



Saxonwell Group Parish News

December 23/January 24



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	3rd	10th	17th	24th	Christmas Day
St Lawrence Sedgebrook		10.30 MP	10.30 HC	7pm Carol Service	
Holy Trinity Allington	10AM HC				10.00 HC
St Peters Foston		3pm Carol Service		4pm Christingle	
St Swithun's Long Bennington	10.30 MW	10.30 MW	10.30 Carol Service	10.30 HC	
All Saints Fenton					
St Martins Stubton		6pm HC			10.30 HC
All Saints Westboro				3.pm Christingle 11.30 Mid Mass	
St Peters Claypole	10.30 MW		10.30 HC		
ST James D Doddington					

A Little Time of Quiet Contemplation Each Wednesday at 7.15pm. As the nights draw in we will meet online via Zoom. Every week we Compline 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> If you would us to say a prayer – email:-

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Santa's Sleigh

Santa is on his way to tour Long Bennington, but to avoid too much close contact there will be no knock-on-door collection again this year; however, please come out and meet Santa!

Approximate timings:

Saturday 16th December

Fish and Chip Shop 4.30pm
Reindeer 5.00pm
Drury Park 6.15pm
The Pastures 7.00pm

Sunday 17th December

Whitakers 4.30pm
Riverview 5.00pm
Motor Care 6.00pm
Manor Drive 6.45pm

Santa will also visit:

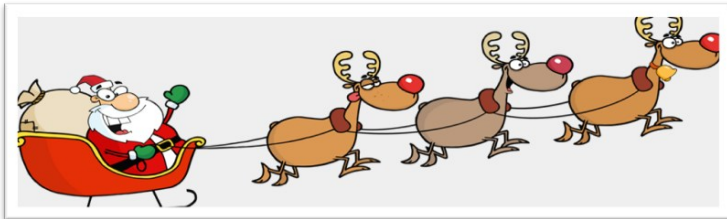
Village Hall Tree Lighting: Friday 24th November, from 4.30pm.

Foston: Saturday 9th December, from 4.30pm.

Sharricks Fish Bar: Thursday 21st December, from 5.00pm.

If you would like to make a donation, please: You can put money in the buckets held by the helpers or fixed to the side of Santa's Sleigh, or Go to 'Saxonwell Churches' (St Swithun's) website: 'Just Giving'

Donations to be divided between St Swithun's Church, Long Bennington Pre-School, and Long Bennington Rotary Club. **Thank you.**



Donations to Magazine

The magazine is produced mainly by volunteers and is paid for from adverts and donations. If you would like to donate, you can use any of the methods below:

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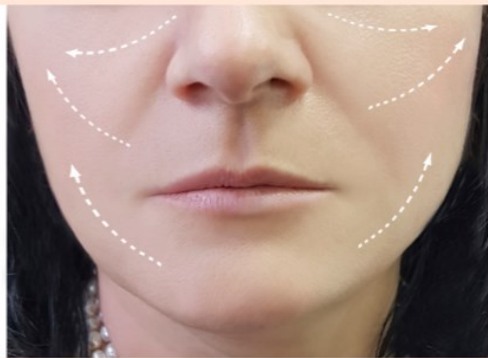
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LONG BENNINGTON SCRIBBLERS

Happy Christmas and New Year from all at the Scribblers Writing Group

A few Christmas limericks...

An irascible old gent named Claus
Held disdain for the aerospace laws
He flew much too fast
To him just a blast
Now he's staring at grey prison doors.

Father Christmas - he had a sore toe,
All through the night it would glow,
His boots wouldn't fit!
He had to sort it
So he buried his foot in the snow.

There was a cat called Oscar
Who hid in the Christmas tree
The tree did wobble and the lights did
shake
The tree fell over and the decs did break
Oscar fled and made a quick escape

Santa sat at Woodys bar
Then the back of a police car
Oh such a drunken caper
He lost all the wrapping paper
What a naughty Santa you are

That funny old Santa called Claus
Decided he wouldn't use doors
If you want some proof
Look there on your roof
Oh I think there'll be soot on your floors

Santa is running late
For a very important date
The sleigh is piled high
And the reindeer fly by
As Santa tucks into mince pie



The recent incidents of flooding as a result of Storm Babet has highlighted that some residents may not be aware that local incidents and issues can be reported on FixMyStreet. This includes flooding as well as potholes, footpaths, broken street-lights etc.

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Patient Participation Group Meet and Greet

We will be holding a Meet and Greet session with our PPG group on Wednesday 13th December 2023 from 10:00am – 12:00pm.

Come along and enjoy a mince pie with us. The PPG will also be supporting patients who would like support downloading, registering for, or using the NHS App.



