

THE CLAYPOLE GROUP OF VILLAGES  
CLAYPOLE, DRY DODDINGTON, FENTON, STUBTON, WESTBOROUGH

# NEWSLETTER

MAY 2025



No, it's not for the garden - it's to protect the telly from powerfully hurled objects now there's all that politicking going on!

## **LOCAL INFORMATION**

### **CLAYPOLE**

**Priest in Charge:** Jon Speirs-Davies email: [jon.sd@lincoln.anglican.org](mailto:jon.sd@lincoln.anglican.org)

Mobile: 07766 486452

**Churchwardens:** John Padley, 9 The Cottage, School Lane, 01636 626510

Bridget Rosewell 2 Main Street Claypole 07836 215181

**Parish Council Clerk:** vacancy info needed

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

[www.facebook.com/claypoleparishcouncil](http://www.facebook.com/claypoleparishcouncil); [www.facebook.com/claypoleleisurepark](http://www.facebook.com/claypoleleisurepark)

**Claypole C of E School:** 01636 626268 [www.claypoleprimary.org](http://www.claypoleprimary.org)

**Claypole Brownies-** Please register at [girlguiding.org.uk/joinus](http://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](http://www.claypolevillagehall.org/onlinebooking)

**DRY DODDINGTON Churchwarden:** Dick Loynes 07899 787057

[richardloynes@btinternet.com](mailto:richardloynes@btinternet.com)

**Parish Council Clerk:** <https://westborough-dry-doddington.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk/>

email: [clerk.west.drydodd.pc@gmail.com](mailto:clerk.west.drydodd.pc@gmail.com)

**Village Hall bookings:** Brian Beddows 07552 757242

**Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator:** Mike Hine, Hazelwood, Manor House

Lane. 01400 282690 email- [mikehine38@hotmail.com](mailto:mikehine38@hotmail.com)

**STUBTON Churchwarden:** Mike Libby tel - 01636 626028 [mglibbyl4@gmail.com](mailto:mglibbyl4@gmail.com)

**Parish Council Clerk:** [stubtonclerk@gmail.com](mailto:stubtonclerk@gmail.com)

**Village Hall bookings:** [stubtonvh@gmail.com](mailto:stubtonvh@gmail.com)

### **WESTBOROUGH**

**Churchwardens:** John Lawrence, Sandalwood. Town Street 01400 281850

Mavis Arnold, Holmes Farm, Long Bennington NG23 5EB 01400 281282

**Village Hall Bookings:** Jane Ford 01400 281206 [jane.h.ford1@gmail.com](mailto:jane.h.ford1@gmail.com)

**Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator:** vacancy

### **FENTON**

**Parish Meeting Website** [www.fentonvillage.com](http://www.fentonvillage.com). [chair.fentonvillage@gmail.com](mailto:chair.fentonvillage@gmail.com)

**Chairman Parish Meeting**

**Clerk:** Graham Doney, [clerk.fentonvillage@gmail.com](mailto:clerk.fentonvillage@gmail.com)

**Churchwarden:** Libby Mason, Corner Cottage, Main Street, Fenton

01636 627178

**DOCTORS: LONG BENNINGTON SURGERY** 01400 281220

**CAYTHORPE -SURGERY** 01400 272215

**L.I.V.E.S. Coordinator** Linda Kingston 01400 272740 [lfkingston@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lfkingston@hotmail.co.uk)

Treasurer - David Harvey [david.l.harvey@btinternet.com](mailto:david.l.harvey@btinternet.com)

**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!

The weather has changed somewhat and so has my luck, it seems.. Typical example - only one thing got knocked to the floor in the ill-organised chaos that is my table and in-tray - and it was the picker upper that I pick up dropped things with.... Sigh...

But the welcome rain has started vigorous growth in the wild flowers at under the orchard trees. I am sure that cow parsley is a foot taller than yesterday. It will take over from the primroses and grow up to meet the apple and pear blossom that succeeds the plum and sloe flowers. The succession of blossom in Spring is always magic to me.

