

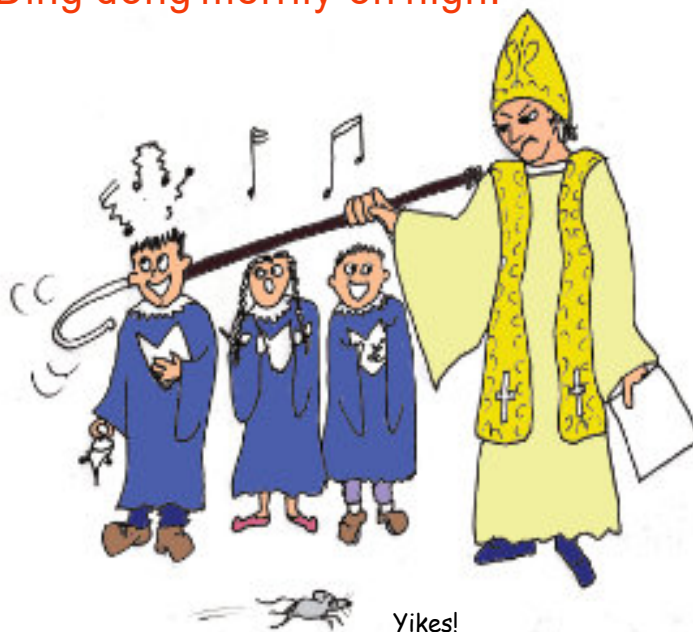
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DECEMBER 2023/JANUARY 2024

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A HAPPY AND PEACEFUL NEW YEAR
TO YOU ALL



LOCAL INFORMATION

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

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Letter from your Editor



Hello!

It's a busy time of year and finally some of us are reluctantly turning their thoughts to organising Christmas despite the bombardment of advertising since summer, it sometimes seems. I like the fun of the version of Secret Santa that we play in the W.I. where everyone brings a prize and everyone takes one away but it is done on a pick a ticket method, we are not told to buy for a particular person.

Thank you!

At the end of the year I always wish to thank everyone who is kind enough to contribute to this newsletter, whether by sending material in, or volunteering to distribute it to every house in all our villages plus the outlying farms and to our friends in Balderton and Long Bennington. I am most grateful.

I suppose I had better start thinking about these. Given the number of years of partial if not total failure, I sometimes wonder if it is all worth it.... But I will persevere and it will come as no surprise to anyone that my resolutions will be to do with losing weight, chucking out the junk in this house on a regular basis, and getting more exercise. That last one is the hardest of all.

See you all in the new year!

**New Year's
Resolutions**



**Wishing you all
a Merry Christmas and a
Happy Healthy New Year!**



Best wishes, Jane

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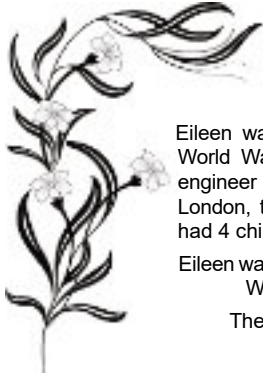
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23/9/22–12/11/23

Eileen was born in London and joined the WRAF during World War II. It was there she met James Milner who was an engineer in the RAF. They married in 1947 in Edmonton, London, then settled in Claypole, James' home village. They had 4 children.

Eileen was a stalwart of the village and the Women's Institute.
We shall all miss her bright smile and humour.

The family are grateful for all the fond tributes and messages of sympathy they have received.



Michael "Mick" Cousins

12/10/34–31/10/23

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for their kind messages of sympathy
on the passing of their dad.



