

# **THE RUTLAND WATER VILLAGES MAGAZINE**



**OCTOBER 2025**

# Some news in pictures

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Ride and Stride in aid of the Rutland Historic Churches Trust.



Volunteers in Empingham



Striding across fields near Pilton

Rutland Water during a storm from near Lyndon Top



Chater Bowls Club members  
See page 29



A fallen ash tree felled in the recent high winds

# Welcome

## Rutland Water Benefice

Sharing the love of Christ with all

Comprising the parishes of Edith Weston, Empingham, Lyndon, Manton,  
North Luffenham, Pilton, Preston, Ridlington, Whitwell and Wing

Rector: Post vacant

Please refer to the service rota on page 4 of this magazine and do make yourselves known to the churchwardens when you arrive. You will be very welcome.

For all enquiries about a baptisms or weddings, please use the website enquiry forms in the first instance or speak to your churchwarden - contact details on the back page.

All funeral enquiries should be directed to the Rural Dean -  
Rev'd Jane Baxter 01572 822717

Home communions may be arranged by appointment.

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	<b>5th October Trinity 16</b>	<b>12th October Trinity 17</b>	<b>19th October Trinity 18</b>	<b>26th October Last Sunday after Trinity</b>	
Edith Weston				9.30am Holy Communion By extension	
Empingham	10.00am All Age Service With Caroline Simmonds		11.00am Holy Communion and Harvest Festival Led by Jill Cannings		
Lyndon	11.00am Holy Communion and Harvest Festival led by Rev'd James Muggleton	9.30am Morning Prayer			
Manton		9.30am All Age Church With Caroline Simmonds		11.00am Holy Communion Led by Canon Tim Alban Jones	
North Luffenham			9.30am All Age service	9.30am Holy Communion led by Rev'd James Muggleton	
Pilton					
Preston	11.00am The Meeting Place	11.00am Holy Communion by extension led by Mark Hotchkin		4.00pm Evening Prayer	
Ridlington	6pm Harvest Festival		9.30am Holy Communion	9.30am Morning Prayer	
Whitwell				4.30pm Holy Communion led by the Rural Dean	
Wing	9.30am Morning Prayer	4pm Evensong and Celebration of Harvest with a talk by Ali Wainwright		9.30am Holy Communion led by Canon Tim Alban Jones	

## **APPOINTMENT OF RECTOR**

I am delighted to announce that following interview and with the agreement of Bishop Debbie and the Parish Representatives, **The Revd Peter Collins** currently Rector of Hykenham Benefice has been offered and has accepted the invitation to become Rector in the Rutland Water Benefice.

The appointment of Peter is subject to the normal Church of England legal and administrative procedures. Peter will be Instituted by Bishop Debbie and Inducted by Archdeacon Alison on 10 December 2025 at 19:00 at a venue to be determined.

Bishop Debbie and I are very grateful to all who helped with the preparation of the profile, all the arrangements for the interview and for the continuing and encouraging ministry of the parishes in the service of Christ during the vacancy.

Please pray for Peter as he completes his ministry in the Hykenham Benefice and as he prepares to move with Sally and to work with the parishes in the Rutland Water Benefice.

The Venerable Alison Booker  
Archdeacon of Oakham

## **Vacancy: updating Rutland Water Benefice website**

The Rutland Water Benefice website has been maintained for the past 10 years by Angela. Due to relocation outside the Benefice nearly 2 years ago, Angela wishes to step down and believes it would be more beneficial to handover the task of maintaining the website to someone who resides within the Benefice.

Although there is potential to develop the website further, it currently takes about 1 hour per month to do the basics such as upload the Benefice Magazine and add the church services. Just basic keyboard skills and an interest is all that is required. Training will be available.

If you're interested in keeping the Benefice online information up-to-date and would like to have an informal chat without commitment, please email Angela:

[beeinthyme7@gmail.com](mailto:beeinthyme7@gmail.com)

## **EDITH WESTON**

### **Items for Edith Weston section of Benefice magazine**

Please email [miranda.cheneywood@gmail.com](mailto:miranda.cheneywood@gmail.com) with any news or items of interest for residents of the Parish. Please email by 12th of the month for inclusion of items in the following month's magazine.