And any minute there will be the 3 colours of lilac and the wonderful smell - strongest at evening. As some of you know, the lilacs carry the memory of my parents from wartime, and the trees are cuttings from the originals that we brought with us to Westborough all those years ago. At the foot of the trees are wild violets, and they are the deepest purple this year.

I must mention too the joy I feel every time I drive through Dry Doddington to Claypole and see the bed of cowslips lovingly tended all these years. Thank you so much for the annual treat!

The calendar is full with all kinds of events. It's good that so many villagers are organising things for us all, many thanks to all our volunteers!

**These's a lot of fun on offer in all our villages now -  
Do take a look and join in**

Best wishes, *Jane*

**Info for JUNE 2025 EDITION**

**By 16th MAY please**

The Ings, Town Street, Westborough NG23 5HJ  
01400 281206 email [jane.h.ford1@gmail.com](mailto:jane.h.ford1@gmail.com)

# *From the Vicarage*

We live in a world that seems to lurch from one crisis to another. One day, markets crash; the next, they soar. Trade deals falter, inflation bites, and through it all, the richest often seem to get richer. Meanwhile, ordinary people carry the weight of uncertainty, rising costs, and decisions made far from their everyday lives.



It's tempting to think this is just the way the world works: the powerful stay powerful, and the rest of us hope not to slip. But Holy Week, still fresh in our memories, tells a different story.

Palm Sunday begins with cheering crowds and the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. By Friday, the cheers have turned to shouts, "Crucify him." It is a staggering fall—from messianic hope to public humiliation, from royal welcome to torturous death. And yet, it is precisely in that apparent collapse that something world-changing happens. There, at his lowest point, Christ lifts up the least: a common thief is ushered into paradise.

The cross is not just a symbol of suffering—it's an inversion of power itself. Where the world rewards elites who posture towards strength, Jesus shows true strength in love. In God's Kingdom, the last are first, the poor are blessed, and the meek inherit the earth.

This is not just comforting—it is reorienting. If you've ever felt passed over, let down, or left out, Jesus's Easter message is that you are not forgotten. You are, in fact, invited into the heart of God's redeeming work.

May we follow Jesus not just in the hosannas of Palm Sunday but through the shadows of Good Friday, so we can stand in the light of Easter morning—not with illusions of worldly success, but with the deep joy that comes from knowing God lifts up the lowly.

*Rev. Jon Speirs-Davies*



# Events Calendar 2025

- May.** Fri 2 7pm: Claypole Cinema Club - Twisters (12)  
Fri 2 5:30-8pm: George is Cooking pop up takeaway night  
Sun 4 10am-1pm: Claypole Garage Sale Safari & village breakfast  
Sun 4 Claypole Plant sale  
Mon 5 VE Day 80th celebrations Stubton afternoon tea  
Tue 6 Quiz Night Stubton  
Thur 8 Westborough & Dry doddington Parish Council at DD  
Thur 8 Dry Doddington VE Day Beacon lit 9.00pm  
Sat 10 Coffee morning & plant and craft stalls Westborough village hall  
Tue 13 WI Westborough  
Tue 13 Open Mic Night Stubton  
Fri 16 Claypole School Quiz Night  
Mon 19 Good Neighbours Alpaca Centre  
Mon 19 10:30am-12:30: Co-op Community Cuppa Claypole  
Tues 20 Westborough Annual Village Meeting & VHall AGM  
Wed 21 Claypole Village Hall AGM  
Sat 24 Claypole Village Hall Open House  
Thur 29 Dry Doddington Coffee Morning
- June** Tue 3 Quiz Night Stubton village hall  
Tue 10 WI outing to Civil War Museum  
Mon 16 10:30am-12:30: Co-op Community Cuppa Claypole  
Thurs 19 Good Neighbours Westborough village hall  
Fri 20 Claypole VH film "Monica"  
Sat 21 Book Fair Claypole Church  
Sat 28 Women in the Mediaeval English Forest fun talk Long Ben V Hall
- July** Fri 4 Claypole School Summer Fayre  
Sat 5 Concert of Mediaeval Music Westborough church  
Sat 5 Vinyl quiz Dry Doddington village hall  
Sun 13 Westborough Village Fete  
Fri 18 Claypole VH film "Untouchable"  
Sat 19 Good Neighbours Stubton village hall  
Mon 21 10:30am-12:30: Co-op Community Cuppa Claypole