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EventsCalendar 2023

December

Fri 1 Claypole School Christmas Fayre
Sat2 Dry Doddington Christmas Community craft event
Sat2 & Sun 3 Dry Doddington Christmas Tree festival
Sun 3 3.00pm Advent carols Westborough church
Tue 5 Hub Pub Quiz Night Stubton
Fri 8 Cinema Club Claypole "Love Actually" & pyjama party
Sat9 Dry Doddington Family evening
Sat9 Claypole OAP Christmas party
Sun 10 Christmas cake decorating workshop
Tue 12 WI Christmas party at Westborough
Tue 12 Stubton Christmas Open Mic Night
Wed 13 Firepit walk Stubton
Thur 14 Carol Service Dry Doddington 7.00pm
Tue 19 Good Neighbours Westborough
Thur 21 Stubton Carol service 7.00pm
Mon 25 Christmas Day service stubon 10.30

January 2024

Thur 4 W'boro & Dry Dod parish council at Westborough
Tue 9 WI Gentle Exercise at Westborough

February 24

Tue 13 WI 50 shades of Graham at Westborough

March 2024

Tue 12 WI Annual Meeting with fun quiz at Westborough

April 2024

Tue 9 WI Powertex Fabric sculpting demo at Westborough



**Good news – we are staying open.
We now have a few more girls on our
waiting list.**

We have places available; would your daughter like to join us on Monday evenings from 6 to 7.15pm?

We can arrange taster sessions for £3.00 per week before a commitment is made to join. We can apply for grants confidentially to cover the weekly meeting cost, if necessary.

Why not register today? Your daughter can start immediately if she is age 7 to 9. Younger girls will be added to the waiting list.

The more girls we have the more activities we can offer. We have a cinema trip planned for December to see Disney's "Wish" which is exclusively for Girlguiding members.

Additional charges apply for a starter pack, annual subscription, trips and residentials.

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Westborough Church

**Advent Carol
Service**



Sunday 3rd December 3.00pm

Refreshments after the service

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Dry Doddington Carol Service

**Thursday 14th December
7.00pm**

**Carols, readings
& mulled wine!**

Everyone welcome





As we draw towards the end of another year I want to express my thanks to Jane Ford for all the work she does for us as our editor. A huge thank you to Kathy Clarke and everyone who takes the time to deliver each addition.

It would not be possible to produce this magazine without the support of our parish councils and our advertisers.
As write this piece the pain and suffering of so many people resonate in our lives.

I encourage everyone to pray and work for the peace that is offered to us especially as we celebrate the birth of the prince of peace.

God bless you,

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We are again holding our very popular **Christmas tree festival** over the weekend of December 2nd and 3rd 2023 in St James church from 10am until 4pm both days plus Saturday evening for a **Christmas Tree Lights Event from 6pm until 8pm** with mulled wine and mince pies for evening visitors. **FREE ENTRY** to view the trees with donations very welcome.

Perhaps you would like to stage a tree of your own.....see booking details below.

ALSO

On Saturday the 2nd of December we are having a **CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY CRAFT EVENT** at Dry Doddington village hall.

This free to enter event will showcase local artists and crafters with our Christmas Fair from 10 am until 4pm including Christmas wreath making and demonstrations throughout the day plus children's Christmas crafts, a raffle and of course lots of tea, coffee, cake and mince pies! **FREE ENTRY**

There is also the opportunity to book a place on a wreath making workshop in the evening...the evening also includes mince pies and fizz!

For details, to book a tree or to offer help for the **Christmas Tree Festival** contact Erica Hine : ericahine8@gmail.com

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If you are a **local artist or crafter** and would like to book one of the limited stalls on Saturday daytime at a cost of £8 each please contact Shirley Kerr

hillfarmkerrs1@btconnect.com

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For details about the demonstration, children's crafts or to book a place on the **wreath making** evening, for which there will be a charge to cover costs, contact Kathryn Proctor

kathrynproctor@hotmail.com

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These events are FUNdraisers for St James church



Santa's Sleigh

Santa and his team of jolly elves
will be going around the villages
once again spreading some
festive cheer

Wednesday 13th Dec Stubton & Fenton

Friday 15th Dec Dry Dodd & Westborough

Saturday 16th Dec Claypole Part 1 (Hough Lane, Tinsley, Oster Fen, Redthorn, Rectory, Coulby, Barley Court, School Lane & Moore Close)

Sunday 17th Dec Claypole Part 2 (Peacocks Launde, Wickliffe, main Street, Little Barn Court, Barnby, Swallow Drive, Mallard Close, Welfen Lane, Chapel Lane, Evans Close, Back lane, Church Meadow & Gretton Close)



Patient Participation Group Meet and Greet

We will be holding a Meet and Greet session with our PPG group on Wednesday 13th December 2023 from 10:00am – 12:00pm.

