



# Saxonwell Group Parish News

February 24



50p where sold



saxonwellchurches

[www.saxonwellchurches.org.uk](http://www.saxonwellchurches.org.uk)

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

### Online Group Worship

**At 5pm on the last Sunday of the month there is an opportunity to share via  
Zoom in Evening Prayer**

**Compline** is held via Zoom on Wednesdays at 7.15pm.

All are welcome to join this opportunity to share in night prayers.

Log in using, Meeting ID: Meeting ID: 810 6571 1379 Passcode: 744328

Please send prayer requests to:- [linda4607@gmail.com](mailto:linda4607@gmail.com) or text me on  
[07980019929](tel:07980019929). Linda Tucker

Key: HC–Holy Communion, MW – Morning Worship, MP–Morning Prayers. EP–Evening Prayer, LC- Lively Church

	4th	11th	Ash Wed 14th	18th	25th
<b>St Lawrence Sedgebrook</b>		10.30 MP			10.30 LC
<b>Holy Trinity Allington</b>	10 HC			10 MW	
<b>St Peters Foston</b>		3pm EP			
<b>St Swithun's Long Bennington</b>	10.30 MW	10.30 MW	12 Ashing Service	10.30 HC	10.30 MW
<b>All Saints Fenton</b>					10.30 HC
<b>St Martins Stubton</b>		18.00 HC			
<b>All Saints Westboro</b>			19.00 Candles and Ashes		
<b>St Peters Claypole</b>	10.30 HC			10.30 MW	
<b>ST James D Doddington</b>					

#### ADVERTISING - IN THE PARISH MAG

Full page colour £50

Full page b/w £40

Half page colour £32

Half page b/w £22

Quarter page colour £16

Quarter page b/w £13

Eighth page colour £12

## LONG BENNINGTON WARM SPACES

Long Bennington Village Hall has been designated as a Warm Spaces venue by Lincolnshire Shine. The hall will be open on Monday afternoon between 14.00-16.00 on the following dates :- 5<sup>th</sup> February, 19<sup>th</sup> February, 4<sup>th</sup> March

All are welcome to come to the hall ,where you can have a hot drink and a biscuit in comfort.

### WEA in Long Bennington Village Hall

#### Brushstrokes of History: a look at paintings that depict an important historical event with David Price



A history course with art at its centre, we will examine the artists motivation and the background to the events and scenarios portrayed.

Starting Tuesday 6 February 2024 at 1.30pm–3pm. 7 sessions £44.10 or free for students or means-tested benefits.

Course ref: Q00013445. To enrol, please quote the course reference either online at [wea.org.uk](http://wea.org.uk) or by calling 0300 303 3464.

### 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:

Bank Transfer to SGPN, sort code 60-09-09 account 72118695

Cheque to SGPN posted to SGPN Treasurer, 36 The Pastures, Long Bennington, NG23 5EG

Hand to any church or PCC member



# Flawless Aesthetic Clinic – Long Bennington

**Expert advice for natural looking  
anti ageing results!**



5 Star Reviews

**Registered Nurse, Medical Prescriber  
17 Years Cosmetic Treatment Experience**



**Anti Wrinkle Treatments**

**Dermal Fillers**

**Slimming Clinic**

**Skin issue consultations**

**Private Prescriptions**

**PDO Thread Face & Body Lifts**

**Private Health and Wellness Screening Tests**

**To Book Visit:**



**[www.flawlessaestheticclinic.co.uk](http://www.flawlessaestheticclinic.co.uk)**

**Or Call or Text 07841389233**

**Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire,  
Leicestershire and Rutland**

Flawless Aesthetic Clinic

## Long Bennington Medical Centre News

**Contact Details**—Please remember to update us with your up-to-date contact details if you have had a new mobile phone or change of landline number recently. We rely on what information we hold on file to contact our patients and next of kins.



**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 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month from the Medical Centre. The next Well-being walk is scheduled for Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 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.**

## **LONG BENNINGTON VILLAGE HALL IS DELIGHTED TO HOST COMEDIAN MARTIN GOLD**



**Banish those winter blues and join us for an evening with Martin Gold on Tuesday February 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Martin is a renowned comedian - see [www.martingold.com](http://www.martingold.com) for some of his excellent reviews and awards.**

**Tickets are £15.00 and are available from ticket source via the Long Bennington Village Hall website.**

**<https://www.longbenningtonvillagehall.org/events/>**

**Paper tickets will also be available from the Village Hall at Post Office Outreach times on Wednesday mornings 9-12 from mid-January. Doors and bar open at 7 pm for a 7.30 pm start.**

## 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 and requires pre-booking*)

**Tai Chi:** Tuesday 10.00-11.00am. To reserve a place email: [rebtpeacock@gmail.com](mailto: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

**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.*

**FEBRUARY CAFÉ: Saturday 24th, 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.

### **FEBRUARY WARM HUBS:**

**1st, 6th, 8th, 13th, 15th,  
20th, 22nd, 27th, 29th,  
9.00am-12 noon.** Held in

the Annexe, anyone can attend with the aim of it being a warm place to spend half days during these frugal times, whilst having a chat and a laugh or spending time in the library with a book or a jigsaw. Free refreshments will be provided.



## ALLINGTON AT CHRISTMAS

Christmas started early in Allington with the annual Christmas Market in the Village Hall on the 25th November. The market gets bigger and better every year, with the hall full of stalls selling a variety of goods, along with games, a raffle and tombola. Shoppers came streaming in all afternoon and in between browsing they were able to sit and enjoy a hot drink or a glass of mulled wine along with a mince pie. A grand total of £505 was raised for the upkeep and maintenance of the Village Hall.



There was Carol singing on The Green on the 3rd December along with the switching on of the Christmas tree lights. The many villagers who braved the weather were served mince pies and mulled wine to keep them in good voice. The tree looking even more splendid than ever. Allington Gardens had their own Carol singing on the 13th December and the Manor House on the 14th, when the Loveden Quartet sang Carols old and new, with the proceeds going to the Multiple Sclerosis Society. These were followed on the 15th by the Holy Trinity Church Carol Service.



A Christmas jumper evening was held at The Welby Arms on the 8th December, with a variety of different designs on display in all shapes and sizes!!

Over 50 people attended the Village Christmas Party on the 9th December at the Village Hall. The party kicked off with a meal where there was a choice of hot food followed by a variety of puddings. An evening of merriment then got under way with music and dancing, our own local resident Maggie singing songs from the 50s onwards accompanied by John on the guitar. Two lucky revellers won a hamper each, the numbers being drawn from the entrance tickets.



