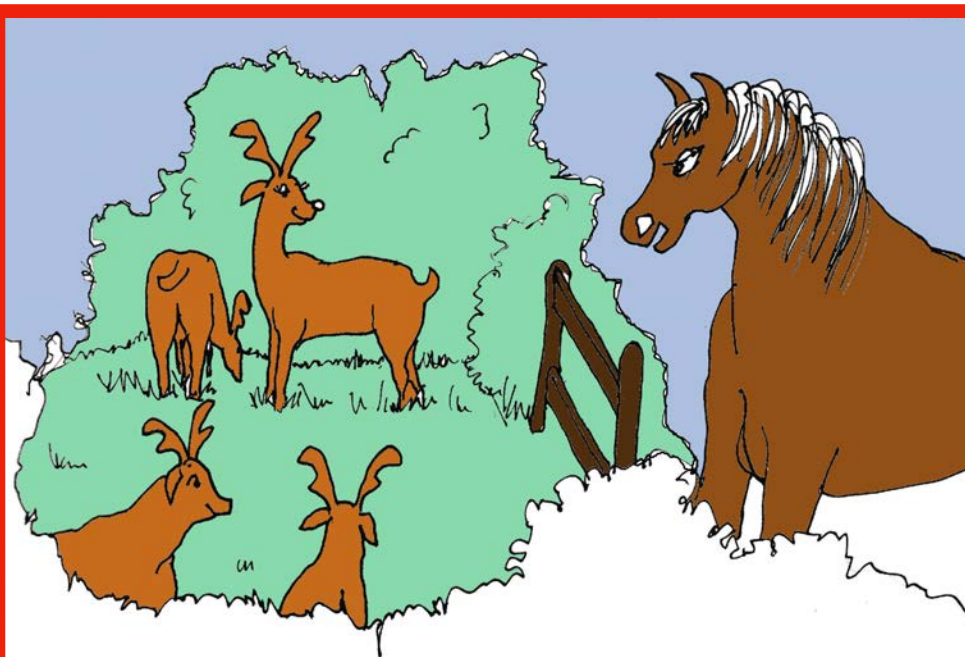


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NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2024/JANUARY 2025



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**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND
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Letter from your Editor



Hello!

Another year gone and a dark winter is setting in. Like many of us, I count the days till the winter solstice, then welcome the extra nearly 15 minutes a week that it becomes lighter. I do like the dramatic winter moonlight though and we continue to be told to watch out for the Leonid meteors, huge full moons and even the aurora borealis now we are in a time of high sun spot activity.

I have been busily being "green" with makin my own wrapping paper again, along woith the WI art and craft group, plus gift boxes and soon, greetings cards. My halo is a bit tight though...

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.

And I am pleased to welcome two new regulars contributors to our publication. Elizabeth and Tracey.

Thank you!



Wishing you all



*a Merry Christmas and a Happy
Healthy New Year!*



Best wishes, *Jane*

Info for February 2025 EDITION

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From the Vicarage



As December settles upon us, we enter Advent—the season of waiting, hope, and preparation for the arrival of Christ among us. The word “Advent” means “coming” or “arrival,” reminding us of the sacred expectancy that we hold during these weeks, imagining what it must have been like for those people and generations who were waiting and hoping for Christ’s coming. We enact the same waiting as we wait in anticipation for Christmas and the birth of hope and joy just at the moment that the days have become darkest. Amid winter’s deepening chill, nature offers us a powerful reflection of Advent. Trees stand bare, resting quietly in the cold, awaiting the first stirrings of new life that will eventually come in spring. In a similar way, Advent invites us to pause, reflect, and prepare for the arrival of light and warmth into the dark and cold places of our lives and the world. This December, the world around us may seem heavy with uncertainty, and many of us face unique challenges. Yet the message of Advent and Christmas remains as ever: there is hope. Christ’s birth is God’s promise of peace, even in the midst of hardship. Through Jesus, we receive the assurance that warmth and light will always triumph over cold and darkness. As we come together to celebrate Christmas across West Loveden, let us cherish this time with gratitude. May our gatherings be a reminder of the warmth we find in one another and in our shared faith. And as we carry Christ’s light and warmth into the new year, let’s remember that our community can be a beacon of comfort for all who are weary or seeking hope. May you and your loved ones find joy, peace, and renewal this Advent and Christmas season

Revd. Jon Speirs-Davies

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It's been
a very busy
year!



