

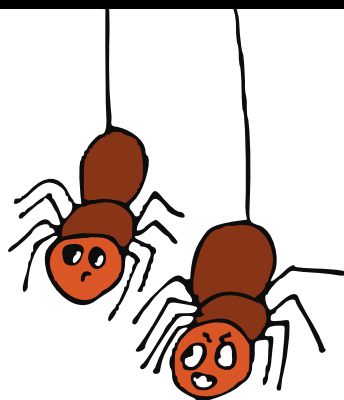
THE CLAYPOLE GROUP OF VILLAGES

CLAYPOLE, DRY DODDINGTON, FENTON, STUBTON, WESTBOROUGH

NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2025

They spend all year screeching and
shooing us away, then think it's OK
to mock us like this!



Wish we did have
webs this big!
That'd show 'em.
Heh heh!



LOCAL INFORMATION

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Parish Council Clerk: vacancy info needed

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www.facebook.com/claypoleparishcouncil; www.facebook.com/claypoleleisurepark

Claypole C of E School: 01636 626268 www.claypoleprimary.org

Claypole Brownies- Please register at girlguiding.org.uk/joinus or contact Sarah on 07765 791882 for further details

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Claypole Village Hall bookings: www.claypolevillagehall.org/onlinebooking

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Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator: vacancy

FENTON

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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!

You might have gathered from the cartoon that I am in the minority that likes spiders. They have the one great virtue - they eat flies - which are filthy little things that crap on your food while eating it!

Recently on QI they showed film of a spider called a "sparklemuffin". It is teeny tiny but has an abdomen with iridescent colours and patterns. There's a whole range of these little critters that wave their bottoms around to attract mates. Do Google them if you can - amazing! And just a day or so ago, the BBC featured these spiders on their news website so check under their Nature section. Fascinating! Heading is "Dark DNA - may explain dancing spiders' extraordinary diversity".

Another of my strange interests is fungi. Now is the season for so many of them to show their fruiting bodies and scatter their spores. It is staggering that it is only comparatively recently that fungi were identified as a Kingdom of their own, given that all plants, trees etc rely on a fungus of some sort to convey minerals to their roots for absorption. They will have to re-write that old quiz programme to "Animal, vegetable, mineral, fungi"!

Reminds me of that chump who asked a fungi expert whether his strange fungus could be eaten. The reply: "All fungi can be eaten, but some of them only once...". I persist in finding that very funny!

So ignore the fungi and we can indulge in creating all sorts of food from autumn's plenty. It has been a very good year for fruit of all sorts. I have loads of apples and pears and particularly a lot of plums. Freezer and chutney recipes abound! Have fun!

Best wishes, *Jane*

Info for NOVEMBER EDITION

By 16th OCTOBER please

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From the Vicarage

Harvest always reminds me why I "go to church". I think I've mentioned before, a life rhythm that includes gathering with others to give thanks is a weekly privilege that fills my soul with the song of gratitude. Harvest is a reminder of thankfulness for – food on our tables, neighbours around us, and the millions of ways God is generous to us.



This year you and I have something a bit less colourful than pumpkins and apples to be thankful for: the repairs to the wall in one of our church buildings in Long Bennington! Not glamorous, but vital. It means this useful and vital community building will still be here, safe and welcoming, for generations to come.

In 2 Timothy, Paul says: "Guard the good treasure entrusted to you." That's our task too. The "treasure" is the gospel we share, but it's also this building – a place that has held prayer, song and community life for centuries.

And, again, a reminder: this church is yours. It doesn't belong to the vicar, or a few on the PCC – it belongs to everyone. So please, treat it like your own. My mission is for everyone to feel completely relaxed in the church building, like it's a home from home.

This Harvest, let's give thanks not only for food, but also for a church that still stands strong – a shared space, open to all, where we can belong together.

