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NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2023



In my day we used to get outdoors scrumping at this time of year!

LOCAL INFORMATION CLAYPOLE

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Claypole Brownies and Guides for info contact Sarah Condon on 07765 791882

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Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator: vacancy

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Letter from your Editor



Hello!

I am writing this not long after an Indian Summer, as Keats described it, a “season of mists and mellow fruitfulness”, although there is limited fruitfulness in my garden this year as the blossom got blasted earlier on. But there is enough for the apple cakes I am known to make and even a few plum cakes thanks to generous friends.

We ought to have Autumn Resolutions as well as New Year ones. Like many people of a certain age, I have managed to collect an enormous amount of just STUFF! It's everywhere, and looking at it all is horrifying - where to start? So my resolution is to see if I can manage to clear or sort one drawer or one bag or one box per day. If I just look at a tiny target, then it won't be as overwhelming as looking at the entire mountain. If I pop off before I have sorted a lot of this, Lord help my nephew!

The cartoon this month takes me back to my youth where scrumping was the challenge of the day at this time of year. I once ate so many green pears that I was violently sick and have never been able to eat a pear again! Scrumping is a family tradition too. Years ago my mum and I were passing a garden where the house was unoccupied and there was this tree laden with plums. We got quite a few then heard someone approaching. You should have seen my 78 year old mum go over a five bar gate in record time! And I was a nano-second behind! Not now, of course! Too old to have many vices left!

Enjoy the season as we approach the equinox.

Best wishes, *Jane*

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Bob died recently, very unexpectedly, and I don't feel able to go on with the appeal on my own.

i am hoping that there is someone out there who will take it on. I know many people are having a hard time of it at the moment but it would be a shame if we did not continue to collect what we can for such a worthwhile cause.

Please have a think and contact me if you think you can help please.

Jill Oakham

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The Teddy Parachute day
at St Peter's
raised £184.05
for the roof appeal.



Thank you all for supporting this event in perfect parachuting weather!

Thanks to all who helped on the day and to everyone who brought along cakes for the refreshments.

Book your events as soon as you know them please

Events Calendar 2023

October

Tue 3 Stubton Hub Pub Quiz
Fri 6 Stubton Back to 70s & 80s vinyl night
Fri 6 Claypole School Cheese & Wine Quiz
Tue 10 WI Lingerie at Westborough & collecto of bras for Africa
Tue 10 Open Mic night Atubton
Thur 12 W'boro & Dry Dod parish council at Dry Dod
Fri 13 Dry Doddington Harvest supper
Sat 14 Claypole Harvest Supper & Ceilidh
Wed 18 Well-being walk Long Ben surgery
Thur 19 Good Neighbours Stubton
Fri 27 Entertainment Quiz Westborough
Fri 27 Cinema Club Claypole

November

Sun 5 Bonfire Night Westborough
Sat 11 Claypole 80s night
Tue 14 WI Craft Night Xmas wreath at Westborough
Sun 19 Good Neighbours Stubton
Fri 24 Claypole Cinema club
Sat 25 Claypole wreath making workshop

December

Sat 2 Dry Doddington Christmas Community craft event
Sat 2 & Sun 3 Dry Doddington Christmas Tree festival
Fri 8 Cinema Club CLaypole
Sat 9 Claypole OAP Christmas party
Sun 10 Christmas cake decorating workshop
Tue 12 WI Christmas party at Westborough
Tue 19 Good Neighbours TBA

January 2024

Thur 4 W'boro & Dry Dod parish council at Westborough
Tue 9 WI Gentle Exercise at Westborough

February 24

Tue 13 WI 50 shades of Graham at Westborough

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Why not join us on Monday evenings from 6 to 7.15pm?

We can arrange taster sessions for £3.00 per week before a commitment is made to join.

If you think that Brownies is going to be too expensive or not affordable, please do contact Sarah on 0776 5791882. We can apply for grants confidentially to cover the weekly meeting cost, if necessary.

Why not register today? Your daughter can start immediately if she is age 7 to 10.

Have you been thinking about registering your daughter for a while but haven't got round to it? Please do it today so that we can continue to run Brownies in Claypole. It would be such a shame if the Brownie group had to close.

Additional charges apply for a starter pack, annual subscription, trips and residentials.