### **Edith Weston Village Shop & Post Office**

Monday - Friday 8am - 5pm	Shop and Post Office hours the same.
Saturday 8am - 3pm	Cash withdrawals and deposits
Sunday 8.30am - 12.30am	Cheque deposit into bank
	Postage & Local Collect services

Coffee Cabin and fresh sandwiches. Local meat & pies. Fresh fruit and veg delivered 5 days a week. Stockists of many artisan local independent produce.

For more information

Email : [edithwestonvillageshop@gmail.com](mailto:edithwestonvillageshop@gmail.com).      01780 722164

### **Edith Weston Parish Council**

Are you interested in what happens in our village? Would you like to be involved in the care and maintenance of Edith Weston, and in having a say about how the village is developed in the future? If so, the Parish Council currently has two vacancies for Parish Councillors and we would love to hear from you.

This is an important time for Edith Weston, with Rutland Council currently in the process of developing their Local Plan and the government changes taking place in relation to planning and boundaries. The Parish Council has an important role to play in safe-guarding our village. The role is not onerous – the Chair, Andrew Lunn, would be happy to speak about the role, and for more information please contact the Parish Clerk –

[clerk@edithwestonparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@edithwestonparishcouncil.gov.uk).

### **Edith Weston Village Hall 100 Club**

Congratulations to the winners for October:

£30      Ms L Griffin.

£20.     Mrs C Ingoldby

£10      Mr D Wilkin

£10 gift voucher for the village shop kindly donated by Helen & Andy – Mrs Walling

The lucky winner of the £60 snowball prize is H Bath



## **TOMMY'S CLOSE- EDITH WESTON RECREATION GROUND**

### **Saturday 18th October** (not Sunday as printed in September magazine)

Join us at Tommy's Close for the **Official Opening**

We are delighted that Julia Bradbury will be with us at Tommy's Close on Saturday 18th October at 2.00pm.

Julia will officially open our playground and multi-use games area, the occasion being marked with the planting of a commemorative tree.

We will then offer light refreshments at our Village Hall.

We would to celebrate the completion of our project with villagers near and far and thank all those that have contributed to the project and made it possible.

We very much hope to see you there.

Tommy's Close Trustees

## **Haley Brothers Saturday 8th November**

Live music from the Haley Brothers on November 8th in Edith Weston Village Hall.

Tickets are £20.00 and include a welcome drink and supper. Mark and Lawrie have played with the Kinks and The Monkees and still play with the Kast Off Kinks and the Rubettes. The set will include old favourites and some more contemporary but familiar tunes. Stuff to get you singing along and tapping your toes or even getting to your feet (optional!)

Tickets are available from Edith Weston Village stores or from Sarah Lunn at [lunnsarah57@gmail.com](mailto:lunnsarah57@gmail.com)

## **Tommy's Talk- Roman Lifestyles in Rural Rutland: Further Excavations at the Ketton Villa**

Thursday **13th November** 7.00pm Edith Weston Village Hall

Edith Weston Fundraising Committee are delighted to welcome back John Thomas MA MCifA, project manager of the Rutland Villa Project.

John Thomas is Deputy Director of ULAS and is returning to Edith Weston to provide updates about this most exciting and fascinating of projects.

Tickets: £10.00 with complimentary wine or soft drink available from Edith Weston Village Shop from Saturday 1st November.

## **Christmas Card Fund Raising Appeal 2025**

This years Christmas Card Appeal will start on December 1st 2025. It is a great way to raise funds for our village church and very much appreciated. Further details will be in November's magazine.

### **EDITH WESTON CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

Saturday **29th November** 10.30am

The Fundraisers of Edith Weston are delighted to announce that the fabulous Christmas Fayre is back on Saturday 29th November from 10.30 am - 3.00pm. Our fayre is a wonderful way for everyone to get into the Christmas spirit.

Many Rutland artisans, and crafters are joining us to bring early seasonal Christmas cheer, just under a month away from the big day.

Come and join us to find the perfect Christmas gifts, have a hot drink, mince pie or perhaps a mulled wine or two.

There will be beautiful arts and crafts, children's books and clothes, fresh produce, Christmas wreaths, a spectacular raffle and children's festive activities.

So much work is going on behind the scenes to make this a fabulous festive fayre for all the family to enjoy.

Save the date and come and join in the festive fun.

We can't wait to see you there!

Edith Weston Fundraising Committee

*All proceeds from the event go to our three village charities- St Mary's Church, the Village Hall and Tommy's Close Recreation Ground.*

### **Carol Service Sunday 21st December 6pm**

Led by Canon Vyv Wainwright.

