

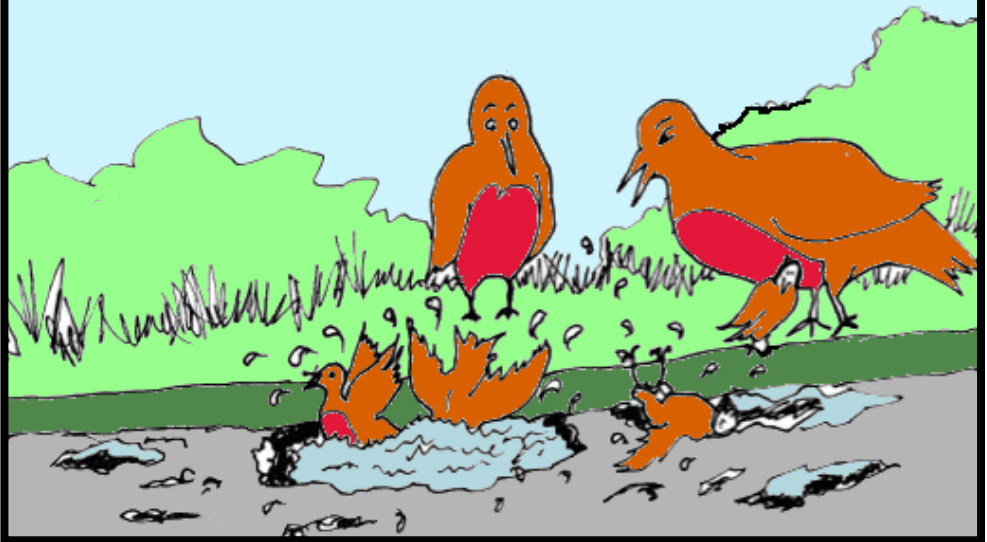
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CLAYPOLE, DRY DODDINGTON, FENTON, STUBTON, WESTBOROUGH

NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2026

It's good that they can have a pool each these days...



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Letter from your Editor



Hello!

Haven't we had a magical Spring despite all the gloomy and depressing news - most of which I ignore - on the principle that I can't do anything about it, so why give myself indigestion or worse!

My lilac trees are only just starting to fade and they have scented the air for weeks around the back door. And the cow parsley is now a knee high froth around my fruit trees as well as along the roadsides. In previous years I have seen pheasants bring their young chicks out from the cow parsley to feed on the edges of the mown grass, but I haven't seen any just yet. I have a few photos of previous years' chicks but they aren't much - taken through the glass of the kitchen window on my iPhone - any closer approach and they would all disappear back into the undergrowth.

I do on occasion bestir myself from the apathy of cooking for one, and experiment with - the latest fad for me - red lentils. I have been soaking a cupful for a while, then draining if needed and mixing in all kinds and variety of spices and/or chopped veg. Drop a spoonful of whatever size into a frying pan and you have a flavoursome tortilla as the base for whatever else is in the fridge! I am not the skilled cook my friend Kathleen is, partly because I never follow recipes for cooking. I have come up with legendary curries etc over the years but can never remember how I did them and so the experience is lost to perpetuity! I do follow baking recipes though - some from my family, a few from books - mainly the Be-ro book which many of us oldies possess.

Baking is a science - cooking is an art!

Best wishes, **Jane**

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From the Vicarage

June carries a different kind of energy. The light lingers late into the evening, routines shift, and there is often a sense of movement — of journeys, gatherings, and change. In the Church's year, we are also in a season of growth, following Pentecost, when we remember the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church.



The bible readings in these weeks invite us to consider what it means not just to believe, but to live as people led by the Spirit. In the Acts of the Apostles, we see the early Christians stepping out with courage into the unknown, learning as they go, sometimes getting it wrong, yet continually being guided forward. It is a story not of perfection, but of trust.

Jesus speaks in John's Gospel of the Spirit as a guide and companion — one who leads us into truth, reminds us of all he has taught, and gives us peace that the world cannot give. This is not a distant or abstract promise, but something lived out in ordinary lives: in decisions made with care, in kindness offered freely, in the quiet nudges that steer us towards what is good.

Perhaps June is a time to pay attention to those nudges. Where is God's Spirit prompting you? It may not be dramatic. It may be a small step: reaching out to someone, offering time, choosing patience, or daring to begin something new.

The life of faith is not about having a clear map, but about learning to walk with trust. As the early Church discovered, we do not walk alone. May this month be one in which we grow in attentiveness to the Spirit — and in doing so, find ourselves drawn more deeply into the life of God and the life of one another.

