#### THE CLAYPOLE GROUP OF VILLAGES

CLAYPOLE, DRY DODDINGTON, FENTON, STUBTON, WESTBOROUGH

### NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2025



#### LOCAL INFORMATION

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

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

Claypole Brownies- Please register at girlguiding.org.uk/joinus or contact

Sarah on 07765 791882 for further details

School Hall- contact Claypole School 01636 626268

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

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Churchwardens: John Lawrence, Sandalwood. Town Street 01400 281850 Mavis Arnold,

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**LOCAL POLICE**: PC Mark Barr 07973 845128.PCSO Barbara Mooney 07795 972786 NOTE NEW NUMBER *If you ring 999 state "Lincolnshire Police" or your NG postcode will get the Nottingham force and delay any response!* 

#### Letter from your Editor

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#### Hello!

Happy New Year to everyone! I hope we have all made a reasonable start! Not too sure about the finer detail of my diet.... It would be rude not to partake of a few of the goodies that came my way.. dammit!

As you will see, the newsletter is reduced in size to reduce the cost of printing. Full page info has been reduced to half, but the information is all there, and I am pleased to see there's lots going on already this year.

During that long very cold and icy time, I was kept busy feeding my birds. I had seeds, nuts, fat balls and sunflower hearts. Apart from, the usual little chaps like goldfinches, chaffinches, robins, great tits, etc etc, I acquired a load of blackbirds, and long tailed tits, and my woodpeckers came over too.

I don't mind feeding the bigger birds in times of real hardship, so I was pleased to see my two crows become bolder and my pheasant Percy coming along for the scattered seeds. The grass is well trampled across quite a large area now, from all those tiny feet!

We are kindly and generous folks when it comes to charity. As you will see, we have had grateful thanks from the LIVES CEO for the money we raised through our Christmas Greetings page, and many of you have sent along the stamps that are so useful for Bransby Horses. They have been particularly affected by the serious floods and bad weather, so need extra funds this winter.

Let's hope that Tony can find a way for us to make ends meet with our newsletter. All ideas welcome!

Best wishes, Jane

### Info for March 2025 EDITION By 16th FEBRUARY please

The Ings, Town Street, Westborough NG23 5HJ 01400 281206 email jane.h.ford1@gmail.com

#### From the Vicarage

A new year often brings thoughts of fresh starts. In Isaiah 43:19, God says, "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?" This verse reminds us that God's work of renewal continues even in difficulty. Yet as we step into 2025, I want to take this opportunity to address



a difficult part of the past head-on: the awful findings of the Makin Report.

Archbishop Welby will step down due to his and the Church of England's failure to address the abuse inflicted by John Smyth. Smyth's actions are particularly grievous because he contorted scripture to manipulate vulnerable young Christians. The cover of legitimacy he received from the Church of England places it at the centre of multiple collective failures.

It's right to feel sorrow, anger, and frustration over these events. As well as being disturbed by Smyth's abuses, I'm dismayed that others callously chose to cover up for the sake of institutional reputation over the lives of the traumatised victims. Jesus said, "Whatever you refused to do for the least of these, you refused to do for me" (Matthew 25:45). I think we should take these words very seriously.

We must not confuse the Church of England with God's Church eternal. The Church of England will only serve as a vehicle for God's love if it prioritises people. Thankfully, significant progress has been made to prevent abuse. Thousands of trained safeguarding officers, clergy, and volunteers ensure the safety of church environments across England.

If you or someone you know has experienced abuse, please don't stay silent. Speak out. Let us ensure that every voice is heard, every wound acknowledged, and every effort is made to safeguard others. Together, we can seek renewal that reflects God's call for love and justice.

#### **Events Calendar 2025**

#### February 2025

Fri 7 Banshees of Inisherin film Claypole

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

Thur 27 Dry Doddington village hall coffee morning

#### March 2025

Fri 7 On the Basis of Sex film Claypole

Tue 11 WI AGM and quiz

Wed 19 Good Neighbours Westborough village hall

Thur 27 Dry Doddington village hall coffee morning

#### April

Fri 4th Westborough annual quiz for the cup Sat 12 Spring Fayre & Easter Egg Hunt Westborough Sat 19 Good Neighbours Stubton village hall

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



- Don't forget to let us know if you've changed your mobile phone number, or you may miss calls and messages from us. Please contact our Reception on 01400 281220 to update your details.
- Our Patient Participation Group needs your support... Do you have 1 hour a month available to help give valuable feedback and contribute to our future improvements and services? If so, and you are a registered patient with us, we would love to hear from you!