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

**Yoga in Stubton** Village Hall Wednesdays 9.15  
7th May, 14 May, 21 May, 28 May, 4 June etc

**Stubton Village Hall Bar Open** 6.30 9 May, 16 May, 23 May, 30 May, 7th June

# Westborough Annual Quiz for the cup!

**Friday 4th April**

Westborough Village Hall

7.30 for 8.00 start sharp!

Teams of up to 6 — £2.00 per person.



Westborough challenges the other villages  
to see if they can steal the cup out of our village!

---

JOIN US FOR...

## CLAYPOLE'S 4TH *Garage Sale Safari*



Buy your map from the Village Hall &  
set off on a bargain hunt.

Breakfast cobs served from 9:30am

*10am-1pm  
Sunday, 4th May*

Sign up for a stall here: [bit.ly/ClaypoleSafari2025](https://bit.ly/ClaypoleSafari2025)  
or scan the QR code



Back up date, in case of bad weather. Monday 5th May

# L J Dye Electrical Services

Over 25 years experience

All types of domestic, commercial  
and agricultural work undertaken.

Call Leigh on Tel: 07910 645727

## \*CLAYPOLE VILLAGE STORE \*



Newspapers, Magazines, Lottery, Health Lottery,  
Phone Top-Up, Grocery, Beers, Wines & Spirits  
Sweets, Soft Drinks, Ice Cream, Frozen Food, Milk, Eggs,  
Coal, Logs .... etc.

**EVRI** Parcel Services

Any suggestions, come and see us. Tel. No. 01636 626962

Mon-Sat 7am-7pm Sunday 8am-5pm

Opening hours Summer time Mon to Fri: 7am to 8pm Sat: 7:30am to 8pm  
Sun: 8am to 5pm



## D Sullivan building

Building landscaping and maintenance



Daniel Sullivan

07543645258

dansullivan14714@gmail.com

14 Templeway Close

Caythorpe NG323DZ



## Sally Maggs

Cleaning & Ironing Services

est. 2005

*Need some help with your housework?  
We are the team for the perfect clean!*

*Weekly, fortnightly and one off cleans tailor made to your requirements*

*Call 07957908593 for more details  
11 School Lane, Claypole*



## Dry Doddington VE beacon

will be lit on Thursday May 8th starting at 21:00 for 21:30 on the village green.

## Stubton Celebrations 8th May

Meet at the flagpole at 9pm. A celebratory toast honouring Allied forces and the end of World War II in Europe. This is a public event, to acknowledge the triumph over tyranny and the sacrifices made during the war.

## Dry Doddington Village Hall: Looking for hall Hire?

Are you looking for the perfect venue for your celebration, event, activity or club?

Whether you require a space to hold a regular activity, a private celebration, a wedding reception, or a team meeting/training venue away from the office. Dry Doddington Village Hall has availability to suit you and your needs.

This hidden gem provides:

- Competitive pricing (from as little as £10 per hour);
- Free Wi-Fi throughout the building;
- Free car parking;
- Air conditioning to the main hall;
- A fully fitted modern kitchen;
- Main hall accommodates a maximum of 200 people;
- Tables and chairs to seat up to 100 people;
- A large versatile hall and smaller conference room;
- Ladies, Gents and Disabled toilets;
- Easy accessibility to and from the A1.

Dry Doddington Village Hall is situated on the South side of the village in a beautiful setting. The building sits upon a green and overlooks spectacular views of the surrounding countryside.