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2024

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Events Calendar 2024 – 2025

November

Sat 30 Dry Doddington Craft Fair, Cakes and fun

Sat 30 Dry Doddington Christmas tree festival

December

Sun 1 Dry Doddington Christmas tree festival

1 St Peter Claypole, Santa's Workshop with Bishop Nicolas 2pm

Tue 3 Stubton Monthly Quiz Night

Fri 6 Double Bill Family films Claypole Village Hall

Sat 7 Christmas wreath making at Claypole village Hall 2pm

Sun 8 Christmas wreath making at Claypole village Hall 10am

Tue 10 WI Christmas Party & pot luck supper at Westborough

Tue 10 Stubton Open Mic Night

Thur 12 Evening Book club. See poster

Sat 14 Claypole Christmas Party over 66s

Sun 15 Carols & Christingle at St James Dry Doddington

Mon 16 Stubton Parish Council

Wed 18 Stubton Village Christmas Buffet

Thur 19 Good Neighbours Christmas tea at Westborough village hall

19 St Peter Claypole, Christmas Carols - Newark Town Band 7pm

Mon 23 St Martin's Carol Service Stubton

23 St Peter's Claypole Christingle 3pm

January 2025

Tue 7. Stubton Monthly Quiz Night

Thur 9 Evening Book club see poster

Tue 14 WI hearing from an auctioneer at Westborough

Tue 14 Stubton Open Mic Night

Sun 19 Good Neighbours at Westborough Village Hall

Thur 30 Westborough & Dry Doddington Parish Council at Dry Dod

February 2025

Tue 7 Stubton Monthly Quiz Night

Tue 11 WI Easter Crafts at Westborough

Tue 11 Stubton Open Mic Night

Sat 15 Ted's Vinyl Quiz

Wed 19 Good Neighbours at Stubton village hall

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

Carols at St Martin's Stubton



Service of Carols and Readings

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

Monday 23rd December

Everyone Welcome

Starting at 6pm

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



Also in December :
Sunday 8th, Service of Communion, 6pm, St Martins, Stubton



Carols and Christingle

In St James Dry Doddington

Sunday 15th December 4.00pm

Everyone welcome - families and friends

Mulled wine, hot chocolate, juice



CLAYPOLE CINEMA CLUB

CHRISTMAS Movie Night

Friday 6
December



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FILM: LAST CHRISTMAS

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Film starts 7:30pm

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Sun: 8am to 5pm

Winter time: Mon to Fri: 7am to 7pm Sat: 7:30 to 7pm Sun : 8am to 5pm

CLAYPOLE CINEMA CLUB

MAMMA MIA!

Friday 10th January

Doors open 6:30pm

Film starts 7:30pm

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£25 for a family/£10 individual - for
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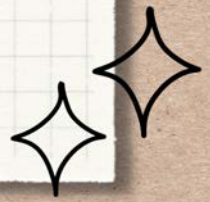
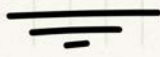


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Sunday 9th March

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Saturday 21st December



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The Green Page

Christmas is a holiday well loved by many across the world - however fun it may be, there can be negative effects for the environment due to our celebrations. Unfortunately, around 2.3 million pounds of wrapping paper ends up in landfill annually. But it doesn't have to be this way! There are actually lots of different kinds of wrapping paper which can end up being recycled!

Matte wrapping paper can be recycled, same as any wrapping paper that doesn't have a glitter or glossy coating. However, it is important to note that any additions to the wrapping paper, such as bows and sticky tape can end up making it unrecyclable! Remember to remove these, don't forget to remove the tags too! The recyclable wrapping paper can then go into your recycling bin at home. If you are unsure whether or not your wrapping paper qualifies, you can always do the scrunch test! But what is the scrunch test? Wrapping paper that can be scrunched up into a ball and remain in that ball can be recycled.