# LONG BENNINGTON BOWLS CLUB

## OPEN DAY

**Monday 6th May - 10am to 5pm**

- Free tuition - all you need is flat shoes
- Full bar and refreshments

All are welcome to come and try their hand at bowls

[www.longbenningtonbowlsclub.weebly.com](http://www.longbenningtonbowlsclub.weebly.com)

✉ [longbenningtonbowlsclub@outlook.com](mailto:longbenningtonbowlsclub@outlook.com)  
☎ 07736 311 854



### VIEW FROM THE PEW – HOLY TRINITY CHURCH ALLINGTON

*A happy and healthy new year to you all!*

**PROGRESS ON OUR PROJECT**—The lighting was finished in time for our Carol Service on 15<sup>th</sup> December and proved to be just what was needed. Everyone agreed it was so much easier to access the Church for an evening service.

The cost of the upgrade and installation of the lights has been met by a very generous donation for which we are extremely thankful.

Onwards and Upwards now to the second phase of our project. The installation of a toilet and serving area. The start of this part of the project is to assess what repair work is needed on the floor of the Church and a site meeting has been arranged with our Architect to review the situation.

More funding is needed and we will be applying to various bodies in the hope we are able to meet the very strict criteria for applications.

We would welcome any donations, large or small. If you would like to donate, please contact our Treasurer, Bob McKinlay – email: [bobmckinlay1@aol.com](mailto: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 Christmas coffee morning on raised £192.50. The total raised by our coffee mornings so far stands at £4380.44. Our grateful thanks go to Marian and Margaret for their unceasing efforts.



**The next two Coffee and Cake mornings will be held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Feb and Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 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.

**CHRISTMAS SERVICES** - Thank you to the children from the School Council who came to decorate our tree in early December. They brought their homemade decorations – all of which were amazing and in exchange we offered biscuits and a drink which were enjoyed by all.

## **ALLINGTON WI**



On the 6th December was our Members' Night – when the Members provide an evening of entertainment and refreshments for the Committee Members. We reverted to our childhood party games such as Pass the Parcel, but with a difference - after removing a layer of paper there were two chocolates to enjoy! Then we played Bingo and ended with a brilliant Quiz and a delicious buffet. It was a wonderful evening, proved to be great fun, brought back happy memories, and enjoyed by everyone.

Then to end 2023 we enjoyed our Christmas meal at the Welby Arms in Allington – an evening of scrumptious food and chat!

### **Next Meeting:**

Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> 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).

## FOSTON—REGULAR DATES FOR THE DIARY

**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](http://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

For Hall Bookings please call Richard Wynn 07579 779087 email

[Richardwynn77@iCloud.com](mailto:Richardwynn77@iCloud.com) or Pam Fellows 07740 894605 email

[pamelafellows@outlook.com](mailto: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](mailto:fostonneighbours@gmail.com)

## ST PETER'S FOSTON – NEWS FROM THE PEWS

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 advert for the post goes live this month, so we hope to receive a good selection of candidates – please pray for a good response!

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

<b>Evensong at 3pm</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> February	10 <sup>th</sup> March	14 <sup>th</sup> April
----------------------------	---------------------------	------------------------	------------------------

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.

**Christmas 2023** has come and gone, but what a wonderful time we had!

Santa's Sleigh had a jolly trip around the village on 9<sup>th</sup> December – thank you to all Santa's Elves who helped that afternoon! Thank you also to everyone who came out to see him, helping to start the Christmas magic, and of course thank you to those who donated to the joint fundraising for Long Bennington Rotary and the Church. £200 was raised for the Church alone!

The Carol Service on 10<sup>th</sup> December got us further into the festive spirit, singing our favourite carols and enjoying warm mince pies and a hot drink afterwards!

The Christingle Service was enjoyed by so many on Christmas Eve – a truly wonderful service to start Christmas festivities with a full church of over 110.

And of course, from the 1<sup>st</sup> December, an advent window was unveiled somewhere in the village, culminating with the Church porch on the 24<sup>th</sup> December. Advent Windows have become a firm feature of the village now, with households and village groups putting their creative minds to such a wonderful event. Thank you Foston for your wonderful community spirit!



## LOOKING FORWARD...

We are busy planning the 2024 events, so do keep an eye out here for what will be going on!

**Book Swap:** Lots of books currently available (there seems to have been a bit of clearing out of book shelves) so feel free to browse the books in the church porch, with more inside! Peruse the inside shelves when the Church is open either Sunday mornings (9.30am-1pm) 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:

**Next dates: 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 6<sup>th</sup> March 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:lucyjane-bliss@gmail.com)).*

## Light it up!

I love driving along and seeing our local churches (Foston and Sedgebrook) lit up, as a visible reminder of God's presence in our community.

For just £7 you can have the church floodlit for an evening (8-11pm) of your choice. This might be to celebrate a birthday, celebration, or to remember someone.

Foston please contact: Lucy Bliss 01400 282661  
For Sedgebrook please contact: Jenni Stuart 01949 842231



Happy New Year from Foston WI! December was a very busy, joyful month for members of Foston WI. It started with a fun Committee Meeting – yes there is such a thing! My thanks to our Committee for their tireless commitment throughout our year.

Our annual Wreath Making evening was a success with 40 attending and we donated our profits of £98 to Foston Parish Church. It really is a very special evening and sets me up for the Festive season for sure.

We had our Christmas meal at The Riverside, Farndon. Of course, it was the week of the floods and the riverbank had burst, flooding the carpark but WI members are resilient so we all turned up and we had a lovely evening - Secret Santa and a quiz were enjoyed. Also a surprise gift of a beautiful WI cups, saucer and plate, saved from a local WI, were filled and set up on the table – one for each member. This was followed by the President's Challenge – please bring your Christmas WI cups, saucers, plates, decorated in any way you wish to the January meeting. Watch out for the results next month!

We were delighted to be invited to decorate the Parish Church for Advent and I must say this was a fun filled morning. My thanks to my husband for his greenery scavenging – he has become quite the expert! Thank you too to our member's partners and families who support us with our projects! This has become a fixed event on our programme.

On a more serious note, on 20 November, we supported a National Campaign to raise the profile of the issue of Violence against Women and to encourage our men folk to support the prevention of violence against women. We walked around Foston by torchlight, stopping at member's houses to enable as many as possible to participate. It was pouring but our spirits were high! We were completely spoilt by our Past President, Eileen, who provided Hot Chocolate and fabulous home-made cakes and scones.

