

# THE CLAYPOLE GROUP OF VILLAGES

CLAYPOLE, DRY DODDINGTON, FENTON, STUBTON, WESTBOROUGH

# NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2025

Difficult to know whose mask to put  
on our guy this year. So very many  
b\*stards to choose from...



**REMINDER** Time to think about sending **Christmas** messages for local friends and family and giving donations to **LIVES** (First Responders) in the December newsletter.

**Info by 16th November please      Details inside.**

## LOCAL INFORMATION

### CLAYPOLE

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**Parish Council Clerk:** vacancy info needed

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

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**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

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**Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator:** vacancy

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***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!

By the time you read this the clocks will have gone back and evenings are completely dark again for months. I am increasingly reluctant to go out in the dark, preferring to stay warm and cosy with books and tv. I ought to be doing lots more sorting out of the just "stuff" I live amidst, but somehow my will power evaporates with the light. And I suspect I am not alone in this!

I have built up my supplies for feeding the birds this winter. I even got a sack of sunflower seeds as a birthday present (Better than more unsuitable smellies!) and this will keep my flock of goldfinches going for months. I have seen more than a dozen at one time pecking away at my feeders. The blue tits, great tits and coal tits all prefer the peanuts or fat balls on another pair of feeders. All of these are squirrel proof now. It's very amusing watching the face of a squirrel as he fails to penetrate the feeders or they spring shut with his weight. I also occasionally remember to grease the poles with Vaseline and watch them slide inexorably back to ground level! Must be time I cartooned them again.

Mustn't forget the ground feeding birds like robins and sparrows, so I have a cage that they can hop into on the lawn, but bigger birds like pigeons can't get into. Fat wood pigeons walk around trying just about every hole without any luck. Watching birds out of my kitchen window is one of the reasons that not enough gets done round here!

Our next edition is the double December and January one, with the Christmas Greetings in the centre. Please consider donating and sending your message to Lynda or me.

Best wishes, *Jane*

**Info for DECEMBER/JANUARY DOUBLE EDITION**

**By 16th NOVEMBER please**

The Ings, Town Street, Westborough NG23 5HJ  
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# From the Vicarage

Eighty years ago, on 11 November 1945, the world marked its first Armistice Day after the end of the Second World War. The guns had finally fallen silent, yet across Europe and beyond, the scars of conflict were everywhere — in cities reduced to rubble, in families grieving their dead, and in hearts weary of hatred and loss. It was a moment of fragile hope: could humanity learn a new way to live together after such devastation?



The prophet Isaiah, writing more than 2,500 years earlier, imagined a world transformed by peace: “They shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks.” (Isaiah 2:4) These words were spoken to a people living amid fear and violence, surrounded by powerful nations and constant threat. Isaiah’s vision was not naïve optimism but a radical reimagining of what humanity could become — choosing to turn the very tools of destruction into instruments for nurturing life.

That same challenge faces us today. In recent weeks, the Gaza peace agreement has offered a glimmer of hope after so much suffering and bitterness. We hope and pray for all other wars to be brought to their speedy and lasting conclusion. Peace, if it is to last, cannot be simply the absence of war. It must grow in hearts willing to see former enemies as neighbours, and to rebuild what has been broken — homes, communities, and trust.

As we pause this month to remember those who gave their lives in war, may we also commit ourselves to Isaiah’s vision. Each of us has the power to choose whether the tools in our hands — our words, our resources, our influence — will wound or heal. May we use them to wage peace, build understanding, and nurture life, so that future generations might truly inherit a world where swords have become ploughshares.

Kind regards

Jon



# Events Calendar 2025

## November

- Tue 4 Pub Quiz Night, Stubton Village Hall, 7pm (Teams of 6, cash prize)
- Sat 8 Toys, kids' Games sale at Westborough - morning
- Sat 8 Book Fair Claypole church - morning
- Sat 8 Ted's Vinyl quiz at Stubton - evening
- Tue 11 WI Christmas craft evening
- Tue 11 - Open Mic Night, Stubton Village Hall, 7:00pm
- Fri 14 "One Night" film at Claypole
- Sun 16 **deadline to get your LIVES Xmas message to Jane or Lynda**
- Wed 19 Good Neighbours coffee morning Stubton village hall
- Fri 21 Dry Doddington "Wines for Xmas" tasting event
- Thur 27 Dry Doddington coffee morning
- Sat 29 Military Wives choirs at Claypole village hall