Revd. Jon Speirs-Davies

Events Calendar 2025

October

- Sat 4 Stubton Harvest supper
- Tue 7 - Pub Quiz Night, Stubton V Hall, 7pm (Teams of 6, cash prize)
- Sun 12 - Harvest Festival Service, Church of St Martin, Stubton, 6:00pm
- Tue 14 WI talk "Animals in Uniform" at Westborough
- Tue 14 - Open Mike Night, Stubton Village Hall, 7:00pm
- Thur 16 Harvest songs of Praise at Dry Dod church plus refreshments
- Fri 17 Music quiz at Westborough
- Fri 17 Dry Doddington Harvest Supper
- Fri 17 "Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire" film at Claypole
- Sun 19 Good Neighbours lunch details TBA
- Thur 30 Dry Doddington coffee morning

November

- Tue 4 Pub Quiz Night, Stubton Village Hall, 7pm (Teams of 6, cash prize)
- Sat 8 Toys, kids' Games sale at Westborough - morning
- Sat 8 Book Fair Claypole church - morning
- Sat 8 Ted's Vinyl quiz at Stubton - evening
- Tue 11 WI Christmas craft evening
- Tue 11 - Open Mike Night, Stubton Village Hall, 7:00pm
- Wed 19 Good Neighbours coffee morning Stubton village hall
- Thur 27 Dry Doddington coffee morning
- Sat 29 Military Wives choirs at Claypole village hall

December

- Tue 2 Pub Quiz Night, Stubton Village Hall, 7pm (Teams of 6, cash prize)
- Sat 6/7 Christmas Tree festival in Dry Doddington church
- Sat 6 Christmas Wreath Workshop Claypole Village Hall
- Tue 9 WI Christmas party
- Tue 9 Open Mike Night, Stubton Village Hall, 7:00pm
- Sat 13 Clayple OAP Christmas dinner
- Fri 19 Good Neighbours afternoon tea at Westborough details TBA
- Tue 23 Carols at St Martins, 6:00pm, mulled wine, mince pies after...

**Last Year Bransby Horses Rescue made £11,777
from the sale of the used
stamps collected!**



Collecting used stamps

I know we get comparatively few nowadays but Bransby Horses Rescue & Welfare make thousands of pounds from them!



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GHOSTBUSTERS: FROZEN EMPIRE

12-rated film

FRIDAY 17TH OCT
doors open 7pm
film starts 7:30pm

ONE LIFE

12-rated film

FRIDAY 14TH NOV
doors open 7pm
film starts 7:30pm

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FRIDAY 17TH OCTOBER

Westborough Village Hall
Doors open 7:30pm for an 8pm start
Bring your own drinks & snacks

£2 per person
Teams of up to 6

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For further details why not check out the village hall website at

www.drydoddingtonvillagehall.co.uk

or arrange a viewing by contacting Brian on 07552 757242.

The village hall is open as a community cafe the last Thursday of every month 10-12, so why not pop in for a cuppa too?

Dry Doddington 100 club winners

this month are as follows:

1st Diane Turlukowsky

2nd Debbie Yates

3rd Elizabeth Kate

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THURSDAY 16th OCTOBER 7.00 PM

Everyone is welcome to join in our harvest "Songs of Praise" on Thursday evening 16th October.

I need your help!

Can you please let me know your favourite harvest hymns, so they can be included on the night.

I look forward to hearing from you and seeing you on the night.

Dick Loynes. Email: richardloynes@btinternet.com



Dry Doddington

Harvest Supper

Friday October 17th

in the village hall

Bar Opens at 7pm

Food will be served at 7.30pm

Bar available No BYO please

Tickets £10

From Lynda Loynes 07790679936

Mike Hine 01400 282690

Numbers limited! We sold out early last year
so don't delay if you want tickets!



Marrow Madness: Village Gardeners Battle for Giant Glory

It was standing-room only in the village hall last Friday as residents of Stubton and surrounding villages gathered for the annual Giant Marrow Growing Competition, a tradition that has run for 2 years now and shows no sign of shrinking - just like the marrows themselves.

The air was thick with anticipation (and a faint whiff of manure) as competitors wheeled in their vegetable behemoths, each one larger, lumpier, and greener than the last. Measuring tapes were drawn, scales were calibrated, and an eager crowd pressed forward to glimpse what promised to be the biggest battle yet.