Did you know that not all wrapping paper is made up completely by paper? Some can even be plastic based! So, what kind of wrapping paper can you not recycle? You can't recycle wrapping paper which contains foil and non-paper additives, or any wrapping paper which is laminated, plastic-coated or even metallic!

Making small switches like buying wrapping paper which has been previously recycled is always a good decision, especially when the environment is involved! It is likely that previously recycled wrapping paper can be recycled again!

Now that we are in the season of giving - give the world a chance to heal itself by reducing waste! Happy holidays!

Elizabeth

Editor's Note: you can easily make your own wrapping paper - for all year as well as Christmas - by using the scrunched up paper that Amazon and other parcels pack their goods with. Just iron it flat, then draw, print or stamp designs onto it. Free, easy and creative! Don't know how? Ask me for help! *-Jane*



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.

Thursday 19th December, this will be a Christmas afternoon tea, time will be 3.00 to 5.00.

It will be at Westborough Village Hall.

We will need to know in advance if you intend to come for catering purposes. Costs for this will be met from the funds.

Please contact us as soon as possible if you are going to be there for catering purposes

Sunday 19th January, this month we will be at Westborough Village Hall, the time as usual will be 10.30 to 12.00. There will be tea/coffee and cake, and the cost will be £2.00 per person.



Wednesday 19th February, this month we will be at Stubton Village Hall. As usual there will be tea/coffee and cake, the time will be 10:30 to 12:00, all are welcome.

Wednesday 19th March, this month we will be at Westborough Village Hall. The time will 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.

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



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JOIN OUR TEAM

One of our volunteers has recently moved into a trustee role so we have a space on our management team. We meet at 7pm on the 3rd Weds of each month in the Coulby Room, if you'd like to suss us out! We also have an active social team if you have an idea for an event or you'd like to help with our activities. We're a friendly bunch and we'd love to have you on the team so please get in touch (contact details above).

HALL BOOKINGS

Saturdays/Sundays are typically booked up 6-8 weeks ahead for daytime hires. For Fri/Sat evenings, people are booking months/as much as a year in advance, so we'd encourage you to look further ahead when planning an event or party.

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

We'd be glad to show you round at one of our regular **open viewing sessions** – our next one is Sat 11th January, from 9:30-11:30am.

As well as the main hall, the Coulby Room (formerly the library) is available for hire, at £10 per hour or £25 for 3 hours – it's a great space for small get-togethers, like workshops, meetings, a private afternoon tea, etc.

REGULAR EVENTS

Fitness & Wellbeing Classes

Tues 10:30am: Pilates with Karen: <https://inspiredfitnesswithkaren.co.uk>

Tues 7-8pm: Movement and Meditation with Claudia: www.claudiagramtherapies.com

Weds 9:30am: Movement and Meditation with Claudia www.claudiagramtherapies.com

Weds 4pm/5:30pm/7pm: Slimming World with Katie Joynes

Thu 7pm: Boxercise with @sophiesfitnessandbeauty

Fri 9:15-10am: Family-friendly strength workout with @sophiesfitnessandbeauty - little ones welcome!

Crafty Cuppa Club

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

Fri 13th Dec, 10:30am-12:30pm

Fri 17th Jan, 10:30am-12:30pm

Fri 21st Feb, 10:30am-12:30pm

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



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CLAYPOLE CINEMA CLUB is very much a social cinema; seated around tables with beers, wine, hot/soft drinks, & snacks available to buy. You can bring a bean bag if you want to get really comfy!!

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

The licensing means that we operate as a members' club, so films are advertised within the membership.

Membership costs just £10 per person or £25 for a family ticket (2 adults + 2 children/1 adult + 3 children, £5 for an extra child) FOR THE WHOLE YEAR and there are no extra costs - excellent value compared to a cinema trip!

Guest membership is available for £5 if attending with a Cinema Club member.