## 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
- Tue 9 WI Christmas party Westborough
- Tue 9 Open Mic Night, Stubton Village Hall, 7:00pm
- Sat 13 Claypole OAP Christmas dinner
- Thur 18 Dry Doddington coffee morning (week earlier)
- Fri 19 Good Neighbours afternoon tea at Westborough details TBA
- 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
- Tue 13 WI Gardening for Wildlife at Westborough
- Thur 29 Dry Doddington coffee morning

## February 2026

- Tue 10 WI Moroccan magic food at Westborough
- Thur 26 Dry Doddington coffee morning

**Last Year Bransby Horses Rescue made £11,777  
from the sale of the used  
stamps collected!**



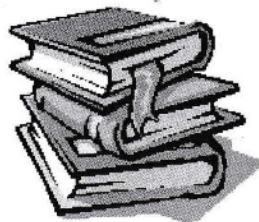
**Collecting used stamps**  
I know we get comparatively few  
nowadays but Bransby Horses Rescue  
& Welfare make thousands of pounds  
from them!



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

# Book Fair

in St Peter's Church Claypole  
**Saturday 8th November**  
from 10.00am–1.00pm



## Donations needed:



In addition to books, CD's, DVD's, Jigsaws, Tombola and refreshments we have decided to have a '**Christmas Stall**'. So I am appealing for anything Christmas related, books, CD's etc., perhaps Christmas jumpers, decorations, fairy lights, anything at all.

Also any items for the tombola.

If anyone would like to help, please contact me.

Gillian Padley 07804 811069. 01636 626510



**From tots to teens**

*and overgrown teenagers too!*



**BOOKS, JIGSAW,  
GAMES & TOY SALE**

**Saturday 8th November**

**10am – 12pm**

**Westborough Village Hall**



**Refreshments  
Children's Tombola**



## Cleaning Position Vacancy

**Evening and Daytime Cleaning Positions** – Location: Newark-on-Trent and surrounding areas  
Hours: part time Self employed,

We are currently seeking a reliable and detail-oriented Evening Cleaner to join our friendly team. This role is ideal for someone looking to earn extra income during weekday evenings while working in a supportive and professional environment.

### Key Responsibilities:

- Perform general cleaning duties including vacuuming, mopping, dusting, and sanitising surfaces
- Maintain high standards of cleanliness in assigned areas
- Ensure all cleaning equipment is used and stored safely
- Follow health and safety guidelines at all times

### Requirements:

- Strong attention to detail and a good work ethic
- Must be reliable and punctual
- Driving license and own transport essential

### Working Hours:

- 4 -5 evenings per week and day time hours available
- Shifts are 2 - 3 hours per evening
- Exact days and times can be discussed and are flexible

If you take pride in your work and enjoy working in a friendly and welcoming team, we'd love to hear from you.

To apply, please contact Sally Maggs by email on [jackali2324@gmail.com](mailto:jackali2324@gmail.com) or text 07957908593.



*DD's Community Cafe*  
*10am - 12pm*  
*Last Thursday each month*

*£2 - Unlimited Tea/Coffee*  
*Slice of cake*

*Dry Doddington Village Hall, Main Street, Newark, NG23 5HU*





## **LIVES FIRST RESPONDERS GROUP**

Covering Claypole, Dry Doddington, Westborough,  
Fenton, Stubton & Fernwood

Charity No 1098364

**URGENT! ACT NOW!**  
**NOVEMBER 16th DEADLINE**  
**RING OR EMAIL NOW!**

### **Christmas planning to help L.I.V.E.S.**

If, instead of paying a small fortune in postage you would like to put your Christmas Greetings to loved ones in the Parish Mag, and combine it with a donation to L.I.V.E.S. now is the time.