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Well-Being Walks

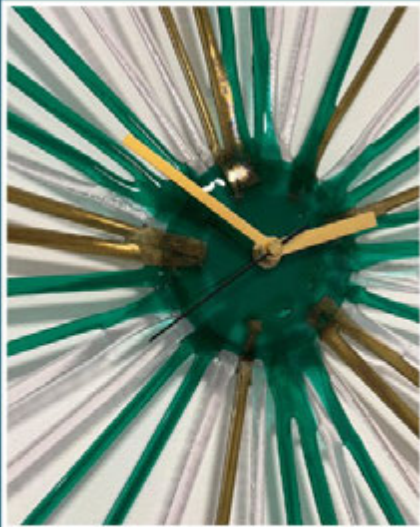
Our walks will be continuing in 2024. If you have not joined us before and free to come along these will take place every 3rd Wednesday of the month from the Medical Centre. The next Well-being walk is scheduled for Wednesday 17th January 2024 at 11:15am. Please arrive 10 minutes before to register. Please ensure you wear the appropriate footwear.

Well-Being Walk Leaders Wanted

Do you love walking? Are you active and sociable?

Would you like to help people enjoy friendship and fitness?

Volunteer Walk Leaders are needed in Long Bennington! If you are interested in becoming a Walk Leader or would like more information, please pop into the Medical Centre, and ask for Chantelle.



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REGULAR DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – Allington Village Hall

Craft Afternoon: Monday 1.30-4.30pm. Includes quilting, marquetry, art, knitting, card making etc.

Pilates: Monday 7.00-8.00pm (*Term time*)

Tai Chi: Tuesday 10.00-11.00am. To reserve a place email: rebtpeacock@gmail.com

New Age Kurling: Tuesday 2.00-4.30pm

Viking Squares: Tuesday 7.00-10.00pm. Come and try Social Square Dancing – beginners welcome.

Seated Yoga: Wednesday 10.00-11.00am

Star Academy: Thursday 4.00-7.00pm (*Term time*)

Allington Morris: Thursday 8.00-10.00pm (*September – April*)

Yoga: Friday 10.00-11.00am

Social Afternoon: Friday 2.00-4.30pm. Open to all for conversation and games.

Church Coffee & Cake: Monday 10.00am-12 noon (*Monthly*)

SHINE Lincolnshire: 4th Monday 10.00am-12 noon (*3rd Monday in December*)

Allington WI: First Wednesday of the month – 7.30 for a 7.45pm start.

Visitors always welcome – £5 (includes refreshments).

Grantham Danserye: 3rd Saturday 2.00-5.00pm

Carpet Bowls: Alternate Sundays 2.00-5.00pm (*September – April*)

For further details on the above contact Heather Nuttall on 01400 281977.

For Viking Squares contact Judy Grummitt on 01400 281497.

DECEMBER: VILLAGE CHRISTMAS PARTY: Saturday 9th, 7.00-11.00pm. Hot food and puddings, bring your own drink. Dancing to live music by Five Card Trick. Lucky person will win a hamper from the number drawn on their admission ticket. Tickets £10.00 from Jackie, 01400 283158 / eventsatallingtonvillagehall@gmail.com or a member of the AVHMC.

JANUARY: CAFÉ: Saturday 20th, 12 noon-2.00pm. Come in from the cold and enjoy a warming meal of homemade soup and bread, jacket potatoes generously topped with a choice of filling, washed down with tea, coffee or squash, along with various cakes to set your taste buds alight. To donate a cake or offer help on the day please contact Jackie as above.

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Copy Deadline for the Feb 24 issue is 12 Jan 2024 at 5pm.

Thank you.

Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning

A very successful Coffee Morning was held at Allington Village Hall on 30th September in aid of [Macmillan Cancer Support](#) raising £540.00. Thanks go to all of you who baked cakes and those who entered them into the baking competition, along with the judges, Carolyn Braybrook, Barbara Carney and Mark Whittington, the winner being Joy Hart's delicious chocolate cake. Not forgetting all of you who helped to set up, served on tables on this very busy morning and cleared up afterwards, along with those who donated a grand array of raffle prizes. This year the Holy Trinity Church Coffee Morning held at the Village Hall on the 9th October was also in aid of Macmillan and raised a creditable £231.00. As usual there were some delicious cakes, so thank you to the ladies who baked them and the church members who worked so hard to make it a success. This meant a grand total of £771.00 was raised for the very worthwhile and much needed cancer charity.



VIEW FROM THE PEW – HOLY TRINITY CHURCH ALLINGTON

PROGRESS ON OUR PROJECT

The path is now complete and the next step is to upgrade the lights.

Phase 2 – putting in the toilet and servery – is on hold until we can raise enough money to cover the full cost. We are awaiting results of funding applications which should be received before the end of the year.

We would welcome any donations, large or small. If you would like to donate please contact our Treasurer, Bob McKinlay – email: bobmckinlay1@aol.com. Or telephone 01400 281671 mobile 07850 128184.

COFFEE AND CAKE

We continue to hold our very popular Coffee and Cake mornings. Our coffee morning on 6th November raised £133.00. The total raised by our coffee mornings so far stands at £4217.82. The next two Coffee and Cake mornings will be held on Monday 4th December and Monday 8th January 2024 from 10-12 in the village hall. We look forward to seeing you all there for coffee, cake and a chat. Thank you to all our loyal supporters who enjoy our coffee and cake, especially to those who used to live in the village and still come to support us on a regular basis.



CHURCHYARD CLEAN UP

We had a really good turnout for our Churchyard clean up. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way. The photograph below shows us enjoying the morning. Special thanks go to Geoff Sharp for transporting all our rubbish



up to the bonfire and to Chris Dicken for assisting. Thank you to Jane Sharp for treating the flag stones at the beginning of the path with anti-slip spray which should last for 6 months.

