be holding these appointments at the Medical Centre. Please watch out for your invite and link to book.**

## **Dry Doddington 100 club winners**

1st - Phill Richmond

2nd - Ina West

3rd - Richard Pick



# Kathleen's Kitchen

## A Way To Use Up Leftover Hot Cross Buns (All weights & measures are approximate)

### Ingredients

Knob of butter to grease a 1ltr/ 1 & 3 quarters of a pint dish  
4 Hot Cross Buns (stale can be used)  
200g/7ozs Lemon Curd  
2 Large eggs  
200ml/7 fluid ounces Double cream  
200ml/7 fluid ounces Milk (any)  
Half a tsp of vanilla extract  
4 Tbsp Caster sugar  
Lemon zest (as much or as little that you would like)  
Optional - serve with cream or ice cream



### Method

#### Step 1

Use the butter to grease a 1 litre dish. Slice the hot cross buns into 3. Using a generous helping of lemon curd, sandwich the buns back together & place them in the dish.

#### Step 2

Whisk together the eggs, cream & remaining lemon curd. Then sieve into a jug with the vanilla extract & 3 tbsp of the sugar.

#### Step 3

Pour the custard over the buns & leave at room temperature for 30 mins, so the buns can soak up the custard.

#### Step 4

Heat the oven to 140c-160c (oven temperatures can vary & you will know best what to set yours at).

#### Step 5

Scatter the remaining sugar & lemon zest over the top & bake it for 30-40 minutes until it is golden & custard just set. After you take it out of the oven, leave it to stand for 5 minutes, then serve it with whatever you choose!

*Kathleen Thomas*

# Westborough and Dry Doddington Parish Council News

## **Flooding in Westborough - Environment Agency Meeting**

Following the flooding caused by Storm Babet, representatives from the Environment Agency (EA) met with 40 residents, cllrs and Internal Drainage Board members. The discussion concentrated on flood resilience and river channel maintenance.

The EA agency failed to issue flood warnings due their systems. They were not taking readings from the gauges at Hougham, instead Colsterworth, which was too far away to be accurate for Westborough. The EA has apologised for this and will improve the flood warning system and modelling at this section of the Witham. A new flood warning area for Westborough and Long Bennington is promised in the coming financial year 2024/25.

The EA cited treasury policy as a barrier to secure funding for maintenance works, which would inevitably reduce the impact of these major storms. The Parish Council expressed an interest in self-help measures, including carrying out maintenance in the absence of any EA action. This was met with cautiousness and vagueness from the EA who also explained we may have to apply and pay for a permit. The EA have agreed to come and walk the Westborough stretch of the River Witham and advise on what self-help measures would be permitted. County Cllr A Maughan will try and arrange a meeting with our MP to push for funding to try and get some maintenance carried out.

## **Litter Pick**

Thank you to all who joined our annual litter pick on Sunday 25 February, as well as those who regularly go for a walk and pick up rubbish. Thank you for making a difference.

## **Planning**

A pre planning consultation for Manor Farm, Dry Doddington is ongoing. If you have any views, please contact the clerk or a Parish Councillor.

The Wheatsheaf pub appealed against being an Asset of Community Value and this has been upheld.

## **Mowing in Dry Doddington**

The Green and Village Hall areas will be cut on a monthly basis due to a change in the contractor's agreement. Other mowing may be carried out by volunteers. As always, volunteers can claim expenses for mowing public areas by contacting the clerk.

## **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May at Westborough Village Hall at 7.30pm.**

The agenda will on the Parish Council website, about a week in advance.

Your Cllrs are Vickie Birnage, Anthony Durham, Tom Arnold, Jane Ford, John Forman, Becca Lett. Please contact them if you have any issues of concern.



# News from Claypole & District Women's Institute

*Welcome to the fun and the madhouse!*

**March was our AGM** and the Officers and committee were duly re-elected. Kathleen's quiz made the rest of the time an enjoyable evening. Thank you all!

**If you haven't already, please pay next year's Subscription £48.00 this year.**

Cash or electronic transfer possible. Cheques must be payable to Stubton and District WI Please ensure that treasurer Gill has any updates on addresses or email contacts, phone etc.