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

[www.drydoddingtonvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.drydoddingtonvillagehall.co.uk)

or arrange a viewing by contacting Brian on 07552 757242.

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

### The April 100 club winners;:

1st	28	Loretta Swards
2nd	83	Gill Cooling-Brown
3rd	63	Coleen Dell

See <https://>

[www.drydoddingtonvillagehall.co.uk/100-club](http://www.drydoddingtonvillagehall.co.uk/100-club)



# Coffee Morning

Saturday 10th May 10.00-12.00

Westborough Village Hall



Plant Stall   Lucky bags   Book Stall   Coffee/tea & cake

**Raffle with splendid prizes**

Come along to your local

## COMMUNITY CUPPA

It's a great way to meet new friends,  
find out what's happening  
locally and enjoy a cuppa.

21st April  
19th May  
16th June  
21st July  
18th August

15th September  
20th October  
17th November  
15th December  
19th January 2026

**10:30am - 12:30pm**

**Claypole Village Hall, Main Street,  
Claypole, NG23 5BA**

• HALL VIEWINGS • FREE EVENT • POP-IN •

# OPEN HOUSE



SAT 24TH MAY  
9:30-11:30AM



For hire rates, to check dates, or request a booking, visit:

[www.claypolevillagehall.org](http://www.claypolevillagehall.org)

SAVE THE DATE!

THE RETURN OF THE FABULOUS  
**FISH & CHIP  
QUIZ**

WITH QUIZMASTER MR WELLS

TEAMS OF 6 | £10 PP INC FISH & CHIP SUPPER  
BYO DRINKS & NIBBLES

**FRI  
16  
MAY**

**19:30 start**  
Claypole School Hall

RAISING VITAL FUNDS FOR CLAYPOLE SCHOOL





# 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](https://bit.ly/ClaypoleCinema)

## **Twisters**

12-rated film

FOOD BY GEORGE IS COOKING

FRIDAY 2ND MAY

doors open 6:30pm

film starts 7:30pm

## **Monica**

15-rated film

FRIDAY 20TH JUNE

doors open 6:30pm

film starts 7:30pm

**FUTURE DATES:**

**18 JULY: UNTOUCHABLE**

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

## Farmyard Tails

We were blessed with a lovely warm, dry spring this year which was a relief after last year's cold, wet disaster.

At the time of writing this we could do however with a drop of rain for farmers and gardeners alike. There are 14 steers due to travel up to Hellifield, North Yorkshire in the next few days.

They will be housed when they get there to rest them before being wormed, checked over and turned out onto acres and acres of conservation grazing along with other cattle from various farms.

Calving in general went well. We are still waiting for Carol to calve. She is not due until July however.

We've had 10 calves born so far. 6 boys and 4 females. One of the boys we have decided to rear as a Bull. His dam is a fine example of the breed and as such she has calved a strong & handsome calf worthy we hope of rearing on to be used for breeding when he is older. His pedigree name will be Fenton Ruadh of Oakwood. He will have to be DNA tested and various other tests carried out to assess his breeding credibility by a vet when he is about 18months old. If he passes these tests and is of a good breed standard he will then get his full pedigree certificate from the society and can be used to sire our females.

One of the boy calves was sadly born with a congenital defect. He had both eyelids but sadly no actual eyeballs. The farm vet was called out and after checking him thoroughly she put him to sleep. The dam had to be kept in the barn for a while afterwards to allow her milk supply to dry up reducing the risk of Mastitis. Out of the 169 calves we have had this has never happened before. The dam is outdoors now and will return to Ragnor the bull in a month or so.

Each calf born on the farm has to have an ear tag in each ear, this has our herd identification number on it and the individual unique animal number. These details will be on a paper document called a cattle passport and will remain with the animal logging its movements throughout its lifetime along with the passport will be the Pedigree document. I will register each calf with the Highland Cattle Society. Each animal will be given a pedigree name if a heifer or a breeding bull or a number if the animal is a steer that will eventually end up in the food chain.