Please contact Sarah if you would like more information.

We really do hope that we will see some new girls at our unit soon.

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Friday 27th October

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Claypole Village Scarecrow Trail

15th – 29th October

If you would like to make and display a scarecrow:

- Email pta@claypoleprimary.org by 1st October
- Let us know your name and address
- Have your scarecrow ready to display on 15th October
- Prizes for the best scarecrows!

If you would like to follow the trail:

- Trail maps will be available at our launch event on Sunday 15th October (more details to follow)
- Trail maps will be available from school and local businesses in October
- Maps will be £2

For school families that do not live in Claypole but would like to display a scarecrow please email us and we will find you a spot on the trail!



HARVEST FESTIVAL EVENTS

Harvest Supper & Ceilidh, Claypole VH

Saturday 14th October, 6-10.30pm

Tickets £16 adult, £10 under 16s bit.ly/3PAbII1

Join us for supper at 6pm, dancing from 7pm & 'bring & share pudding' in the break. No ceilidh experience needed - the musicians will guide you!

Harvest Craft & Games, St. Peter's

Sunday 15th October, 1.30-3pm

Harvest Tea, St. Peter's

Sunday 15th October at 3pm, followed by
Songs of Praise 3.45pm

Village Scarecrow Trail

15th - 29th October

Make a scarecrow to display and/or follow the trail to see everyone else's - details overleaf on how to join in.



Good Neighbours



All are welcome, please come and join us

Coffee mornings are still going - come along and see how enjoyable it is.

We will be at the following venue

Thursday 19th October: today we will be at Stubton Village Hall; this is a lovely venue and if you haven't been before, please come and join us.

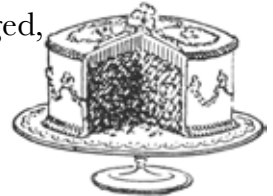
There will be tea/coffee and cake as usual.

Come and meet new people and make new friends.

Sunday 19th November, today we will be at Stubton Village Hall again, come along and meet people for tea/coffee and cake and enjoy a pleasant morning with likeminded people.

Tuesday 19th December, this is still to be arranged, I will talk to people shortly, watch this space.

A very big thank you to Kathleen Thomas, for doing the musical memory lane for us in August.



It was very enjoyable for all who attended.

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

Kathleen's Kitchen

Bacon & Peas Risotto

All measures are approximate – serves 4

Ingredients:

- 1 onion
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- Knob of butter
- 6 rashers streaky bacon chopped
(smoked optional)
- 300g/11oz Arborio rice (this is the best rice for a risotto - do not wash or you lose the starch that helps make it a creamy consistency)
- 1ltr/almost 2 pints of hot chicken or vegetable stock
- 100g/ 3.5- 4oz frozen peas
- Salt & pepper (I use black for depth of flavour & not white for a fiery heat)
- Freshly grated parmesan to serve (optional)



Method:

1. Finely chop 1 onion. Heat 2 tbsp olive oil and a knob of butter in a [pan](#), add the onions and fry until lightly browned (about 7 minutes).
2. Add 6 chopped rashers streaky [bacon](#) and fry for a further 5 minutes, until it starts to crisp.
3. Add risotto rice and 1ltr/almost 2 pints hot stock, bring to the boil. Stir well and then reduce the heat to low and cook covered, for 15-20 minutes until the rice is almost tender.
4. Stir in frozen peas, add a little salt and pepper and cook for a further 3 minutes, until the peas are cooked.
5. Serve sprinkled with freshly grated parmesan and freshly ground black pepper.

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Stubton Village Hall events October

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- Teams of up to six.
- Doors open 7pm, first question 7.30pm.
- Bar open before & between rounds.
- Prize for the winning team.
- Please kindly email us at stubtonvh@gmail.com to register your team and guarantee a table.

Friday 6th Oct - Back to the 70's & 80's Night 7.30pm

Join us for another fantastic vinyl music night as we throwback to the 70's & 80's!

- We invite guests to dig out those flares & shoulder pads and arrive in fancy dress (optional), a prize will be awarded for the best outfit!
- All vinyl 70's & 80's set from Ted.
- Proceeds will be split between the Stubton Defibrillator Fund, Saint Martins Church & Stubton Village Hall.
- Tickets are £10 per person, including bar nibbles and are available to purchase from the bar on Friday evenings. Pay on the door accepted, subject to numbers.

