

RUTLAND WATER BENEFICE
MAGAZINE COVER PAGE

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 & Wing

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Please refer to the service rota at the back of this magazine. Please do make yourselves known to the Churchwardens when you arrive. You will be very welcome.

All enquiries about a Baptism, Wedding or Funeral, should be directed to the Rev'd Dr Pippa Madgwick.

Home Communion can be arranged by appointment.

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‘Brothers and Sisters with Nature’

October 4th sees the annual commemoration of the life of that well known saint, Francis of Assisi. The son of a prosperous cloth merchant, he grew up in ‘the lap of luxury’ – his family’s wealth based on a steady trade in fine fabrics, such as silk and linen. Accustomed to a more than ‘comfortable’ lifestyle, as a young man he lived the life of a typical young nobleman of the time; partying, spending money and staying out late. Then one day, Francis became ill. He was unwell for a while and this period of sickness brought about a significant change in Francis’ life. We are told that as he started to recover, he began to spend more time on his own, praying. Whenever he could, he gave his money and food to the poor. Instead of wearing fine, expensive clothes he chose to wear a simple brown woollen tunic and cloak. He began to live much more simply, rebelling against his materialistic upbringing and choosing instead to own nothing, eating only the food that he could beg. Other young men were inspired by this lifestyle, gave up everything and joined him. They became known as ‘The Franciscans.’ Like Francis, they spent time each day in prayer and went from village to village, supporting the poor and the sick.

Francis’ love for animals and bird became legendary and there are many stories, including ‘The Wolf of Gubbio,’ in which he showed a deep empathy with all living creatures, not least those unable to speak for themselves when persecuted. One day Francis was outdoors, teaching a group of people about God. He began, “What God wants us to do is . . .” The crowd called out, “We can’t hear you!” The disturbance preventing the crowd from hearing Francis was a large flock of swallows building their nests nearby and chirping very loudly. “My dear sister swallows,” said Francis, “Listen to the word of God and be quiet until I’ve finished.” Incredibly, all the birds flew onto nearby rooftops and trees and were silent. “Thank you,” said Francis. “As I was saying, what God wants us to do is to love each other. Be kind to each other. We are all brothers and sisters – even with the animals and birds. That is why I call the swallows ‘sisters.’” The swallows made no sound until Francis had finished speaking. Then they began to sing.

It is said that Francis also preached to wolves, fish, worms, spiders, bees and flowers, because they filled him with an overwhelming sense

of God's love. "Give praise to your Creator!" He told them.

One of St. Francis' most enduring legacies is the 'The Canticle of the Sun.' In it, he delights in the connection that he experiences between Nature and God:

"Be praised, my Lord, through all your creatures, especially through my lord Brother Sun, who brings the day; and you give light through him.

"Be praised, my Lord through those who forgive for love of you; through those who endure sickness and trial. Happy are those who endure in peace, for by you, Most High, they will be crowned."

This October, may the life of St. Francis' bring us, too, a sense of deep peace and joy.

Caroline Simmonds, Reader in the Rutland Water Benefice

Each weekend the Rector has been producing a newsletter to send around the Benefice, with information about church events + services, other events in the villages, photos from events that have happened and more. It is currently sent to about 80 households; if you would like to be added to the circulation list, please email Pippa rectorrwb@gmail.com and if you no longer wish to be on the circulation list, please inform Pippa.

Life in Rutland is becoming busy, so do glance at the news each week for information. And do keep sending pictures and items to be included to Pippa. Thank you.

Remembering those who have died

Many of us have faced the death of someone we love in the past two years, deaths attributed to many causes including covid. On Tuesday 2nd November, All Souls Day, there will be a service for remembering them with thankfulness and supporting one another.

St Peter's Empingham at 7.30pm

All will be welcome

Come walking!

Why not join a Benefice ramble on the following Monday mornings:

October 11th from Preston church towards Wing Burrows (steep climb) towards Wing

October 25th from Preston church to Ridlington

November 8th from Ridlington church along Holygate Road and back over the fields

All are welcome! Further walks will be arranged and volunteers to lead later expeditions would be most welcome.

Any questions?

Please email: Lilliane Coogan

lilliane@btconnect.com





Baby Loss Awareness Week: 9th - 15th October 2021

The Baby Loss Awareness Week Alliance are committed to raising awareness of pregnancy and baby loss, providing support to anyone affected by pregnancy loss and the death of a baby, working with health professionals and services to improve bereavement care, and reducing preventable deaths. Pregnancy and baby loss is a devastating and uniquely personal experience and for many it is a heartbreaking and challenging reality.