All ages very welcome.

Arabella Cox and her grandparents Gill & Rex Bretten would like to thank all those who attended and supported the fund rising tea for **Alzheimer's Society** at Sundial House Edith Weston.

A grand total of £816.00 was raised which is quite impressive for tea and cakes. We hope this makes some inroads to assist the research in this area.



## **Rutland Ride and Stride 2025.**

The PCC would like to thank Sarah Lunn very much for coordinating our villages Ride and Stride effort this year. Many thanks to all the people helping on the day in church and providing the refreshments.

And last but not least the riders and striders for Edith Weston, thank you. We hope you all enjoyed the day.



### **BELL. BULLETIN**



The bells are still undergoing regular maintenance to enable the Edith Weston bells to be rung for many more years. After the wheels were treated with preservative all the ropes have been reinstalled.

The bells rang out to celebrate the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day. It was a great delight that, for the first time in many years, the band was made up entirely by Edith Weston villagers.

If you have a significant event such as a special birthday or anniversary and would like the bells to ring please let Tracy Lawson know on the number below.

**Bell ringing** is not only a significant tradition but also a wonderful way to meet new people and engage both mentally and physically. Practices are held in the church on Monday evenings 7pm – 8.30pm. If you're interested in trying your hand at ringing, please call Tracey Lawson at 07761 310720.

## **EMPINGHAM**

### **News from St Peter's Church**

St Peter's were delighted to welcome 46 bicycle riders on last month for the Bi-annual Ride & Stride event. Despite mixed weather on the day, we managed to offer all the riders plenty of hospitality but a tumble drier might have been more useful to dry off some of their clothes! See the photo on page 2.

Our **Harvest Festival** for 2025 will be celebrated on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October when there will be a service of Holy Communion at 11 a.m. We would be very pleased with any help in decorating the church and any contributions of suitable food offerings destined for the Food Bank, would also be very much appreciated.

## **Empingham Church of England School**

We are so pleased to welcome back our school community, in particular our new Foundation Stage. They are settling in really well and are already part of our lovely Empingham family!!

As normal, our class names have changed! Every year, we choose our class name from an Amazing Person - someone that will inspire the children and they can learn about. This year's classes are Michelangelo, Bear Grylls, Prince William and Sir James Dyson.

Our Breakfast and After School Clubs continue to offer parents wraparound care. After School Club are making the most of the final warmer months enjoying Gardening and Archery, alongside indoor clubs of Arts & Crafts and Team Games.

We are all looking forward to another jam packed year, full of learning and fun!!

## **Activities at Empingham Methodist Church**

Minster: Rev Bekkie Wright, 07355981564 [Revbekkiewright@gmail.com](mailto:Revbekkiewright@gmail.com)

**SERVICES DURING OCTOBER 2025**

**SUNDAY**

5<sup>th</sup> 10.45 am Morning Worship with Moyra Collins

12<sup>th</sup> 4pm Tea Time Church with Phil Jones – A service for young families

19<sup>th</sup> 10.45am CAFÉ CHURCH with Rev Bekkie Wright –Including Holy Communion.

26<sup>th</sup> 3pm Afternoon Fellowship – Favourite Hymns- Readings-Prayers -Tea together.

1<sup>st</sup> MONDAY in the month – a LUNCH CLUB – 1 pm.

Other MONDAY'S - 2 -4pm - Refreshments- Tea, Coffee, Cold drinks & CAKE & BISCUITS and Second-hand books on sale. Photocopying and laminating available & BOARD GAMES or just chatting with others.

MOBILE POST OFFICE SERVICE on a TUESDAY from 2.15pm till 3.45 pm.

At the village pub The Twisted Trout. Please support your COMMUNITY POST OFFICE or LOSE IT.

THURSDAY'S. - TODDLERS/BABIES GROUP 10.30 – 12 noon. £1 per session.

More details Eileen Ray 01780 460676

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## **EMPINGHAM continued**

### **Barbara's Store**

Monday - Friday 7am - 5pm. Saturday 8am - 12 noon

Sunday 9am - 12 noon

Stocking a full range of groceries, local produce, lottery, hot drinks, filled rolls and off-licence.

Village home delivery for newspapers and groceries.

Evri drop off and pickup point.