Tuesday 10th Oct - Open Mic Night. 7pm

Bring your instrument, have a sing, or simply come along and watch some great live music!

- All standards and abilities welcome to perform.
- Free entry, although donations are gratefully received.

Friday 13th Oct - Bar Open 6.30pm

The bar will be open as usual for Friday night drinks & giggles.

- Free use of pool table & dartboard available.
- Free entry.

Friday 20th Oct - Bar Open. 6.30pm

The bar will be open as usual for Friday night drinks & giggles.

- Free use of pool table & dartboard available.
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Friday 27th October - Bar Open & Takeaway Night 6.30pm

Join us for a takeaway at the village hall. The bar will be open as usual for Friday night drinks & giggles.

- Free entry.
- Pre-order required for takeaway orders, we will email out to members nearer the time with the chosen menu.

Stubton Social Club is a members only venue and as such, membership is required to purchase alcoholic drinks unless you are signed-in as a guest of an existing member. Membership is £3 for the year & all new members are very welcome.

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- So called "flushable" wipes will eventually break down in the sewers, rivers and seas that they end up in but will always leave fibres behind in the environment?
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Harvest Supper & Ceilidh	Sat 14 th Oct, 6pm	Harvest supper from 6pm, dancing at 7pm, 'bring and share' desserts/puds in the break & more dancing. Buy your ticket shere: bit.ly/3PAbl11
Cinema Club: Harry Potter & The Philosopher's Stone	Fri 27 th Oct, doors open 7pm, film starts 7:30pm	Join Cinema Club via this online link: bit.ly/461yR5T
Back to the 80s Night with Scoundrel Dayz (charity event organised by G Russell)	Sat 11 th Nov, 7pm	Tickets available from the village store, The Five Bells or via this link: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/80s-charity-night-tickets-719911834677?aff=oddttdtcreator
Cinema Club: Where the Crawdads Sing	Fri 24 th Nov, doors open 7pm, film starts 7:30pm	Join Cinema Club via this online link: bit.ly/461yR5T
Christmas wreath making workshops with Jenny from The Flower Barn	Sat 25 th Nov, 10am and 2pm sessions	Ticketing details tbc – check our facebook page
Cinema Club: Love Actually	Fri 8 th Dec, doors open 7pm, film starts 7:30pm	Pyjama Party event – bring your teddy/beanbag & we'll bring the hot choc! Join Cinema Club via this online link: bit.ly/461yR5T
Pensioners' Xmas Party	Sat 9 th Dec, doors open at 12 midday	For tickets, contact: Jo Maidment on 07870 603218 or jo@officeangelbookkeeping.co.uk
Christmas Cake Decorating Workshop with Claypole Cakery	Sun 10 th Dec, 10am-12:30	Bake your own Xmas cake and then Helen will teach you how to marzipan/ice/decorate it. Ticketing details tbc – check our fb page. We'll run a PM class if AM fills up



CLAYPOLE VILLAGE HALL

BOOKINGS: 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

If you are planning a celebration or event, we would be glad to show you round at one of our regular **open viewings sessions** – the next one is Saturday 14th Oct from 1:30-3:30pm

REGULAR EVENTS

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Tuesday 10:30-11:30am: Pilates with Karen – check the website for dates

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

Fri 15th Dec, 10:30am-12:30pm

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CLAYPOLE CINEMA CLUB

We'd love to see more people enjoying Claypole Cinema Club. It's very much a social cinema; seated around tables with drinks and snack available to buy. You can bring a bean bag if you want to get really comfy!!

We screen 1 film per month, with a range of genres - family/children's films, latest releases on DVD/blu ray for all ages, themed movies, etc. Our next screening is **Friday 27th October** and, as it's close to Halloween, we're showing Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone. We've scheduled the films for the rest of the year (see the events listing) but 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 nature of the licensing means that we have to operate as a members' club so films will be advertised within the membership. Membership costs £10 per person or £25 for a family ticket (2 adults + 2 children, 1 adult + 3 children, with the option to add extra children), which is great value compared to a cinema trip – our popcorn is cheaper too!!