**Tuesday April 8th is Powertex Sculpting** (fabric) demo with Debbie Clarke. Have a look online and see that the special fluids will set fabric to make sculptures of animals and all kinds of 3-dimensional objects.

**Tuesday May 14th at Westborough. "Life in our river"** - Darin Alberry will describe the work the Environment Agency does. He regularly checks the river Witham to see what changes have taken place in the fish species and their environment.

**Tuesday June 11th Outing to the Quaker House at Brant Broughton** - details to follow.

**We have agreed to support the Women's Refuge all year round**, not just at Christmas, so please see the separate article about what to collect. Having met one of the staff in person, at a craft get-together recently, we are now clearer about what is required all year round.

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**Painting, Art & Craft mornings** between the hours of 9.00-12.00 with Jane at Westborough Village Hall on the first Friday of every month:

*5th April, 3rd May etc*

Contact Jane for further info - Bring your own project or start something new. Beginners welcome. All kinds of art and craft possible.

***Are you thinking of joining? or coming back?***

The first visit, same as visitor's fee, is £4.00 and we hope you will join us for lots of informal fun.

**Contact** President Jane Ford on 01400 281206

Secretary Kathleen Thomas 01636 626860



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## Interesting Places...

If you fancy a day out now the weather is hopefully improving, - or just stopped raining, you could consider going to the lovely small Lincolnshire town of Louth, especially on a market day, when the town is a busy, vibrant example of how market towns used to be. It's not too far either, although probably not easily visited using public transport.

## Some interesting facts

Jeffrey Archer was the MP for 5 years

The Greenwich Meridian which marks 0 degrees longitude goes right through the town.

Our television pictures are transmitted from the Belmont mast near to the town.

Alfred, Lord Tennyson, the great poet was educated at King Edward VI Grammar School. A stone inscription to commemorate this forms part of a wall on Schoolhouse Lane in Louth.

St James' Church has the tallest parish church spire in England. Being the tallest building in Louth, it can be seen from many miles away on a clear day.

In 2012 BBC Countryfile named Louth as Britain's favourite market town. Over 70% of shops are independent.

National food campaign organisations based in Louth include the Asparagus Growers Association, the Brassica Growers Association, the British Herb Trade Association, the British Onion Producers Association, the Leek Growers Association, the Radish Growers Association, the Turfgrass Association - who knew such organisations were needed or even existed?





In October 1536, in protest at Henry VIII's dissolution of the monasteries, the Lincolnshire Rising started at St James' church. The protest was unsuccessful and two of its main leaders, one being the vicar of Louth, were hanged at Tyburn.

Margaret Wintringham was elected Liberal MP for Louth in 1921, making her the second woman and the first British born woman, to take her seat in the House of Commons.

### **Some well known people from the Louth area are**

Jim Broadbent, Julie Christie, Barbara Dixon, James Gillick, Patrick Mower, Ronni Ancona, and the least known UK astronaut - Michael Foale.

**Michael Foale** was born in Louth in 1957 to a British father and American mother, then raised in Cambridge and educated at Canterbury and Queens College Cambridge.

He is an astrophysicist and a former NASA astronaut. Veteran of six space missions and the only NASA astronaut to have flown on both the Russian Mir and the International Space stations on extended missions. He was the second Briton in space and the first to perform a space walk.

For a while he held the record for the most time spent in space for a US citizen. (Michael has dual nationality status) at 374 days, 11 hours, 19 minutes and still has the record for the most time in space by a British citizen.



On a space shuttle mission in 1999 he went on an 8 hour space walk to repair components on the Hubble Space Telescope.

Michael now lives in Texas.

*Robert & Karen Prabucki*

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<b>St Lawrence Sedgebrook</b>		10.30 MP		
<b>Holy Trinity Allington</b>		10.00 HC	10.00 MW	
<b>St Peters Foston</b>		3pm EP		
<b>St Swithun's Long Bennington</b>	10.30 MW	10.30 MW	10.30 HC	10.30 HC with Bishop
<b>All Saints Fenton</b>				
<b>St Martins Stubton</b>		6pm HC		
<b>All Saints Westboro</b>				
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