We invite you to join with us, and many others across the UK, in lighting a candle, at 7pm on the 15th October, whilst remembering all the precious little lives that have been lost.

<https://babyloss-awareness.org/>

Then a month later we will mark this in the Benefice

BABY MEMORIAL SERVICE
7pm 14th November, venue to be confirmed

DOVE HOSPICE RUTLAND.

DOVE is now happily settled in its temporary home at Oakham Grange Care Home. Our guests are loving the wonderful facilities. The hunt for a new permanent home in Rutland continues. If you have any suggestions, please share them !



We continue to offer a range of support services in the Community including a bereavement support service. Working with partners the service can now reach more people. Referrals for our Day Care facility are still being accepted.

Christmas is coming !! Dove Christmas cards will be available from Wing Church Coffee Morning on Saturday 27 November. If you would like Dove Christmas Cards at your coffee morning, please contact us. If you would like more information about any of our services, please do not hesitate to contact us on rutland@dovecottage.org. 01572 722630

EDITH WESTON

Message from Elly, Zumba instructor

I have been a **Zumba** instructor for 10 years and I'm licensed to teach, Zumba Fitness, Zumba Gold, Zumba Step and Zumba Kids. I moved to Edith Weston last year after living in Germany for 16 years, and I now work at Catmose Sports Centre as the Activities Manager, but my passion for Zumba compels me to continue with my classes. I just love to dance. It the best way to have fun and keep fit as well as make new friends.

People are welcome to contact me for further information on **07511 936548** or email: ellyswords@hotmail.com. I also have a Facebook group: Fit Dance with Elly where I post information about the classes. The beginners (Zumba Gold) class, which is more of an introduction to Zumba, is every Wednesday in the Village Hall at 17:30 followed by the Fitness class at 18:00. Fun fitness for all ages and abilities.

Edith Weston's **Harvest Supper** is planned for a welcome return on Thursday 7th October. Limited tickets are available from the Village Shop at £15 each to include a glass of fizz and supper. There will be a cash wine bar and a raffle and local produce will be on sale. Donations of cakes, jams and local produce can be left in the church porch Harvest weekend 2nd and 3rd October or be

brought along to the village hall on the 7th. Please don't forget we are also collecting for the Rutland Foodbank; toiletries, tins and packets are most welcome donations.

We look forward to welcoming you.

To protect us all, can all attendees please be double vaccinated and take a lateral flow test (available from the village shop) on the day.

Barbara Shirley (1958-2021)

Many of us remember Barbara who lived in Well Cross in the village until a few years ago when she moved to Oakham. Barbara's recent roles in village and local activities included clerk to the Parish Council and Treasurer of the Village Hall Committee. She will be remembered for her cheerful and positive disposition. Barbara died after a long illness on 26 August at home with her family. Her funeral took place at Grantham crematorium on 15 September.

Edith Weston 100 Club

October Winners

£30 Mr D Forbes

£25 J Jacques

EMPINGHAM

From the Registers

We congratulate Elizabeth Griffin and Jason Thorne who were married on 28th August 2021.

David Harris

A Memorial Service and Thanksgiving for David's life will be held on Saturday 6th November at 11.30am. David was such a calm and caring man and did so much for the church and village. More details to follow. Our sympathy to Pat and her family.

Harvest Service on Sunday 10th October at 11.00am

This will take the form of Matins. Afterwards there will be a shared lunch in the church. Please bring a dish of your choosing and a plate and cutlery. Drinks will be provided.

School Assembly for Harvest, Monday 11th October

This will take place at 10am in St Peter's. All welcome.

Concert by the British Clarinet Ensemble

This will be on Sunday 31st October in St Peter's Church in the afternoon at 3.30 pm. Entrance is free with a retiring collection for the East Midlands Intermediate Care Scheme. The Ensemble are directed by Elizabeth Worth with guest soprano Caroline Trutz, who is musical director of the Rutland Choral Society.

Are you interested in helping the Parish you live in?

Do you wish to make a difference? Give something back that may have supported you in the past! The Parish Council has 2 vacancies available! For more information feel free to contact either myself or the clerk!

We are excited to announce we will have an informal discussion regarding the neighbourhood plan which may have more relevance to Empingham Parish to make a difference! Due to recent decision by Rutland County Council regarding the Local Plan!

This will be 3rd November 2021 venue to be confirmed!