Contact tel. 01780 460348

Email: [barbaras.store@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:barbaras.store@hotmail.co.uk)

### **Empingham Village (Audit) Hall**

Mini Ernie Draw No 10

1st	£20	176	Gareth Phillips.	2nd	£15	137	Eileen Toone
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3rd	£10	169	Sheila Forster
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### **Empingham Together**

Get ready to raise your glass to a brighter future! Empingham Together are thrilled to bring back their signature wine tasting event to the Village Audit Hall, igniting new connections and unforgettable moments!

It is on Friday, 10th October. Tickets and more information are available from Jayne Roland at [jlroland@btinternet.com](mailto:jlroland@btinternet.com)

### **Empingham Garden Club**

Our next meeting will be on 27th October at 7.30 in the the Cricket Club.

Thee talk will be by Adam Cade from Stamford Community Orchard with a 'Juicy Tale'.

Do come along. (New Members welcome)

### **Mens Shed**

A history of the Isle of Cumbrae – a view of the world from a different perspective over the last 300 years by those living on a 5 mile long island in the Clyde, Scotland.

The speaker's grandmother was born and grew up on the Isle of Cumbrae and, as is often the case with more isolated communities, those living there have had their own distinctive perspective of what matters and how they have viewed the rest of the world.

Using old records and victorian photographs this talk will try and illustrate what it is like to live on an island less than 5 miles long.

Any questions contact Pat Crowley on [patvcrowley@gmail.com](mailto:patvcrowley@gmail.com)

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Thee talk will be by Adam Cade from Stamford Community Orchard with a 'Juicy Tale'.

Do come along. (New Members welcome)

## **Girls Night Out**

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 21st October in the Cricket Club at 7.30. Keith Townsend will give us a fascinating talk on 'Charles Messier - Marathon Man'. The most famous Astronomer you've probably never heard of!

The bar will be open and we invite Men's Shed and anyone interested to join us. £5.00 each to cover costs.

## **Note from Ann and John Archer**

We are now able to call Kelsall, Cheshire our home. There are still many packing boxes around the house but lovely to have the family nearer to us.

We wish to thank everybody and organisations for the cards, generous gifts and good wishes. Best wishes to everybody John and Ann Archer

# **LYNDON**

## **Lyndon Harvest Festival**

Our Harvest Service will be held on Sunday, October 5th at 11.00 am, which will be Holy Communion led by Rev'd James Muggleton. Coffee will be served after the service.

Anyone is most welcome to come and help to decorate the church in celebration or bring flowers and any produce to the church on Saturday morning.

## **BORDER, BONFIRE & BANTER!**

Saturday, 11th October 11.30 a.m.

Meet outside the Old Village Hall.

Village volunteers required please to weed and winter the old village hall border, litter pick the verges and footpaths around the village and church and take rubbish to bonfire (place to be decided).

Ploughman's lunch afterwards at Courtyard Cottage.

Please contact Ginny HB if you can help 07539729829. [ginnyhball@gmail.com](mailto:ginnyhball@gmail.com)

# MANTON

## **MANTON VILLAGE HALL 150 CLUB** Winning numbers for

September 2025. **£20:** 68 Katie Smith

**£10:** 148 Kathy Yallop **£10:** 8 Siobhan Morgan **£5:** 43 Anne Taylor **£5:** 117

Laura Gray. This month's snowball **£90** was not won. Next month's Snowball £100 must be won. If you would like to join the 150 Club and help support the Village Hall contact the Promoter, John Stones Tel: 01572 827944.

## **MANTON PARISH COUNCIL**

We currently have vacancies for 3 Parish Councillors and are keen to speak to anybody who may be interested in participating in the smooth running of the village. The Parish Website ([mantonparish.org.uk](http://mantonparish.org.uk)) has a link to the Co-option pack which gives some information on the role and co-option process. Please speak to me or any of the Councillors for a general discussion of the opportunity. Roger Hornby ([roger.hornby@mantonparish.org.uk](mailto:roger.hornby@mantonparish.org.uk))

## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

### **COFFEE MORNING**

**Thursday 9 October - 10.30 am-12.00pm**

At the home of Judy Sharpe Oakham Grange Residential Home, Wheatfield Way, Oakham LE15 7UD

Any problems/lifts needed, please contact Anne Cowan (01572737503). We will need to share cars as parking is restricted.

**FREE – but any donations to church funds gratefully received**

## **PUDDING COMPETITION**

**Sunday 9 November – 2.30pm-4.30pm Manton Village Hall**

A revival of the old event from many years back!