This year's champions were none other than Lindsay and Sarah Critchley whose marrow tipped the scales at just under a staggering 90 pounds - breaking both last year's record and, very nearly, the judging table. The Critchley's attributed their success to "a lot of cow muck, daily pep talks, and keeping the slugs at bay."

Runner-up, Mike Libby, whose marrow was a mere 81.5 pounds, remained gracious in defeat. "It's not about size," he said with a smile. "It's about community spirit. Though next year, I'll try feeding mine with Guinness."

Attendees made several suggestions for next years challenge from "Guess the Girth" to marrow rolling races, community making of marrow chutney, marrow cake, and even a rather adventurous marrow wine and a competition to identify 'the funniest thing to do with a giant marrow' - to name but a few.

There were also some not so helpful suggestions !

Mike Libby, who presided over the weigh-in, declared: "From a tiny seed to a 90lb marrow - truly amazing - the Lord works in mysterious ways, but in and around Stubton, He clearly has a fondness for oversized vegetables."

As the evening wound down, villagers agreed the event was a resounding success. Whether competing, cheering, or simply having a drink with friends, everyone left with a smile - and in most cases, the offer of a significant amount of marrow.

Next year's competition promises to be even bigger and, if the mutterings of secret compost recipes are anything to go by, Stubton may soon need a bigger hall.

Mike Libby



There's lots
going on in
Stubton!

Check the
calendar for
dates of
Pub Quizzes &
Open Mic nights



The Green Page

Some good news!!

Halloween is creeping closer and for your first fright - imagine a world where the ocean is in so much distress there's nothing we can do anymore! Too scary to think about.. However, there's still time! Luckily for us October also brings about Unblocktober - the first ever month dedicated to improving the health of not just our seas and oceans but also drains and sewers!

Unfortunately sometimes it's the things we do absentmindedly that cause the most damage. For example, millions of us so innocently pour our coffee granules and food scraps down the sink without truly knowing how bad this is for the environment. What seems so unimportant to us actually blocks sewers and ends up polluting our waters.

So, how can we get involved this Unblocktober? All we need to do is educate ourselves on what, under no circumstances, should be poured down into our sinks and make the change for the better! Alongside our previously mentioned coffee granules and food scraps, it is also important that we do not use sinks to dispose of oil, butter and wet wipes! It really is the small changes that cause the biggest impact for our environment! Just think of how much we could achieve if every person on the planet made one more positive change!

So before we all get scared from the decorations we are bound to see so soon - I would like to share an environmental win from September! The Global Ocean Treaty Bill has now been passed! This means that the creation of the largest network of marine sanctuaries could be created by 2030 - protecting more than a third of our ocean from harmful activities like industrial fishing, which has put many species at risk of extinction! **Hooray for improvement!** **-Elizabeth**



News from Claypole & District Women's Institute

In September we heard about "Healing Trees" from Hannah, the District Herbalist. Many of us have old family recipes from elderberries and the like and it was fascinating to remember how our grandparents and forebears managed. Trustee Louise Read of Lincs South Federation presented us with a certificate celebrating 60 years as a WI.

Tuesday October 14th at Westborough, we will find out about "**Animals in Uniform**" with Kenneth Moore. Featuring various strange brave and furry creatures -e.g. a bear, a donkey!

Tuesday November 11th, we have our craft evening. Please bring Glue stick or PVA glue, scissors, small Christmas bits like ribbon, fake holly - lthough this is not necessary and only small ones. Julie will have the rest of what is needed.

We have agreed to support the Women's Refuge all year round, not just at Christmas. 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. Kathleen takes supplies usually around once a month. Please let Kathleen know of any donations you have.

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:

Contact President Jane Ford on 01400 281206

Secretary Kathleen Thomas 01636 626860

We need your help

Calling for *micro-volunteers*

Do you have a little bit of time to spare to help out in your community? Looking for DoE volunteering? Or could you help with a one-off job at the Hall?

We invite you to micro-volunteer with us - you can do as much or as little as you like!