This will (a) save postage and

(b) raise much needed funds for L.I.V.E.S

This is a very worthwhile first aid charity that covers the whole of Lincolnshire - any of us could need their services at any time! Trained responders are notified by the Ambulance Service when a call comes in and they can often reach an emergency before the ambulance - saving valuable time



***Save time - and give the money you would have  
spent on Christmas cards to LIVES***

Please let either Dick or Lynda Loynes have your message together with cash or a cheque made out to L.I.V.E.S and we will forward it to L.I.V.E.S. head office in Horncastle. Alternatively you could send your message direct to our editor Jane

Any donation, however large or small, will be put to this worthwhile cause.

Thank you.

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**ENTRIES MUST REACH THE EDITOR BY 16th NOVEMBER TO  
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IN THAT PUBLICATION**

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Caythorpe NG323dz



## Sally Maggs

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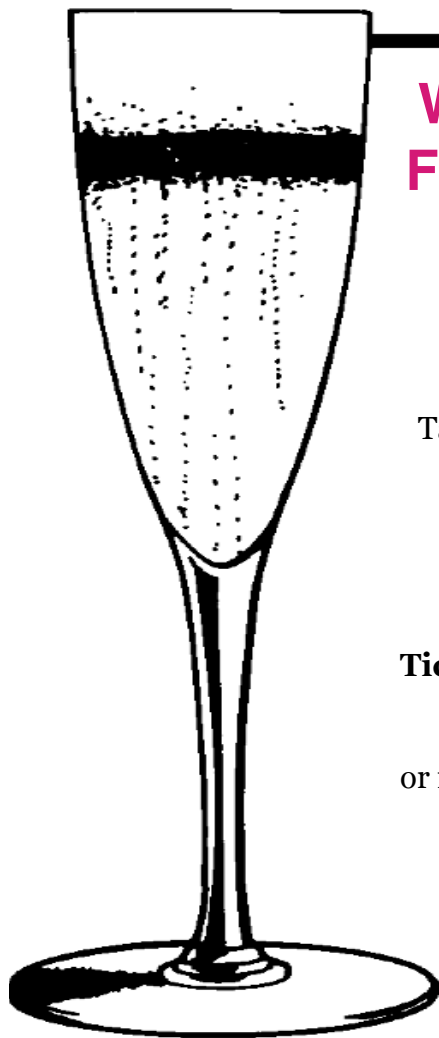
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*Call 07957908593 for more details*

*11 School Lane, Claypole*



## **Wine tasting evening Friday 21st November**

**7:30pm.**

The theme is "Wines for Christmas"

Specially selected - 2 red, 2 white,  
2 mystery.

Tasting notes and score cards provided.

*Quality wines  
and good company  
and all for £10.*

**Tickets are available from**

Julianne Oakes 07920842164

Richard Oakes 07796271601

or messaging the village hall

drydoddvillagehall@gmail.com

***Get your tickets early to avoid  
disappointment!***

### **100 club winners for October**

1st Debby Emblem

2nd Derek Yates

3rd Grace Bromley

**"Watch this space - Coming in 2026"**

Race Night, Wine tasting event , Bingo night



Stubton Village Hall presents

# **Ted's Vinyl Intro's Quiz – The Hits ..... .....and more**

*in aid of St Martin's Church, Stubton*



## **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November**

**Teams of up to six**

### **Quiz £6.50 per head**

**Optional Fish & Chip supper £11.50 per head**

**Supper at 7.00 and quiz from 7.45**

**Please confirm attendance to [stubtonvh@gmail.com](mailto:stubtonvh@gmail.com)**

# **WESTBOROUGH BONFIRE NIGHT**

**WEDNESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

Lighting at 6pm

Fireworks Start at 6:30pm

**NO SPARKLERS PLEASE**

**BACK LANE,  
WESTBOROUGH**

Please follow the signs from the church to the field

**FREE ENTRY,  
DONATIONS WELCOME**

All donations go towards next years' fireworks.

**FOOD & REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE**

Please park respectfully in the village

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

## ONE LIFE

12-rated film

FRIDAY 14TH NOV

doors open 7pm

film starts 7:30pm

## DIE HARD

12-rated film

\*FOOD BY GEORGE IS COOKING\*

FRIDAY 5TH DEC

doors open 6:30pm

film starts 7:30pm

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





militarywives  
**Choirs**  
Cranwell

## CHRISTMAS CONCERT WITH CRANWELL MILITARY WIVES CHOIR

Join us for an evening of festive music on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November in  
Claypole Village Hall  
Main Street, Claypole NG23 5BA



SCAN ME

Doors open at 6:30pm, with the concert starting at 7pm.