CHURCH SERVICES

We are very happy to report that our services continue to attract really good attendances. We thank you all for continuing to support us through this time of uncertainty. The recruitment process for a 3-year interim Priest is gathering momentum and hopefully we will have some positive information soon.

The following services are planned for the next few months:-

Sunday 3rd December – 10.00am – Communion – Rev Les Batty

Friday 15th December – 7.00pm – Village Carol Service – our Ministry team and volunteers – there will be mulled wine and mince pies after the service

Christmas Day – 10.00am – Rev Stella
Sunday 7th January – 10.00 am - Communion – Rev Stella

Sunday 21st January – 10.00am – Morning Worship – our Ministry team
There will be more details on services to come. Please watch out for details on Facebook and on posters around the village.

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On **Friday, 13th October Allington WI and the Village Hall held a joint event – ‘A night of singing’ – performed by InVoice**, a 16 strong choir of lady singers, who sang a selection of popular, light classical, folk, jazz and original songs. They have 3 guitarists, a bass player, a flautist and a pianist. They amazed everyone with their fantastic harmonies.

They were supported by JD, singing & playing the guitar, who lives in Allington Gardens, and is extremely talented.

Everyone enjoyed drinks and nibbles, but, above all, sat and enjoyed an evening of excellent singing.

On **Wednesday, 1st November, Julia Higgins talked to us about ‘Vetro Fuso’** – hand-made fused glass, jewellery and other gifts.

Julia has always enjoyed glass and jewellery. She attended workshops and her hobby has grown from strength to strength since then.

Glass fusing is essentially heating two or more pieces of glass in a kiln so that they melt together. The temperatures required for melting glass are very high. The level of heat depends on what type of glass is being fired and what you are looking to achieve from your finished piece. In general, a higher temperature creates a smoother finish and is known as a ‘full fuse.’

Tools required for glass fusing, at home, are a pattern, a glass cutter, grozing pliers, detergent cleaner, safety glasses, a dustpan and brush and, most importantly, a kiln.

There is a specific glass used for glass fusing, which is called ‘fusible’ glass. The best thickness for fused glass, at home, is 6mm. If you fired a square piece that was too thin, for example 3mm, sheet glass in a kiln, the edges can shrink, and the piece would lose its shape.



When your piece is prepared, then place carefully in the kiln, laying it either on ceramic filter paper, or directly on a kiln shelf, painted with batt wash. Ensure your finished piece does not stick to the shelf.

Opening the kiln too soon could see the piece cracked and therefore ruined! Wait until the kiln reaches room temperature before even considering opening it.

Julia produces **Jewellery** - Beautiful, elegant bracelets and necklaces, rings and earrings, and **Homeware** - Artistic furnishing and decorative dishes, table sets, bowls, lanterns, Christmas decorations, accessories and much more, which enhance the style of any home, these unique objects express elegance and originality.

All Julia's work is gorgeous, unique, and truly one-of-a-kind.

Future Meetings

Wednesday, 6th December, but this is Members' Night only.

There is no meeting in January 2024

Wednesday, 7th February 2024, at Allington Village Hall – 7.30 for a 7.45 pm start
– Lincolnshire Emergency Blood Bikes Service – Visitors are most welcome,
£5.00 (includes refreshments).



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Foston Parish Council Meet in the Village Hall on alternate months. A 15-minute period is set aside at the beginning of each meeting from 7.30 – 7.45pm, please note the meeting will commence at 7.30pm if no residents are present. Confirm with Christina Lees on 01400 281309.

Uniform Groups Meet at the Village Hall

1st Foston Brownies—Thursdays 6.30pm - term time only. Register interest via www.girlguiding.org.uk

Rainbows -Thursday 5.00-6.00pm

Church Coffee Mornings -10am-11.30am on the first Wednesday of the month

Foston Coffee Morning—10am-12noon on the third Wednesday of the month

Hall Bookings: Richard Wynn 07579 779087 Richardwynn77@iCloud.com or Pam Fellows 07740 894605 pamelafellows@outlook.com

Foston Neighbours

Local Lunch at Foston Village Hall, from 11.30am on the second Friday of the month, and Breakfast Club at Foston Village Hall from 9.30am on the fourth Saturday of every month. For more information, please call Foston Neighbours: 07422 881448 fostonneighbours@gmail.com

ST PETER'S FOSTON – NEWS FROM THE PEWS

Services at St Peter's

Our current regular monthly service rota consists of Evensong on the second Sunday of the month until a new vicar is found for the group. The good news is this post is now actively being recruited!

Here are our **Services** over the next couple of months for your diary:

Carol Service – 10th December at 3pm

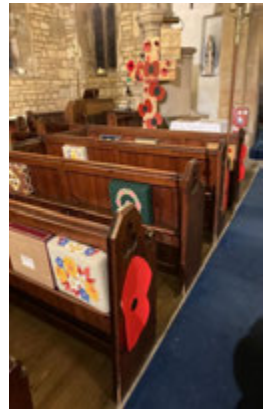
Christingle Service – 24th December at 4pm

Evensong – 14th January at 3pm

The Church remains open to all, twice a week for private prayer on Wednesday (1-4 pm) and Sunday (9.30 am - 1pm). Please feel free to use the church for quiet contemplation and prayer.