Make a pudding for the competition, then come along in the afternoon after your Sunday Lunch.....and try all the Puddings! As this is Remembrance Sunday..perhaps a poppy theme??

Coffee/Squash and After Eight mints will be served to help you wash down the samples.

Vote for your favourite pudding using your After Eight mint wrapper. One per person! £5 entry in the afternoon...including children as they eat a lot!! If you enter a pudding, you do not have to pay! All monies raised for Church Funds. Small prize for the winner.

If enough children enter we could have a separate Childrens competition!  
**To enter – contact Anne Cowan (01572737503) with your pudding title...**...just so that we don't get 20 Apple Crumbles!! *From the archives of 2007!*

### **COFFEE MORNING**

**Thursday 13 November - 10.30 am- 12.00pm**

At the home of Della Stones     Barn House, Stocks Hill (Under the arch, RHS going up)

Any problems/lifts needed, please contact Anne Cowan (01572737503)

**FREE – but any donations to church funds gratefully received**

### **QUIZ NIGHT**

**Saturday 29 November – 7.00pm**

**Manton Village Hall**

Please join us for another fun evening of quizzing at Manton Village Hall. Teams of four but don't hesitate to register your interest if you don't have a full team. Cost per person is £12.50 to include light refreshments in the form of a ploughman's platter supper. Please do remember to bring your own drinks & glasses. To register your team of four for the village hall quiz please email Helen on [mantonvillagehallbookings@gmail.com](mailto:mantonvillagehallbookings@gmail.com) Payment details will then be provided.

### **CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP – Manton Village Hall**

**Sunday 14 December - 11.00am - 1.00pm (followed by light refreshments)**

Come and have fun learning how to make your very own door wreath. All materials & tools are provided but feel free to bring any decorations or ribbon of your own to add in. Light refreshments will be provided following the workshop. The cost per person is £47.00 & numbers will be limited so please book early to avoid disappointment by emailing Helen - [mantonvillagehallbookings@gmail.com](mailto:mantonvillagehallbookings@gmail.com)

### **RUTLAND FOLK DANCE CLUB - AT MANTON VILLAGE HALL**

3rd Oct; 10th Oct; 17th Oct; 24th Oct; 31st Oct 20.00-22.00

Join us on a Friday evening to enjoy English folk dancing at its best!

Newcomers welcome as well as enthusiastic experts.

For more information: ring Hilary Wallace 01780 460389

<http://www.rutlandfolkdanceclub.wordpress.com>

# **NORTH LUFFENHAM**

## **CHURCH SERVICES**

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October - at 9.30am All-Age Service

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October - at 9.30am Holy Communion (Revd James

Muggleton celebrant) Anyone would be made most welcome at any of the services across the Benefice and for those who would like a lift to a service in another village, this if often possible - please contact the magazine correspondent.

The Church is open daily - All are welcome to visit for private prayer.

## **Forthcoming events for the diary :**

Sunday 9th November : Remembrance Sunday Service 10.45am

Thursday 18th December : Carol Service

## **ST MARY and ST JOHN CEVA PRIMARY SCHOOL**

We have had a fantastic start back to the new academic year. We have all got new teachers and we have had some exciting decor changes around school which the children have enjoyed spotting!

Our preschool - Little Saints is filling up fast

(email: [littlesaints@northluffenham.rutland.sch.uk](mailto:littlesaints@northluffenham.rutland.sch.uk) if you'd like to visit - Mrs C Gay is our preschool leader) and the forest school area is already getting well used!

We have a couple of vacancies on our governing board for foundation governors. We are particularly looking for people who may have experience in marketing, legal services or HR as these are areas we are currently lacking on the board but would welcome anyone who is keen to support our school. Please email our clerk [rachel.wheatley@northluffenham.rutland.sch.uk](mailto:rachel.wheatley@northluffenham.rutland.sch.uk) for more information.

## **VOLUNTARY ACTION RUTLAND**

Needing help to get to an appointment or to visit friends and relations locally? Register with Voluntary Action Rutland (VAR)

Over a decade ago, the North Luffenham Good Neighbour Scheme was established to support frail, vulnerable, disabled, or elderly residents who needed, amongst other things, help to get to appointments when family, friends or neighbours were unable to assist. Since Covid, the demand for the scheme has dwindled significantly and, like so many other similar schemes, it has found itself less than sustainable, so the decision has been made to

disband the scheme.