WI is about women sharing friendship, caring and supporting each other, learning, having fun, tea, cake, fabulous suppers and very often, a drop of something stronger. We are always looking for new members so do join us. We meet every second Tuesday in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Further information, contact Carole Chandler-Barratt on 07767 657745



# ALL TYPES OF **TREE WORK**

**CROWN REDUCTIONS, THINNINGS  
AND CROWN LIFTING**

**FELLING**

**STUMP GRINDING**

**SITE CLEARANCE**

**NPTC & LANTRA QUALIFIED**

**7 YEARS' EXPERIENCE**

**FULLY INSURED**

**BBQ CHARCOAL FOR SALE**

**KILN DRIED FIREWOOD FOR SALE**

**For further details and quotes please contact  
Richard Copley**

**Mob: 07917 390987**

**Email: [manorfarmtreeservices@mail.com](mailto:manorfarmtreeservices@mail.com)**

**[www.manorfarmts.co.uk](http://www.manorfarmts.co.uk)**

**Facebook: [f](#) @ManorFarmTrees**

**Instagram: [i](#) @manorfarmtr**

## REGULAR DATES FOR THE DIARY - Long Bennington

### Mobile Library Service

Outside Long Bennington Village Hall Friday - 1330 - 1430.

Enquiries to Customer Service Centre on 01522 782010 or [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk)

### Post Office Services at Long Bennington Village Hall

Opening times: Tuesdays 9.00am – 12 noon, Wednesdays 9.00am – 12 noon,  
Thursdays 1.00pm - 3.00pm

### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:longbenningtonpreschool@googlemail.com)**

## VIEW FROM THE PEW - St Swithun's Long Bennington



A belated Happy New Year to all. We try not to look back in these monthly articles, but the PCC must thank all those who donated so generously at the Military Wives Concert and to Santa's Sleigh tour of the village.

The latter raised almost £2,300, with Rotary and Church Charities and the village Pre-School being the main beneficiaries.

Now some good news, an advert for clergy to fill the vacant Loveden West post was published on 9 January, and if applicants are forthcoming interviews will be held in late March.

News allied to the East Chancel Wall repair is not so encouraging I am afraid, the PCC has spent the last 3 months battling against a Rolls Royce, expensive, repair pathway being mandated by the structural engineer to meet his, Historic England's and the DAC's requirements. We are now being forced into another year of monitoring movement in the wall before a repair plan can be agreed. All-in-all very frustrating, particularly the lack of urgency being displayed by all the agencies involved, apart from ourselves.

Easter will soon be upon us and a full list of services will be in next month's magazine. However, there will be a Holy Communion in the Church on Ash Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> February, probably a mid-day (please see the church noticeboard for the details).



## Churchyard Maintenance Volunteers

If you would like to volunteer to help (physically or financially) with the churchyard maintenance, here are some ways that you could get involved:

**Adopt -A-Grave (or two!)** – Many of the graves in the main churchyard are old and no longer have relatives to visit and maintain them. If you would like to choose a grave, or a group of graves to look after (within the regulations of the churchyard), please contact Jill or Joy with the Name(s) on the and a rough location.

Be part of a voluntary working group to be responsible for the maintenance of a designated section of the churchyard. You could do this as a couple, with a group of friends, alone or put your name forward to join a group.

Financial contributions (monthly or annually) towards cost of a gardener. The church spends £3500 each year on churchyard maintenance and apart from a grant of £1000 from the parish council, this must be financed from local donations.

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/stswithunschurch>. 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.



**PR PHYSIO AND PILATES**  
**Chartered Physiotherapist**  
**Home Physiotherapy & Physiotherapist led Pilates**  
**all in the comfort of your own home.**



**To find out more**  
**Email:**  
**hello@prphysioandpilates.co.uk**  
**or TEL: 07798725419**

## **TWINNING ASSOCIATION**

The 'Rod Stewart' night in the Village Hall was attended by 84 good folk, who enjoyed a great night and we raised over £800 to boost Twinning Association funds.

### **BRAINS OF BENNINGTON IS BACK!**

Put on your thinking caps, get a team together (maximum 6) and come to Long Bennington Village Hall on Friday March 8th for another great quiz night. There will be a licensed bar and raffle, and the ticket price includes a selection of table snacks to feed your hungry brains! Doors and bar open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start.

Tickets priced £10 per person available from Gill Askew (01400 282712), Margaret Butcher (01400 281935) or David Barnett (01400 282571).

## **Long Bennington Gardening Club (Village Produce Association)**

We hope everyone had a good Christmas and we hope everyone has been managing ok in all the extremely wet weather we have been having - some plants will be hating it but hopefully many will get through reasonably well.

Our next event is our Annual General Meeting which takes place on 27 February at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. If you are a member of the Club, you should have your Notice of AGM by now - if not just give me a ring or send a text - numbers below and I will get one to you. If you are currently not a member but would like to join for the forthcoming year, contact me as below. At the AGM we will get through the general AGM business fairly quickly and then we will be having a gardening related quiz with the excellent Dove trophy to reward the clever clogs who win!

Lots more information about the Club is available on our website at [longbenningtongardeningclub.com](http://longbenningtongardeningclub.com)

Bev Gledhill – Secretary 01400 282239/07753 709513



- ★ Garden Work
- ★ Tree Work
- ★ Hedge Trimming
- ★ Fencing
- ★ Gutter Cleaning/Repairs
- ★ Jet Washing
- ★ Landscaping
- ★ Patio and Gravel Work
- ★ Exterior Painting
- ★ Decking Laid & Maintained
- ★ Mini Digger Hire  
(with or without driver)

**Our services are available  
all year round for Domestic  
& Commercial customers**

**We Offer a Friendly, Reliable  
Service with Competitive Rates**

**Full Waste Carriers Licence**

**Call on:**

**01400 281654**

**07501 875218**

## POWERSHIFT CLEANING SERVICE



*Professional Power Washing Service*

*We Clean Driveways,  
Patios, Fencing, Decking,  
Conservatories, Soffits &  
Fascias, Carports & Gutters.*

*Call us today for a  
free no obligation quote.*

Call Jason Garner  
07368245364 / 01949 842484  
Based in Bottesford

**COVID  
SECURE**



**EXCELLENCE IN  
KITCHENS AND BATHROOMS**

## CHEFS DELIGHT KITCHEN BATHING BEAUTY BATHROOM

If you are looking for a beautiful bathroom or kitchen then look no further, I am the man to give you the "WOW" factor that you desire. With an excellent eye for detail, I offer the complete design and fitting service including, plumbing, tiling and decor to give you that dream look, exceeding your expectations.