Looking back

We paid a wonderful mark of respect to all those who have given their lives for our freedom on **Remembrance Sunday**. The uniformed youth groups, comprising of about 65 young people and leaders from all the Scouting and Guiding movements, paraded from the Scout Hut to the Church to attend and participate in our service.



Scouts read the bible reading; Cubs led us in prayer; and Explorers read a war poem, listed the men from the village who died in the First and Second World Wars and more recently, the Gulf War and played The Last Post and The Rouse. It was also incredibly moving to see so many men and women in uniform and with Service medals who have contributed to our continuing freedom today.

It was lovely to see a full church - and we realised we really don't have enough hymn books for a full church!! The whole community contributed to the beautiful poppy cascade beneath the war memorial – spearheaded by Necia Redfern, she could not have achieved that result without all the other knitters who spent their time knitting poppies! Thank you to all who played a part in pulling together such a wonderful service!

Looking forward

As I write, we look forward to our annual **Wine Tasting**. Tickets sold out very quickly, and 60 tasters will no doubt enjoy a very informative and fun evening. We will report on it in the next edition in February 2024.

Christmas is coming - Watch out for everything happening in the village as Christmas approaches!



From 1st December – Advent Windows around the village.

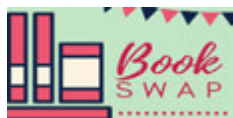


Look out for posters and maps on the noticeboards – a new window every day in December until Christmas! Also Christmas Cards from previous Advent Window events are available – just ask for details of how to purchase.

Santa's Sleigh is coming to the village on the afternoon of 9th December, from 4.30pm. Santa will visit all roads in the village and children are welcome to come out and receive a present from him. We will be collecting funds for The Long Bennington Rotary (who put on this event) and St Peter's Church. Listen out for the music!



Book Swap: Feel free to browse the books in the church porch, with more inside – lots of new books have been added to the shelves so feel free to take a few!



Peruse the inside shelves when the Church is open either Sunday mornings (9am-12 noon) or Wednesday afternoons (1-4pm).

Coffee Morning: Come and join us for chat and homemade cake on the first Wednesday of the month. Just £2.50 for all this! At the Village Hall from 10-11.30am on the following dates:

6th Dec – a Christmas Raffle is included

2024 dates: 3rd Jan 7th Feb 6th March 3rd April

For more details for anything listed here, please contact either Jenny Bullock (tel 281611) or Lucy Bliss (tel 282661, mobile 07740 980689, email lucyjane-bliss@gmail.com).

28th October – Our Village Hall monthly breakfast was decorated for Halloween.

With several of our houses being decorated in our village following this theme, this helped set the scene for our young and not so young members, while walking around collecting their treats! I believe many Oh's and Ha's were heard, as well as giggles!

4th November – There were fewer fireworks let off this year, possibly as more villagers may have joined organised shows, rather than upset their pets and farm animals.

11th November – Several of our members have been busy knitting and crocheting poppies, which will make a grand display in our St Peters Church, for Remembrance Day

14th November – Our Speaker for the night, Alison Lewis, will be talking on Sign Language. I'm sure this will be most interesting.

22nd November – Some of our WI Members are travelling by coach, to M & S in Leeds where they will learn about how this company started life in 1884. When the immigrant Michael Marks came to the north of England and managed to secure a stall at Kirkgate Market in Leeds. Having arrived with little money and limited English, he built his success using the slogan "Don't ask the price, it's a 'Penny'".

12th December – Will be our Members Annual Christmas Meal

13th January 2024 – our talk will be on Twenty Shades of Graham, by Graham Keal.

Further information, contact Carole Chandler-Barratt on 07767 657745

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Long Bennington Coffee Morning

The Reindeer every Thursday at 10.30am. Coffee/tea and biscuits £2.50. All welcome.

Methodist Coffee Morning

Please join us every 3rd Saturday in the month, in the Methodist Chapel for coffee, cake and a chat.

Tea and Chat

Last Friday of the month, come and join us in the Village Hall for a chat over a cuppa with a slice of cake. Alternatively, you can join in a game of dominos or cards as well as other games and crafts to try. From 2.30pm.

The Chatty Café

Meeting every Thursday afternoon 130 – 2.30 in Baker's at Sixty-Two – Main Road, Long Bennington. The Scheme is a national initiative aiming to reduce loneliness by getting people chatting. The group is hosted by two Chatty Cafe Scheme volunteers each week. Contact Mary Barlow marybarlowhello@gmail.com or tel: 07885 639091

Long Bennington Afternoon House Group

All are welcome. We meet alternate Mondays at 2.30pm at 76 Main Road. For more details please contact Joy Jordan on 01400 281355 or Helen Dawkins on 07564 099799

Long Bennington Baby and Toddler Group

St James Village Hall on Thursdays 9.15–11.30am (term time). A small parent run group, where children can safely play, make new friends, join in with craft activities and enjoy a snack. Everyone with children from birth up to school age are welcome. Session costs £2.00 per family.