New members, from the village and beyond, are very welcome and can join online using the QR code, this online link: bit.ly/461yR5T



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Dr A Courtier

Dr Courtier has now started with us here at Long Bennington Medical Centre. His working days are Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. He looks forward to meeting patients new and old.

Thank you!

Dr Longfield would like to Thank everybody that sent the well wishes for her retirement along with the very generous gifts she received. She would like to wish you all well and will miss everyone.

Well-Being Walks

The next Well-being walk
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Wednesday 18th October 2023
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Date: Saturday 9th December

Doors open at 12.00hrs.



Contact: Jo Maidment

email jo@officeangelbookkeeping.co.uk

Telephone: 07870 603218

Alternatively forms can be completed and placed
in the box at the village shop.



A three course lunch followed by
coffee, mints and mince pies.

The main course is a full
turkey Christmas dinner.

CLAYPOLE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

GET READY TO VOTE

The Claypole Neighbourhood Plan is completed and will guide all future planning decisions in the village if it is supported by residents in a referendum to be held on **5 October 2023**.

The Plan has been developed by a Steering Group, at the request of the Parish Council, and funded by grants. It builds on the responses residents gave to the survey carried out in March 2021, and the responses to the Consultations last year and earlier this year. Since the Steering Group submitted the Plan to South Kesteven District Council it has undergone a statutory review and has been strengthened by the comments of an independent examiner. Now we will all be given the opportunity to vote on whether to accept the Plan in a referendum to be conducted by South Kesteven District Council.

The Plan is a lengthy and technical document which will be posted on the District Council web site. It covers many aspects of planning, from house building to design, but importantly the Plan seeks to:

- Protect Claypole's status and character as a village
- Protect our community green spaces
- Ensure that Claypole remains a vibrant place to live and visit
- Ensure we have the homes we need for the future, while
- Ensuring no new mass housing developments are forced on the village

If these issues matter to you then it is important that you vote to accept the Plan – just 5 minutes of your time on 5 October.

We expect that details of how to you can see the Plan and how you can vote will be sent to each household by the District Council in September. Meantime, if you have any questions to ask about the Plan, we'll do our best to answer them - Email **claypolenp2021@yahoo.com**

On behalf the Claypole Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Rotary in action and saying Thank You

What you gave to us



The party was great with 500 people having a great time at the playing field venue. We had such a wonderful occasion with families bringing their chairs, groundsheets, and their determination to have the time of their lives. We had good weather, side shows, bouncy castle and slide, food that included Mexican, burgers, ice cream, a well-stocked refreshment area and of course the music. Varied supporting gigs that concluded in the award winning Abba Revival in the declining sun that gave a glowing end to the show. This was our biggest venture, and it exceeded all expectations including the financial outcome. We – you – raised an astonishing £5000 on one evening of sheer enjoyment. THANK YOU!

NEXY YEAR – 29th June. Remember this year was SOLD OUT so buy your ticket early

What we can give

As a result of the brilliant party, we can support many local national and international organisations and causes. As a result of lots of people having a super afternoon we have given support to Grantham Food Bank; Child Bereavement Centre; Forston Guides; LB Bowls Club; Gardening Cub; W I; Tea and chat; Preschool; Ayrshire House; Woods Close community; Gorrie Hall project; St Swithuns stained glass. And on a wider scale to Notts and Lincs Air Ambulance; Maggie's Cancer Support; Young girls sanitary hygiene support. So you see that we have spread the resulting fund widely and wisely.



What we do

Was it hard work – yes – but its what we do. Rotary gives service opportunities to those who wish to make the world they live and work in a better place. Nothing is demanded; we accept the amount of time that is available for each Rotarian to give. We all have busy lives, and we use the talents, expertise, and time that any one can offer. On top of that is the building of new friendships. We grow together as we engage in projects. We need a varied membership of women and men and the more the merrier – that is what we do. LB Rotary meets in the village hall on the 2nd and 4th Mondays each month at 7.00pm for an hour (or so) to plan and socialise, but we do not have a meal – keeps costs low. We do have occasions, like our birthday party -this year at an Asian restaurant- to just meet and banter.

Contact Andy at andy@allforemans.co.uk; 01400282361 or come to a meeting to see.

From Claypole Church of England Primary School

Ofsted, July 2023 said:

- 'Pupils are thriving at this happy, friendly school.'
- 'The school's positive ethos is immediately apparent.'
- 'Staff have high expectations of pupils.'
- 'Pupils' behaviour is exemplary.'