New members, from the village and beyond, are very welcome and can join online using the QR code or this online link: bit.ly/ClaypoleCinema



Cinema Club: Last Christmas	Fri 6 th Dec, 7pm	Last Christmas: a 2019 film co-written by Emma Thompson & Greg Wise with a soundtrack by George Michael/Wham! Starring Emilia Clarke, Henry Golding & Emma Thompson. Doors open 7pm, film starts 7:30pm. <i>*CHRISTMAS SPECIALS*</i> Mulled wine, mince pies, hot chocolate
Cinema Club: Mamma Mia! & pop-up takeaway night by 'George is Cooking'	Fri 10 th Jan, 7pm	Mama Mia: Star studded cast and all the best Abba hits on the soundtrack – singing along is totally acceptable!! <i>'George is Cooking' will be at the Hall for a Greek-themed pop-up takeaway night from 5-8pm so, if you want to meet friends & get some food before the film, doors will open earlier at 6:30pm</i> Doors open 6:30pm, film starts 7:30pm



CAN YOU HELP?

We'd like to start a monthly/fortnightly Community Cuppa at the VH and are looking for a group of people who are willing to get it started, with funding available from the Co-op for supplies. Please get in touch with the VH team if you can help. Contact details at the top of the page.



1st Claypole Brownies

Do you know anyone who would like to join us?



We meet on Monday evenings from 6pm to 7.15pm. The weekly cost is £3.00.
Why not join us for a taster session?

Please register on www.girlguiding.org.uk/what-we-do/brownies/

Places are available for girls aged 7 to 9.

Parents are encouraged to register younger girls who are interested as soon as they can to ensure the unit remains viable.

Please contact Sarah if you would like more information on 0776 5791882.

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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 2025

Wishing everyone a very happy Christmas and a healthy new year. Love and best wishes Liz Earl

To all my friends and neighbours. Very best wishes for Christmas and the new year
Sheila Gray.



I may have moved away but I still want to send heartfelt Christmas and new year wishes to all xx.

Erica Hine



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

Merry Christmas to all our family and friends, and all the best for a happy and healthy 2025.
Graham, Rachel and Josh Revill



Wishing everyone a merry Christmas and a happy new year for 2025.
John and Jill

Wishing you all a joyful Christmas and festive wishes for a happy and healthy 2025 Ho Ho Ho. Merry Christmas to



A merry Christmas to everyone and a happy, healthy, new year.
Jim and Janet Carnell

Happy Xmas and new year to all our family, friends and neighbours.
Matt and Val Allen



Special wishes and thank you to mother. Wishing her a best Christmas and new year
Love Matt and poppy woof woof



A merry Christmas and a happy, meaningful, new year.

Martin Carnell



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

Many Christmas wishes to all our neighbours and friends.

Colin and Glynis Richardson



John and Shirley Kerr wish all our friends and neighbours a very merry Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year



Des and Corinne Holmes would like to wish all friends and neighbours a very Merry Christmas and a happy new year

Wishing all our friends and neighbours a very merry Christmas. Heather and Barry Sheardown and Jenny Walton



David and Pam Dana wish all friends and neighbours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



A happy and peaceful Christmas to you all and very best wishes for a happy and healthy new year. Ernie, Cathy and family



Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. Andrew and Dawn Broomham

To all friends and neighbours merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2025 from Kathleen Thomas



Merry Christmas and a happy new year from Sharon and Mark Simpson



Best wishes for a happy Christmas from Sue West



Good health to everyone from the Nullis family



Mike and Gerda Hine wish everyone a very happy Christmas and send best wishes for the new year.



Erica and Marty Browne and family would like to wish everyone a very happy Christmas and a Happy New Year



Wishing all our friends a very happy Christmas from 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



FARMYARD TAILS

Even though Autumn was relatively dry the ground around our farm remained wet in places and as such it was time to bring the Cattle indoors.

They come into two barns and are separated into various groups for handling and welfare reasons.

~Cows with their calves 'at foot'- these are late born calves that will stay with their Dams until turnout next spring.

~Cows whose calves need to be taken away so the cow can rest in preparation for next springs calving.

~Heifers, young females under 3yrs of age.

~Steers, castrated males.

~Retired cows, these are cows that for one reason or another I have decided not to put to the Bull. These will live out the rest of their lives on the farm just eating grass.

We wean the calves in late Autumn when we bring all the cattle in as it is easier logistically to separate them all out. The calves go into a separate barn and are fed a premium quality hay to ensure they continue to grow well whilst they are indoors.

The Steers will be sold to a finishing unit in Yorkshire but we keep a couple back each year to rear on ourselves.