Hayley Canham

Empingham Parish Councillor Email – hayleyc.epc@gmail.com

Empingham Village (Audit) Hall

Draw No 10 Mini Ernie prizewinners:-

1st	£20	111	Kaye Wing
2nd	£15	126	Muriel Hall
3rd	£10	157	Peter Margerison

Minster: Rev Bekkie Wright, 01572 720721

bekkie.wright@methodist.org.uk

ACTIVITIES AT EMPINGHAM METHODIST CHURCH

SERVICES DURING OCTOBER

SUNDAY 3rd 10.45am MORNING WORSHIP with Moyra Collins

10th at 10.45 am CAFÉ CHURCH with Phil Jones

17th at **4pm** TEA TIME CHURCH – A service for young families with various activities followed by Tea together.

24th at **3pm** AFTERNOON FELLOWSHIP led by Rev Bekkie Wright, Favourite Hymns Followed by Tea together.

31st at 10.45am CAFÉ CHURCH with Rev Bekkie Wright

MONDAYS 2 -4pm. POST OFFICE – Refreshments and second-hand books on Sale. Photocopying and Laminating also available

THURSDAY 10.30am till 12 noon. TODDLER GROUP is open again

Frumenty in Concert - Saturday 15 October

Folk group Frumenty are returning to the Audit Hall on Saturday 15 October. Doors open 7pm, music starts at 7:30. Tickets from John/Ann Archer 01780 460106, Alan Danbury 01780 435068 or Steve St Clair-Thompson 01780 460337. £8 in advance , £10 on the door. Bring your own drinks.

We Blew our own Trumpet

On 11th September St Peter's Church Empingham took the opportunity to show off their newly restored organ. The restoration was possible as a result of funding from a National Lottery Heritage Grant and the Church Council were keen to allow organ enthusiasts, far and near, to hear the result.

This first concert, since events were put on hold by the COVID pandemic, not only featured David Hill, conductor, organist and educator, who has a number of roles including Musical Director of the Bach Choir, Associate Guest Conductor of the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra and Professor of Choral Conducting at Yale University, the Royal Academy of Music and the Royal Northern College of Music; it also featured internationally renowned trumpeter Crispian Steele-Perkins. He has recorded with the Academy of Ancient Music , the King's Consort and the English Baroque Soloists. He has played in some of the world's greatest concert halls and came to Empingham to play to a full "house".

Together these famous artists presented a program extending from Mushel to Mozart and Goodall to Gershwin. The evening had an informal and friendly atmosphere as both musicians took time to explain the instruments. Indeed Crispian unraveled the history of the trumpet from the time of Egyptian King Tut to our modern day brass, via a rendition of Handel's Water Music on the garden hose!

On completion of the program a brief encore was played, delighting the audience further, with the theme tune Crispian recorded for the BBC's Antique Roadshow. David Franklin thanked both performers before they and the audience were offered wine and a large selection of canapés, produced by a generous team of friends of St Peter's , led by Tarn Dearden of the PCC. A visitor was heard to say "this is a village with soul".

All in all this first concert on the restored organ was a great success and we were privileged to begin a series of events with such prestigious musicians. Further events are planned over the next few months so please look out for details in future editions of this magazine.

Maren Gaukroger



John Archer, Tarn Dearden, David Hill, Crispian Steel-Perkins and John Haward in front of the newly restored organ

LYNDON

Harvest celebrations October 16th

We missed out on our Harvest Supper and auction last year because of the Covid situation, so we hope to have a really special evening this year. We shall have our service with Harvest hymns and prayers at the slightly earlier than usual time of 5.30p.m. as we shall be holding the event at the newly refurbished Pick's Barn on North Luffenham Road, and we hope you will arrive there in good time to look around and socialise before we begin to eat. There will be a cash bar, and Robert Campbell, our inimitable auctioneer, will be doing his best to separate us from our money, so please come prepared. Our new resident, Ginny Heathcote Ball, has kindly offered to take charge of producing a delicious meal, so do come, and bring your friends! You should have received an invitation in good time, if not, contact one of the Church officers (Jess, Clare or Jill).

We have just had our five yearly inspection of the church and need to do quite a lot of work on the building. This is our one fund raising event of the year, and with your support, we hope to make a start on getting the church back into shape.