Revd Jon Speirs-Davies

Events Calendar 2026

June

Fri 12 Claypole film night 6.30 on Priscilla Queen of the Desert
Fri 12 Claypole food truck 5-8pm approx Koala Kitchen
Sat 20 Rummage sale/Pop-up cafe Stubton vh 10-12 noon
Sun 21 Claypole village hall Open House and Help needed
Thur 25 Dry Doddington coffee morning
Thur 25 Claypole food truck 5-8pm approx Pizza
Fri 26 Wines for Summer Dry Dod v hall
Sat 27 Dr Allan Barton on Edward IV & Elizabeth Woodville LBen

July

Fri 10 Claypole film night 6.30 on Next Goal Wins
Fri 10 George is cooking at vh
Sat 11 Bringing back Time Team Prof Carena Lewis at Long Ben vh
Sun 12 Westborough fete 1.00pm on
Tues 14 Paul Dyson wildlife photographer at Westborough vh 7.30
Wed 29 Nathan's Kitchen Co Claypole VH
Thur 30 Dry Doddington coffee morning

August

Sat 15 Jean Townsend "Crooks, Courtiers royal servants" Long Ben VH
Sat 15 Disco at Westborough v hall
Thur 27 Dry Doddington coffee morning

**Send your event dates as soon as available
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Wine Tasting Evening

Wines for

Summer

Friday 26th June, 7:30pm

Dry Doddington Village Hall

Cost £12 per person

Residents of Dry Doddington are threatened with a massive council tax increase to pay for a potential Court battle with the city council of Pisa, a city in Italy's Tuscany region best known for its iconic Leaning Tower.

Issues came to a head when the city elders of Pisa, heard about the village's claim that the tower of St James Church leans more than the iconic tower in Pisa.

The 14th-century St James church tower in Dry Doddington leans at an angle of 5.1 degrees which is a greater tilt than the tower at Pisa, however the Pisa elders dispute this.

A spokesperson in Pisa, Pinucchio Pannatone stated "Pisa is not prepared to be second in leaning towers and we are determined to force the residents of Dry Doddington, Lincolnshire to straighten their church tower with immediate effect."

Claypole Village Hall

MOVIE

nights

Fri 12th June
**PRISCILLA QUEEN
OF THE DESERT**

Doors open 6:30pm
food van: Koala Kitchen

Fri 10th July
**NEXT GOAL
WINS**

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food van: George Is Cooking

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CLAYPOLE VILLAGE HALL

FOOD TRUCK SCHEDULE

UPCOMING VISITS

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Thursday 25th June:
THE PEEL: WOOD FIRED PIZZA

Friday 10th July:
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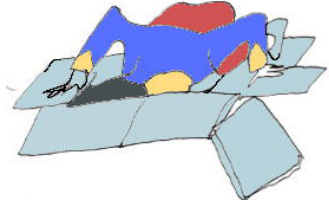
King Edward IV made provision in his will for a funerary monument that would have been the most complex and unusual memorial to any mediaeval English king.

This talk will examine the king's wishes and why they were not fulfilled, before exploring what was found inside the burial vault when it was opened in the 18th century.

Saturday 27th June at 7. 30pm.

Guest tickets £5.00 including refreshments

Long Bennington Village Hall



LONG BENNINGTON
Medical Centre

Wellbeing Walks – Continue in 2026

Our free Wellbeing Walks take place on the 1st Wednesday of every month at 10:00am, starting and ending at the Medical Centre.

Both shorter walks and longer walks are available, so don't worry about your fitness level. There is a walk to suit everyone.

Our next walk is on **Wednesday 3rd June** – we hope to see you there.

After the walk, we host our members at the practice for a coffee catch-up. This gives everyone a chance to sit down, relax, and chat with others in a friendly environment. It is a great opportunity to meet new people, build social connections, and support overall wellbeing.

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Claypole Village Hall



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Long Bennington Village Hall

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Farmyard Tails

The month of May started very well indeed. Warm weather coincided with the start of this years lambing.

There has been a steady stream of births both during the day and night. These are Barry's first progeny and have been easy to lamb, bright and alert. The majority have been twins which is ideal and just a handful of single lambs and triplets.

They stay as a 'family' in a pen until the lambs are feeding well and the ewe has taken to them. They are then moved into a big pen with other sets to get used to finding the correct mum for milk etc.

When there is a group of 3/4 they will be turned out onto a paddock (weather permitting, daytime and evening temperatures need to be stable for the first couple of days at least and preferably no rain) The ewe and lambs are marked with a coloured number, the reason for this is that if we find a lamb on its own say number 6, we know it belongs to ewe number 6 and we can give it back to her. Sheep farmers also use a colour system. Ours is red number x is a single lamb, orange number x is a twin and blue number x is a triplet.