The Heifers will stay with us for a while. We halter train them to calm them down as they can be a tad spirited. We will then either sell them to other breeders or keep them ourselves as replacements for the older cows we've retired.

Our bull Ragnor has been moved to his winter quarters. He weighs in excess of 800kg and as such it is important he rests indoors whilst the ground is so soft. This protects him from muscle strains and hoof problems. He has a lovely deep straw bed and can still see his ladies over the yard.

Dam- Mother. Sire-Father.

See you soon,
Tracey





LONG BENNINGTON
Medical Centre

RSV Vaccine

The RSV vaccine helps protect against respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), a common virus that can make babies and older adults seriously ill. It's recommended during pregnancy and for adults aged 75 to 79. Watch out for your invite to book your vaccination. This is a new vaccine, for more information on the vaccine please visit:

<https://www.nhs.uk/vaccinations/rsv-vaccine/>

Well-Being Walks

If you have not joined us before and are free every 3rd Wednesday of the month, then feel free to join us on one of our well-being walks. The next walk is scheduled for Wednesday 15th January 2025 at 10:45am from the Medical Centre. Please note that this is a new time. Please ensure you wear the appropriate footwear.

Thank you

The Medical Centre raised a total of £24.17 for the Royal British Legion. Thank you to all that donated the beautiful Poppies for the display and to all that bought one.

Christmas Closure

The Medical Centre will be closed for the Christmas break on the 25th & 26th December 2024 and on the 1st January 2025. We would like to wish all our patients a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy new year.

Dry Doddington Harvest Supper

An enormous thank you to everyone who contributed to our harvest supper and who helped on the night - especially all those who sold tickets (we were sold out!!!) It was an extremely enjoyable evening and we made an outstanding profit of £950 to go towards church funds. This would have been impossible without the generosity of those people who donated salads or sweets which were up to the usual very high standard. Thank you .

Thanks must also go to Richard and Julieanne who manned the bar once again, to Doncaster's who provided the meat, and also to the Village Hall Committee for their support.

Same time next year?????????

Lynda Loynes

Kathleen's Kitchen

Creamy Vegetable Bake *(use up your leftovers!)*

(All weights & measures are approximate)

(For approximately 4 servings)

Ingredients:

Any assortment of chopped cooked vegetables & meat (if wanted), uncooked vegetables can be used if desired, but need to be cooked
Approximately 2lb/1kg

White Sauce (if you would prefer - you can use any white sauce of your choice)

2 tbsp of oil (any that you prefer or butter or mix of butter & oil)

1tbsp finely chopped garlic

2tbsp flour

Milk 3/4 - 1 pint/455ml

A quarter tsp nutmeg (optional)

1tsp thyme

Salt & black pepper to taste.



Alternatively, you can make it into a cheese sauce.

Method:

Heat oil in a saucepan, add garlic & cook for 10-20 seconds.

Add flour & cook over a low heat for 1- 2 mins, then gradually add the milk, stirring all the time to avoid lumps. Keep stirring until the sauce thickens.

Once the sauce thickens, add the various seasonings, spices & herbs.

Heat the oven to 180°C & grease a large casserole dish & arrange vegetables (& chopped meat if wanted), then stir the sauce into the veg, making sure that the veg is well covered.

Bake for 15- 20 mins until golden.

Note: The Bake can be topped with cheese if wanted &/or topped with mashed potato & put back in the oven to brown.



News from Claypole & District Women's Institute

Welcome to the fun and the madhouse!

in November Kathleen showed us how to make various little boxes, suitable for gifts etc. It was a fun craft evening and most successful thanks to Kathleen's pre-planning and patterns ready made. She put such a lot of work into this and it was much appreciated.

On Tuesday 10th 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 sex/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

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.

On Tuesday January 14th at Westborough Auctioneer Colin Young will tell us about his experiences at auctions. Colin has appeared on tv on "Bargain Hunt", "Antiques Roadshow" and other programmes so this should be a fascinating topic.

On Tuesday February 11th at Westborough, we will have an Easter Crafts session, led by members. Details nearer the time. Volunteers and ideas welcome!

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:

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Contact Jane for further info - Bring your own project or start something new.

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Are you thinking of joining? or coming back?