Long Bennington Pre-School

A registered charity offering a safe, secure and warm environment to educate your child. Qualified, experienced staff will support your child to reach their full potential. Based in the small hall at Long Bennington Village Hall we are open Monday to Friday 9.00am - 3.15pm during term time. Funding is available for all 3- & 4-year-olds including the FREE 30 hours offered to those who are eligible. 15 hours funding also available for eligible 2-year-olds, alternatively it is £4.5 per hour for fee paying parents. For more information or to arrange a visit **call Julie on 07816 537242 or email longbenningtonpreschool@googlemail.com**

VIEW FROM THE PEW - St Swithun's Long Bennington

The process to appoint new clergy to our Loveden West LMP Grouping is now moving forward. However, due to the lengthy diocese recruitment procedure there is unlikely to be anyone in post before Easter 2024.

The annual All Souls Service was held in the church on Sunday 5th November. The following Sunday, 12th November, was the annual village Remembrance Service and Wreath Laying Ceremony. The Methodist Chapel was full for the service, whilst around 200 people, which included a contingent from the local Guides, Brownies and Rainbows, attended the wreath laying (see adjacent pictures).



The retiring collection raised over £520 for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. These events were followed by a highly successful charity Fundraising Lunch in Whitakers Wine Bar.

Work to repair the church's east chancel wall remains stalled as the structural engineer, engaged to devise a repair plan, has been overloaded with RAAC survey work on public buildings. However, the PCC still hopes to have a costed repair plan by early next year. Associated approvals for the work will then need to be sought, the church being a Grade 1 listed building, and grant applications submitted.

December dates for your diary:

Saturday 9 December: Concert by Cranwell Military Wives Choir in the church, 7.30pm – sold-out with 180 attendees.

Saturday 16th December: Santa's Sleigh south end of the village, from 4.30pm.

Sunday 17th December: Carol Service in the church, 10.30am.

Sunday 17th December: Santa's Sleigh north end of the village, from 4.30pm.

Sunday 24th December: Christmas Communion Service in the church 10.30am.

Full details of Santa's Sleigh route and timings are published on page 3.

Completion of the New Churchyard Path

St Swithun's is the village church and anyone who has lived in the village is eligible to be buried in its churchyards. The aging congregation takes its trusteeship of its facilities seriously but expanding demands has necessitated extra help - of time and money.

The overflow churchyard has recently had its concrete path extended to enable relatives (often elderly) to attend the graves of their loved ones in safety. This would not have been possible without three generous donors: David Foster, in memory of his wife Carol, Walter Hughes, in memory of his wife, Bobbie and Gladys Thirtle, in memory of her husband Derek



Sadly, Walter did not live to see it completed, but it is a memorial to him as well. We are extremely grateful to all of them.

It is hoped that their generosity will inspire others to come to maintain their relatives' graves and surrounds, so that the whole churchyard will reflect the community's respect for its ancestors.

The bank details for contributions: Sort code: 05 04 42 Account code: 50110357 Account name: Long Bennington Parochial Church Council

We also have a 'Just Giving' page for St Swithun's PCC Long Bennington. Here is the just giving page link: <https://www.justgiving.com/stswithunchurch> . You can also use the QR code/instructions below:



On your compatible phone or tablet, open the built-in camera app. Point the camera at the QR code. Tap the banner that appears on your phone or tablet. This will open our **Just Giving** page, where you can give a One-Off donation of your choice.



Pilates Classes

Long Bennington Village Hall
Monday 11.45am
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Call 07850618516 for details

LONG BENNINGTON GARDENING CLUB - VILLAGE PRODUCE ASSOCIATION

In September we had an interesting talk from Janette Merilion about plants which thrive in shade - far more than you might imagine - and she brought some plants with her for sale - always popular. The problem now is how to look after them over Winter now that the low temperatures have started and everywhere is so wet!

Because of Christmas we don't have a talk in December so we all hope you have a lovely festive Christmas. And we will be welcoming everyone back on January 23rd to a talk by Jonathan Gant who will be sharing his knowledge of plants from over 30 years in horticulture with us. Jonathan is local - based in Balderton - and he is now part of Historic Newark in Bloom. We do hope you can come - everyone is welcome to the talk which will be at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Lots more information about the Club is available on our website at longbenningtongardeningclub.com Bev Gledhill - Secretary

Party up to Christmas with "The Rod Stewart Songbook"

Long Bennington Twinning Association is presenting a Rod Stewart tribute act in the Village Hall on Friday 15th December. Tickets, priced at just £10 in advance (£12 on the door), are available from Sharon Cox on 07795 592521. A licensed bar will be selling beers, wines bar snacks and soft drinks and all monies raised will go to the Association's funds.