# CLAYPOLE CINEMA CLUB UPCOMING FILMS

Cinema Club membership costs just £10 per year for an individual & £25 for a family of 4 and you can attend as many screenings as you like for that price. Guest passes are also available. Join here: bit.ly/ClaypoleCinema



2024 Oscar and BAFTA winning film

fRIDAY 7TH FEBRUARY doors open 7pm film starts 7:30pm start

#### ON THE BASIS OF SEX

biopic of Ruth Bader Ginsberg to celebrate International Women's Day

> FRIDAY 7TH MARCH doors open 7pm film starts 7:30pm start

Claypole Cinema Club is a 'so,cial cinema' - seated around tables, with beer, wine, soft drinks and snacks



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### OPEN HOUSE





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### STUBTON HUB PRESENT TED'S VINYL INTRO'S QUIZ

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#### **Profits to St Martins Church**

Doors 7.00 Fish & Chips Supper 7.15
Quiz starts 7.45
Teams up to six

Tickets per person :- £5 for Quiz plus £11 for supper (if required)

Please book in advance

Email:-stubtonvh@gmail.com

### Westborough Annual Quiz for the cup!

#### Friday 12th April

Westborough Village Hall

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All of us at LIVES want to express our gratitude for your generous contribution of £620 following the Christmas messages in your December newsletter.

When your world stops, we don't, we are ready to respond. Your support matters more than ever. Because of you, our first responders can stand by families during their darkest hours. Every year we aim to raise £1.4 million to ensure that our team can answer 999 medical emergencies. Your support brings light where it is needed most.

In 2024 from Christmas to New Year's Day LIVES volunteers attended 71 patients providing immediate care when it's needed most.

Thank you so much for your support. Wishing you all and your loved ones a happy and safe new year.

Nikki Cooke, CEO LIVES

#### The Dry Doddington village hall 100 Club renewal.

The purpose of the 100 Club is to help fund the maintenance and upkeep of the village hall.

This year's 100 club comes to an end in February 2025. If you would like to be a winner next year, then renew your number or sign up for our 100 Club!

Anyone wanting to renew please see a committee member to pay or via bank transfer using bank transfer. Anyone that hasn't renewed their current numbers by February 28th will lose their number/s and they will be put back in the pot.

Each number you choose costs £12 for the year and that number will be entered into the draw every month.

1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes of 30%, 20% and 10% respectively, are awarded every month to the lucky winners.

All winners are announced each month on posters around the village.

Information leaflets can be collected from the bus shelter.

If you would like further information please contact Brian on 07552757242 or email us at <a href="mailto:drydoddvillagehall@gmail.com">drydoddvillagehall@gmail.com</a>

Or visit the website: https://www.drydoddingtonvillagehall.co.uk/100-club

#### **Dry Doddington Community Café**

When: Last Thursday of every month 10 -12.

#### Fancy a cuppa and a chat?

The village hall will be open on the last Thursday of every month between **10:00 - 12:00** for people to visit and socialise over a cuppa and slice of cake.

A drink and a slice of cake start at £2 and everyone is welcome.

So save the date and pop in.
Thursdays 27th February & 27th March

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Claypole Brownies – Fun Day – Sun 16 Mar 25

We are a small Brownie group so we would like to invite girls age 6 to 10 to join us on our

Fun Day on Sun 16 Mar 25 at Claypole Village Hall from 10 am to 4 pm.

The cost is £15.00 per person which includes drinks, snacks and a goody bag.

We have 13 girls attending so far but still have places available.

Do you know any girls who would like to join us? There is no obligation to join Brownies though we do have spaces available for girls age 7 and over. We meet on Monday evenings from 6 pm to 7.15 pm and taster sessions can be arranged for £3.00 per week.

Girls who are Rainbows or Brownies at other Brownie units are welcome to join us for the day.

Contact Sarah to book a place or for more information by text on 07765 791882.

Places need to be booked and paid for by Fri 28 Feb 25.

We hope to see you there.

### Book Fair

in St Peter's Church Claypole

#### Saturday 22nd March

from 10.00am-1.00pm



#### **New Stall for Old Postcards**

#### **Donations needed:**

Books, CD's, DVD's, jigsaws/games and items for the tombola If anyone has anything to donate, please contact me,

Gillian Padley 01636 626510.

Or if anyone would like to help set up the fair or help on the day, again please contact me.

Thanks to everybody who supports these events.



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#### Kathleen's Kitchen

#### **Sweet Potato & Shallot Soup with Fresh Root Ginger**

(All weights, measures & sizes are approximate)

**Note:** I made this in a 1.6 litre soup maker on smooth setting, but it can be made in a pan on the hob & blitzed when cooked. No sautéing in oils or butter, helps to make it a healthier option. Use half quantities for a smaller soup maker.

#### Ingredients:

3-4 large sweet potatoes

5-6 large shallots (more if small) or use 1 or 2 large onions if you would prefer Root Ginger - piece about half a thumb size - finely peel it & chop into tiny pieces 2-4 large cloves of garlic, more if preferred

2pts/1.5 ltr of stock - I used 2 chicken stock pots, but it can be a vegetable stock or any other flavour. The taste of the soup varies on whatever you use.