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Contact President Jane Ford on 01400 281206

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Beans, Peas and Christmas

The Twelve Days of Christmas is the period between the birth of Christ and the arrival of the Three Wise Men.

Christmas cards, decorations and gifts start to appear in the shops in September (it seems to get a little earlier every year) but in many religions Christmas actually starts on Christmas Day and lasts for Twelve Days until January 5th.

There are lots of traditions around Christmas, dependant on religion, geography and culture.

Christmas trees were introduced into the UK by Queen Charlotte, consort of George III and were first seen at Windsor in December 1800. They were further popularised by Prince Albert, husband of Queen Victoria .

In the Middle Ages (5th to 15th centuries) Christmas was a period of continuous feasting and merrymaking which climaxed on Twelfth Night.

A special Twelfth Night cake was baked which contained a bean and a pea. Called a King Cake, "a man who finds the bean within his slice of cake is King for the night, whilst a lady who finds a pea in her slice of cake shall become the Queen." Following this, parties would continue and include the singing of Christmas carols as well as feasting. Modern King Cakes often contain a small plastic baby doll as well as a pea!



The Theatre Royal, Drury Lane in London has had a tradition since 1795 of providing a Twelfth Night cake to the company in residence on 6th January. This resulted from a bequest in a will of Robert Badderley of £100 to provide cake and punch every year.

In Ireland it is still traditional to place the statues of the Three Kings in the crib on Twelfth Night.

Thus around the world the Twelve Days of Christmas are celebrated in many ways both religious and secular.

Christmas Day is celebrated as the Nativity of the Lord and is a public holiday in many nations including many non christian countries.

December 26th is St Stephen's Day in the western churches and is also known as Boxing Day in the UK and its former colonies.

Several years ago my friend Mary Holland introduced me to to a very funny film **Dinner for One**. It was produced by German TV in 1963 but was only shown for the first time in the UK in 2018. Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Germany, Austria, Finland and Switzerland TV broadcast the film every New Years Eve and it seems to be compulsive viewing. Everyone thinks it is hilarious. It stars only two actors; Freddy Frinton and May Warden and has very little dialogue. Freddy was born in Grimsby so there is a Lincolnshire connection. It can be found on Youtube etc.



Wreaths were traditionally hung on a door for the twelve days. They contained fruits and other edibles, taken down on Twelfth Night and the items eaten.

Monks didn't have to fast on Saints days and each of the twelve days is a saints day so celebrating the period involved much eating and drinking.

Some Christians give a gift on each of the twelve days to represent a wish for each of the calendar months in the coming year. Some light a candle on each day and sing a verse of the tradition Twelve Days of Christmas song. Some give gifts on the first and last days of Christmas.