MANTON

MANTON VILLAGE HALL 150 CLUB Winning numbers for September 2021.
£20: 61 Pip Prestwood **£10** 3 Michael Durose **£10:** 145 Grahame North **£5:** 18 David Malpas **£5:** 136 Carys Aley. Snowball **£50** was not won. Next month's snowball, £60, may be won. If you would like to join the 150 Club, and help support the Village Hall, contact the promoter: Peter Gooding, Cumberland House, St Mary's Road. Tel 737699.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

COFFEE MORNING

Thursday 14 October 10.30-12.00

At the home of Barbara Camp

The Hollies, Priory Road

Any problems/lifts needed, please contact Anne Cowan (01572 737503).

FREE – but any donations to Church Funds gratefully received

BIBLE/PRAYER GROUP

Thursday 21 October 2.00 pm

The Coach House, Stocks Hill

Continuing our studies in the book of Revelation, led by Jes Salt.

Everyone is always welcome to our friendly group, either regularly or occasionally.

"SIMPLETONES"

Friday October 22nd 7.30pm

St Mary's Church, Manton

A Barbershop Quartet singing a selection of songs from the 70,s and 80s as well as folk tunes.

Drinks in the pews. **NO BAR so bring your own.**

Tickets £10 from Anne Cowan (01572737503 annecowan38@gmail.com)

COFFEE MORNING

Thursday 11 November 10.30-12.00

At the home of Margaret Kennedy

Garden Cottage, Stocks Hill

Any problems/lifts needed, please contact Anne Cowan (01572 737503).

FREE – but any donations to Church Funds gratefully received.

Village Quiz Night

Saturday 13 November

Manton Village Hall

There will be a fun quiz night in the village hall in the evening of 13 November. Becky and David Malpas will run the quiz, and there will be a fish and chips supper in the interval. Cost will be £10 per person. Covid precautions may constrain the size and layout, so at this stage places are limited to village residents; further details will be circulated once the situation in November is clearer. Please preferably form teams of four, or indicate interest if single or couples, and book now through Peter Gooding on 01572-737699, with payment later.

There's one more notice from Manton on page 29

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SAFARI SUPPER - ADVANCED NOTICE!!!

Saturday 29 January 2022

A Three course meal with wine travelling around peoples houses.

More information in the next Magazine. In the mean time, if you would be happy to host a course of no more than 8 people (to make it Covid friendly) please contact Anne Cowan (01572737503) to do Starters, Mains or Pudding!
Tickets £20 to include wine. All money raised for the Church in Manton.

NORTH LUFFENHAM

North Luffenham Carpet Bowls Club

The Club is now meeting every Monday evening for practice from 7- 9 pm.
All welcome - £1 to play, donations for refreshments. For more info, please call Jason or Katy Ellis on 01780 722173

Remembrance Sunday will be marked on 14th November. Please put the date in your diaries and join us outside the church at 10.45am.

Foodbank donations can be placed in the box in the church porch. Thank you.

From Margaret - Home made preserves

Thanks to everyone who has supplied me with empty jars so that I can continue making my preserves – Yes, I'm still going strong!

North Luffenham Church is now open daily so that all of my different flavoured marmalades, jams, jellies & chutneys can be purchased there.

All my preserves are made in the traditional way with mostly Rutland produce & sold in aid of church maintenance funds.

At the moment we have in stock:-

Marmalades - Dark & Mature, Lemon & Lime, Whiskey & Ginger for £3 & £4

Jams – Blackcurrant, Damson, Victoria Plum for £2.50

Jellies – Crab Apple & Quince for £2.50

Chutneys – Plum with Ginger & Raisin, Apple & Coriander, Rhubarb & Date, Green Tomato for £2.50

If it is difficult for you to visit the church I will also deliver my preserves or collect any empty jars – just telephone me on 01780-720723.

PRESTON

Preston Annual Meeting

Having had to cancel the annual village meeting June we are now seeking to rearrange this meeting in the Autumn. We will of course discuss car parking, the village pond, playing field, speeding traffic as usual but if anyone has any additional proposed agenda items please contact Phil Grimley.

Preston Village Hall

We are looking for a volunteer to manage bookings for the village hall. This isn't a demanding task, as we tend to have a range of users using the hall every week, plus the occasional village event. The Booking Diary needs to be kept up to date, and invoices for the use of the hall sent out each month. If anyone could spare the odd hour to help with this it would be really welcome. For more information contact Phil Grimley.

Stretch, Tone and Relax Class

Preston Village Hall

Mondays 7pm. £5.50 per class.