Salt & black pepper

Cumin (a shake or pinch)

Paprika (the same)

Marjoram (the same) any herbs can be added

If you find that you are not quite up to your soup maker's level to cook, then you can add chopped potato or carrots (these will slightly alter the taste) & more water

Cook & serve. Before serving, if you feel your soup lacks some flavour, try adding a dash of cider vinegar or red/white wine vinegar & blend. Once cooked & you feel you want a thinner soup, then add a drop of boiling water.



#### 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.

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. Wednesday19th 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.

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

If you need to contact me our email is <u>lindaandderek1@sky.com</u> 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

#### Lazy Lou

Just a few miles south of our group of villages is the village of Carlton Scroop. You will pass through it on a journey from Grantham to Lincoln. It is the home of the excellent Sudbrook Moor Golf Club and also the company Fineturf (who supply turf to such places as Manchester United Football Club and Wimbledon).

Just before Christmas I had the opportunity to attend a ceremony where a memorial was unveiled to commemorate American combat veterans who were killed in a mid air collision on December 18th 1944 over Carlton Scroop.



Two aircraft on training missions, one a B24 Liberator named Lazy Lou the other a C-109 troop carrier suffered a mid air collision. Wreckage from the C-109 rained down on the village close to the school and the present golf club. Lazy Lou carried on flying in an attempt to land at RAF Cranwell, but wasn't successful and finally crashed at North Rauceby.

A local man, David Bristow, electrician, history enthusiast and now author, undertook a lot of research in to the incident, being a local lad from Carlton Scroop with a thirst for understanding more about what happened that day. His research resulted in a book "Whatever happened to you Lazy Lou?" obtainable direct from Dave or from Amazon. Dave's dad was a pupil at the village school at the time of the crash.

Dave managed to pull together funding from various sources including South Kesteven District Council to enable a memorial stone to be made and placed at the golf club.

A number of RAF and US Air Force staff came to the ceremony.

Seven men were killed in the accident and three survived. The squadron mascot Dalmatian dog also died from injuries. The dog called Major Jerry had travelled with Co Frederick for campaigns in North Africa, Sicily and northern Europe and was considered a lucky mascot. He was thrown clear in the crash landing, but was badly burned when he ran back to find his master and sadly died.



War Memorial at Sudbrooke moor Gold Club. Old railway line bridge in background.

Staff Sgt Stanley Wells 22 was the radio operator. He had married a girl from Lincoln less than a month before the incident and they were expecting a baby.

Lt Col Lewis Frederick died at North Rauceby.

The son of Tech Sgt Ernest Ward who survived the crash, made the journey from Texas to Carlton Scroop for the event and was hosted by Dave. Edward Ward Jnr said at the unveiling "I am truly grateful to see such a commemoration of the American aircrew who died that day. My father survived and lived a long life, but we must always remember those who did not"

The RAF band played reveille on a very moving day.

What happened to you Lazy Lou? ISBN 978.1.906542.71.9

Robert Prabucki



SPRING FAYRE

SATURDAY 12TH APRIL 2PM - 4PM

Westborough Village Hall







### The Green Page

Ensuring that we are drinking enough water is something we all strive to do and it can be so easy to just nip to the supermarket and buy a pack of bottled water.

However, this time-saving choice is actually having horrendous effects on the environment.

Did you know that 12 million tonnes of plastic finds itself in the ocean annually? With 90% of this coming from land based sources.

This source of single use plastic is clogging our oceans and our streets. Not to mention all of the negative impact they have on our health when they end up being burnt in incinerators!

One million plastic bottles are bought every minute across the world - and it is completely unnecessary. Think of all the money you could save by choosing to not make one purchase everytime you go out!

Right now is the best time for all of us to make a difference and start moving towards a future where we actively choose underconsumption and a sustainable lifestyle.

So how do we begin? Buy a reusable water bottle! There are so many affordable and different kinds, there truly is something for absolutely everyone. Reusable water bottles have tons of benefits for our environment! By purchasing one, you are saving 150 single use plastic bottles from use annually!

If we all make this switch, our little decision can make a big change!

Elizabeth



#### News from Claypole & District Women's Institute

Further info online from Kathleen or Jane

On Tuesday February 11th at Westborough, we will have an Easter Crafts session, led by Julie doing some découpage. Please bring scissors and a small paintbrush e.g. a child's. On Tuesday March 11th at Westborough is our AGM followed by another of Kathleen's fiendish guizzes. We will need to vote for the officers and committee. Any proposals should be sent to Kathleen in advance please.