Enjoy a magical night filled with joyful carols and seasonal classics performed by our talented choir.

Tickets are £10 at the door, or get an **early bird price** of just £8!

Tickets will include a mulled wine/tea/coffee and a mince pie.

Scan the QR code for tickets

## Women's & Girls' Cricket at Newark R&M Cricket Club

For a number of years, *Claypole C of E Primary School*, have consistently fielded teams for Cricket tournaments; and perhaps more impressively girls only tournaments. I'll be honest, I'm not sure if these girls have gone on to play for a club, or if their Cricket experience ended once primary school was over.

However, we'd like to give them the chance to come back into the game and play at Newark. We're currently recruiting new members to build into a Softball Cricket team, but we do have a Hardball team for girls with more experience. This also applies to any ladies in the area that may want to give Cricket a try, too!

At the moment, we're on a break after the summer season. Over the winter, we're aiming to compete in the Indoor Softball tournament - which takes place in January & February at Suthers School (no fixtures/dates announced yet) – a great way to give Cricket a try if you're new or returning to the game! If you've got a daughter that may be interested, or you want to give Cricket a try, please contact me with any questions at [kitcricket@outlook.com](mailto:kitcricket@outlook.com).



Kit Cann



# The Green Page

We all enjoy bonfire night - getting all cosy and watching the beautiful display! But what if there was a way to have a bonfire night that was kinder to the environment?

Luckily there is! Sometimes, the best things are done in moderation. I know it can be so exciting to have your own personal bonfire night for you and your family - but let's not forget about the negative effect on the environment that fireworks do have!

Fireworks do pollute the air and the water, not to mention the increased risks of wildfires. In fact, going back to enjoying things in moderation - it's much safer and environmentally friendly to pack up your own display and choose to visit a public one instead! (Personally I'm going to the public display in Westborough!)

It is also important to be careful of what is being put on the bonfire to be burnt. Bonfire night is not an excuse to dispose of any old rubbish you have lying around! Things like plastic and painted items can release toxic fumes when burnt that are both equally damaging to your health and also the environment! When sorting through your garden waste and untreated wood - remember to look out for little garden friends who may have been using it as shelter!

Let's not also forget how important recycling is in the midst of all of the firework excitement! When thinking about the food being served, think about the paper plates! Think about the plastic cups you're drinking out of! Both paper and plastic can be recycled - so make sure to pop it into the correct bin!

Remember, there's no excuse to drop litter so check your surroundings before leaving!  
**Elizabeth**



## 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 November**, 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.

**Friday 19th December** at Westborough Village Hall Christmas afternoon tea. Arrangements still to be made.

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

# Farmyard Tails

Something a little different to start with this month. Swans & Cygnets. We have the River Witham running around part of the farm and for the 2 plus years that we have been here we have had a pair of swans on the river that have successfully raised their cygnets. I will admit apart from a little general knowledge I did not really know very much about them so when I found a cygnet with our own geese on the yard the other day I looked into their life a bit more. The Cygnet was quite happy plodding around with our Toulouse geese but I was well aware that it really did need to get back onto a watercourse. We contacted our local swan rescue centre and a very helpful gentleman told us that at this time of year the cygnets are booted off the nest and need to find territory of their own. In fact the adults can be quite nasty if the cygnet does not take heed and move away. If the cygnet did not leave our farm soon our local rescue lady would come and 'lift' the cygnet and find it a suitable watercourse to live on away from any adults. It did however fly off of its own accord the day after.

Young swans typically do not breed until they are two or even three years old. Pairs usually mate for life and will return each year to the same nesting site. Eggs are laid in late April through to late May. The female will lay 4-7 eggs typically. Incubation is approx 33 days. They usually leave their parent's territory for good by late autumn to join other juvenile swans which then seek out safe areas to overwinter.

An adult male swan is called a cob and an adult female is called a pen.