Wishing you all a happy Xmas and all best wishes for 2025

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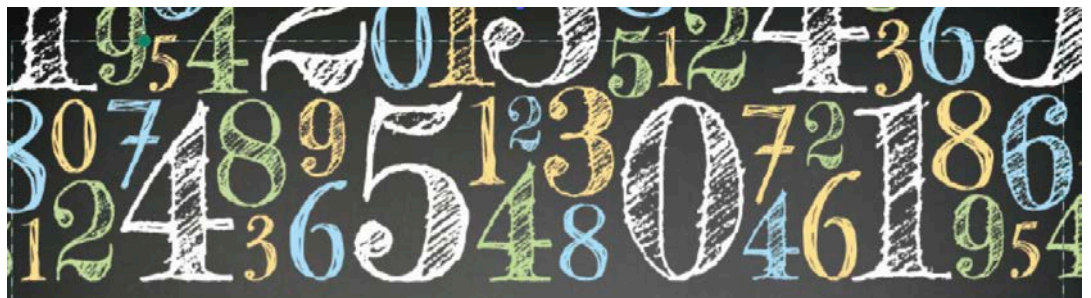
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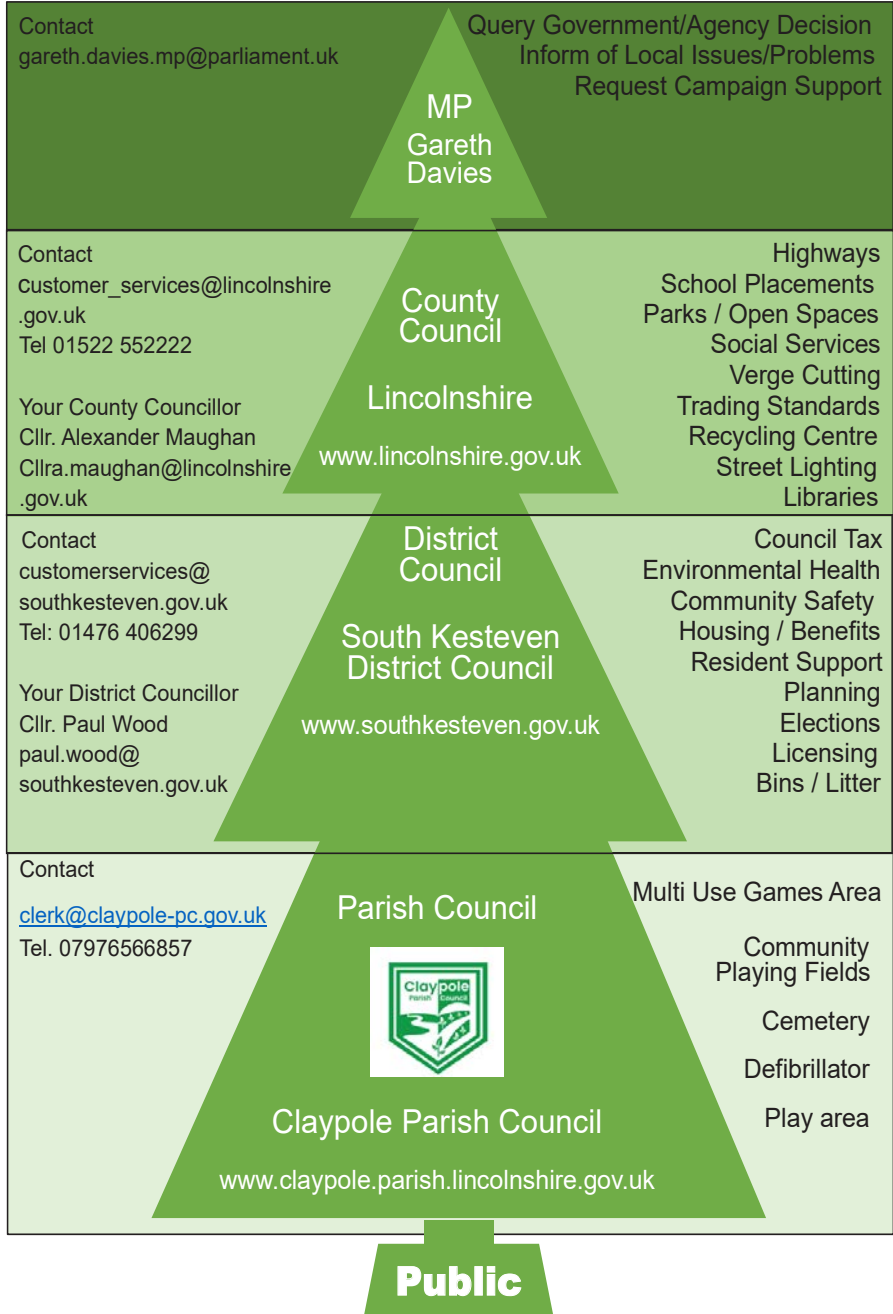