For the very few who have used the scheme over the last couple of years, there is an excellent alternative its place when family, friends, or neighbours cannot assist. Voluntary Action Rutland is the place to turn. They are a highly professional organisation, registered with the Charity Commission, and serve over 2300 'Clients' locally in Rutland. What they offer is broader than that which the Good Neighbour Scheme was able to offer. If you are in possession of a valid bus pass, you will also receive a 50% reduction in the cost of any trip using VAR. Even if you are not actually in need of support at this moment, it is good to register with VAR as a potential user so that should you require their support in the future you are already registered on their books.

VAR can be contacted on 01572 724705 and their office hours are Monday to Friday 0900 to 1200 (\* answer machine in operation out of hours.)

## **THE WOMENS' INSTITUTE (WI)**

While there is not a branch of the WI in North Luffenham, there are branches close by so if any residents of North Luffenham would like to consider joining this organisation, Liliane Coogan, current President of the WI in Barrowden, can give you details. Her email contact is <mailto:liliane@btconnect.com>

Wakerley & Barrowden Women's Institute  
(No Jam or Jerusalem)

Ladies....Please come and join our friendly and active WI group. We meet every month to socialise through a variety of interesting talks, visits, and craft events.

- Opportunity to meet friends... And to make new ones
- Bar open and tea/biscuits. Come as a guest to try it out ...
- Meetings held at Barrowden Community Hub, 7:30pm
- Contact Sue Edwards ([sue.se.edwards@talk21.com](mailto:sue.se.edwards@talk21.com))

## **EVENTS PLANNED**

7 October      Air Ambulance – An informative talk with Ally Parker  
4 November    Qigong Demonstration and 'Have a Go' with Duncan  
Passmore

## **CHATER BOWLS CLUB**

There is nothing quite so quintessentially English, as playing bowls on a gloriously sunny day, a fair wind blowing to keep you cool and a lovely cup of hot tea at the end of the match! And so, it has been a good season for Chater,



we have played some brilliant matches with lots of local village teams. Our social events have been well attended and lots of fun; a BBQ, a quiz, an Afternoon Tea with delicious, shared food and we finished with a Beetle Drive last night!! The icing on the cake will be our Club Dinner at The Fox in November.

We are about to close our season and start to play indoors in Uppingham. If you would like to come along and join us, you would be most welcome, whether a beginner or a seasoned player; come and join our group and have a good time. We play the same days as outdoors.

Chater Bowls Club is based in North Luffenham at the top end of Pinfold Lane. We are a very friendly group of people of varying ages and we meet twice a week for a roll-up on Tuesday and Thursday afternoon's 2- 4pm, from April to September, sometimes later if the weather is kind.

Our next season starts in April 2026. But don't wait, come along, and try indoors with us, we will guarantee you an enjoyable afternoon.

For more information, or if you would like to come along and try the game, please email the Secretary: [ChaterBowlsClub@outlook.com](mailto:ChaterBowlsClub@outlook.com) or call on 07971 838 147

## **GOOD COMPANIONS**

For our September meeting, the Good Companions Club welcomed Andy Ashwin, who provided a very interesting talk focused on dahlias for the garden. Lots of information was shared on the different varieties and colours, along with plenty of tips for cultivating and growing. The club had their usual raffle and lots of lovely tea and cake.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 1 October at the community centre in North Luffenham, 2pm to 4pm. All are welcome.

For more information about the club, please contact Jason Allen (07773 396153) or Alison Gibson (07769 322551). Join us in making our village a place where no one feels alone, and everyone has a companion.

## **THE FOX in OCTOBER**

Thank you to everyone who came to support The Fox 10th anniversary, a fantastic turnout, and the weather was also kind to us. A wonderful afternoon was enjoyed by all with Uppingham Jazz and Soul Band entertaining us with live music and vocals.

Fancy dress Halloween party at The Fox on Friday 31st October. For further details call into the pub or check out our Facebook page.

## **PRESTON**

### **MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October**

It's time for a Macmillan Coffee Morning and you're invited!

Let's do whatever it takes to support people living with cancer.

Place: Preston Village Hall      Time: 10:00 to 12:30

Please join us to raise money for Macmillan. From the moment someone is diagnosed with cancer, Macmillan is there with all the information, support and guidance they need, to help everyone with cancer live life as fully as they can.

### **HARVEST SUPPER AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

You are warmly invited to this year's celebration on **Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> October**.

Catered by Wolf & Bear, there will be three courses: soup followed by a choice of main courses, and a selection of puddings.