All ages welcome to come along. All you need is a mat, hand weights or exercise bands, water, comfortable clothing and shoes, and a smile on your face. Leave the rest to me. For further details ring Trish on 01572 737882 or 07986 490590

Harvest Festival

We shall be celebrating Harvest in Preston on Sunday 26th September at 11am when our preacher will be Dr Peter Holmes from Uppingham. The church will be specially decorated for the occasion by our wonderful team of creative villagers and we shall be taking a collection in support of our church.

Village Harvest Supper

Preston Village Hall Friday 8th October 7.30pm

Ploughman's Supper and desserts. Bring your own liquid refreshments. Tea and coffee provided. Contributions for desserts and help on the day will be very welcome.

Music and entertainment provided by Colin's Music.

Raffle and all proceeds from the evening will be donated to the Air Ambulance and the Church. Tickets £10. All welcome. Tickets available from Trish 01572 737882 or 07986 490590, Sylvia 07765 686149 or Kay 737339.

Village Coffee Mornings

As you read this we anticipate that we shall have all enjoyed a successful village coffee morning in aid of MacMillan in the Village Hall. We are intending this to be the first of monthly coffee mornings so please keep an eye on Village advertising for the next one towards the end of October and plan to join us. All help on the day or from cake bakers in advance would be gratefully received. Please get in touch with the Village Organising Group.

Bellringers in Preston!

We are anxious to have a team of bell ringers in Preston who will be able to ring on Sundays and at special events. We are delighted that, following a request on whats app, nine people came forward to learn this ancient art. Until the weather becomes too cold and we move to the comfort of Uppingham church's bell chamber we shall be learning on Thursday and Saturday mornings at Preston church. We hope you will enjoy hearing our lovely bells being rung again!

We do occasionally have visiting groups of ringers coming to ring our bells.

CELEBRATION OF THE RESTORATION OF PRESTON CHURCH BELLS- SATURDAY OCTOBER 16th 10.30 -12.30 am

It has been wonderful to hear our newly restored bells ringing out after the two recent weddings after so many months of silence! On Saturday October 16th, we will be celebrating the restoration of these bells and all local bellringing teams will have been invited by their local committee. We would like to emphasise that everybody is welcome to come and see what is going on! There will be light refreshments for the bellringers and help will be needed with serving tea and coffee (please ring Jane on 737219). Do come and if you feel you would like to know more about bellringing, make contact with the teams on the day and arrange to have a try yourself!

Churchyard Greening

As Autumn approaches decisions need to be made regarding the way ahead for the Churchyard Rewilding Project . It would be helpful to have a small group of interested people who could get together to think about this. Can you help? If so please contact Paul Waterworth on 07702 221938 .

RIDLINGTON

CHURCH NEWS:

Church cleaning rota: thank you, this month, to: Julie Hoult; Louise Fox; Suzanne Baines and Ruth Lees. The church is due for a 'deep clean' weeks commencing **Monday 27th September** and **Monday 4th October** – if you are able to offer some time to do a little extra cleaning before the winter, it would be much appreciated. Thank you.

Church flowers: thank you, this month, to: Liz Simpson; Maggie Wilson; Anne Harvey.

Ridlington Players: DEATH AT THE DEANERY By Jim Hollingsworth

What a journey we have been on to stage this play! From Zoom meetings to socially-distanced rehearsals in a garden, and then at last we burst upon the stage! We have had so much fun with this one-act Agatha Christie spoof play, and we hope that you will have as much fun watching it!

So, do join us at Manton Village Hall on **Saturday October 9th** at 7.00 pm (Curtain up 7.30) and test your skills as detectives. So many people - so many motives!

Although Covid rules are now relaxed, it would be appreciated if you would wear masks for the performance, please. We will update you nearer the time with any government-led changes and our aim will be to keep everyone safe.

Bring your own liquid refreshment and glasses for pre-performance drinks.

Tickets are £5 and can be obtained from:

margie.wall@hotmail.com 01572 821397/07928378668

debrathatcher@hotmail.com 01572 823910

suzannebaines@outlook.com 01572 823542/07465409477

HARVEST FESTIVAL:

Our Harvest Festival service will be held on **Sunday 3rd October at 6pm**. All welcome at this annual service of thanksgiving, which will be followed by refreshments – nibbles and wine. Donations invited for the Rutland Foodbank.

FOOD BANK COLLECTIONS:

Your continued generosity is much appreciated and as we head into the autumn months it is important that we continue to support the Food Bank, which is doing an amazing job in supporting local families in need - if

everyone added one item to their shop we would make an even greater difference.

