

THE CLAYPOLE GROUP OF VILLAGES

CLAYPOLE, DRY DODDINGTON, FENTON, STUBTON, WESTBOROUGH

NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2025/JANUARY 2026



I wonder..
if Santa will give me a
different tree next year...
I don't really like pears much...



MERRY CHRISTMAS AND
A HAPPY AND PEACEFUL NEW YEAR
TO YOU ALL



LOCAL INFORMATION

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Parish Council website: <http://parishes.lincolnshire.gov.uk/claypole>;

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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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Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator: vacancy

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LOCAL POLICE: PC Mark Barr 07973 845128.

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!

Years seem to pass so quickly now I am getting somewhat superannuated! To counteract the indignities of old age, I comfort myself by offering advice (sometimes uncomfortably physical) to fools on the television. No doubt Christmas telly schedules will offer plenty of scope for this.

Each morning I watch from my kitchen as the sunrise is further and further towards the south east. In the darkest days, the sun is on the southern side of the willow tree across the beck from me. I see the angles of the shadows as they spill across the grass. I watch out for my little birds as they gather for their sunflower seeds, peanuts, and fatballs to keep them going in the harshest times. Till the sun comes back in the new year, keep safe everyone.

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.



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



Best wishes, *Jane*

Info for FEBRUARY 2026 EDITION

By 16th January 2026 please

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From the Vicarage

As the nights draw in our hearts are drawn again to that festive highlight: Christmas.

The Christmas story is woven deeply into the history and identity of our British Isles. Our traditions — carols sung together, feasting, generous giving — all echo the message of the Christ child: "Peace on earth, goodwill to all." It is remarkable how this faith, kindled so many years ago, became part of the fabric of our national identity.



Christmas and Christianity are full of symbols. And one symbol, the cross, has been painted up and down our country in the form of the St George and Union flags. How does nationalistic vandalism attach itself to a symbol of Christ's radical invitation into God's Kingdom?

Regardless of intent, these flags remind us that, however we come to share our British identity, unity is at our heart. The Union Flag unites the crosses of our United Kingdom. The St George flag connects us to the ancient and foreign lands of our brother in Christ, St George, despite him being from what is now modern-day Türkiye. These symbols remind us that our national story and our Christian heritage are intertwined, complex, beautiful and expansive.

We share a Christian heritage, one way or another. According to the census, around 60% of people locally identify as Christian. If you are one of them — or simply curious — maybe you've wanted somewhere to explore what your Christian heritage means for you. As well as all the Christmas celebrations, we're making space in January for you to join us for an Alpha Course for those who want to get a deeper sense of who they are as British, as Christian or the product of a Christian heritage and who they are as a person. We look forward to having you join us.

Join a Local Church Service on Zoom

Compline each Tuesday at 7.15pm.

Login using:- Meeting ID: 810 6571 1379 Passcode: 744328

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81065711379>

Events Calendar 2025/6

December

- Tue 2 Pub Quiz Night, Stubton Village Hall, 7pm (Teams of 6, cash prize)
- Fri 5 "Die Hard" film at Claypole
- Sat 6/7 Christmas Tree festival in Dry Doddington church
- Sat 6 Christmas Wreath Workshop Claypole Village Hall
- Sat 6 Open House Claypole Village Hall
- Sun 7 Stubton Hall Christmas Market
- Tue 9 WI Christmas party Westborough
- Tue 9 Open Mic Night, Stubton Village Hall, 7:00pm
- Sat 13 Clayple OAP Christmas dinner
- Sat 13 Dry Doddington Intros Vinyl quiz night
- Thur 18 Dry Doddington coffee morning (week earlier)
- Fri 19 Good Neighbours afternoon tea at Westborough
- Sun 21 Christmas carols & music Fenton church 6.00pm
- Tue 23 Carols at St Martins, 6:00pm, mulled wine, mince pies after...