**TRUSTED AND EXPERIENCED  
WITH YEARS OF SATISFIED  
CUSTOMERS.**

**REFERENCES AVAILABLE**

**FULLY  
INSURED AND  
AT YOUR  
SERVICE!**

**Phone/Text Stuart on 07444 896 982 or  
Louise on 07387 280 377**

**Email [kit.bath.fitter@gmail.com](mailto:kit.bath.fitter@gmail.com)**

Find and like us on Facebook @ Excellence in kitchens and bathrooms





## 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
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> & fortnightly	Warm Spaces	14:00 – 16:00	Bar	Come along and join us for refreshments and a warm space
1 <sup>st</sup> Mon	Parish Council	19:00 – 21:00	Small	Jane Evans 01400 282716
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Mon	Rotary Club	19:00 – 20:00	Small	<a href="mailto:secretaryLBR@oulook.com">secretaryLBR@oulook.com</a>
Tues wkly	Bennington Art Group	10:00 – 12:00	Bar	Margaret Butcher 01400 281935
Tues wkly	WEA History Class	13:00 – 15:30	Main	<a href="mailto:JGelsthorpe@wea.org.uk">JGelsthorpe@wea.org.uk</a>
1 <sup>st</sup> Tues	WI	19:30 – 21:00	Main	M Butcher 01400 281935
2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues	Wine Club	19:00 – 21:00	Bar	Raj Solanki
4 <sup>th</sup> Tue	Gardening Club	19:30 – 21:00	Main	<a href="mailto:amyhodson4@gmail.com">amyhodson4@gmail.com</a>
Weds wkly	Post Office	09:00 – 12:00	Foyer	
Weds wkly	Electric Jive modern jive	19:45 – 22:00	Main	Sally 07730269969 or <a href="http://www.electricjive.co.uk">www.electricjive.co.uk</a>
Thurs wkly	Baby & Toddlers playgroup	09:15 – 11:30	Main	Becky Parry 07873622894
Thursdays	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 <a href="https://www.corestrengthpilatesuk.com">https://www.corestrengthpilatesuk.com</a>
Fri wkly	Adult Pilates -all levels	09:30 - 10:30	Main	Amanda As Above
1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup>	WI craft group	1030 - 12:30	Bar	Sue Clarke 01400 282986
Last Fri	Tea and Chat	14:00 – 16:00	Main	Hilda Owen 01400 282471
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	1940's Tea Dance	12:00 – 17:00	Main	<a href="mailto:paul_bull247@hotmail.com">paul_bull247@hotmail.com</a>
Sunday 11 <sup>h</sup> Feb	Electric Jive Tea Dance	15:00 – 19:00	Main	Sally 07730269969 or <a href="http://www.electricjive.co.uk">www.electricjive.co.uk</a>
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Electric Jive	20:00 – midnight	Main	Sally 07730269969 or <a href="http://www.electricjive.co.uk">www.electricjive.co.uk</a>
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Eclectic Soul Sunday	16:00 – 21:00	Main	Northern Soul <a href="mailto:avrilenergy@gmail.com">avrilenergy@gmail.com</a>
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Comedy Night with Martin Gold	19:00 – 22:30	Main	<a href="http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/long-bennington-village-hall/t-avoyqrj">www.ticketsource.co.uk/long-bennington-village-hall/t-avoyqrj</a>
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	A curry with Ray Martin	19:00 – 22:30	Main	Tickets available from Sharricks

Long Bennington WI met for a Christmas party on the final meeting of 2023, with the village hall decked out with Christmas decorations and mince pies and refreshments were served. The members enjoyed an evening listening to Rock Choir, superbly led by Robyn Licata and a variety of songs and carols were sung. Thank you, Rock Choir, your singing was great with some beautiful harmonies. There was also a raffle, craft stall and guess the name of the children with Father Christmas. Each year Long Bennington WI has a fund raiser for a charity, and this year we raised £230 for the Salvation Army. Many thanks to all those who contributed.

The evening was also very special as certificates were presented to Val Richardson and Maureen Prothero who have been WI members for 52 years. A great achievement and many congratulations to both ladies.

### **Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024 – Guest Speaker from Homestart**

Our first meeting of 2024 was held on a very wet evening, so wet that unfortunately our guest speaker from Homestart was unable to join

us due to the heavy flooding. Luckily for us, or Treasurer's husband, Terry O'Dea, is a volunteer for Homestart and was able to give an extremely informative talk.

This small charity has operated locally for 40 years, and is funded by Notts council, grants, and donations. It offers families bespoke help and support such as financial guidance or helping families who have no nearby relatives to lean on. Sometimes it is single parents or perhaps new mothers not coping well – help is there, and it is a free service.



Also, each year local philanthropists help with extras required and perhaps more treats for the children. Volunteers work 2-3 hours per day, one day per week and new volunteers are warmly welcomed with full training given. It is a very worthy charity, helping our local families and easing the social services burden.

Later in the evening flowers were presented to long term WI member Maureen Prothero who will be celebrating her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday later this month.

If you would like to know more about our friendly WI, please contact Margaret Butcher on 01400 281935.

Helen Dawkins/Elaine Walton

—  
Publicity



## **LONG BENNINGTON GARDENING CLUB (VPA)**

### **SPRING SHOW**

**Saturday 23 March 2024 in St. James's Village Hall**

The Show is a celebration of the beginning of the gardening year. Doors open at 9am for entries to be staged by anyone who would like to have a go. There are lots of classes to enter including spring flowers, pot plants, flower arrangements and children's challenges. Look on the website in early March for the Schedule with full details.

Doors open again from 3 pm (admission £1), after the judging has taken place, to view the results - and there will be cakes and hot drinks on sale too. The presentation of the awards will be around 3.45pm. Do come along and enjoy our wonderful display of Spring.

[longbenningtongardeningclub.com](http://longbenningtongardeningclub.com)



**Long Bennington  
Rotary Club**

&

*Ashiana*

Presents

# A CURRY

With

# RAY



**Author of: Life Without A Tie**



Ray Martin, aka The Daily Explorer is an entrepreneur and award winning business leader. As a coach, mentor, facilitator, speaker, writer, and mindfulness teacher, he is a torchbearer for greater human consciousness.

Ray will share with us how his ever-changing life evolved by following the opportunities that presented themselves while travelling the world.

**A fantastic opportunity to meet a world-class motivational speaker.**

Date: Friday 23 February at 7pm. (Bar opens at 6.30)

Long Bennington Village Hall, NG23 5DJ

Tickets Available From Sharricks Fish Bar

or by email: [hello@lbrotary.co.uk](mailto:hello@lbrotary.co.uk)

**£20**

**PER PERSON  
Inc INDIAN MEAL**



01400 283 236

07957 347 777

cmurphyelectrics@outlook.com

**MURPHY ELECTRICS**

Local electrician based in Long Bennington.