Once on the paddock the lambs have access to a tiny pellet feed. The idea being the more pellets they eat, the less of a burden they become on the ewe, this is especially important when trying to keep triplet lambs on a ewe with only 2 teats! At weaning time the lambs will be on quite a lot of food so they are no longer dependent on the ewe. The ewes are also fed to keep milk production high during the first month or so.

Ragnor the bull went out last week and is running with 13 breeding cows this year 2 of which are maiden heifers (these are unrelated 3yr old cows that are now old enough to be bred from).

The calves are all doing well and some have split off into gangs. With the cows milking well and them having access to a high sugar mineral block we do have to be on the look out for dirty bottoms as this will encourage flies and maggots. The stock are checked twice a day minimum for signs of mating activity, udder health and general wellbeing.

Last month we decided to install a camera system in the owl box at the back of the farm. To our great surprise it was being occupied by a pair of barn owls however the barn owls stopped using the box and as such a pair of kestrels moved in. The female who I have named Kylie (everything gets a name I'm afraid) has laid 5 dark speckled eggs and along with Kelvin are now taking it in turns to incubate them. The incubation period is 28 days and both parents share hunting and brooding duties. The other owl box is occupied by barn owls and the little owls are in the box in one of the barns. Alan the owl man will be along next month to check all is as it should be. Fingers crossed.



Take care,
Tracey



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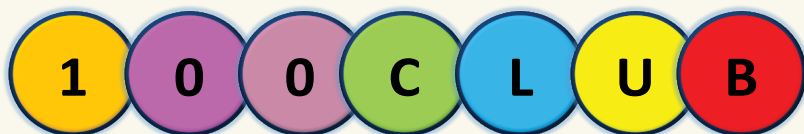
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The Green Page

As we welcome summer to our doorsteps - we still keep in mind our recent bipolar weather and how climate change is still here to stay.

When talking about climate change, we often talk about the effects that cars and other vehicles have on our environment with their pollution. However, it seems like these are just words - we register our need for action but do we really see less cars on the road?

Not to worry though! There's always time and opportunities to change our ways and start prioritising cleaner and more sustainable living! In fact, across the **8th to 14th of June it is Bike Week!**

Bike Week has been around for over 100 years now and was created to get people into cycling! Bike Week recommends that we all go out on our bikes a little more, even for short journeys and the effects on the environment are nothing short of positive!

Did you know that around 15% of all carbon emissions come from cars? That seems like a small number - but if you switch out your car for your bike or even other forms of transport such as trains and buses - your personal carbon emissions decrease by 67%! Doesn't that put things in perspective for you!

Bike riding is also especially good for your mental and physical health, especially now we are more prone to summer sun! Being outdoors is such a great way to ground yourself and keep high spirits!



Elizabeth



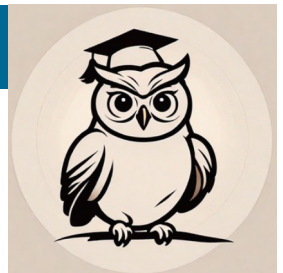
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Dry Doddington

Kathleen's Kitchen

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Summer Milk Pudding

(All weights & measures are approximate)

Ingredients:

1 & quarter pints of milk

2-3 ozs/50-75g of Milk powder

3-4ozs/100g sugar

2sp gelatine

2-3 fluid ounces of water

1tsp of pure vanilla extract or any other flavoured extract

Chopped Pistachios sprinkled on top or anything else you would prefer

Serve with any fresh fruits, such as strawberries, raspberries or any others that you fancy



Method:

Put milk in a saucepan & stir in the milk powder, then add sugar & mix it well. Put pan on the hob then bring to the boil, stirring all of the time.

Lower heat & mix the gelatine in the water & then stir it into the milk. Keep stirring until you are sure that it is well dissolved in the milk mixture.

Add vanilla extract & stir it into the milk until it is well mixed. Turn off the heat.

Pour into an oblong casserole dish/ (this shape enables it to be cut into squares) & using the back of a dessert spoon try to smooth out any bubbles.

Rest it for 15 mins & add chopped pistachios, then put it in the fridge to set.

Serve chilled with your choice of prepared fruit.

Kathleen Thomas

Stubton Vinyl Intro's Quiz

“Please send my thanks to all involved with such a successful evening last night. I really enjoyed the evening despite forgetting my pop era 🤔”

The Church of St Martin was the grateful beneficiary of a fantastic evening, held at Stubton Village Hall, with a fish & chip supper being followed by a vinyl intro's quiz. Twelve teams had a lot of laughs, a lot of singing along – and a lot of friendly banter. There was also a raffle with some wonderful prizes which had been donated by residents and local businesses.