January 2026

- Thur 8 Westborough & Dry Doddington Parish Council at WB 7.30pm
- Fri 9 "The Penguin Diaries" Claypole film
- Tue 13 WI Gardening for Wildlife at Westborough
- Thur 29 Dry Doddington coffee morning

February 2026

- Tue 10 WI Moroccan magic food at Westborough
- Fri 13 "The Amateur" film at Claypole
- Thur 26 Dry Doddington coffee morning

March

- Tue 10 WI AGM

**Send your event dates as soon as available
Let's try to avoid clashes!**

SAVE YOUR CHRISTMAS STAMPS FOR THE HORSES PLEASE

**Thank you to all the kind people
who have saved stamps for us this year**



Collecting used stamps



Please pass stamps to Mavis Arnold or Jane Ford or any WI member

Remember they raise over £11,000 for the charity last year!



DRY DODDINGTON &
WESTBOROUGH
JOINT CAROL SERVICE

at St James' Dry Doddington on

WEDNESDAY 17th DECEMBER at 7.00 pm

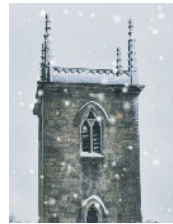
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from
both villages.



Mulled Wine
&
Mince Pies.



Carols at
St Martin's Stubton



Service of Carols and Readings

Led by Revd. Jon Speirs-Davies
With organ music by James White



Tuesday 23rd December 2025

Starting at 6pm.

Everyone Welcome

After our Service you are invited to continue our fellowship
over mulled wine or orange juice and mince pies.

We look forward to welcoming you



CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL



A Festive Community Event



📍 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
dawn.broomham@gmail.com



Celebration of Christmas Words and Music

at Fenton Church of All Saints

**Sunday 21st December
at 6.00.pm**



*followed by mulled wine and
festive nibbles!*

A collage of four Christmas-themed images: a large decorated tree on the left, a close-up of warm lights and a green bauble in the top right, a snowman ornament in the middle right, and gingerbread cookies hanging from a branch in the bottom right.

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Fri 9th Jan
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Doors open 6:30pm
food from
Nathan's Kitchen Co.

Fri 13th Feb
THE AMATEUR

Doors open 6:30pm
food from
George is Cooking

Claypole Cinema Club is a 'social cinema' - seated around tables, with beer, wine, soft drinks and snacks available to buy

Membership costs just £10 per year for an individual & £25 for a family of 4 & you can attend as many screenings as you like for that price

Guest passes are also available

Join Cinema Club here:
bit.ly/ClaypoleCinema



Wishing you a very

Merry Christmas

and a Happy New Year!

from the

Claypole Village Hall team



Dry Doddington Village Hall

Ann's New Vinyl Intro Quiz Night



**December 13th.
7.00 starts 7.30 sharp**

Teams of 6 or fewer

£5 per team member - pay on the door

*All proceeds donated to the Multiple Sclerosis
Society*

**Guess the song from the first few seconds
of classic vinyl tracks**



DD's Community Cafe

10am - 12pm

Last Thursday each month

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Slice of cake**

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The Green Page

Christmas is a season focused on giving - so why not give your Christmas tree back to the environment after your celebrations?

Real Christmas trees are recyclable and usually get shredded into chippings, starting their second life by improving soil fertility in woodland areas!

That's not all that your tree can do! It can also aid in providing habitats for wildlife! There really is no reason to not recycle them!

Trees can go into your home recycling bin, just remember to fully remove all of your decorations first! Although, if you're really passionate about committing to real change this Christmas and New Year - a lot of decorations can also be recycled!

Paper and cardboard Christmas decorations can be recycled and are a more sustainable choice. Anything containing glitter should go in your general waste bin.

However, overconsumption is still at large and unfortunately is not something that we will be leaving behind in 2025. This being said, you do not need to throw out all of your Christmas decorations after your celebrations this year. It is much more ethical for you to keep them in storage for next year!