- installation and re-wires
- maintenance and fault finding
- inspection and testing

Free estimates and all work certified to current IEE regulations.

Part-P registered.



**Local Locksmiths**

**No call out fee, DBS checked, 5\* Reviews  
24/7 Emergency Locksmiths**

lockshaw7@hotmail.com  
www.lockshaw.co.uk

✂ Local reliable Locksmiths ✂

## Accountant & Tax Adviser

Tax Returns & Year End Accounts  
VAT Returns & Payroll  
Tax Planning for Sole Traders,  
Limited Companies, Landlords  
& Business Start-Ups  
Reliable & Efficient Service  
Fixed Fees  
Free Initial Consultation

**Tel: Paul 01476 512379**  
www.padtax.co.uk

43 Autumn Park Business Centre  
Dysart Road, Grantham NG31 7EU

## LONG BENNINGTON PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

The Parish Council had its last meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> January at St James's Hall.

**FINANCE** – Parish Councillors approved payment of invoices totalling £6612.20. Payments approved included £1884.00 for the purchase of a replacement defibrillator for the Village Hall. The cabinet for the current one is letting in water so could compromise the availability of a working AED. It was decided, due to the age of the existing equipment to replace both AED and cabinet. The new one is to be secured on the wall by the end of January. A security light is also to be put up above the cabinet to assist access to the AED in the dark.

In December Councillors resolved to increase the precept, for 2024/25, by £1050 to £54000. This represents a 1.3% increase for a Band D household and an application to SKDC has been submitted.

**PLAYING FIELD MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE** – The Playing Field Management Committee has been offered and accepted a generous cash donation from Geoff Fearn. It is anticipated (but not a condition of the donation) that the PFMC will use the gift to assist with planned improvements to the Pavilion, one of the village's biggest community assets, helping to protect its longevity. The donation is for £30,000 and with the anticipated benefit of gift aid, will total £37,500.

**FLOOD PREVENTION** – SKDC have offered parishes the opportunity to hold and maintain a stock of sand and sandbags. This offer has been accepted with a tonne of sand and 100 sandbags having been delivered to Gablestock, Valley Lane, Long Bennington. The sandbags are available (currently unfilled) for collection, during normal business hours, should further incidents of flooding threaten. It is the intention to arrange for a group of volunteers to fill the sandbags. Please note, if further help is required during a flood incident, contact Lincolnshire CC, lead local flood authority on 01522 782082. SKDC have also advised that where supplies allow, where there is a serious risk of internal flooding, sandbags may be provided on a priority basis by calling 01476 406080 or 01476 406040 (out of hours). All requests for sandbags will be triaged by the on-call team.

**VILLAGE MAINTENANCE** – invitations to tender for the village grass cutting/verge maintenance contract have been sent out and will be discussed at the February Parish Council meeting.

**PLANNING** – Councillors referred to planning application S23/1616 for the change of use of land at Valley Lane for 13 traveller pitches. SKDC has advised that the Parish Council will not be consulted given the outstanding enforcement notice, and the previous planning history for the site. SKDC are seeking to decline to determine the application given that the suitability of the site has been extensively assessed as part of the previous enforcement appeal.

**LITTER PICKING** – a big thank you to our Community Cleaner, John Dodwell who continues to help keep our village tidy. Thanks also, to a number of residents who also do a fantastic job helping to keep the verges clean. More recently we have become aware of a volunteer litter picker, Dave Green, who has recently removed a significant amount of litter from our slip roads. For information, the Parish Council has some equipment if anyone wants to get involved.

**OUTSTANDING PROJECTS** – the proposed car park at the Pavilion is still being considered and the proposed gateways at four locations in the village is also still in hand, the specification having to be revised due to restrictions from the grant provider. The Playing Field Management Committee are in the early stages of looking at the possibility of replacing some of the children's play equipment at the playing field.

Following meeting dates Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2023 and 4<sup>th</sup> March 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 [parishclerk@longbenningtonparishcouncil.org](mailto:parishclerk@longbenningtonparishcouncil.org)

Jane Evans Parish Clerk



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 streetlights etc.

All you have to do is mark where the problem is on a map, add a short description, and send it off. You don't need to know who's responsible for fixing the problem - the website automatically sends it to the right place.

Your report is also displayed on the FixMyStreet website, so that others can comment or leave advice. The council replies directly back to you and is responsible for doing the actual fixing.

If you put your postcode in on the homepage, you can see all the problems that have recently been reported in your own area - great for tracking what the biggest concerns are in your own community. <http://www.fixmystreet.com/>



## Steve Smith Window Cleaning

Providing a friendly, reliable and regular window  
cleaning service

Tel: 01476 590377

Mobile: 0776 2815826

Email: [stevesmithwindowcleaning@hotmail.com](mailto:stevesmithwindowcleaning@hotmail.com)

15 Wyville Road, Grantham, Lincs, NG31 7UA

E. GILL & SONS LTD  
*Funeral Directors*



*'Our family caring for your family'*

The Gill family are proud to have provided  
care and advice to families in the  
Newark and District Area for 100 years

We offer pre-paid funeral plans

55 Albert Street, Newark, NG24 4BQ  
01636 677461

## MAN & WIFE WITH A VAN

### HUSBAND & WIFE TEAM

- Removals (any distance) • Garden clearance
- House moves & clearances • Relocation • Packing service
- Office moves • Loading/unloading services
- Auction House deliveries • Odd jobs • Ebay/Gumtree pick ups

We are a friendly, professional,  
reliable service. Local business.  
Big Luton Van & other vans available  
**Great rates & Fully Insured**

Telephone 01636 823836  
or 07752 634141

[manandwifewithavan.co.uk](http://manandwifewithavan.co.uk)  
[office@manandwifewithavan.co.uk](mailto:office@manandwifewithavan.co.uk)



## PAUL BERRY CHIMNEY SWEEP

N.A.C.S. and H.E.T.A.S. Registered  
Wide Area covered - Fully experienced in  
all types of solid fuel appliances

Chimney pots, bird guards & stoves fitted  
A complete service from fireplace to  
chimney pot

ASHBROOK - THE PADDOCKS  
LONG BENNINGTON, NEWARK, NOTTS

**Tel: 01400 282778**



**CLIFFORD**  
Heating Limited



Your Home Heating Specialist



- AGA & RAYBURN Range Cooker Specialist.
- Oil, Gas and Solid Fuel heating engineers.
- Fully fitted central heating systems.
- Boiler breakdown experts.
- Reconditioned AGA's inc. 13 amp electric.
- Monthly service plans from as little as £12 per month

**T. 01777 872391**

Online at. [www.cliffordheating.co.uk](http://www.cliffordheating.co.uk)

AGA



RAYBURN

## Put the freshness back into your home



**Cleaner, Brighter, Healthier  
Carpets and Upholstery, Both  
Domestic and Commercial**

I am totally dedicated to giving you the Best Ever carpet, curtain and upholstery cleaning and stain protection services, all at sensible prices and backed up with my 100% risk-free, money back guarantee on every job.