Come along and enjoy a mince pie with us. The PPG will also be supporting patients who would like support downloading, registering for, or using the NHS App.

Well-Being Walks

Our walks will be continuing in 2024. If you have not joined us before and free to come along these will take place every 3rd Wednesday of the month from the Medical Centre. The next Well-being walk is scheduled for Wednesday 17th January 2024 at 11:15am. Please arrive 10 minutes before to register. Please ensure you wear the appropriate footwear.

Well-Being Walk Leaders wanted

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Volunteer Walk Leaders are needed in Long Bennington! If you are interested in becoming a Walk Leader or would like more information, please pop into the Medical Centre, and ask for Chantelle.

Christmas Lights & Fire-pit Trail



 **Come along to the Fire Pit walk** 
on Wednesday 13th December at 6.30pm
in aid of the Village Defibrillator Fund.

Start off at the VH and enjoy some Mulled Wine or Hot Chocolate, then stroll on, to enjoy the lights and the other Fire Pits; offering hot savoury pies, cakes, toasted marshmallows, and stollen.....before returning to the Village Hall for tea, coffee or maybe a bevvy, or even a cocktail or two at the bar.

Refreshments and food have been supplied by the Stubton Hub.

Donation boxes will be at each Fire Pit, to raise money for the Stubton village defibrillator fund.

All donations large or small will be gratefully received.

Wrap up warm. We look forward to seeing you on the night.





The Green Page



WHAT IS GREEN...?...

The colour green is vital to our life. It provides life. If you think of green you almost definitely think of nature, life and growth.

Despite these feelings of health and growth it is also associated with illness, perhaps thanks to the emerald city and the green faced wicked witch of the west!

Green was once a popular wedding dress colour, Queen Victoria hugely influenced the shift to white or ivory with her choice of bridal wear in 1840.

In colour psychology green is a colour symbolising optimism and energy.

Green sits right in the centre of the colour spectrum making it one of the easiest colours for us to see, this is one of the reasons you'll find it used on first aid boxes, emergency exit signs and on passenger instruction notices for ferries & boats.

A combination of the vibrancy of yellow and the soothing calm of blue it is a colour we use, sometimes subconsciously, to keep us balanced and relaxed.

But it hasn't always been such a friendly colour!

According to colour historians, in 1775 when many failed attempts to create a reliable green pigment, a Swedish scientist succeeded. He produced Scheele's green and the pigment was used in everything from painting children's toys to colouring fabrics... sometimes with terrible results as it contained the toxic chemical Arsenite. It is suggested that Napoleon Bonaparte was fatally poisoned by his own bedroom wallpaper, guess what colour it was?

Green pigments of today are far less damaging to us but despite the colours association with the 'green' movement we still use some green pigments that can be environmentally damaging. For instance, some plastic and paper production use chlorine based green pigment which can, in time, leach out. There are definitely companies out there producing more natural pigments for paints, dyes and products, it's up to us to do a bit of research to support our own green values.

So next time you find yourself on a village green, feel a bit green around the gills, or you find that you're green with envy over a garden created by green fingers, maybe you'll be able to take a moment to consider the importance and influence of the colour green.

Wishing you a very Happy Christmas full of green!

– Erica

Grateful thanks to Erica for all her excellent articles - we will miss her! - Editor

HELP!

I need a new correspondent for the Green Pages as Erica is retiring.

Any School or college students want to have a go and put this on their brag sheets? Contact the editor please.