Claypole
Church of England
Primary School



It's been a great start to the term; everyone has continued as if we've never been away! It's been lovely to pop in & out of classrooms, the playground and lunch hall to see the children busy with their new learning themes and with their friends. Our new children have made a fabulous start to school life and the rest of the children are settling really well into the routines of their classes and adjusting to the expectations of their teachers.

We concluded the summer term with a wonderful Summer Fayre extravaganza organised by our PTFA...

...and with a visit from Ofsted! We were all blown away by the support of our community and the overwhelming positive comments made about our school during the inspection. We value the feedback and, when it comes, the praise for our hard work. We love serving our community & making a difference and was delighted that this was recognised.

I am proud to be able to share the final report from the inspection (July 2023). I am delighted that the inspection recognised the excellent daily practise, experience and dedication our school provides our children. My favourite phrases from the report include:

"Pupils are thriving at this happy, friendly school."

"The school's positive ethos is immediately apparent."

"Staff have high expectations of pupils."

"Pupils' behaviour is exemplary."

You can read the full report on our website: [Menu... Key information... Ofsted reports](#)

The children have begun their new learning themes which are based around a 'big question' with each learning opportunity sharing new knowledge that builds to be able to answer that 'big question.' We already have some school trips, visitors and experiences booked in that we are looking forward to sharing with everyone.

We will be sharing Open Day dates with the community soon too (for families looking to start school); in the meantime families are welcome to contact us to arrange an individual tour – we have places for children in most classes across school. If you're interested in seeing why we're special, contact our team at 01636 626268 or adminoffice@claypoleprimary.org

Visit <https://www.claypoleprimary.org/new-to-claypole/> for films about the wonderful work, achievements & experiences of our children.

News from Claypole & District Women's Institute

Welcome to the fun and the madhouse!

In September we had "Cream Teas and Tour of Tuxford Windmill. Because of the weather, the tour was done first. Climbing a steep ladder stairase was beyond some members but those who rose to the challenge (sorry!) saw the wooden mechanism enclosing the millstones and heard loud grinding noises from the motor driven by electricity - there being insufficient wind. The history and range of products were described afterwards while members had a scrumptious tea of scones, jam and cream. Various flours and muesli were for sale.

Tuesday October 10th at Westborough will be **Janice from Janice Rose Lingerie** speaking on the importance of breast health - see also separate advert.

Please bring any unwanted bras to be collected for sending to The Gambia.

Tuesday 14th November: Craft Evening Christmas Wreaths Westborough

ADVANCE PREPARATION PLEASE: for our Craft evening, we need to collect cones, ribbons, dried fruit slices and other suitable items for making our wreaths. Further details next month. Ideas and lots of inspiration can be obtained by searching Pinterest online for Christmas Wreaths

Tuesday December 12th Christmas party, Pot Luck supper & quiz at Westborough. Details next month and are also on your Programme card.

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:

Friday 1st September, 6th October, 3rd November, 1st December etc

Contact Jane for further info - Bring your own project or start something new. Beginners welcome. All kinds of art and craft possible.

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

Secretary Kathleen Thomas 01626 626860



Collecting used stamps

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

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Bishop Grosseteste

There are two universities in Lincoln - The University of Lincoln and the Bishop Grosseteste University (BGU). BGU was established as a teacher training college for the Diocese of Lincoln in 1862 and is now a well respected university with about 2,300 students on a variety of courses.

Robert Grosseteste, also known as Robert Greathead or Robert of Lincoln, was an English statesman, scholastic philosopher, theologian, scientist and Bishop of Lincoln. He was born of humble parents in Stradbroke, Suffolk 1175 and died October 9th 1253 in Buckden, Buckinghamshire.

Historians sometimes refer to this time in history as the Dark Ages. Whilst great advances in science, arts and culture were happening around the globe, it was thought little or no development was happening in the UK. Bishop G's work shows that may not be the case.

He studied at Oxford where he became proficient at Law, Medicine and Natural Sciences before studying Theology. After teaching theology in Paris he returned to teach at Grey Friars, Oxford. He was appointed chancellor of Oxford University 1215 to 1221.