We have started to feed the pregnant ewes and increase the amount given to them steadily until they are on the full amount in time for lambing. By the time you read this article we should hopefully be set up in the barn. When a ewe has lambed she will be moved into an individual pen with her newborn lambs and will remain in the pen until we are confident that the lambs are feeding well and mothered up sufficiently to be turned out onto pasture weather permitting. The spring grass will ensure the ewe produces lots of milk for her lambs and get them off to a flying start.

See you soon - **Tracey.**





# 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.

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May**, this month we are at The Alpaca Centre, Clensey Lane, Dry Doddington, Newark NG23 5HYT. We look forward to seeing as many of you as can get. The cost will be £2 as usual, and the time will be 10.30 to 12.00.

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June**, this month we will be at Westborough Village Hall. The time will be 10.30-12.00 and there will be tea/coffee and cake. The cost will be just £2 per person and everyone is welcome.

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July**, 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.

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> August**, 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](mailto: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



---

## The Green Page

No Mow May means that for the entire month of May - individuals are asked to refrain from mowing their grass. But what is the reasoning behind this?

Well, No Mow May was started by the charity known as Plantlife - and has quickly made its way across the world. No Mow May has tons of benefits for the environment, such as supporting pollinators by providing them with their food source - an example of this would be bees and pollen.

No Mow May ensures that there are flowers in your garden for bees and other pollinators to feed on. Longer grass also increases biodiversity in your gardens - which means ecosystems can thrive.

Not to mention, despite only ignoring your lawn for a month, No Mow May actually has long term benefits for your garden. An example of one of these benefits would be having longer grass. Longer grass ends up providing a natural mulch that promotes soil fertility.

Having fertile soil is so important when it comes down to growing plants in your garden. It creates the perfect conditions for your plant to grow and ensures that it gets all of the nutrients that it needs!

Making space for nature to thrive continuously is so important and we are so lucky to know of ways that will continue to support it. I urge each and every one of you to put away the lawn mower this month and allow our pollinators, flowers and other plants to reap the benefits.

Become the difference that nature needs to see!

*Elizabeth*





The Richard III Society presents  
The Mugaseth Memorial lecture



## Music from the time of Richard III

A concert of Mediaeval Music

**By the City of Lincoln Waites**

Wearing appropriate clothing and playing music of the period on replica instruments, the City of Lincoln Waites aim to reproduce the sights, sounds and atmosphere of a mayor's band of the period.

Tickets Members £10.00

Non-members £12.00 including refreshments



**Saturday 5th July 7.30pm**  
**All Saints Church Westborough NG23 5GS**

JOIN US FOR OUR  
**SUMMER FAYRE**

**FRIDAY**  
4TH JULY  
4PM - 7PM

**FREE ENTRY**

**CLAYPOLE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**MAYPOLE**  
**COUNTRY DANCING**  
**FAIRGROUND GAMES**  
**TOMBOLA**  
**RAFFLE**  
**REFRESHMENTS**  
**INFLATABLES**  
**HOG ROAST**

**LITTLE JOHN'S HOG ROAST**

**CEDLING**  
JOYFUL, CRAFTY, FREE!

**PTFA**

**RAISING VITAL FUNDS FOR CLAYPOLE SCHOOL. ALL WELCOME!**

*The Richard III Society presents*

## **Move over Maid Marian: Women in the Mediaeval English Forest**



An illustrated talk by Professor Louise Wilkinson  
(Professor of Mediaeval studies at the University of Lincoln,  
previously professor of mediaeval history at Canterbury)