### **We clean**

- Leather Suites
- Carpets
- Carpet Tiles
- Oriental Rugs
- Upholstery

### **We Apply**

- Stain Protector
- Dust Mite Killer

### **We Remove**

- Spots & Stains
- Odours
- Chewing Gum
- Dust Mites



## **Manor Carpets & Upholstery Cleaning**

Contact Gordon Scott Tel: 01476 562702

Mobile: 07703651583

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

# KEITH SELL

## Plumbing & Heating Engineers Ltd

[www.keithsell.co.uk](http://www.keithsell.co.uk) - [keithsellplumb@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:keithsellplumb@yahoo.co.uk)

A Professional Service For All Your Requirements  
Gas & Oil Installation & Servicing  
Underfloor Heating  
Pressurised Unvented Hot Water Systems  
Energy Efficient Installation  
Bathroom Design & Installation



Tel/Fax: 01636 706607 Mobile: 07976 429654

Grange Lane, Cotham NG23 5JZ

## JP MAINTENANCE SERVICES

### PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

MANY TYPES OF WORK UNDER TAKEN.

INSIDE AND OUT

GARDENING AND TREE WORK

STUMPS GROUND OUT

GUTTERS CLEARED

DECKING LAID

DECORATING

SMALL PLUMBING WORK

CALL JOHN PADLEY ON.

PHONE 01636 626510

MOBILE 07757 086003

IAN PADLEY 07817386173

padleyt595@btinternet.com



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

Purpose built nursery in a rural location  
Offering quality care for children aged  
3 months to 11 years.

Fully qualified staff.

Open Monday to Friday 8am-6pm

Before and after school club

School holidays and non-contact days  
also catered for. Open for 51 weeks of  
the year

15/30 Hours funding available for  
2,3&4 year olds

01636 626067

littlegatesforlittlepeople@googlemail.com



Guild Commended Framer

Member of the Fine Art Trade Guild

Members of the Professional Picture Framers Association

Churchill Room, Balderton Hall  
Fernwood Village, Newark on Trent  
Nottinghamshire, NG24 3JR



t: 01636 921461

e: info@framinell.co.uk

www.framinell.co.uk



## Waymark Genealogy

Family History Research Services

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

A full range of genealogy services

- Family trees & histories researched
- Archive, library & cemetery research visits
- Genealogical problem solving
- Genealogical analysis of DNA results
- First World War and 19<sup>th</sup> Century military research
- Photographic scanning service

Based in  
Long Bennington

Contact

**Lorraine Johnson**

lajohnson@waymarkgenealogy.co.uk





Dear Friends, A friend of mine was recently commenting on the week's Psalm which he was planning to use in a service he was taking at Church. The psalm itself is a great celebration of how God knows us and is everywhere we go – even the furthest and darkest corners of this world. I've always found its words comforting and encouraging – though another friend said it was a little intimidating to be known in such warts and all detail! But the controversial element in the Psalm is that towards the end, the writer asks God to destroy his enemies! For many modern ears this idea gives us pause to stop and reconsider how we use these ancient songs.

Perhaps it makes us uncomfortable to think that we have enemies. Perhaps we want so much to be peace-loving that we don't want to look at the fact that people do make life hard for us and oppose what we would like to achieve or do, and we might just harbour negative feelings towards them in the deepest recesses of our hearts. The Psalms are said to express all the possible emotions of human experience, and their words can reveal things to us that we don't always want to know about ourselves.

But they were written in perilous times, when an "enemy" might ride over the hill and attack you and your family or steal your crops or set fire to your fields or enslave you. The starkness of life and death was much more to the forefront of people's minds and found expression in their prayers to God.

When we observe the current conflicts in our world, whether between Russia and Ukraine or Israel and Palestine, it is easy to say that people ought to play nice and make peace. We may miss the fierce defensive reflex that a mortal enemy may evoke by their actions. We may miss the subtle layers of history between warring people groups that make such conflict almost inevitable and almost impossible to solve. We may miss the fact that the Psalms are more realistic about what life is like than we often are willing to admit.

We might also miss the point that peace is not the cessation of hostility, but the establishment of just and equitable relations between people. Real peace is found in the setting of a new balance between competing demands and expectations, in releasing hatred and offering forgiveness, in not seeking vengeance but instead seeking the well-being of all. If our prayers for peace, if our longings for peace, are about any less than this, we are wanting no more than a ceasefire, a pause, not a solution.

In the end, we need a fresh commitment to making peace which is even stronger than the commitment we seem to have to making war. It is this strong peace that we find in the words of the angels to the Shepherds that echoed round the world a few short weeks ago, the peace that God wills for all. Let's seek peace and pursue it.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE METHODIST CHAPEL?

**Sunday Services**—All services in January and February can be viewed on the notice board outside the Chapel. We will be having our annual Covenant Service on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January, when we have the opportunity to renew our commitment to Christ and the Church at the start of a new year, everyone is welcome to join us. All our services start at 10.30am unless otherwise notified.

**Knitting / Craft Group**—Anyone interested in knitting, sewing, embroidery etc. would be very welcome to come along on a Monday morning from 10.30am to mid-day. There is a nominal entry fee of £2.50 to cover the heating costs and refreshments.

**Games Afternoon**—Are you looking for a little fun, come and join us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month when we get together to play board games and have tea (or coffee) and chat? We are always looking to welcome new participants so if you have a competitive streak, we look forward to seeing you. There is a nominal entry fee of £2.50 to cover the heating costs and refreshments.

**Coffee Morning**—Our January Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January, starting at 10am come along and join us when there will be homemade cakes for sale, a raffle and wonderful Nearly New Stall which is always full of exciting items and great gift opportunities. Entry costs £2.50 for bottomless tea or coffee and plenty of biscuits.