Let's all make choices this Christmas and New Year that benefit our environment! Maybe a few resolutions will be to keep making small but positive changes in our everyday lives, I hope so!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
Elizabeth



Good Neighbours

A huge Thank You!

As the scheme comes to an end this month, we would like to record our grateful thanks to Linda and Derek Drury for all their hard work, friendliness and splendid cakes over all the years they have taken on the strenuous task of organising these monthly events.

The meetings have meant a lot to so many people especially in Westborough and Dry Doddington.

Thank you again.



Covid Winter Vaccinations – Don't miss out.

All eligible patients will have now received a message with a link to book your Covid vaccination appointment. This link is valid for 7days from when received. If you have not yet made your appointment, please contact us to book in. Appointments are still available in December.

Well-Being Walks – Continue in 2026.

Our Wellbeing walks take place every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 10:45am. All welcome to attend. New for 2026 - Shorter walks will also be available. The last walk for 2025 is scheduled for Wednesday 17th Dec 2025 leaving the Medical Centre at 10:45am.

Exciting News - We are expanding in 2026.

We are expanding in 2026 ...There will be some changes in 2026 to include an additional Clinical room, a Confidential Health Kiosk booth, and a larger Dispensary. We will remain open whilst this work is carried out. We would like to thank our patients in advance for their co-operation and patience whilst this improvement is carried out.

Save the date - Meet your Patient Participation Group.

Our Patient Participation Group will be available to meet patients on Tuesday 16th December 2025 in the Medical Centre. Pop along to meet our group members and find out what they do for us and our patients.

Christmas Opening Hours.

The Medical Centre will be closed on the 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th December 2025 and the 1st January 2026. We would like to wish all of our patients a Merry Christmas and a peaceful and healthy New Year.



Book Fair Thank You!

to all who helped in any way and for the many donations of books etc.

The total amount raised was £774.19.

The next one is 18th April 2026.

Books etc accepted at any time.

Please contact Gillian 01636 626510.

Farmyard Tails

Last month was the Breeding ram sale at Melton Mowbray. The rams are all penned up in groups. Some breeders only have a couple in one pen and other breeders have 6 or 8 in a couple of pens. They are bedded down on lots of lovely straw and the breeders details are on banners and signs on the pens. Each ram has a number tied around his neck. We head off to the office to get a bidding number and a brochure which lists all of the entries including information about the breeder, where they are from and If purely grass fed- this is important as if they've been fed on a lot of concentrated food they will loose condition if you don't feed them when they are tupping (breeding with the ladies) we tend not to feed the ram when he is with the ewes as they steal all of his food. You can tell if he is grass fed by looking at the poo in the pen!

Also listed in the brochure are what treatments he has had. Footvax, for example is given to protect their hooves from infection. Heptavac, I have spoken about before. It's important he is up to date with his boosters.

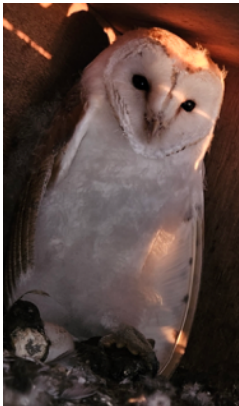
So, armed with the brochure we go around all of the pens. I go for looks and John being more sensible than me goes for good teeth, strong legs and a good frame (similar to the attributes of myself really) Anyway, when we have narrowed our list down John will go in the pen and check out the three T's. Teeth, Toes and Testicles.

We narrow the list even further and choose 1st, 2nd & 3rd. Sometimes your first choice can be late on after your others have been sold then you have to buy him irrespective of his price. Our 1st choice was ram no.6 so not too bad. very handsome Charollais ram. Nearly 2 years old and ready to go to the ladies late November.



We got him home and put him in a pen away from the other sheep to quarantine him. He was given a dose of wormer and a small bowl of sheep pellets to help him settle down.