**Long Bennington  
Village Hall  
Saturday 28th June  
7.30pm**

Tickets £4 for non-members  
includes light refreshments



**LONG BENNINGTON**  
Medical Centre

- We will shortly be using a new way of inviting patients for long term condition and medication reviews. In your birthday month we will send you either an appointment invitation or a questionnaire message. If you get a message, please click the link to book your appointment or complete the questionnaire.
- Thank you for all the messages we received in the "Thank you" campaign. We were delighted to read all the lovely messages. We are also pleased to announce that we came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the competition.
- We will be hosting an away wellbeing walk on the 14<sup>th</sup> May 2025, this is in addition to the wellbeing walk on the 21<sup>st</sup> May 2025. Please look out for further

### **Collecting used stamps**

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

Please pass stamps to Mavis Arnold or



JOIN US FOR THE 2025  
**CLAYPOLE VILLAGE  
HALL AGM**

**7PM, WEDS 21ST MAY  
THE COULBY ROOM**

COME AND FIND OUT THE LATEST ABOUT THE RUNNING OF THE VH,  
ITS SOCIAL ACTIVITIES, FINANCES ETC.  
EVERYONE IS WELCOME SO PLEASE POP DOWN IF YOU'D LIKE TO  
SHARE NEW IDEAS/SUGGESTIONS

NEW VOLUNTEERS ALWAYS WELCOME!

**Westborough Annual Village Meeting  
Tuesday May 20th 7.00pm**

followed by

**Westborough Village Hall Committee AGM**

Please come and add your ideas

All villagers most welcome

**Book Fair**  
in St Peter's Church Claypole  
**Saturday 21st June**  
from 10.00am-1.00pm



**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 all who support these events.  
The last book fair raised £689.34.*



## Kathleen's Kitchen

### Stuffed Meatballs (All weights & measures are approximate)

#### Ingredients:

1 lb/453g Minced Beef (or whatever mince you prefer)  
2ozs sharp cheddar (or whatever) cut into 8 cubes  
Half tsp salt & half tsp black pepper & 2 tsp smoked paprika  
2 tsp garlic powder or 2 crushed garlic cloves  
Breadcrumbs (optional - to bind the meat & possibly a beaten egg)  
Oil - spray

#### Method:

Mix everything into the minced meat, if not binding, use some breadcrumbs as well as some beaten egg.

Portion the mince into 8 even balls, flatten into 8 rounds

Place a piece of cheese on each disk, shape into a ball ensuring the cheese is well covered & no gaps for it to leak out.

Line a baking sheet/tray with baking parchment. Put meatballs onto the tray & refrigerate for about 15 to 20 mins until firm to handle.

Preheat the oven to 200°C then spray the meatballs with oil. Not got a spray? Then oil your hands & roll the meat balls around until greased.

Bake in the oven for 15 - 20 mins (or more) till brown.

Serve with a sauce of your choice (tomato & herb is popular) on pasta or whatever.

Cooked vegetables, can be chopped & added to the sauce.

**Note:** the balls can be stuffed with anything else, even finely chopped onion & peppers.

Ensure that the meatballs are all tightly closed over the stuffing.

**Kathleen Thomas**



## News from Claypole & District Women's Institute

*Further info online from Kathleen or Jane*

**In April**, Bridget Castle explained the various sources of research into genealogy and showed interesting evidence from investigating her own forebears. Many questions followed.

**On May 13th at Westborough**, Pat Stopford will be describing “**Fused Glass** - a passion”. She will also have some of her handmade items for sale.

**On June 10th is our outing to the Civil War Museum** and they are opening specially for us in the evening. Guests are welcome on this trip. Members will be subsidised the £20 per person, and guests will be charged £5.00. Further details at next meeting.

**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

## ESSENTIAL ELECTRICAL SERVICES

Residential & Commercial electrical services  
Additional sockets, lighting, rewires etc.  
Electrical Testing: EICR's and PAT Testing  
C & G qualified electrician. Transparent pricing  
Tel. 07505 393 957

### Maggy's Support Bubble

*Health and Social Care Worker*

- Fully trained and Experienced
- Self-employed Private Care Provider
- Qualified to Level 3 in Adult Social Care
- Provides the Best Companionship Care in Your Own Home
- Fully Insured

"Best care comes from the bottom of the heart."