News From the Church of

St Martin

Stubton

December Events



Well - Christmas is fast approaching despite the fact that most of us still feel it must only be mid September !

St Martin's church is gearing up for the festive season and we have 3 services in December to which everyone is very welcome.

Before any of the services, St Martin's will again be entering the St James, Dry Doddington, Christmas Tree Festival. There will be lots of decorated Christmas trees in St James over the weekend of 2nd & 3rd of December and you can go and have a look at them all - and vote for your favourite (St Martin's of course !).

Our first December service is our usual 2nd Sunday (the 10th) evening Holy Communion in St Martin's at 6pm. This is a perfect time to take an hour out of your hectic schedule and temporarily forget about presents not yet bought and cards not yet written. There will be refreshments afterwards and time to chat with friends and neighbours about Christmas plans - and anything else that may be on your mind !

On Thursday 21st December at 7pm it is the Christmas Carol Service at which you can enjoy loudly singing your favourite carols and songs and listen to Christmas readings. We are again most fortunate to have James White to play the organ for us to make things that little bit extra special. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served afterwards from somewhere in the village - the venue is yet to be confirmed !

On Christmas Day itself we are very fortunate to have Archdeacon Justine leading the morning service at 10:30. Everyone, plus the presents from their stockings, will be very welcome. On this occasion we will not be offering refreshments afterwards as I am sure that the roast dinners will be demanding attention !

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wish you all a merry Christmas and
happy and peaceful 2024

Happy Christmas and New Year
to all our friends and
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Mark Simpson

Merry Christmas wishes
and happy New Year
with love from Neil and
Angie Pacey



Wishing all friends and neighbours
a Very Merry Christmas from Barry
and Heather Sheardown and
Jenny Walton

Mike and Gerda wish everyone
a very happy and peaceful
Christmas and send best
wishes for the New Year

A very happy Christmas to all
our friends and family and a
happy and healthy 2024 from
Richard, Sharon, Charlotte and
Thomas King



A Merry Christmas to everyone
and a happy and healthy New Year
from Jim and Janet Cornell

Jeff and Margaret wish friends and
neighbours a very merry Christmas
and a wonderful New Year

A peaceful Christmas to all with
prayers for those whose Christmas is
disrupted by war, poverty, sickness or
other adversity. Bridget Rosewell

Wishing all our friends and
family a Merry Christmas.
Love from Paul, Kelly, Arthur
and George Summerfield



Merry Christmas and a happy
New Year to all my friends and
neighbours. Love Sheila Gray

Wishing everyone a
very merry Christmas from
James Milner



Kelly Summerfield - Beauty at Home - would like to wish all my lovely clients a fabulous Christmas, with thanks for your continued support throughout the year.

Merry Christmas and a happy New Year for 2024 from John and Jill



Des and Corinne Holmes would like to wish all their friends and neighbours a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year



To friends, family and neighbours merry Christmas and a happy new year from Matt and Val Allen



Merry Christmas everyone.
Kath Bell

A special thank you to Dr Robinson, the Doctor's, my care team and mother for all their help and care I currently need. I'm still on the cancer bus but fight it hard. Merry Christmas and happy New Year to all. Matt Allen



We wish our family, friends & neighbours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year -
Heather & David Renshaw



Murray, Mavis & family wish all their friends a Merry Christmas and a Healthy New Year



A merry Christmas and a happy and meaningful New Year.
Martin Carnell

Christmas wishes to all our friends. Wendy P and Cracker



Happy Christmas and a peaceful 2024.
Andrew and Dawn Broomham



To dear friends & all who know me, wishing you a Merry Christmas and a healthy 2024,
from Kathleen Thomas



Good health and happiness from the Nullis Family



Roger and Pauline Luxton would like to wish our friends and neighbours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2024



Wishing you all a joyful Christmas and festive wishes for a happy & healthy 2024.
Ho! Ho! Ho! Roger Nixon



I would like to wish all my neighbours and friends a merry Christmas and a happy new year
Henry Johnson



Thank you to everyone who has donated generously to LIVES this year, saving paper and plastic and giving to an excellent charity.