He has had a handful of pellets everyday since with hay and a small amount of haylage to maintain his weight prior to him going out. He is now very quiet, loves a scratch and the occasional piece of fruit. His name is Barry (Ram-alow).



The other day we noticed a young barn owl in the hedge by one of the owl boxes. It still had its downy baby feathers and could not fly very well. We rang our owl man and he said it would be a late hatched one and was obviously hungry. It had come out of the owl box in search of food and could not fly well enough to get back in. He suggested we catch it and put it back in the box....easier said than done! After a while and some choice words we cornered it and returned it to the box. Upon Alan's advice we fed it pigeon breast meat with feathers still on. We have been placing these in the box every day now for a few weeks and he/she has feathered up quite nicely. We will reduce the food to encourage it to hunt - fingers crossed.

See you soon,

Tracey



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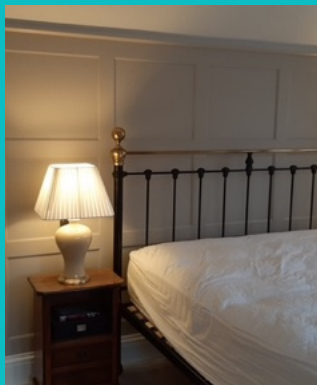
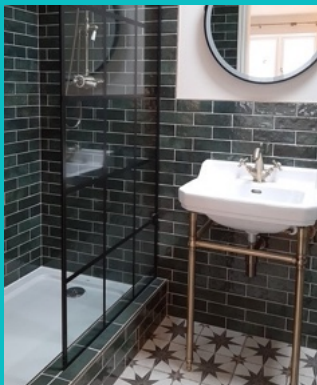
- Mrs W, Bassingham

"Gary has done a lot of work for us, all to the highest of standards. Professional, reliable and trustworthy. I would not hesitate to recommend him."

- Mr R, Claypole

"Gary did a fantastic job on our bathroom refurb - totally reliable, super tidy and amazing attention to detail."

- Mrs S, Claypole



Generous Donations

have been gratefully received from the persons below,
together with their personal Christmas Greeting
in lieu of sending Christmas cards.



Jane, your editor,
wishes you all a
Happy Christmas and
peaceful New Year

Dick and Lynda Loynes thank you all for
your continued support of Lives and wish
everyone a joyful Christmas and a healthy
and peaceful 2026

Best wishes for a peaceful
Christmas and New Year
Di and John Garner

Wishing you all a very merry
Christmas and happy new year.
Regards Andrew and Dawn
Broomham

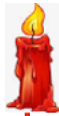


A Merry Christmas, Happy New Year
and best wishes for 2026. From
Ernie and Cathy Clarke and family



Murray, Mavis and family wish
everyone a Merry Christmas and
a happy and healthy new year.

Special wishes and thank you to Val
Allen (mother). Wishing her best
Christmas and new year.
Love Matt and Poppy (woof woof)



Merry Christmas & a happy new year
to all our friends and neighbours.
Sharon and Mark Simpson

Happy Christmas and a healthy new
year to everyone.
Jim and Janet Carnell

Wishing all our friends and
neighbours a very happy and
peaceful Christmas and sending
best wishes for the new year.
Mike and Gerda Hine



Wishing all our friends and neighbours a
very happy Christmas and a happy New
Year from Heather & Barry Sheardown
and Jenny Walton



Wishing everyone a Very Happy
Christmas and a Wonderful New from
Erica Hine...up North! xx



Merry Christmas and a
meaningful new year to everyone.
Martin Carnell



Des and Corinne Holmes would like to wish
all of their friends and neighbours
a very Happy Christmas
and a happy and healthy New Year

Wishing everyone who knows me
a happy Christmas and a good
new year. Beryl King

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

Christmas greetings and good health
and happy New Year from
Jeff and Margaret Holmes