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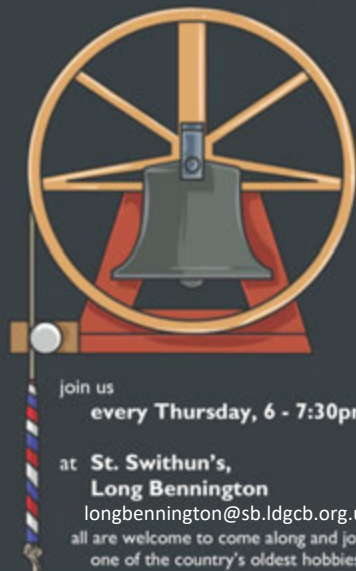
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Long Bennington Village Hall—Events Schedule

When	Class/Meeting	Time	Hall	Contact
Mon wkly	Advanced Pilates	10:30 – 11:30	Main	Linda Brady 07850 618516
Mon wkly	Beginner to intermediate Pilates	11:45 – 12:45	Main	Linda Brady 07850 618516
1 st Mon mthly	Parish Council	19:00 – 21:00	Small	Jane Evans 01400 282716
2 nd & 4 th Mon	Rotary Club	19:00 – 20:00	Small	secretaryLBR@oulook.com
Tues wkly	Post Office	09:00 – 12:00	Foyer	
Tues wkly	Bennington Art Group	10:00 – 12:00	Bar	Margaret Butcher 01400 281935
Tues wkly	WEA Social History of France	13:00 – 15:30	Main	Judith Gelsthorpe JGelsthorpe@wea.org.uk
1 st Tues mthly	WI	19:30 – 21:00	Main	M Butcher 01400 281935
2 nd Tues mthly	Wine Club	19:00 – 21:00	Bar	Raj Solanki raj@libradrinks.co.uk
3 rd Tues mthly	History Society	19:30 – 21:00	Main	John Jeffries 01400282606.
4 th Tue mthly	Gardening Club	19:30 – 21:00	Main	Amy Hodson amyhodson4@gmail.com
Weds wkly	Post Office	09:00 – 12:00	Foyer	
Weds wkly	Electric Jive modern jive	19:45 – 22:00	Main	Sally 07730269969 or www.electricjive.co.uk
Thurs wkly	Baby & Toddlers playgroup	09:15 – 11:30	Main	Megan Emerton 07891535505
Thurs wkly	Post Office	13:00 – 15:00	Foyer	
Thurs wkly	Adult Pilates Suitable for all levels	17:15 – 18:15 & 18:30 – 19:30	Main	Amanda 07967387969
Fri wkly	Adult Pilates -all levels	09:30 - 10:30	Main	Amanda As Above
1 st & 3 rd Fri mthly	WI craft group	1030 - 12:30	Bar	Sue Clarke 01400 282986
Friday 1 st Dec	Tea and Chat	14:00 – 16:00	Main	Hilda Owen 01400 282471
Sunday 3 rd Dec	Electric Jive Tea Dance	15:00 – 19:00	Main	Sally 07730269969 or www.electricjive.co.uk
Saturday 15 th Dec	Rod Stewart Tribute. Twinning	19:00 – 23:30	Main	Sharon Cox 07795592521
Sunday 7 th Jan	Electric Jive Tea Dance	15:00 – 19:00		Sally 07730269969 or www.electricjive.co.uk
Saturday 21 st Jan	Electric Jive Social	20:00 – 00:00		Sally 07730269969 or www.electricjive.co.uk
Sunday 4 th Feb	1940's Tea Dance	12:00 – 17:00	Main	paul_bull247@hotmail.com

Rotary in action—local and international news



Rotary in Action (and Long Bennington and villages)

As we near the end of this eventful year is the time to reflect on what we have achieved. The biggest event is obviously the Party in the Park. It was successful in raising lots of money from delighted families on a summer day, and so contributing to benefit many local causes. It also helped girls in Africa to attend school throughout the whole of the month which benefitted them not only personally, but also helped their community by their extra skills and knowledge. They become economic contributors to their families and villages.



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We continued to support the ending of polio in the world by involving the parish councils of Balderton and Fernwood in planting crocus corms in their villages as well as our local pub and private donations. Rotary and the World Health Organization have banished the cruel disease from all but two countries in the world – we are sooo close!

We are dedicated to service here and abroad. For example, the club sent a Shelter Box to an earthquake zone to house a family whose home was destroyed by the disaster. Rotary International has clubs throughout the world and by using our network we are able swiftly to help with the assurance that it is done minimising costs and maximising the effects.

Our club will soon be bringing our friend Santa and his minions around LB and Foston with all the festive razmataz as usual. It is always a delight to see the smiling faces. But it does depend on many generous gifts from local commerce who know that they can rely on the integrity of Rotary in all its works. We also provide bars for local events in the Village Hall, supporting your events and at the same time raising cash for us to redistribute to worthy causes and charities.

It may sound like hard work, and to some extent it is. But when you are doing it in the company of friends that you have made in Rotary it is fun and satisfying in a way that is difficult to explain – except it is! We can give you the chance to join in and make a difference and make it fit in with your work, family, and other commitments. We have women and men ranging from 20's 30's 40's to some who won't admit to their years. Friends. Space for you who wish to use your experience, expertise, muscle, and brain. You know it makes sense. Go on.....

We meet for an hour on 2nd and 4th Mondays in the Village Hall at 7.00pm.

Contact Andy at andy@allforemans.co.uk 01400282115

LONG BENNINGTON WI

This year it is our 105th birthday, an incredible achievement for a small village. Traditionally on our birthday night the WI committee provide a delicious supper and entertainment for its members along with a huge birthday cake, this year beautifully made and iced by Lesley Campbell and Pearl Scott.