Some of you that have been reading my page since the beginning may remember a calf called 'Dennis'. A lady contacted me back in the summer asking for a couple of very quiet highland youngsters. Dennis and his half-sister Saffron came to mind. They were both late born and overwintered together last year. Dennis is a castrated and de-horned male (steer) and unbelievably quiet as is Saffi. The lady in question runs a farm called 'Time to grow' they "use the natural world and farming practices to help educate children and improve their mental health and wellbeing". So Saffi and Dennis were brought into the barn and halter broken. We do this by putting a halter on them during the day and let them drag it around for a few days. It gets them used to having something on their face and when they stand on the rope it stops them from moving which has the same effect as us using the rope to stop them. Having an animal halter trained quietens them down and makes it easier to handle them. Like a horse, you can then go into a field, slip a halter on them and walk them out rather than having to try and get them all in a barn and separate the one animal out that you want. We then start walking them around the yard which can be a bit of an ordeal if the animal try's to run off. Doing this everyday soon gets them used to it however.

When collection day arrived they were walked into the trailer and after exchanging passport and pedigree papers they headed off to Bromsgrove. Within 48 hours her own children were brushing them and they had settled into their new home very quickly. It's always very sad when my animals move onto pastures new but in this case I knew they would get so much love and time spent on them from the visiting children.

See you soon,  
Tracey



# Kathleen's Kitchen

## Puff Pastry Sweetmeats

### Ingredients:

Puff Pastry (bought block or sheets).

White Marzipan - optional (White is natural & the yellow has added colouring).

Fruit - berries, apples (eating, cored & sliced), jam (any), cranberry or apple sauce (must be a thick consistency).

Egg (beaten with a little milk if preferred), to stick Pastry & to brush over the pastry for a glossy colour.

### Method:

**Marzipan Log** - After the pastry has been rolled out thinly, roll marzipan into a sausage shape & put on the pastry as if you were making a sausage roll. Either keep it as a long roll or cut into small rolls. Bake at 200°C for 20-30 mins until a golden colour & when cool, sprinkle with a fine dusting of icing sugar. Can be frozen without the icing sugar.

**Other pastries** either in log shapes or do squares & put fruit (tossed with sugar, if needed) into the centre & pull corners together. Or use any of the items listed, which can be combined with whatever you fancy.

If you roll the log so that it has layers, then the log can be sliced before baking & put on a tray like circles.

**Note:** Remember to brush edges of any of the pastries & press together. Because ovens can vary, keep an eye on it so that pastries don't burn.

***Kathleen Thomas***



## Covid Winter Vaccinations

We are now administering Covid vaccinations here at the Medical Centre. We will notify patients who are eligible via a message. Please watch out for your message and your link to book your vaccination appointment.

## Well-Being Walks

Our Wellbeing walks take place every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 10:45am. All welcome to attend. There is also an away walk scheduled for Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> Nov 2025 in Grantham for a 10am departure, please meet in the Queen Elizabeth Park car park. What 3 words location W3W///reclining.tones.parts.

Newark Makers Arts & Craft Market

Farndon Village Hall  
20th October 10-3

Farndon Village Hall Christmas Market  
8th November 10-3

St Giles Community Hall Balderton  
10th November 0930-1330

Claypole village Hall Christmas Market  
23rd November 10-3

Bottesford village hall Christmas Market  
29th November 1300-1700

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  
[newarkmakers@netvillagers.com](mailto:newarkmakers@netvillagers.com)



Lest we Forget



A Service of Remembrance

Sunday 19th November

10.30

St Peter Claypole



## Claypole OAP Christmas Party

for 66 years old and over.

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2025.**

Doors open at 12.00hrs.

Three course Christmas dinner and entertainment

To book a seat please contact Jo on either of the following:

Email: [jo@officeangelbookkeeping.co.uk](mailto:jo@officeangelbookkeeping.co.uk)

Telephone: 07870603218







# Christmas



## ST. NICHOLAS' WORKSHOP



**A FUN, FAMILY FRIENDLY  
EVENT, MAKING CRAFTS TO  
DELIVER TO OUR  
NEIGHBOURS IN THE LOCAL  
VILLAGES.**



**DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>  
1-4PM**



ST. PETER'S CHURCH,  
CLAYPOLE



To register please contact Linda 07980 019929



## CLAYPOLE CRICKET CLUB

### 2026 SEASON RECRUITMENT! WE WANT YOU!

We're looking for new **PLAYERS** to join our squad ahead of the 2026 season in the **SOUTH NOTTINGHAM LEAGUE**.