Any of us could need the services of the LIVES volunteers. If you haven't contributed this year, perhaps you might consider doing this next year.



In Stubton: December highlights a few more events

The **Hub Pub quiz** is a very well attended evening on the first Tuesday of every month and the **Open Mic Night**, also fully attended, is every second Tuesday.

Tuesday 12th December will be the '**Christmas Open Mic Night**' which is expected to be a special night with a chance to join in the music and get ready for the festivities of Christmas.

The bar is open to members every Friday. New members are very welcome and can join at the bar.

The **Christmas Buffet** on December 19th (by ticket only) is only open to Stubton Hub members and tickets for £10 can be purchased, by members, at the bar before 10th December.

EVENTS FOR DECEMBER

FRI 1 6.30PM Bar open	WED 13 6.30PM Christmas Lights & Firepit Walk -several locations
TUE 5 7PM Hub Pub Quiz Night £2pp First question 7.30pm	FRI 15 6.30PM Bar open
WED 6 9.30AM Yoga with Bridget	TUE 19 7PM Christmas Buffet
FRI 8 6.30PM Bar open	WED 20 9.30AM Yoga with Bridget
TUE 12 7.30PM Open Mic Night Bar open. First Act 7.30pm	THU 21 7PM Carols at St.Martin's Church
WED 13 9.30AM Yoga with Bridget	

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If you are planning a celebration or event, we would be glad to show you round at one of our regular **open viewing sessions** – please check our facebook page for details.

REGULAR EVENTS

Fitness & Wellbeing Classes

Sophie is going on maternity leave shortly but there are 3 other classes available:

Tuesday 10:30-11:30am: Pilates with Karen – check the website for dates

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

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

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Fri 15th Dec, 10:30am-12:30pm

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Cinema Club: Love Actually Pyjama Party	Fri 8 th Dec, doors open 7pm, film starts 7:30pm	Xmas Special Pyjama Party – bring your teddy/beanbag & we'll bring the hot choc! Join Cinema Club via this online link: bit.ly/461yR5T Beers, wine, hot/soft drinks, & snacks available to buy.
Pensioners' Xmas Party	Sat 9 th Dec, doors open at 12 midday.	For tickets, contact: Jo Maidment on 07870 603218 or jo@officeangelbookkeeping.co.uk
Christmas Cake Decorating Workshop with Helen from Claypole Cakery	Sun 10 th Dec, 10am-12:30 £30 per person	Bake your own Xmas cake and then Helen will teach you how to marzipan/ice/decorate it. Or Helen can bake one for you! Book you place here: bit.ly/xmascakery and pay by BACS.

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 1 film per month, with a range of genres - our next screening is by special request **Friday 8th December – Love Actually**. 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



Do you fancy a change from Mince Pies? If so, then why not try this easy recipe?

Mincemeat Crumble Slices

(All weights & measures are approximate)

Ingredients:

300g/10-11ozs Self-raising Flour

175g/6-7ozs BuDer, cubed and fridge cold

50g Light Brown Muscavado Sugar

1 tsp Mixed Spice

400g Jar of Mincemeat

Method:

Preheat the oven to 180°C (160°F) and line a 20 x 30cm/
7-8inches x 11-12inches baking Sn with baking paper.

In a large bowl, rub together the buDer and flour until you get a breadcrumb type consistency. Sprinkle in the sugar and mixed spice.

Press half the mixture into the base of the Sn and then spread the jar of mincemeat over the top.

Sprinkle the rest of the crumble mixture on top and lightly press down.

Bake for 30-35 minutes. Leave to cool in the Sn before cutting into squares.



—Kathleen

Jane's Virtuous and Easy fat free mincemeat

Make your own mincemeat using windfall apples or those reaching the end of their storage time

As with all my recipes, this is rough and ready, no exact quantities - use what you've got!