£20 per head. Please contact Trish for tickets.

If groups would like to sit together, we can arrange this.

### **REMEMBRANCE SERVICE Sunday November 9<sup>th</sup> 10.50am**

This year, in the absence of a priest, we are planning to try something a little different and would be glad for everyone's help. We should like to make it a time of sharing: poems, readings or music that hold particular meaning for people in our church and village which can be brought together with some prayers and Remembrance hymns. This idea is still in its embryonic stage but if you feel you could share something please let Kay or Paul know.

Contact: 01572 737339 or [Paul.waterworth@mcsprojectsLtd.co.uk](mailto:Paul.waterworth@mcsprojectsLtd.co.uk)

The Act of Remembrance in the churchyard will happen as usual.

### **PRESTON CHRISTMAS MARKET**

It's back! Preston's Christmas Market is back, bigger and better than ever.

This year's market will take place on **Saturday 22 November** in Preston Village Hall from **10am - 5pm**. Stalls include, jewellery, basketwork, paper flowers, wooden gifts, art work, ceramics, Christmas gifts, a sourdough stall, and more, plus Preston's legendary cakes, mulled wine, tea and coffee. All money raised will be split between the church and the village hall.

### **RIDE AND STRIDE – THANK YOU!**

We are pleased to report an excellent day here in Preston. The weather was kind and our rota of people from the village welcomed 42 visitors from across the county. Trish Dickenson and Rachel Burkitt walked for us, covering 14 miles and visiting 12 churches. They have raised £450, with more promised, to

be divided between Preston Church and the Historic Churches Trust. Our grateful thanks to them and all those who gave their time to man the church.

## **CHURCH FLOWERS AND CLEANING**

We are very grateful to all the village residents who kindly ensure that the church looks lovely by providing and arranging flowers and keeping it so clean for us.

This month we thank Sylvia and Pilar on the flower rota.

## **RIDLINGTON**

**CHURCH SERVICES** - at 9:30 unless otherwise stated. Everyone welcome.

**Sunday, 5th** - Harvest Festival at 6pm followed by pork pie and cider. Please bring items for the local Food Bank

**Sunday, 12th** - Holy Communion

**Sunday, 26th** - Morning Prayer - please remember the clocks change!

**THANKS** due to

- everyone who helped with the annual trim and rake of the churchyard in September and to those who provided the ploughman's lunch;
- Tim and Karen for participating in the Ride and Stride in aid of the Rutland Historic Churches Preservation Trust and to those on meet and greet duty in the church providing refreshments and encouragement to all the participants.

**ANNUAL SMALLS FOR ALL COLLECTION** - the charity has just celebrated its 15th birthday and continues its good work. Let's help them continue to "talk pants" - donations of gently worn bras and new (still in packaging with labels) pants to Debra Thatcher at 3 Main Street by 15th October.

**FOOD BANK COLLECTION - 15th October** from the church porch. Since April of this year the Oakham based charity has received over 200 referrals and continues to need our support - items requested for packed lunches, cereal bars, small jars of coffee, tinned meat and pies, microwaveable rice sachets, porridge sachets, shaving gel and deodorant.

**MONTHLY WALK - Saturday, 11th October.** Meet at 10:00 in the church porch - car share to Uppingham Arboretum to enjoy the sights of autumn followed by light refreshments. Please let Debra Thatcher know if you will attend.

## VILLAGE HALL

- Curry Night: **Saturday 4th October** 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm
- Social Night - **Friday 19th December** 7.30 pm till 10.30 pm

**RBL POPPY APPEAL 2025** This year marks the 80th anniversary of the end of WW2. As part of our annual fundraising for the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal, we are organising a wreath making demonstration to take place in the Village Hall on **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November** 1.30-3.00pm. Contact Shelagh, Jackie, Jo for more details...

Anyone who would like to come along after the demonstration to enjoy tea and cake is most welcome - arrivals from 3:00 pm onwards. We would kindly ask a contribution towards supporting the RBL Poppy Appeal of £7.00 pp.

## WING

**Flowers** Tracy Moores and Jillie Lord      **Brass** Jeffy Wood  
**Flowers for Harvest Sunday** Weekend the Wing Flower Team

### **Auction of Promises to raise funds for Wing Church**

Will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 15th November at 6.30pm.

Jeff Dale has kindly agreed to be the auctioneer. There are many wonderful promises and the catalogue will be included in November Parish Magazine.