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and
a Happy New Year from Belina
Parish Clerk Westborough &
Dry Doddington Parish Council

David and Pam Dana wish all friends and
neighbours a Merry Christmas and
best wishes for next year

Wishing you all a joyful Christmas and
festive wishes for a happy & healthy 2023.
Ho! Ho! Ho! Roger Nixon

Happy Christmas and New Year to all
our family, friends and neighbours.
Matt and Val Allen

Good health and happiness.
Eva Nullis and family

A Merry Christmas to all and a
Happy and Healthy 2026.
Kathleen Thomas

Very best wishes to all my friends
and neighbours. Sheila Gray

Happy Christmas to all
Sue & Freddie West

Wishing our friends and neighbours a
Merry Christmas and Happy New
Year from John and Jill

Sue Clayton wishes all her friends
a very Happy Christmas and a
prosperous 2026

Wishing all our friends a very Happy
Christmas - Wendy and Cracker

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

Newark Makers Arts & Craft Market

Farndon Village Hall
26th October 10-3

Claypole village Hall Christmas Market
23rd November 10-3

Farndon Village Hall Christmas Market
8th November 10-3

Bottesford village hall Christmas Market
29th November 1300-1700

St Giles Community Hall Balderton
16th November 0930-1330

Long Bennington village Hall Christmas Market
7th December 10-3

St Giles community hall balderton Christmas Market 14th December 10-2

Together we have built a lovely community of
Artisans, if you would like to join our community, contact
newarkmakersmarket@gmail.com

Daisy Chain Yoga

We will be delivering 2 classes to
Claypole village and surrounding area.

The first class is FREE as a taster and
then it will be a 5 week course at £40 or
£10 pay as you go.



First Class.

**Start time: 9.15/10.15am.
Second class: 10.15am for 10.30
start for [CHAIR ONLY].**

**Rachel Metcalfe
Mobile number: 07920096439.
Email**

[address: daisychainyoga2@gmail.com.](mailto:daisychainyoga2@gmail.com)

St Nicholas Workshop St Peter's Church

7th December
1pm Onwards

A time for children and parents/carers to make gifts and deliver to people in our villages.

PLEASE BOOK EARLY so that we can make personalised party bags and organise your recipient.

Text Linda 07980019929.



Kathleen's Kitchen

Not everyone likes Christmas Pudding, so how about making an easy trifle. It can be as simple or as exotic as you like!



Cranberry, Lemon & Mandarin Trifle (or just use Raspberry Jam!)

(All weights & measures are approximate - for 6-8 depending on the size of the dish & amounts used)

Ingredients:

2 Lemon cakes - can be any, even Lemon Drizzle!

2 Tins of Mandarin Oranges (drained, reserve juice & a few [pieces to decorate])

2 Jars of Cranberry Sauce (if not cranberries, use seedless Raspberry Jam)

A large tub of good Vanilla Custard, or 2 tins of the Ambrosia Deluxe Custard

Large Double Cream - some to be whipped for soft peaks & the rest for pouring

Method:

Cut the cake into slices, not too thick if you would like a 2nd layer. Sprinkle a little bit of the juice from the mandarins over the sponge, but not to make it soggy.

Then spread the sauce or jam over the sponge & put a layer of mandarins on top. Put a thin layer of custard over the mandarins & repeat the layers. If only one layer wanted, then make the layers thicker.

Whip some cream until it stands in soft peaks & top the trifle. Decorate with some mandarins & chocolate if you want.

It can be made a day or two ahead of when required.

Note: this trifle can be adapted in many ways, by using different cakes & fruit.

Kathleen Thomas

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News from Claypole & District Women's Institute



In **November** we made wreaths out of music and pruned paper. Everyone ended up with a splendid example. Many thanks to Julie Greenberry for an inspiring make.