By 1214 at the age of 39 he held the Archdeaconry of Chester and subsequently Northampton and Leicester. In 1235 he was elected the Bishop of Lincoln, a post he held until his death at the age of 78.

At that time Lincoln was the most populous Diocese in England. He set about reforming the morals and clerical discipline in the Diocese and this brought him into conflict with many of the clergy. Ultimately the Pope settled disputes in the Bishop's favour in 1245.

A group of academics - a medieval historian, an experimental psychologist, and a theoretical physicist have been working together for over 12 years on the series of treatises written in the first third of the 13th century by Robert Grosseteste. Their research shows he penned an extraordinary series of natural philosophical works on astronomy, the properties of matter, light,



sound, colour, comets, atmospheric phenomena and optics.

From 1229 or 1230 to 1235 he was first lecturer in theology to the Franciscans, on whom his influence was profound. Surprisingly, he was also the first author to include an index in a book. Going forward 800 years and having an index is the core operation of Google and enables internet searches.

Grosseteste means Big Head - perhaps he needed it to contain his massive brain. He thought about concepts that weren't confirmed until centuries later. The concept of multiverses and the basis of modern science experiments have been attributed to Bishop G. His idea was that a scientist (but they were not called that in the 12th century) after some thought developed a theory and then constructed an experiment to prove or disprove the theory. Further experiments built on earlier ones and conducted by other scientists were necessary before a proof of theory was accepted.



On his death he was revered as a saint in England, but attempts to secure formal canonisation failed. However, he was beatified and his feast day is commemorated on the 9th October.

The two images are a page from a medieval text and a glass window showing Bishop Grosseteste.



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NEWS FROM ST JAMES CHURCH, DRY DODDINGTON

We are again holding our very popular Christmas tree festival over the weekend of December 2nd and 3rd in St James church from 10am until 4pm both days plus Saturday evening for a **Christmas Tree Lights Event** with mulled wine and mince pies for evening visitors. (details to follow) **FREE ENTRY** to view the trees with donations very welcome.

ALSO

On Saturday the 2nd of December we are having a **CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY CRAFT EVENT** at Dry Doddington village hall.

This free to enter event will showcase local artists and crafters with a Christmas Fair from 10 am until 4pm including Christmas wreath making and demonstrations, children's Christmas crafts, a raffle and of course lots of tea, coffee, cake and mince pies! **FREE ENTRY**

There is also the opportunity to book a place on a wreath making workshop in the evening...the evening also includes mince pies and fizz!

For details, to book a tree or to offer help for the **Christmas Tree Festival** contact Erica Hine : ericahine8@gmail.com. : 07944 320511

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If you are a **local artist or crafter** and would like to book one of the limited stalls on Saturday daytime at a cost of £8 each please contact Shirley Kerr: hillfarmkerrs1@btconnect.com

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For details about the demonstration, children's crafts or to book a place on the **wreath making** evening, for which there will be a charge to cover costs, contact Kathryn Proctor : kathrynproctor@hotmail.com: 07793 488544

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	1.10.23	8.10.23	15.10.23	22.10.23	29.10.23
Hub Churches					
<i>Long Bennington St Swithun</i>	10.30 MW	10.30 MW	10.30 HC	10.30 MW	
<i>Claypole St Peter</i>	10.30 HC		3.45 Harvest Songs of Praise		
Community Churches					
<i>Allington Holy Trinity</i>				10.00 HC	
<i>Stubton St Martin</i>		6pm Harvest Festival			
<i>Sedgebrook St Lawrence</i>		10.30 MP		10.30 LC	
<i>Foston St Peter</i>		3pm EP			10.30 HC
Festival Churches					
<i>Westborough All Saints</i>		10.30 HC			
<i>Fenton All Saints</i>					
<i>Dry Doddington St James</i>		7pm 5th Harvest Songs of Praise			

HC Holy Communion. MW Morning Worship. MP Morning Prayer. LC Lively Church. EP Evening Prayer

A Little Time of Quiet Contemplation happens at St Peter's Church every Tuesday at 7pm. As the nights draw in we will meet online via Zoom. Every week we read Evening Prayer together which is written by a Northumbrian Community. It's a special time of just about 30-40 mins. If you would like to join us please do. <https://bit.ly/Loveden-Worship>

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