# JONIC BUILDING SERVICES Ltd.

**john@jonicbuildingservices.co.uk**

**Local family serving Long Bennington & surrounding area for over 90 Years**

**-Newbuilds -Extensions-Conversions-Renovations-**

**-Landscaping-Repairs-Maintenance-**

**References available on request**

**Ring John Dawson for a free quotation or advice**

**TEL: 01400 282020**

**MOBILE: 07815 323708**

**36 Main Road Long Bennington NG23 5DJ**





## DREW GROUNDWORKS AND PAVING CONTRACTOR

(Long Bennington)

### ALL ASPECTS OF GROUNDWORKS UNDERTAKEN

INCLUDING  
BLOCK PAVING AND SLABBING  
DRIVEWAYS AND PATIOS  
SHED BASES  
FENCING AND LANDSCAPING

All work undertaken to customer requirements

Telephone: 078100 16682 OR 01400 281409



### *The Oriel Window Gift Shop*

90a Main Road, Long Bennington NG23 5DL

*We offer a great selection of home décor, gifts  
and cards for all occasions.*

*Also*

*Garden tools, seasonal plants*

*Plus*

*A variety of vintage/antique stoneware,  
garden ornaments, birdbaths, planters etc.*



Opening Times  
Wednesday – Saturday 09:30 – 4.00  
Sunday 11:00 – 4:00



Est. 2000

GOLD AWARD

### Three Shires Caravan Storage Ltd

Long Bennington NG23 5EX

Secure Site, Generous Opening Hours

Family run business

Valerie & Sally Richardson

**01400 281549**

Mobile: 07799 564992

## LONG BENNINGTON LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

It began following a Public Meeting in the Village Hall in February 1992. At its peak the Society had over 70 members. But after the pandemic, attendances at meetings began to decline. In summer 2022 all members of the committee met together and agreed that they had run out of steam so if it was going to continue beyond 2023 the Society should have new leadership. Unfortunately, but perhaps unsurprisingly, a new committee did not emerge. So, sadly, the meeting in November 2023 was our last.

During the 30 years of its existence the Society held more than 200 talks on local history.

We published a booklet about the History of Long Bennington written by local historian Brian Widdowson. In 2013 the Society donated 250 copies to the Long Bennington Church of England Academy so every child in the village could have one to refer to at home.

We also made a sizeable donation towards the cost of the Heritage Trail from our limited funds with a view to encouraging interest in our village's rich history in the wider community.

Over the years we received many donations of old photographs, maps, documents and stories. These were recorded on our website, distributed to appropriate local organisations or deposited in Lincolnshire Archives to be kept safe in perpetuity for future students to study.

Our ageing but fully functioning projector is now a community asset, available for use by any local organisation. And we donated all our remaining funds to 4 local charities, groups and organisations.

Our website at [www.lblhs.org.uk](http://www.lblhs.org.uk) contains many interesting photographs, articles and information about our historic village. It will remain as a permanent tribute to Long Bennington Local History Society.

John Jeffries

### GREEN and TIDY

Garden and outdoor maintenance  
Long Bennington and surrounding areas

Lawn cutting/maintenance, Hedge cutting,  
Lopping/pruning, Tidy up/clearance  
Patio and drive cleaning, Gutter cleaning,  
Indoor & Outdoor painting, Odd jobs

Andrew Green 07903 305723

[adtgreen78@gmail.com](mailto:adtgreen78@gmail.com)

### M.J.FRYER

**PLUMBING & HEATING ENGINEER**

**BATHROOMS / KITCHENS  
BOILER REPLACEMENTS  
CENTRAL HEATING  
ALL PLUMBING REPAIRS**



**Mob: 07860267178**

3 Main Road, Long Bennington, Newark NG23 5EN

## REGULAR DATES FOR THE DIARY - Sedgebrook

Rainbows/Brownies	Mondays	5.00pm/6.30pm
Knit and Natter	Tuesdays	2.00pm-4.00pm
RuffDiamonds Dog Training	Tuesdays	6.00pm
RuffDiamonds Dog Training	Wednesdays	6.00pm
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 Sunday in the Church.

Membership Fee for 2024 is £10 per person. (Under 18s free)

We are always looking for new committee members, if you are able to help, please let us know.

The club is available for hire for private parties, social gatherings and regular events.

Please contact Alan Cook Mob.07963553835 email

[sedgebrooksocialclub@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sedgebrooksocialclub@hotmail.co.uk)

## VIEW FROM THE PEW - St Lawrence Sedgebrook

**Church and Museum open daily 10am-4pm**

**Heritage Group meets monthly in the Social Club**

**Community Library, Recycling for aluminium cans and ink cartridges**

**Monthly Lively Church, Monthly Morning Prayer**

## SEDGEBROOK CELEBRATES CHRISTMAS

Sedgebrook celebrated Christmas in style beginning with Carols round the Tree on the Green. There was a wonderful turnout to enjoy the illuminated tractor, Santa gave gifts to the children, the church served mulled wine and mince pies and chocolates for the children. The Winter Singers led the carols and we have a new illuminated ornament on the Green. Massive thanks to the Wade family and helpers for all they did to make the night such a great occasion and for those who made and served the refreshments.



Also to Santa who called by the church and left selection boxes for the Grantham Poverty Concern Christmas collection. All to the beautiful backdrop of the floodlit church. Thank you for the generous response to those in need – it was a record and must have brought good cheer to a lot of people.

The Christmas theme carried on the following day when villagers decorated the 6 Christmas trees in church and enjoyed hot chocolate and special biscuits.

It was lovely to see the church packed for both the Nursery and School nativity services which were heart-warming. The nursery children were given the book of the Teddy Bears Picnic in Sedgebrook Church and chocolates were handed out to the school.



The ever-popular service of Lessons and Carols took place on Christmas Eve.

### HERITAGE GROUP

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January 3pm in the Social Club – Dr Brooke from Nottingham University talked about the wall paintings hidden in St Lawrence, Sedgebrook.

### Services in February

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February 10.30am Morning Prayer

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February 10.30am Lively Church

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.