Instead of our usual entertainment we reverted to our childhood party games such as Pass the Parcel, Hot Potato and Musical Chairs. It proved to be great fun and included the usual accusations of cheating (who, me ??) and brought back many happy memories.

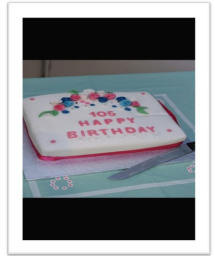
We also had a professional photographer, Joy Hutchinson, to document the evening. She came armed with props, such as funny hats and feather boas, which also added to the fun.

Our Competition Cup entries (a postcard sized collage or painting of a snow scene) were of a particularly high standard as we are lucky to have many artistic members. The winner was Pearl Scott, second was Pat Clarke and Audrey Barnett came third.

In all it was a very enjoyable evening, a wonderful way to keep in touch with friends and to make some new ones, which is, perhaps, the main reason the ladies of the village started the WI 105 years ago. Long may it continue.

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LONG BENNINGTON PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

The Parish Council had its last meeting on 6th November at St James's Hall. 12 members of the public attended.

A number of residents raised the issue of recent flooding on Church Street, questioning whether the newly installed flood alleviation scheme in the centre of the village was partly responsible.

County Cllr Alexander Maughan updated the meeting on the current position, advising that two months of rainfall fell in one day with 350 properties across Lincolnshire being flooded. It has generally been acknowledged that the pattern of this flooding was different to previous incidents. It was confirmed that the opinion of LCC is that the outflow impact is negligible and according to the modelling completed, the newly installed scheme would not have had an impact elsewhere. All affected residents were encouraged to submit a report via Fixmystreet <https://fixmystreet.lincolnshire.gov.uk/> and this will automatically result in eligibility to a Section 19 investigation where the issues and resolutions to the individual incidents will be documented.

FLOOD ALLEVIATION SCHEME - It was confirmed that the main Flood Alleviation Scheme has been completed with some additional works around the school being planned. County Cllr Maughan advised he will request that when associated CCTV investigations are done in this area, that these are extended to Church St and The Pastures.

FINANCE – Parish Councillors approved the quote of £1595 from Community Heartbeat Trust for replacement of the Parish Council owned defibrillator and cabinet at St James's Hall. The current one has begun to have condensation inside the cabinet that could affect the performance and availability of the defibrillator. A motion sensor light for above the defibrillator has been approved and will be fitted alongside the new cabinet.

WITHAM MEADOW – the path to the picnic benches has now been installed by LCC as part of a volunteer project. The Parish Council paid only for materials (£850). A new gate has also been installed now at Witham Meadow, being part of the wider plans for improvement of this village open space.

WISHING EVERYONE HEALTH, HAPPINESS, AND PEACE THIS CHRISTMAS AND IN THE COMING NEW YEAR.



Following meeting dates Monday 4th December 2023 and Monday 8th January 2023

As always, if you have any issues or concerns you wish to raise with the Parish Council, please contact me on 01400 282716 or email

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But, of course, there are drawbacks. People can hide their true character when you are face to face with them. It is so much easier when they can hide behind a computer screen.

There are too many accounts of children being lured away by people they have met in an Internet chat room. The nice person they thought they knew was a fantasy. Instead, they met with monsters beyond their wildest imaginations. The latest form of abuse added to the list of ways people use others for their own ends is "financial abuse" being manipulated or scammed into giving people access to our savings and credit card accounts under the guise of a plausible story. All this reminds us that we discover more of the truth about an individual when we are 'up close and personal'. Part of the wonder of Christmas is that God gets 'up close and personal' with us. He could have sent messages through cyberspace. He could have written his 'I love you' in the sky. But he chose to come and live with us, as a human baby, Jesus, who grew up to be the man who demonstrated the character and heart of God so that we could be certain of his love and sure about his intentions for us. John the Gospel-writer beautifully puts it, 'We have seen his glory ... full of grace and truth.'

While electronic links can still leave us feeling lonely or unsure, God has made it clear that we are not alone in this universe: we are enfolded in eternal love. We are not victims of blind fate: we are children of a heavenly Father, who can have an intimate relationship with him, and be part of a community of support and service through his church.

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Knitting/Craft Group Anyone interested in knitting, sewing, embroidery etc would be very welcome to join us on a Monday morning from 10.30am to mid-day. Entry - £2.50 to cover heating cost and refreshments.

Games Afternoon We restarted our games afternoons in November. These will be held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month, so our first afternoon in DECEMBER will be Wednesday, 13th beginning at 2pm and fortnightly thereafter. Please come and join us. We would welcome more participants. Entry - £2.50 to cover heating cost and refreshments.

Coffee Mornings Our DECEMBER COFFEE MORNING will be held on SATURDAY, 16TH starting at 10am with a definite Christmas theme. As well as the Cake Stall and Raffle, the Nearly New Stall will feature lots of 'Christmassy items' for sale. Entry - £2.50 to cover cost of heating and refreshments (including mince pies). Our JANUARY COFFEE MORNING will be held on SATURDAY, 21ST.