One off tasks include:

- Jet wash play equipment/picnic benches
- Help remove tugs of war frame
- Strip and paint front railings
- Store room or shed sort out
- Touch up paintwork
- Steam clean chairs

Regular tasks include:

- Bake a cake for Co-op Cuppa
- Help with gardening
- Cinema club set up/ refreshments
- Help out at the family fun day (BBQ/ drinks/ set up/ clear away)
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Well-Being Walks

Our Wellbeing walks take place every 3rd Wednesday of the month. All welcome to attend. There is also an away walk scheduled for Wednesday 8th October 2025, please meet on Main Street Claypole by the bus stop for 10:45am departure.

Book Fair

in St Peter's Church Claypole
Saturday 8th November
from 10.00am-1.00pm



Donations needed:



In addition to books, CD's, DVD's, Jigsaws, Tombola and refreshments we have decided to have a '**Christmas Stall**'. So I am appealing for anything Christmas related, books, CD's etc., perhaps Christmas jumpers, decorations, fairy lights, anything at all.

Also any items for the tombola.

If anyone would like to help, please contact me.
Gillian Padley 07804 811069. 01636 626510



BOOKS, JIGSAW, GAMES & TOY SALE



Saturday 8th November
10am - 12pm
Westborough Village Hall

Refreshments & Childrens Tombola



Stubton Village Hall presents

Ted's Vinyl Intro's Quiz – The Hitsand more

in aid of St Martin's Church, Stubton



Saturday 8th November

Teams of up to six

Quiz £6.50 per head

Optional Fish & Chip supper £11.50 per head

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Please confirm attendance to stubtonvh@gmail.com

WESTBOROUGH BONFIRE NIGHT

WEDNESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER

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📍 St James' Church, Dry Doddington

📅 Saturday-December 6th, 2025

🕒 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM Admission FREE

Let's make our church sparkle for Christmas!



Christmas Tree Preview Evening

📅 Friday, December 5th, 2025

🕒 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Ticketed Event - £5.00 per person

Includes mulled wine & mince pie

Christmas Craft Fair

📍 Dry Doddington Village Hall

📅 Saturday, December 6th, 2025

🕒 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Local crafts, coffee, cake &
Christmas shopping!



For more information: hillfarmkerrs1@btconnect.com
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Kathleen's Kitchen

Variations on a theme

How about changing the potato toppings on cottage pies & fish pies etc?
Try making Bolognaise into pie, instead of serving it with pasta?

All weights & measures are approximate & to cover a medium sized oven/pie dish

Cauliflower Topping

10oz/300g cauliflower, 1-2oz/40g of coarsely grated any hard cheese
3 tbsp of breadcrumbs
Salt & pepper, Olive Oil to drizzle

Roughly chop cauliflower & blitz briefly (don't overdo it, you need it to be crumbly not mush). Combine with the cheese, breadcrumbs & season. Once you have your pie is assembled with your sauce over it, then cover with the Topping (don't press it down hard) & drizzle the oil over the top. Cook at your usual temperature for 20 to 30 mins & be careful not to burn.

Oat topping

10oz/300g of rolled oats,
5-6oz/155g cheese (cheddar - strength to suit you), grated
half a tsp salt,
2-3oz/60g of butter or fat to suit,
quarter of a pint/135ml water



Put the oats, salt & 4oz/85g of the cheese into a bowl & stir to distribute the cheese. Add the fat & water to a pan. Gently heat the water until the fat has melted. Pour the liquid into the dry mixture & stir well & bring together to form a dough. This can be cut into oatcakes to cover, or use it like a pastry & roll it to cover your dish. Once your pie is covered, sprinkle remaining cheese over the top. Cook your pie at the usual temperature & keep an eye on it to stop it burning.

Kathleen Thomas



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.

Sunday 19th October, lunch as prearranged if not sure contact Linda.

Wednesday 19th November, this month we are at Stubton Village Hall. The time as usual would be 10.30 to 12.00 and there will be tea/coffee and cake. The cost will be just £2 per person, and everyone is welcome.

Friday 19th December at Westborough Village Hall Christmas afternoon tea.
Arrangements still to be made.