## Contacts for the Magazine

**Advertising , Counting and Distribution Manager**

Joy Jordan- [joy.g.jordan@icloud.com](mailto:joy.g.jordan@icloud.com) / 01400 281355

**Treasurer - Jill Froggatt** [jill.froggatt40@btinternet.com](mailto:jill.froggatt40@btinternet.com) / 01400 281204

**EMAIL ADDRESS FOR ARTICLES:**

[Sgpnmag23@gmail.com](mailto:Sgpnmag23@gmail.com)

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

**Thank you.**



## The Saxonwell Group Ministry Team

Rural Dean Canon Tony Tucker	<a href="mailto:loveden.deanery@lincoln.anglican.org">loveden.deanery@lincoln.anglican.org</a>	07939 897118 01636 921161
Jenny Stuart Lay Reader	<a href="mailto:jenny.stuart@outlook.com">jenny.stuart@outlook.com</a>	01949 842231
Parish Administrator	Davina Tyler	<a href="mailto:saxonwellparishes@gmail.com">saxonwellparishes@gmail.com</a>
	<i>Church Contacts</i>	
	<b>St Swithun's, Long Bennington</b>	
Church Warden	Vacancy	
Treasurer	Jane Cowley	01400 282691
Church Flowers	Beryl Holmes	01400 281437
Safeguarding officer	Eileen Ross	01400 281932
	<b>St Peter's Foston</b>	
Church Warden	Jenny Bullock	01400 281611
Church Warden/Treasurer	Andrew Blanchard	01476 979515
Safeguarding Officer	Eileen Ross	01400 281932
	<b>Holy Trinity Allington</b>	
Church Warden	Chris Dicken	01400 281524
Treasurer	Bob McKinlay	01400 281671
Safeguarding Officer	Marian Hubbard	01400 281496
Flowers	Jill Storer/Linda Rycroft	283542/281516
	<b>St Lawrence Sedgebrook</b>	
Church Warden/ Safeguarding Officer	Alan Cook	01949 842192
Treasurer	Ian McKay	01949 843691
Flowers	Geraldine Statham	<a href="mailto:glendogs@aol.com">glendogs@aol.com</a>
	<b>Long Bennington Methodist Chapel</b>	
Steward	Eileen Eggleston	07531 160197
Treasurer	Kathryn Wood	01400 281489
<b>Community Contacts—Parish Council Clerks</b>		
Jane Evans (Long Bennington)	<a href="mailto:parishclerk@longbenningtonparishcouncil.org">parishclerk@longbenningtonparishcouncil.org</a> Mon 10:30-12:30 at Village Hall	01400 282716
James Stanley (Foston)	<a href="mailto:clerk@fostonpc-lincs.org">clerk@fostonpc-lincs.org</a>	01522 889737
Jane Morton (Allington)	<a href="mailto:parish.clerk@allingtonpc.org.uk">parish.clerk@allingtonpc.org.uk</a>	
Jane Bratton (Sedgebrook)	<a href="mailto:clerksedgebrook@gmail.com">clerksedgebrook@gmail.com</a>	01476 577175
Ted Bates (Chair)	Long Bennington Charities	01400 281853

## Village Halls: Booking Secretaries

Allington—Heather Nuttall [secretary.allingtonvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.allingtonvillagehall@gmail.com)  
[bookings.allingtonvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:bookings.allingtonvillagehall@gmail.com)

Foston—Pam Fellows- 07740 894605 email [pamelafellows@outlook.com](mailto:pamelafellows@outlook.com) or

Richard Wynn 07579 779087 email [Richardwynn77@iCloud.com](mailto:Richardwynn77@iCloud.com)

Long Bennington—[longbenningtonvillagehall.org](http://longbenningtonvillagehall.org)—07816 267927

Sedgebrook—Alan Cook—01949 842192

## Other Useful Numbers

Long Bennington Medical Centre- 01400 281220

Foston book group Lucy Bliss - [lucy.painter@opalhr.co.uk](mailto:lucy.painter@opalhr.co.uk)—01400 282661

Long Bennington book group—Moire Barnabas - 01400 283313

Long Bennington & Local Villages Rotary Group - [SecretaryLBR@outlook.com](mailto:SecretaryLBR@outlook.com)

Long Bennington Girl Guides—Mon 7pm-8.30pm—[www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk)

1st Foston Brownies Thursdays - 6.30pm - [1stfostonbrownies20@gmail.com](mailto:1stfostonbrownies20@gmail.com)

Village Hall

Rainbows Thursdays - 5-6pm - [1stfostonrainbows20@gmail.com](mailto:1stfostonrainbows20@gmail.com)—Village Hall

Scout Group Gorrie Hall, Chapel Lane, Foston

Beaver Scouts Mondays—6:30-7:30pm—Adam Lashbrook - [foston.beavers@gmail.com](mailto:foston.beavers@gmail.com)

Club Scouts Wednesdays—6:30-8pm—Claire Collier—01636 626097

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

## Long Bennington Playing Fields

Booking Manager—Gemma Walker—07946 176034

Management Committee—Mike Manley—01400 282731

Long Bennington Toddler Group—Becca Thirtle—07545 491267

Long Bennington Pre-School—[longbenningtonpreschool@googlemail.com](mailto:longbenningtonpreschool@googlemail.com)— 07816 537242

Long Bennington Rotary Club- 2nd & 4th Mondays:Contact: [glen@alforemans.co.uk](mailto:glen@alforemans.co.uk).

Bowls Club—Peter Fordham—07701059943 email [nettyfordham@gmail.com](mailto:nettyfordham@gmail.com)

Friendship Group—Nicola Thorpe—07904 182752

Junior Football Club—Steve Rowley—07909 857441

Twinning Association—Margaret Butcher – 01400 281935

Village Produce Association—Bev Gledhill—01400 282239

Writing Group—Shirley Lynn—07726 334280

Foston Neighbours - 07422 881448 [fostonneighbours@gmail.com](mailto:fostonneighbours@gmail.com)

# Your Local Pet Food Supplier



Gablestock is a family owned feedmill and farm. We produce feeds for livestock, horses and even the family pet. 75% of what Gablestock sell is manufactured on site using our own farm to provide home grown cereals and pulses.

We have been UFAS and FABBL registered for the past 10 years, with all other ingredients coming from approved sources, which are fully traceable. We pride ourselves in using good wholesome raw materials – producing high quality feeds. We



are open to the public and trade so why not call in and see our great range of animal feed all at great prices.

- Wild bird seed specialists
- Ideal for small holders, market traders and hobby farmers

Open  
Monday to Friday 7-5pm  
Saturday 8-4.30pm  
Large Car Park



**Gablestock**  
ANIMAL FEEDS



Gablestock Ltd, Witham Mill, Valley Lane, Long Bennington, Newark Notts NG23 5EE

**Tel: 01400 281421 Fax: 01400 281851**

**[www.gablestock.co.uk](http://www.gablestock.co.uk)**







# WHISTLERS PHARMACY

YOUR LOCAL INDEPENDENT  
COMMUNITY  
PHARMACY



**80 years and counting at your service!**

- NHS Vaccination Centre
- Free NHS Blood Pressure Check

**Free prescription home delivery  
service to Newark, Balderton, Long  
Bennington and surrounding areas**

**TEL: 01636 703756**

Beaumont Chambers, 1 London Road, Newark. NG24 1TN