On Tuesday 9th December at Westborough, we have our **Christmas party**

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 poss, bring a wrapped toy for a child at the refuge, labelled with the approx sex/age of the suitable child.
5. We are doing a Christmas Hamper for the refuge. So food or festive items welcome. Long dates on the food please.

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

On January 13th Christine Casey will talk about "Gardening for Wildlife" and have plants for sale too. All looking forward to spring - hooray!

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:

Are you thinking of joining? or coming back?

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

Contact President Jane Ford on 01400 281206

Secretary Kathleen Thomas 01636 626860



Newark Town Band
Carols at St Peter's Claypole
18th December 7pm

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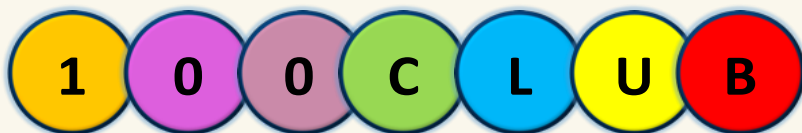
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HISTORY OF LINCOLN

From the first century BC, the first known settlers in Lincoln lived around the Brayford Waterfront. The area was originally known as Lindon - the word 'lindo' translating as 'the pool' in the Celtic language.



Excavations around the Brayford have uncovered timber houses, weapons and pottery dating back to the first century AD. In 1862 the Witham Shield was found in the River Witham, a decorative bronze shield dating back to the 4th century, which is thought to have belonged to a tribal chief.

In 43AD, the Roman Emperor Claudius, with an army of 40,000 troops, invaded Britain. Between 50-60AD, the Ninth Legion Hispana arrived in Lincoln. The Romans built a legionary fortress at the top of the hill, which was surrounded by a deep ditch and a wall. Wooden towers were positioned at intervals along the wall, and there were four gateways. During this time Ermine Street was constructed to link London with York, passing through Lincoln which was now a site of military importance.

The Roman settlement at Lindon became a Colonia - a self governing town for retired legionaries, and the original name of Lindon was Latinised to become Lindum Colonia. It was now a bustling city, with law courts, civic offices, markets and workshops. Lindum Colonia expanded down the hill and the River Witham became a busy port. During the 2nd century the original wooden walls and gates were rebuilt in stone - many of which are still standing today.

When the Romans left Britain in 407AD the settlement at Lindum Colonia was abandoned until the Danes conquered the area in the late 9th century, re-establishing a town within the old city walls.



In Viking times Lincoln became an important trading centre. The city issued coins from its own mint and the local economy boomed. Lincolnshire was the heart of the Viking Danelaw, and its Danish inheritance can still be seen in town names ending -by (Wragby, Spilsby, Grimsby) and streets ending in -gate (Bailgate, Eastgate).

By the time of the Norman Conquest in 1066, Lincoln was flourishing. In 1068 William the Conqueror ordered the building of the castle and city walls, initially in wood, but they were rebuilt in stone in the 12th century. On the orders of the King, Bishop Remigius began the building of the first cathedral in Lincoln in 1072, and it was consecrated in 1092. When the Domesday survey was commissioned by William in 1086, Lincolnshire was listed as the 2nd most populated county in the kingdom, and Lincoln was one of the four largest cities.



In 1215, when King John placed his seal on Magna Carta, a copy was brought back to Lincoln by the Bishop, Hugh of Wells, with the address 'Lincolnia' written on the back.

By 1300 Lincoln cathedral had become the tallest building in the known world, a title it held until 1549 when the spire collapsed during a storm.

Throughout the 17th -19th centuries Lincoln was a wealthy city, supported by a thriving wool trade. With the coming of the Industrial Revolution in the early 19th century Lincoln boomed, particularly in the engineering industry.

In 1916 the first ever tanks were designed and built in Lincoln, and the city was also at the centre of the aviation industry, with 1 in 14 WW1 aircraft being produced there. During WW2 Lincolnshire was known as Bomber County due to the large number of RAF bases.