Put all the following into a really large casserole that will fit in your oven

2 or 3 lbs apple - any sort, peeled, cored, chopped roughly

2 -3 lbs dried fruit of any sort, e.g. sultanas

Some candied peel can be added to this if wished - I do

4 oz dark Muscovado sugar or dark brown soft sugar

1 litre orange juice or apple juice

4 or 5 heaped teaspoons spices of your choice e.g. ginger, cloves, nutmeg, allspice
(even cinnamon if you must!)



Method

Mix it all together in your big pot.

Put a lid on and put it in the oven for a couple of hours or so around 180°C

Store in airtight jars.

Makes the kitchen smell lovely!

That's it - no fuss but tastes delicious

—Jane

Kathleen's Kitchen

Ideas for using leftovers from Christmas Day

Leftover Vegetable Traybake – serves 2-4

(All weights & measures are approximate)

600g/1lb 5ozs of ready cooked roast vegetables
1tbsp olive oil to drizzle
Black pepper
Any mixture of herbs that you would like
3tbsp of leftover cranberry sauce
150g/5-6ozs Brie – sliced

Method

Heat the oven to 200c/180c fan
Put the roast veg in a roasting tin, drizzle with the oil, add black pepper & scatter over the herbs.
Roast for 15 mins to heat through & crisp up.
Dot the Brie over the roasted veg & return to the oven for 5-8 mins, until melted.
Drizzle with the cranberry sauce & add anything else you fancy to garnish.

Note: Instead of the Brie & cranberry sauce, if wished, make a cheese sauce & pour over & put back in the oven & bake for 10 mins or so.



Christmas Pudding Trifle.

(All weights & measures are approximate)

Ingredients:

3 oranges
1tbsp Demerara sugar
2tbsp Grand Marnier or any liqueur you fancy
or use orange juice if you do not want alcohol
300g/10-11ozs leftover Christmas pudding
500g/17-18ozs mascarpone
250g/8-9ozs pot of custard
284ml/half of a pint of double cream

To serve:

Handful flaked almonds, toasted
Chocolate (whichever you prefer), grated

Method

Peel the oranges using a sharp knife, ensuring all the pith is removed. Slice as thinly as possible and arrange over a dinner plate. Sprinkle with the Demerara sugar followed by the Grand Marnier or orange juice and set aside.

Crumble the Christmas pudding into large pieces and scatter over the bottom of a trifle bowl. Lift the oranges onto the pudding in a layer and pour over any juices.

Beat the mascarpone until smooth and then stir in the custard. Spoon the mixture over the top of the oranges.

Lightly whip the cream and spoon over the custard. Sprinkle with the flaked almonds and grated chocolate. You can make this a day in advance if you like, chill until ready to serve.



News from Claypole & District Women's Institute

Welcome to the fun and the madhouse!

In **November** we had our **Craft Evening** making Christmas Wreaths. That was great fun! The hall seemed to be disappearing under a wealth of assorted greenery. Jo did a brilliant job of guiding beginners through the various possibilities of wreaths from ribbon bedecked to using only natural materials and greenery and all methods in between.

The results were outstanding and all so different.

Tuesday December 12th Christmas party, Pot Luck supper & quiz at Westborough

1. Everybody brings a sweet or savoury dish for our shared supper
2. Please bring a wrapped gift suitable for another member for our Lucky Dip Value £2-5
3. Please bring a wrapped gift for a woman at the Women's Refuge
4. If you can, bring a wrapped toy for a child at the refuge,
labelled with the sex or age of the child.
5. We are doing a Christmas Hamper for the refuge. So any food or festive items welcome. Long dates on the food please.