The 64 people present were taken through 6 decades of music over 10 rounds during which the artist, the name of the track and occasionally the year of release had to be identified having heard only the opening few bars of the track.



At the conclusion of the final round scores were tallied whilst the raffle was drawn. With great anticipation, the scores were announced with the top 3 being.....

3rd on 186 points - Eurovision Rebels

2nd on 187 points - Smarty Pints

1st on 203 points - The All J's

To generous applause “The All J's” were presented with a trophy that had been specially commissioned for the occasion – a fitting memento of a memorable evening's achievement.

The quiz was set up and run by Ted and Sue Critchley and their efforts reaped great rewards both in terms of participant enjoyment – and cash raised for The Church of St Martin. Whilst the final numbers have yet to be published, there is in excess of £900 to be passed to the Church to help towards some essential external repairs.

"Just to say a big thank you for a great night - lots of work involved setting up, looking after the bar, ticket and raffle money, clearing glasses, collecting the food etc..

You all gave us a great night. Thank you”

Mike Libby, Church Warden, thanked Ted and Sue, the Stubton Village Hall Committee, the providers of raffle prizes and all of the participants for their fantastic support – and for such an enjoyable evening.

Mike Libby

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News from Claypole & District Women's Institute

In May, we heard about “Lincolnshire Poachers” with Nicola Hallam whose M.Sc. was based on this research. Characters from the casual “well it was just there” type, to the “poaching isn’t thieving” chaps included finally the dangerous career criminals who would murder anything including gamekeepers and police. Thankfully, Nicola’s research into the village of Claypole and Westborough did not produce any familiar names!

Tuesday 9th June will be “Hell on Wheels” as described by Stephen Brown. He has over 40 years as a driving instructor, with some funny & amusing tales of the learning to drive industry & he is still living to tell people about it.

Tuesday 14th July - OPEN MEETING Paul Dyson, Artist and Wildlife Photographer whose digital show is about his travels and adventures in the Himalayas, African wildlife, Tigers in India, Gorillas in Uganda and British wildlife. Bring along any guests who are interested in photography

Jane’s Art & Craft Group is the 1st Friday in the month & it is 9am to noon. It’s a case of arriving at a time that suits you. Bring. Your own project to work on or ask around for ideas and get help as required. £2.50 to cover the cost of the hall.

We still support the Women’s Refuge all year round. If you have anything, please contact secretary Kathleen. She makes arrangements with the Refuge and will take things in near to the arranged dates.

We are a friendly group for all ages, with varied interests.

Are you thinking of joining, or coming back? The first visit is the same as the visitor’s fee, it is £5. If you plan on joining, then your 1st visit will be free and then choose when you would like to have your next 2 visits at half price. You will then be expected to join at the meeting after your 3rd visit.

So why not come along and find out about all the interesting things that our Speakers/Demonstrators have in store for us. As well as having some really interesting topics and at times learning about something that perhaps you knew very little about, we like to have some lighthearted fun along the way. Our WI is a great way of meeting people and making new friends,

STAMPS – Please continue to save your stamps and pass them on to a WI member or Kathleen. They will then be given to Jane Ford and Mavis Arnold to help raise money for Bransby horses charity.

Contact – Julie Greenberry (President) – telephone 01636 627079
Kathleen Thomas (Secretary) – telephone 01636 626860.

28TH JUNE, 2026

10:30 AM - 6 PM

ST PETER'S DAY

Festival

Claypole

JOIN US FOR A
WONDERFUL COMMUNITY

10:30 AM

FESTIVAL BEGINS

CELEBRATION!

Short family service, themed crafts, live band music with familiar songs, display from Claypole School, and homemade cakes.



12:00 PM

PICNIC & FUN

Bring your own picnic with free drinks provided. Enjoy games and visit the beer tent. Fun for the whole family!

2 PM

THE HISTORY OF ST PETER'S

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6 PM

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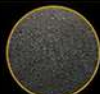
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June

Sunday 7th		
Allington	10.00	Holy Communion
Claypole	10.30	Holy Communion
L B	10.30	Morning Worship
Sunday 14th		
L B	10.30	Holy Communion
Sunday 21st		
Claypole	10.30	Holy Communion
L B	10.30	Morning Worship
Foston	3.00pm	Holy Communion
Allington	10.00	Holy Communion or Morning Worship TBC
Sunday 28th		
L B	10.30	Holy Communion

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