**SUBS ARE NOW DUE:** This year's sub is now £51 but our WI will subsidise all members by £10. So instead of paying £51, you will only need to pay £41. Please arrange to pay on this March evening to help Gill our treasurer.

On Tuesday April 8th at Westborough, Bridget Castle will talk about genealogy. We have agreed to support the Women's Refuge all year round, not just at Christmas. Having met one of the staff in person, at a craft get-together recently, we are now clearer about what is required all year round. Kathleen takes supplies usually around once a month. Please let Kathleen know of any donations you have.

Painting, Art & Craft mornings between the hours of 9.00-12.00 with Jane at Westborough Village Hall on the first Friday of every month:

> Contact President Jane Ford on 01400 281206 Secretary Kathleen Thomas 01636 626860

#### **Dry Doddington Village Hall**

#### Looking for hall Hire?

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> For further details why not check out the village hall website at www.drydoddingtonvillagehall.co.uk or arrange a viewing by contacting Brian on 07552 757242

#### **Farmyard Tails**

The original Highland cattle were pure black and quite wild, they roamed the Scottish hills for hundreds of years and were known as 'Kyloe'. It wasn't until the 1800's that these animals were domesticated and crossed with the Beef shorthorn. This gave them a bigger frame, a more gentle disposition and the distinctive Red coat that you see today. They are also Brindle, Dunn, Yellow and White!

Their distinctive appearance including long curved horns and their rugged thick coat make the Highland breed standout like no other. Both the Male and females possess horns. The Bulls are thicker and generally grow out inline with their eyes the females grow upwards and outwards with varying degrees of curvature.



A Highland heifer is not put to the bull until she is at least 3yrs old. The breed is very slow growing so we need to make sure the heifer is mature enough to carry a calf without any impact on her own growth.

Highland beef is slow maturing making it a premium beef which is lean, well marbled with low fat and cholesterol levels, criteria increasingly demanded by today's market.

All pedigree Highlands are registered with the Highland Cattle Society. The main sale takes place in Oban, Scotland with the bull sales in February and the female stock in October. A group of Highlands are called a fold not a herd. They are the only breed in the world to be known as such. All cattle breeders have a Fold/Herd name. Mine is the Oakwood fold. All stock born will use this prefix.

When we name a female calf they have a pet name and a pedigree name. The pedigree name is put on their birth certificate along with the dam and sires details. A bit like a family tree this is known as a pedigree certificate.

The society encourage us to use the Dams name throughout the line.

For example- I purchase a cow from the Tiffield fold. She is called Fionnaghal of Tiffield. She could be Fionnaghal 9th etc it depends on her position in the breeding line.

I then use her for breeding and her first heifer calf will be Fionnaghal of Oakwood. (We do not use 1 for the first in that line) The second heifer will be Fionnaghal 2nd of Oakwood etc etc. Then when Fionnaghal (1st) 2nd or 3rd have heifer calves they have the next number in-line. So Fionnaghal 2nd's first heifer calf could be Fionnaghal 7th of Oakwood (let's say).

Very careful note keeping is required to make sure the numbers follow in succession along the various lines. Because our steers are reared for beef they do not get a pedigree name or a pedigree certificate. I hope you found this of interest. See you soon,



### UPCOMING EVENTS

FEB 9TH ACTIVITY SERVICE.

ST. SWITHUN'S LONG BENNINGTON

2:30-4PM

MARCH 2ND PANCAKE PARTY ST. PETER'S CLAYPOLE 2:30-4PM

MARCH 30TH MOTHERING SUNDAY EVENT VILLAGE HALL, LONG BENNINGTON 9:30-11AM

APRIL 13TH PALM SUNDAY
9:30 @ COULBY ROOM, CLAYPOLE VILLAGE
HALL TO WALK A DONKEY TO ST. PETERS

10:30 SHORT SERVICE AND CAKE

APRIL 19TH EASTER FUN
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#### 2nd (Candlemas)

10:00 AM	Communion	Allington
10:30 AM	Communion	Claypole

10.30 AM Morning Worship Long Bennington

3:00 PM Communion Foston

#### 9th (4 before Lent)

10:30 AM	Communion	Long Bennington
10:30 AM	Morning Prayer	Sedgebrook
2:30 PM	Messy Church	Long Bennington
6.00 PM	Communion	Stubton

#### 16th (3 before Lent)

10:30 AM	Communion	Claypole
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10.30 AM Morning Worship Long Bennington

#### 23rd (2 before Lent)

10:30 AM	Communion	Long Bennington
10:30 AM	Lively Church	Sedgebrook

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> March (1 before Lent)

10:30 AM	Communion	Claypole
2:30 PM	Messy Church	Claypole

#### day 5th March (Ash Wednesday) Music and Light and Ashing

6:30 PM Taize Service	Westborough
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#### 30th March (Mothering Sunday)

11:00 AM Family Service Long Bennington

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