Whether you've played for years or you're just getting back into cricket, we'll help you develop your skills and enjoy being part of a friendly, welcoming team.

#### WHAT WE OFFER:

- 👉 A chance to enjoy cricket with
- 👉 friendly, like-minded players.

#### CONTACT US

☎ 07568 561014

✉ claypolecricket@gmail.com

#### INDOOR NETS – JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2026

Venue: Barriby Road Academy, Newark

All are welcome – come along, meet the team and get involved!

## 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 – 9:30 PM

Ticketed Event – £10.00 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 &  
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# News from Claypole & District Women's Institute

**In October 14th** on the anniversary of the Battle of Hastings, we heard an amusing account of all kinds of unusual **“Animals in Uniform”** with Kenneth Moore. It was such fun that we are inviting Kenneth back in next year's programme.

**Tuesday November 11th**, we have our craft evening. Please bring Glue stick or PVA glue, scissors, small Christmas bits like ribbon, fake holly - though this is not necessary and only small ones. Julie will have the rest of what is needed.

**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*

**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 and we hope you will join us for lots of informal fun.

**Contact** President Jane Ford on 01400 281206

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 2-4pm: FAMILY CRAFTING WITH THE BROWNIES: make a bauble for the village Christmas tree, £4 per person  
 6:30pm: CRANWELL MILITARY WIVES CHOIR: £10 per person - see main advert

# Jane's Virtuous and Easy fat free mincemeat

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

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

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

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

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

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

4 oz dark Muscovado sugar or dark brown soft sugar

1 litre orange juice or apple juice

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



## Method

Mix it all together in your big pot.

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

Store in airtight jars.

Makes the kitchen smell lovely

*That's it - no fuss but tastes delicious*

**-Jane**

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

## Mincemeat Crumble Slices

(All weights & measures are approximate)

### Ingredients:

300g/10-11ozs Self-raising Flour

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

50g Light Brown Muscovado Sugar

1 tsp Mixed Spice

400g Jar of Mincemeat

### Method:

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

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

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

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

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

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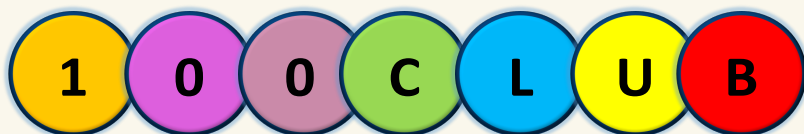
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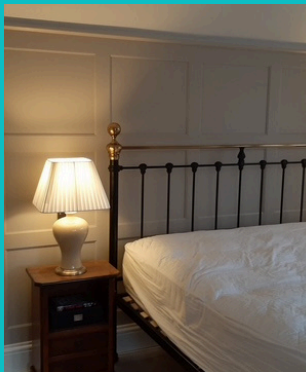
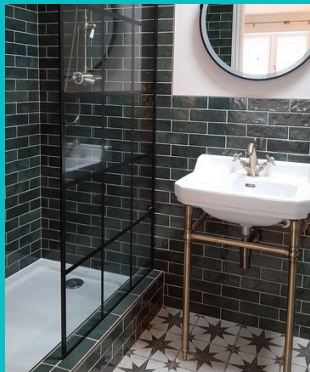
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## Sunday 2nd

10:00 AM	Communion	Allington
10:30 AM	Communion	Claypole
10:30 AM	Morning Worship	Long Bennington

## Sunday 9th

10:30 AM	Service of Remembrance	Claypole
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## Sunday 16th

10:30 AM	Morning Worship	Long Bennington
10.30 AM	Communion	Stubton
3:00 PM	Communion	Foston

## Sunday 23rd

10:30 AM	Morning Worship	Long Bennington
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## Sunday 30th

10.30 AM	Group Eucharist	Sedgebrook
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## Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December

10.30 AM	Communion	Allington
10.30 AM	Communion	Claypole
10.30 AM	Morning Worship	Long Bennington

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