MEMBERS OF THE CHAPEL WOULD LIKE TO WISH EVERYONE A VERY HAPPY CHRIST-MAS and VERY BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR.

Long Bennington Local History Society

The speaker at our meeting on 17th November was John Whitfield who gave a very interesting and informative talk about 'Nottingham's Industrial Heritage'. John's talk included a description of how the stocking frame knitting machine was invented in 1589 by William Lee of Calverton, and how the invention of this machine was to eventually change an area of Nottingham and give the Lace Market its name. John also explained that by the 17th century coal mining was one of the most important industries in Nottinghamshire with new mines opened in the Hucknall area. Most coal was sold locally to domestic consumers, but efforts were made from the 1700's to use coal to drive industry. Other major industries included Boots who opened their first shop on Goosegate in 1840, with a manufacturing base developing alongside. Raleigh was founded in 1888 when Sir Frank Bowden bought an interest in a small bicycle shop on Raleigh Street and by 1892 Raleigh led the World Bicycle racing field. Then, of course there was John Players tobacco and cigarette manufacturers based in Nottingham that merged with others to form The Imperial Tobacco Company. Today the biggest employer in Nottingham is probably the NHS. The meeting was followed by an EGM to try to form a committee to ensure the survival of the society. Unfortunately, there were insufficient volunteers to form a viable committee and with much sadness it was agreed that the society would be dissolved following our November meeting.



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Pilates with Alice	Thursdays	7.30pm (except dates below)
Parish Council Meetings	Thursdays	7.00pm 13 July, 14 September, 9 November
Club Bar Open	Fridays	6.00pm til close
RuffDiamonds Dog Training	Saturdays	10.30am
Club Bar Open	Sundays	1.00pm-4.00pm
Heritage Group Meetings	Sundays	Monthly at 3.00pm on the 4th
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FASHION SHOW We had a great Ladies' Night with 40 people enjoying a fashion show, cocktails and raffle. A fun way to raise £250 for the church and special thanks to our lovely models, runners and for Gaynor for making the raffle something really special and those on the bar.



LIVELY CHURCH We are delighted to welcome Lizzie and Naomi onto the Lively Church Team. The November service was all about Advent – Ready, Steady then GO! There is no Lively Church in December as we have the decorating of the Christmas Trees, Carols on the Green and the traditional Christmas Eve Carol Service.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY So good to have the church full for our Service of Remembrance as we joined with Allington. Our thanks to the Brownies and Rainbows for helping with the service and presenting a special gift for Remembrance Sunday representing the animals who also served. Thank you to the Allington with Sedgebrook School for their 3 display pieces and vase of poppies. There was a moving exhibition by Elisabeth Carnell giving the stories of those who died in the First World War as well as an installation continuing the theme of the animals who served. Thanks to Sandi McMillan Bunn for the flower arrangement and history of her grandfather and to Paul for ringing the bells.





FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER – The Big Switch On and Carols Round the Tree on the Green. 6.30pm with the Winter Singers. We are hoping the illuminated tractor will make an appearance and even Santa Claus. Mulled Wine and Mince Pies, soft drinks and chocolate for the children with love from the church.

SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER – Come and help decorate the Christmas Trees in Church from 10.30am.

SUNDAY 10th December Morning Prayer 10.30am

TUESDAY 12TH DECEMBER 2pm – White House Farm Day Nursery Christmas Service in Church

WEDNESDAY 20TH DECEMBER 2pm – School Christmas Service in Church

SUNDAY 24TH DECEMBER 7PM – TRADITIONAL SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS WITH BLESSING OF THE CRIB. We would be delighted if anyone would like to read one of the Christmas readings.

Here is the QR code for the Parish Giving Scheme. It can be used for one off payments or setting up regular donations. Once scanned it will take you through the 3 steps to enable a donation to be made.

AFTERNOON TEA – Our final afternoon tea for MacMillan Cancer Care raised £131.50. Afternoon teas begin again in April.

BAPTISM – Congratulations to Priscilla Violet Teresa Lee on her baptism in September by Revd. Les Batty. Priscilla was given a Teddy Bears' Picnic book from the church.

HERITAGE GROUP meets in the Social Club at 3pm on Sunday, 26th November.



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Long Bennington & Local Villages Rotary Group - SecretaryLBR@outlook.com

Long Bennington Girl Guides—Mon 7pm-8.30pm—www.girlguiding.org.uk

1st Foston Brownies Thursdays - 6.30pm - 1stfostonbrownies20@gmail.com

Village Hall

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Scout Group Gorrie Hall, Chapel Lane, Foston

Beaver Scouts Mondays—6:30-7:30pm—Adam Lashbrook - foston.beavers@gmail.com

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Scouts Thursdays—7-9pm—Les Romans - 01400 281217

Explorer Scouts -Mondays—7:45-9:30pm—Jenny Wyn—01400 282301

Women's Institute: (each meet monthly in their local village hall)

Allington—1st Wed 7:45pm—Margaret Dicken— 01400 281524

Foston—2nd Tuesday 7:30pm—Carole Chandler-Barratt on 07767 657745

Long Bennington—1st Tuesday 7:30pm—Margaret Butcher - 01400 281935

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