Free Entry. Paying Bar and Nibbles.

**EVERYONE WELCOME TO THIS SPECIAL EVENING**

Any enquires please contact Jeffy Wood on either [jeffywood1@gmail.com](mailto:jeffywood1@gmail.com) or mob 07736 668023

**Wing WI** are looking forward to a talk by the Oakham Canal Trust at Wing Village Hall, Thursday 16 October at 7.00pm.

Come along and find out about this local resource, all visitors welcome, £5 includes refreshments.

For other information about Wing WI please contact Judith 01572

737761 [quilt9@gmail.com](mailto:quilt9@gmail.com) or Jane 01572 737324 [janegilmore7@gmail.com](mailto:janegilmore7@gmail.com) .

**WING CRAFT GROUP** meets on Wednesday mornings 10am-12noon. £1.50 per session

### **HARVEST LUNCH**

Will be held if dry in Townsend Barns or if wet in the Village Hall on Sunday 12th October at 12.30pm. Tickets £15 adults( £8 under 12's ) to include gammon, baked potato, salads and pudding of fruit crumble and custard plus a glass of wine.

Raffle in aid of Medic Malawi

Tickets available from Alice Hill 01572 737516 Helen Bateman 01572 737499 or Jeffy Wood 01572 737465

## **Evensong in celebration of Harvest**

**Sunday 12th October at 4pm** and will include a talk by Ali Wainwright, Chair of Rutland Foodbank. All are welcome

Donations of dry goods and tins for the Foodbank will be much appreciated and the Church Collection will be donated to the Foodbank

## **Wing Church Children's Library**

*Children's books of all genres to read and enjoy in church or at home!*

We are pleased to announce the launch of our children's library in Wing church.

Following a great response from the local community, we have lots of good quality books for children of all ages. There is a designated area at the back of the church for children and families to browse and select books. Many thanks to Jeffy Wood and Sue Bastable for the bookshelf and cushions that make the area inviting and comfortable. The church is open daily so please pop in and have a look!

We will be holding an official launch on **Sunday 7th November** and hope that children and families will join us for story telling, reading activities and the opportunity to choose some books to enjoy. Further details to follow.

## **Autumn Coffee Morning 22nd November 10.30am - 12 noon**

at the home of Naomi Griffiths and Andy Lawrence 12 Church Street. In aid of church funds.

## **Breast Cancer Now and Wing Village Hall joint fundraising Autumn Afternoon Tea**

In October as part of the Breast Cancer Awareness month, Wing Village Hall is hosting a themed Afternoon Cream Tea event to raise money for this worthwhile cause plus supporting the Village Hall.

**Date: Sunday October 26th      Time: 2:30 - 5:00pm**

Cost: £12:50 each      Children under 12: £5 each

Sandwiches, cakes and scones plus tea/coffee

Wine/Prosecco/Soft drinks will be available to purchase

A Pink Raffle!

Advance Booking **essential** to book a time slot/table **Pre-booked Teas only.**

Cake stall for purchase of take away cakes

email [h.eskdale@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:h.eskdale@hotmail.co.uk) by 23rd October

## **Sunday breakfasts return!**

The very popular Wing Sunday Breakfasts are back for the colder months.

**Date/Time: Sunday October 19th 9 - 11am.**

Join us for a full Wingish breakfast with optional sides of black pudding or hash browns, or a bacon/sausage butty, and tea/coffee. Veggie options available

Cards and Cash taken. See you there!

**The VH Breakfast Team**

# Rutland Festival of Remembrance

Friday 7th November 2025  
Drinks and Canapes 6.30pm. Concert 7.30pm  
The Pavilion, Rutland Hall Hotel, Nr Oakham,  
Rutland LE15 8AB  
Hosted by the Lord Lieutenant

An evening of music and reflection, as Rutland celebrates all who have served or are serving in HM Forces. The concert will feature a wide variety of musical and other performances from pupils at Rutland's secondary schools as well as:

The Cottesmore Military Wives Choir,  
The LNR ACF Corps of Drums  
Uppingham School Pipe Band



**Ticket £25**

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## BRIDGE LUNCH



**WING VILLAGE HALL  
TUESDAY, 25TH NOVEMBER**

**10 AM TEA/COFFEE/BISCUITS**

**FOR 10:30 AM START**

**COST £20 INCLUDING  
2 COURSE LUNCH**

**BOOKING VIA EMAIL:  
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