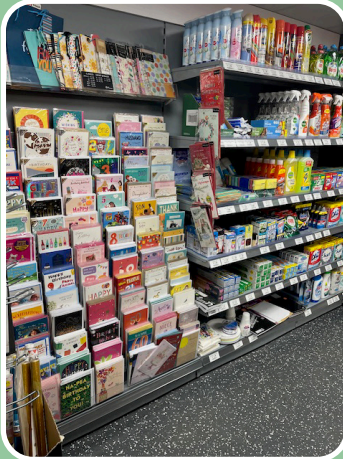
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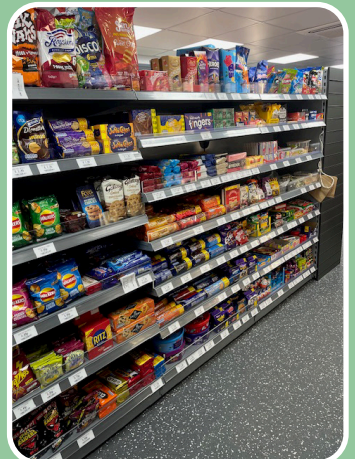
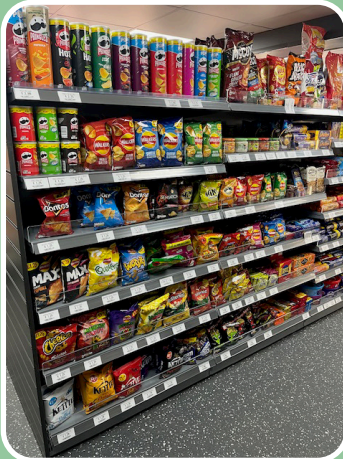
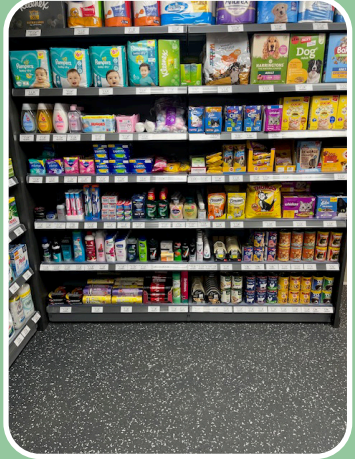
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Service Rota for December 2024

Key: HC–Holy Communion, MW – Morning Worship, MP-Morning Prayers. EP-Evening Prayer, LC- Lively Church, FS-Family Service

Date	Time	Day	Church	Service	Notes
1st	10:00	Advent 1	Allington	HC	At Sedgebrook if still closed.
1st	10:30	Advent 1	Long Benn.	MW	
1st	10:30	Advent 1	Claypole	HC	
1st	15:00	Advent 1	Foston	HC	
8th	10:30	Advent 2	Long Benn.	HC	
8th	10:30	Advent 2	Sedgebrook	MP	
8th	18:00	Advent 2	Stubton	HC	
8th	15:00	Advent 2	Foston	Carols	
13th	19:00	Advent	Allington	Carols	
15th	10:30	Advent 3	Long Benn.	MW	
15th	10:30	Advent 3	Claypole	HC	
15th	10:00	Advent 3	Allington	MW	At Sedgebrook if still closed.
15th	16:00	Advent 3	Dry Dodd.	Christingle	
19th	19:00	Advent	Claypole	Carols	Carol Service - Newark Band
22nd	10:30	Advent 4	Long Benn.	Carols	
22nd	18:00	Advent 4	Fenton	Carols	Carol Service. Team Led. Wine & Nibbles.
23rd	18:00	Advent	Stubton	Carols	Carol Service. Team Led.
24th	19:00	Christmas Eve	Sedgebrook	Carols	Carol Service. Team Led.
24th	16:00	Christmas Eve	Foston	Christingle	Christingle Service w/ Debbie Starr
24th	23:30	Christmas Eve	Long Benn.	Midnight	
25th	10:00	Christmas Day	Allington	HC	w/ Sedgebrook. At Sedgebrook if still closed.
29th	10:30	Christmas 1	Westboro'	HC	

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| Dec. 15th at 4pm | St James, Dry Doddington, Christingle |
| Dec. 19th at 7pm | St Peter's, Claypole, Carol Service |
| Dec. 22nd at 10.30am | St Swithun's, Long Bennington, Carol Service |
| Dec. 22nd at 6pm | All Saints, Fenton, Carol Service |
| Dec. 23rd at 6pm | St Martin's, Stubton, Carol Service |
| Dec. 24th at 4pm | St Peter's Foston, Christingle |
| Dec. 24th at 7pm | St Lawrence, Sedgebrook, Carol Service |
| Dec. 24th at 3pm | St Peter's, Claypole, Christingle |
| Dec. 24th at 11.30pm | St Swithun's, Long Bennington,
Midnight Mass |
| December 25th at 10am | Holy Trinity Allington,
Holy Communion |