If you need to contact me our email is 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

Farmyard Tails

At the time of writing this, autumn has definitely arrived with plenty of welcome rain. Some of the cows are still eating this years haylage but the grass has started to grow and a bale is lasting much longer. It has however, left our supplies short for this winter. We have managed to buy some hay from a local farmer and it is lovely stuff. It will be nice having some hay in store as the younger calves and lambs struggle a little bit to eat haylage. They find it a little bit chewy.

The Melton breeding Ram sale looms and our ram Sidney is looking forward to retirement. We use a Charollais ram on our North country mule ewes as it gives the lamb a nice slender head. This is important when it comes to lambing as they then need little if any assistance to birth them.

Sidney will keep the new ram company until it is time to go to work. When two males are put together they fight, they do this by both reversing away from each other then charge at full speed with their heads down. The impending 'thud' as their heads meet is not very nice. If you have a bigger and stronger ram they can actually kill the smaller one. To stop this we put them in a small pen for a few days so they don't have too much space to back up. They will still have a go but usually nothing too serious. Once they've settled down they will get a bigger pen to live in until needed.

Life on a farm always goes full circle and once again our thoughts turn to scanning the (hopefully) pregnant cows, getting the ewes ready for breeding and weaning this years calves and lambs. It remains to be seen if the very hot weather affected Ragnors performance which if it did, will result in later calving. This is why we need to scan them to get a rough idea who will calve and when. We always calve inside (unless we get caught out which does happen) we have pens set up with cameras on them so we can keep an eye on them all the time which makes life a whole lot easier. When they start to calve we discretely go into the shed incase assistance is needed.

The calves sold this year that were born last year have gone far and wide with two heading off to the Isle of Wight in a very posh lorry this morning. We tend to hang on to them over winter as not everyone has a barn and when they are young they grow much better if all their energy goes into growing rather than trying to keep warm outside.



The average age of a UK farmer is 59yrs old. 35-40% of farmers in the UK are now 65yrs and older and only 2-3% of our farmers are under 35yrs old.

British farming is facing a lot of uncertainty and very challenging times. As such I'd like you to consider buying British produce whenever you can.

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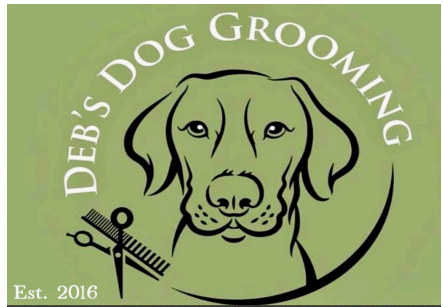
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Three course Christmas dinner and entertainment

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Lorraine and Family Yates

CHRISTMAS



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From the filing cabinet....

In a recent filtering of the filing cabinet contents (in a vain attempt to declutter a bit) I came across several documents we'd kept that brought back happy memories.

Eleanor and Iona are the daughters of our dear friends Mark & Elaine Bedford from Claypole. We have babysat the girls since they were tiny and love them as grandchildren.



Our daughters, Eleanor, 11, and Iona, eight, made the Chocolate avocado cake from your April issue. They decorated it with edible rose petals and it was delicious.

Mark and Elaine Bedford,
Nottinghamshire

Eleanor is now a newly qualified primary school teacher, and Iona, now 18, has just started working as a baker in a popular Newark cafe.

I think we should look out for her on the Great British Bake Off in the future.

Article from
BBC Good Food magazine
August 2015



Another document was **Good News** dated January 2002 editor KT, and it focused on the special Christmas quiz in the Five Bells.

The quiz was a hugely popular event every Wednesday evening with the winning team setting the following weeks quiz. There was a special Christmas Quiz in 2001 when everyone dressed up.

Good News January 2002

The winning team "The Christmas Crackers" were:

Robert Prabucki and his Fiancée Karen, Stuart Mason and his Fiancée Lee and Trevor Thomas and his wife Kathleen

Winners Announcement

The winners of the Five Bells Christmas Quiz
Altogether found themselves in a bit of a tizz,
The "Christmas Crackers" was the team name
They did not enter to gain any fame,
Their true purpose was to have some fun
And this was achieved when the quiz had begun.