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Already curious? Please do get in touch:
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We are looking for individuals who have experience in communication and strategic thinking, or just a passion to support their local community and school. We'd love to gain some local support in our governor team. And the great news is, you don't have to be a parent or carer to do this!

Church Service for December & January

West Loveden Monthly Services Pattern

Sunday 7th December		
Allington	10.00	Holy Communion
Claypole	10.30	Holy Communion
L B	10.30	Morning Worship
Sunday 14th December		
Allington	4pm	Family Carol Service
Dry Doddington	7pm	Carol Service
L B	10.30	Holy Communion
Stubton	6pm	Evening Holy Communion
Sunday 21st December		
Claypole	10.30	Holy Communion Service
Fenton	6pm	Christmas Joy in Words & Music
Foston	3pm	Communion with Carols
L B	10.30	Family Christmas service with the Story of the Fourth Wise Man
Tuesday 23rd December		
Stubton	10.30	Carol Service
Wednesday 24th December CHRISTMAS EVE		
Foston	4pm	Christingle Service
Claypole	3pm	Christingle Service
	11.30	Midnight Mass
Sedgebrook	7pm	Service of Readings and Carols
Thursday 25th December CHRISTMAS DAY		
Allington	10.00	Loveden West Christmas Morning service
Sunday 28th December		
L B	10.30	Holy Communion

Sunday 4th January		
Allington	10.00	Holy Communion
Claypole	10.30	Holy Communion
L B	10.30	Morning Worship
Sunday 11th January		
L B	10.30	Holy Communion
Stubton	6pm	Holy Communion
Sunday 18th January		
Claypole	10.30	Holy Communion
Foston	3pm	Holy Communion
L B	10.30	Morning Worship
Sunday 25th January		
L B	10.30	Holy Communion

LOVEDEN WEST GROUP

CHRISTMAS *Services and Events*

Join us this Christmas as we celebrate the true reason for the season. We will have something for every age, including Christingle, Carol Services, Midnight Service and Holy Communion.



5 Dec - 6.30pm	St Lawrence, Sedgebrook - Carols around the Tree
6 Dec - 11am - 3.30pm	St Peter's, Foston - Christmas Crafts with Festive Refreshments
6 Dec - 10am - 4pm	St James, Dry Doddington - Christmas Tree Festival
7 Dec - 1pm	St Peter's, Claypole - St Nicholas Workshop
13 Dec - 3pm	St Swithun's, Long Bennington - Orston Choir Christmas Concert
13 Dec - 10am - 4pm	Holy Trinity, Allington - Christmas Tree Festival
14 Dec - 4pm	Holy Trinity, Allington, Family Carol Service
14 Dec - 7pm	St James, Dry Doddington - Carol Service
14 Dec - 10am - 4pm	Holy Trinity, Allington - Christmas Tree Festival
18 Dec - 7pm	St Peter's, Claypole - Carols with Newark Town Band
21 Dec - 1030am	St Peter's, Claypole - Holy Communion Mince Pies, Mulled Wine
21 Dec - 1030am	St Swithun's, Long Bennington - Family Christmas Service with Carols - "The Story of the Fourth Wise Man"
21 Dec - 3pm	St Peter's, Foston - Communion with Carols
21 Dec - 6pm	All Saints, Fenton - Christmas Joy in Words and Music
23 Dec - 6pm	St Martin's, Stubton - Carol Service
24 Dec - 3pm	St Peter's, Claypole, Christingle Service
24 Dec - 4pm	St Peter's, Foston - Christingle Service
24 Dec - 7pm	St Lawrence, Sedgebrook - Service of Readings & Carols
24 Dec - 1130pm	St Peter's, Claypole - Midnight Mass

Dec. 25th at 10.00am Holy Trinity, Allington - Group Christmas Morning Service

Santa's Sleigh will visit Foston on 6 December, Allington on 8 December and Long Bennington on the 13 and 14 December