*Maggy's Contact Details:*

Phone Number: 07972 726606

Facebook: facebook.com/MaggySupportBubble

Email: Maggy.healthandsocialcare@gmail.com

The following can be provided:

Hobby and Interest Engagement

Help with Socialising

Help with Shopping

Meeting new People

Doctor Appointments

Help Preparing Meals

Transport

Professional and Companion Care Service



**Maggy's  
Support  
Bubble**

## OIL BOILER MAINTENANCE

Boiler Servicing

Boiler Replacements

Oil Tank Replacements

Combi Boiler Specialist

**Call Gary the Boiler Man**

**Have your Boiler Regularly Serviced and save Money**

**Day time:- 07946114955 Evening:- 01522 789840**

Contract Work or Just a Helping  
Hand with the Gardening  
For a FREE QUOTE call

**G. W. King & Sons**

**Phone 01636 626570**

Field View, Doddington Lane  
Claypole

**THANK YOU!**

Wherever people are involved in  
a community event in this village,  
there are a few willing volunteers  
and supporters who come along  
and give what they can. That's what  
makes Claypole a great place to live.  
What made your Easter Day great?  
So many memories for me....Thank  
you Everyone. *Linda Tucker*

# West Loveden

# KIDS



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### JUNE 8TH

PENTECOST CELEBRATION  
ST. PETER'S CLAYPOLE  
2:30-4PM  
PARTY VIBES FOR THE  
CHURCH'S BIRTHDAY



### JUNE 15TH

FATHER'S DAY GAMES AND SNACKS  
LONG BENNINGTON VILLAGE HALL  
10-11:30 AM

### JULY 12TH & 13TH

SUMMER EVENT  
ST. SWITHUN'S LONG BENNINGTON



CHILDREN PLEASE  
BRING YOUR  
SUPERVISING  
GROWN UP



ALL OF THESE EVENTS  
ARE PUT ON FOR FREE  
BY OUR CHURCH  
MEMBERS FOR THE  
COMMUNITY



SHOP DELICIOUS  
BBQ MEATS IN  
STORE & ONLINE

5 DODDINGTON LANE  
CLAYPOLE  
NG23 5BE  
TEL: 01636 626272

[WWW.FDONCASTER.COM](http://WWW.FDONCASTER.COM)

## F. DONCASTER

*High Class Family Butchers - Est 1920*



# E Gill & Sons *Funeral Directors*

E Gill & Sons are proud to have provided care and advice to families in the Newark and District area for over 100 years

**24 Hour Personal Care**  
**Prepaid Funeral Plans Available**

Newark and District

**01636 677461**



[egillandsons.co.uk](http://egillandsons.co.uk)



## PANURGY SOLUTIONS



DBS Checked and Insured

Phone: 07984393142 Email: [jon@panurgysolutions.com](mailto:jon@panurgysolutions.com)

<https://www.instagram.com/panurgysolutions/>



**Level 4 Qualified Personal Trainer offering 1 to 1 training sessions in a professional, private home gym in Claypole**

If you would like help with health and fitness but prefer not to go to a large gym then maybe I can help? Flexible appointments, competitive rates, completely confidential.

Contact: [secretsquirrelhealthandfitness@gmail.com](mailto:secretsquirrelhealthandfitness@gmail.com)

Call :Amanda 07787128080



### ***Littlegates for Littlepeople Children's Nursery and Kids Club***

Purpose built nursery in rural location  
Offering quality care for children aged 3 months to 11 years.  
Fully qualified staff  
Open Monday to Friday 7.30am-5.30pm  
BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB  
School holidays and non-contact days also catered for.  
Open for 50 weeks a year.  
Funding from 9 months 15/30 hours standard & stretched offers available  
01636 626067  
[littlegatesforlittlepeople@googlemail.com](mailto:littlegatesforlittlepeople@googlemail.com)