**£ 600 raised to date, this
includes the quiz money
raised from 2 quizzes since
Christmas**

Much to the team's surprise and delight
They could award the winnings of the night,
To a charity that they knew would benefit
From the money raised if only by a little bit,
They knew it would help St Peters of Claypole
For the benefit of the villagers one and all.

That donation prompted an
equally delightful response from
the much loved Rector Rev
George Munn.

**Dear Robert, Karen, Stuart, Lee,
Trevor and Kathleen,**

Not being a very accomplished poet,
I was so touched to receive your no(E)te,
With a sum of £600 in cash,
For Claypole, St. Peter's Church to stash.

We all are touched and ever so grateful,
For every donation, 'But such a plateful!!'
It will be used for only this village,
And not for Lincoln Diocese to pillage.

We have such trouble to make ends meet,
That your gift is such a welcome treat.
To be spent on every 'Odd and sod',
Which helps to further the work of God.

So congratulations from church council and I,
To use it wisely we will try,
So to Robert, Karen, Stuart and Lee,
Trevor and Kathleen too, I see.
With all of your financial backers,
Are truly, Claypole's 'Christmas Crackers.'



Rev George Munn Baptising
Iona Bedford

Thanks to Kathleen Thomas.
Robert Prabucki

So from me, and all my churchy' crew,
Thanks to you all, and 'God Bless You!'



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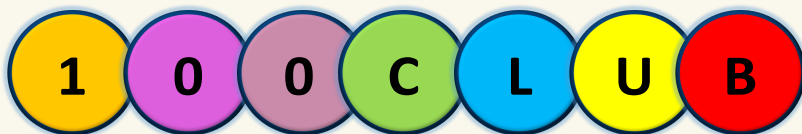


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“Didn’t We Have a Lovely Time the Day we went to Skeggy”...

beautiful day we had lunch on the way....



but when we arrived - Anderby Creek actually- so did the Coastguard, RNLI lifeboats, helicopters and fixed wing aircraft. An extensive search went on into the early hours of the next morning for a teenager lost at sea.

It was surreal. The children played along with other holiday makers, whilst up in the sky and far out to sea we could see the frantic search going on. I wondered how many adults, like me, were silently praying for the lost child. We were all trying to give the emergency services space.

The boy who had drowned was called George; a 13year old belonging to a family out for a fun day at the seaside. Nearly £10,000 has been raised for the family since this tragedy. Just one of a number this year.

Between 24th October – 2nd November the PTA Scarecrow theme is called “Heroes and Villains”. My heroes this year are all those amazing volunteers and service people who worked so hard to look for George.

My scarecrow this year will be wearing a wetsuit and a life jacket – just a way of saying Thank You to the voluntary heroes who help us when we are in trouble.

Linda Tucker





Lest we Forget

A Service of Remembrance

Sunday 19th November

10.30

St Peter Claypole



The background features a warm, autumnal color palette of oranges, yellows, and soft pinks. Stylized leaves in shades of green, brown, and orange are scattered around the edges. Abstract, flowing shapes in similar colors create a layered, artistic effect behind the text.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

St. Peter's Claypole
Sunday 19th October
at 4pm,
Songs of Praise
Followed by shared
drinks and nibbles

Everyone is Welcome



Church Service Schedule for October

Sunday 5th

10:00 AM	Communion	Allington
10:30 AM	Communion	Claypole
10:30 AM	Morning Worship	Long Bennington

Sunday 12th

10:30 AM	Communion	Long Bennington
6:00 PM	Harvest Festival	Stubton

Sunday 19th

10:30 AM	Morning Worship	Long Bennington
3:00 PM	Communion	Foston
4.00 PM	Harvest Praise	Claypole

Sunday 26th

10:30 AM	Harvest Thanksgiving	Long Bennington
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**The Teddy Parachute day
at St Peter's
raised £117.60**



Huge thank you to everyone who supported the event!

Cuddly Bear Enterprise:
CBE should be awarded to Padley family. 🏆🏆🏆🏆

Join a Local Church Service on Zoom

Compline each Thursday at 7.15pm.

Please contact Tony for the Zoom link -
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