The feast is followed by the Lucky Dip and then Kathleen's Quiz

Tuesday January 9th 2024 Gentle Exercise with Floss Garland at Westborough

Tuesday 13th February 50 Shades of Graham Teal at Westborough

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:

Friday 1st December, 5th January, 2nd February, 1st March 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

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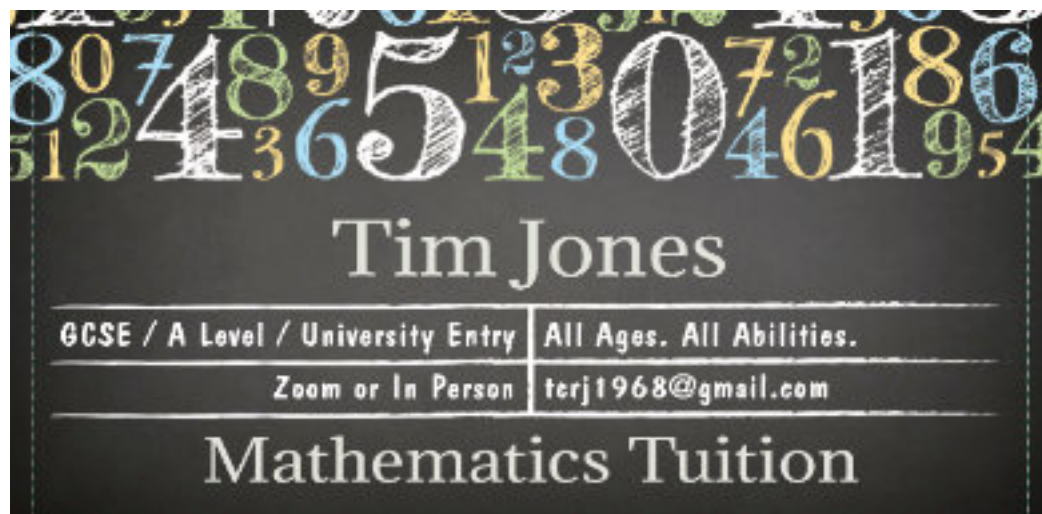
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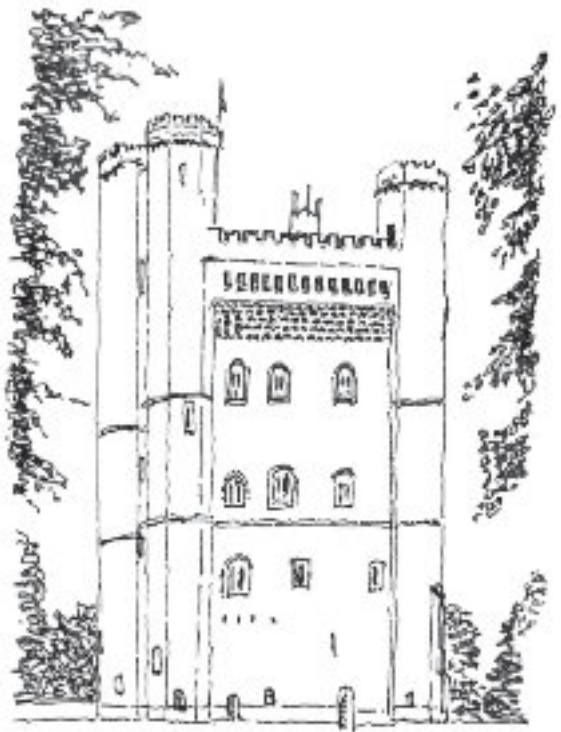
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Tattershall Castle

Last month's article was about Lincolnshire Day and its date of October 1st, which commemorates the anniversary of Lincoln Rising in 1536, a revolt against the establishment of the Church of England by Henry VIII.

The riots were quelled by the threat of an army led by Charles Brandon, Duke of Suffolk. He was Henry VIII's best friend and his wife Catherine Willoughby's family owned vast areas of Lincolnshire. As a reward for putting down the rebellion Charles Brandon was gifted Tattershall Castle.



You may have passed this impressive Medieval tower on your way to the coast.

The first recorded building on the site was a manor house, built around 1231 by Robert de Tateshale. This was hugely expanded and rebuilt in brick, between 1430 and 1450, by Lord Ralph Cromwell, Treasurer of England. Around 900,000 bricks were used to build the castle. Today the 130ft high (40m) Great Tower and moat still exist, the tower containing three huge state rooms.