### **MIKE MONAGHAN**

#### **ARTISAN BUILDERS**

**Top quality service at realistic prices**

**Extensions/Conservatories/Renovations Block paving/patio areas etc.  
Quality plastering finishes Tiling (all types) UPVC windows and  
doors (fensa registered fitters) All trades undertaken**

**Call Mike:- 01522 869701 07980 607666**

**Email enquiries: - [builderartisan@gmail.com](mailto:builderartisan@gmail.com)**

### **Shine Hairdressers & Enchanted Beauty**

**We are open Monday to Saturday.**

**Monday by appointment only.**

**To arrange an appointment  
with Emmy, Adam, Katie or Emma**

**Telephone:- 01636 626778**

**Main Street, Claypole, Newark NG23 5BA**

#### **ADVERTISING - IN THE PARISH MAG**

**Full page colour £50**

**Full page b/w £38**

**Half page colour £31**

**Half page b/w £21**

**Quarter page colour £16**

**Quarter page b/w £12.50**

**Eighth page colour £11**



## The Lost Princess of Wales

**Gwenllian** was the daughter of Llywelyn ap Gruffudd, the last native Prince of Wales and Eleanor de Montfort. Gwenllian was born 17th June 1282 at Garth Celyn Abergwyngregyn, her mother died shortly afterwards.

Eleanor was the daughter of the French Baron Simon de Montfort and a granddaughter of King John of England. Gwenllian, as the only child of Llywelyn, was heiress to the Welsh royal house of Aberffraw and also closely connected to the English throne.

Only six months after her birth Gwenllian's father Llywelyn died at the Battle of Irfon Bridge. Her uncle Dafydd ap Gruffudd assumed her guardianship, but in June 1283 he was captured and executed.

Gwenllian and her uncle Dafydd's daughter Gwladys were confined for life in remote priories in Lincolnshire by King Edward I. By committing the girls to convents, Edward aimed to prevent them becoming a focus for Welsh discontent.

A memorial stone to Gwenllian was erected near to the site of the priory in 1995.



Gwenllian was confined in Sempringham Priory, north west of the village of Pointon. She lived there as a 'paying guest' who was not permitted to leave, for the rest of her life, until her death in 1337 at the age of 54.





Lidar image of the Priory, showing the monastery and the church



Sempringham Priory was built by Gilbert of Sempringham, the only English saint to have founded a monastic order, in 1131.

The priory was dissolved in 1538 and completely demolished, the stone being used to build a manor house.

Some archeological excavations in 1939 by the Heritage Trust of Lincolnshire revealed a layout of the medieval monastery and a housing complex surrounded by gardens.

Today the hamlet of Sempringham has a parish church, dedicated to St Andrew, and a holy well. The hamlet is now part of the civil parish of Pointon and Sempringham.



St Andrews Church

Sempringham

In 1301, to mark the completion of his conquest of Wales, Edward I of England invested his son Edward of Caernarfon with the title Prince of Wales. This was the beginning of the tradition of giving the title to the monarch's heir apparent. Prince William is the 23<sup>rd</sup> Prince of Wales.

# Church Service Schedule for May

## Sunday 4th (Easter 3)

10am	Communion	Allington
10.30am	Communion	Claypole
10.30am	Morning Worship	Long Bennington

## Sunday 11th (Easter 4)

10am	VE Day Service	Allington
10.30am	Communion	Long Bennington
6pm	Communion	Stubton

## Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> (Easter 5)

10.30am	Communion	Claypole
10.30am	Morning Worship	Long Bennington
3.30pm	Communion	Foston

## Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> (Easter 6)

10.30am	Communion	Long Bennington
---------	-----------	-----------------

## Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> (Ascension Day)

6.30pm	Communion	Claypole
--------	-----------	----------

### [Join a Local Church Service on Zoom](#)

Log in using, Meeting ID: Meeting ID: 810 6571 1379 Passcode: 744328  
Compline each Thursday at 7.15pm. Evening Prayer on the last Sunday of the month at 5pm