Lord Cromwell set about making it much grander to match his status. With over 100 servants he needed the space and it must have impressed visitors.

After Cromwell's death in 1456 the Castle passed to the Crown, until it was gifted to Charles Brandon. Following Brandon's death it belonged to the Earls of Lincoln. In 1643 during the Civil War, a large part of the Castle was damaged. After the King's defeat the Castle was to be demolished but the Great Tower was spared.

Following the death of the Earl of Lincoln in 1693, the Castle passed to the Fortesque family. The Castle was abandoned, the floors collapsed

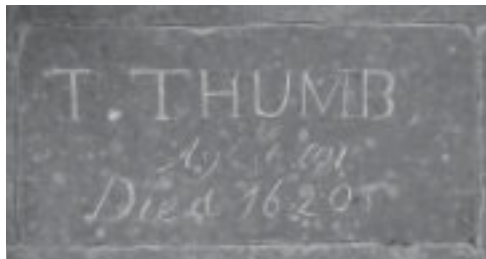
and the moats were filled in.

In 1910 Lord Curzon of Kedleston purchased the Castle to prevent it being sold to an American group. He undertook restoration between 1911 and 1914 and on his death in 1925 the Castle was gifted to the National Trust and has been open to visitors ever since.

Tattershall Castle remains one of the three most important surviving brick castles of the 15th century in England.



Next to the castle is the 15th Century Collegiate Church of Holy Trinity. It's status was significant. It is flooded with light from enormous windows. By the font is a memorial plaque to Tom Thumb (died 1620) reputedly only 18 ins (47 cms) tall who lived to be 101.



It is a beautiful church and well worth a visit.

A mile away is the church of St Michael in Coningsby. On the 15th century tower is a unique, one handed clock, painted direct onto the stonework. The clock face is 16.5 feet in diameter and the hand is 9 feet long.

If you are in the area and interested in aircraft, visit the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight at Coningsby. It is the home of the still flying RAF Lancaster and a number of Spitfires and other aircraft.



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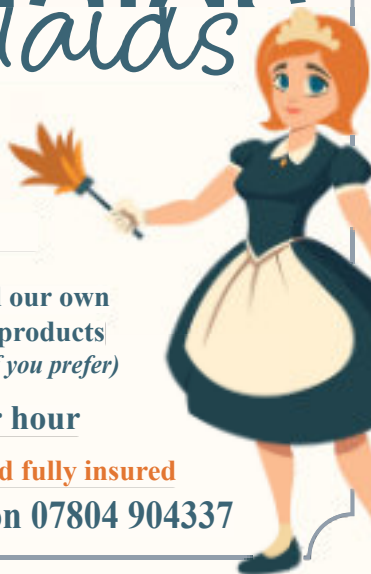
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Key: HC – Holy Communion, MW – Morning Worship, MP-Morning Prayers

	3rd	10th	17th	24th	Christmas Day
St Lawrence Sedgebrook		10.30 MP	10.30 HC	7pm Carol Service	
Holy Trinity Allington	10AM HC				10.00 HC
St Peters Foston		3pm Carol Service		4pm Christingle	
St Swithun's Long Bennington	10.30 MW	10.30 MW	10.30 Carol Service	10.30 HC	
All Saints Fenton					
St Martins Stubton		6pm HC			10.30 HC
All Saints Westboro	3pm Adv Carols				
St Peters Claypole	10.30 MW		10.30 HC	3.30pm Christingle 11.30 Mid Mass	
ST James D Doddington					

A Little Time of Quiet Contemplation Each Wednesday at 7.15pm. As the nights draw in we will meet online via Zoom. Every week we Compline together which is written by a Northumbrian Community. It's a special time of just about 30-40 mins. If you would like to join us please do. <https://bit.ly/Loveden-Worship> If you would us to say a prayer – email:-

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