Items requested include: UHT milk; tinned goods - potatoes, carrots, fruit and meat pies; porridge; cereal bars; noodles; long-life sponge puddings; crackers and cheese biscuits. Twice monthly collections for the Food Bank will continue until the end of the year. The collection dates for **October are 13th and 27th**. Thank you for your support. Debra Thatcher

FLOWER FESTIVAL - cancelled

Unfortunately, it has not been possible to proceed with the proposed fund raising flower festival.

CHURCHYARD WORK PARTIES:

Heartfelt thanks are due to the members of the working parties who strimmed, trimmed and cleared the churchyard on Thursday, 2nd and the morning of Sunday, 5th September in accordance with the management plan - Karen Baines, Neil Fairley, Steve, Barney and Joe Fox, David and Anne Harvey, Dave and Shelagh Johnson, John and Jacky Morrell and Richard and Debra Thatcher. Special thanks to Richard Baines for removing the trimmings and clippings from the site.

A new management plan is being prepared for 2022 and will be placed in the church porch so people can identify volunteering opportunities.

BOOKS! BOOKS! BOOKS!

Debra has lots of books at the back of church, please feel free to borrow any of the books. If you would like to buy one, please make a donation.

VILLAGE HALL EVENTS:

October

A fundraiser for Help for Heroes at the Village Hall on **Friday 29th October at 7.30 pm**. Capt Gary Rutherford RAVC of the 1st Military Working Dog Regiment based at St George's Barracks will give a talk about the important work they carry out on our behalf. Gary has 19 years service which includes tours of duty in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Help for Heroes has not been able to fundraise as normal due to Covid so this is a chance to help.

Tickets are £12.50 which includes a glass of wine or beer and nibbles. For comfort places are limited so please let me know ASAP or by 1st October if you will be coming. If you can't attend but wish to make a donation to Help

for Heroes it will be much appreciated.
David Roome 01572 821416 / davr333@btinternet.com

November

The Village Hall will hold a Team Quiz on **Friday 19th November at 7.30 pm**. Usual mix of written questions and played music. Supper of Lasagne and a Dessert but please bring your own drinks. Teams of 4 at £12 per person, if you can't make a team up don't worry as we will make teams up. For comfort we are limited to 8 tables.

Entries ASAP or no later than 11th November.

David & Pat Roome - 01572 821416 / davr333@btinternet.com

December

After a few years gap the Village Hall on **Friday 17th December** will host a Social Night, a chance to come along for as long as you want, meet with friends and make new ones. Children very welcome. The bar will be open from 7.00 pm to 11.00 pm. Good selection of drinks all reasonably priced. Children's soft drinks free, plus complimentary nibbles. The event is licensed. No need to buy a ticket but it would be nice to know if you may be coming. For more information please contact us.

David & Pat Roome - 01572 821416 / davr333@btinternet.com

TEA COFFEE CAKES

in aid of the

POPPY APPEAL

You may have noticed that Ridlington has been without a poppy appeal collection since the retirement of the last regional volunteer coordinator. Over many years the residents of Ridlington have been hugely supportive of this appeal.

This year afternoon tea, coffee and cakes will be served at
Ridlington Village Hall

Saturday 13th November 2021

2 - 4pm

Your support would be greatly appreciated so please come along and help make this an enjoyable event whilst supporting the invaluable work of the Royal British Legion.

If you would like to pledge a cake please contact
Shelagh 07592590541 or *Jo* 07885513755

RIDLINGTON PLAYING FIELD UPDATE SEPTEMBER 2021:

Results of the Playing Field Questionnaire that was circulated in the latter part of last year are now available to read on the website. We would like to thank Suzanne Baines again for all her hard work in the design, compilation, distribution and collation of all the documentation and to all of you who responded.

The analysis of the questionnaire together with the annual ROSPA Safety Inspection Report was discussed at our first Action Group Meeting at the end of September. The outcome of these discussions and the priorities and future plans will be taken forward by the trustees and dedicated Action Groups. Please do let us know if you would like to be involved. We are in the process of setting up a trustees email address which we will put on the website very soon.

The Field. We would like to thank Russell and Dawn once again for gathering the hay from the field. We know that so many of you missed the field as it was and are aware that leaving the grass to grow curtailed your enjoyment and regular activities. We thank you for bearing with us over the last 18 months and with the decisions that we made as a result of the ongoing pandemic. Your feedback has been greatly appreciated and noted and we will ensure that regular mowing and maintenance of the field will be resuming as we go forwards.

We are however, planning to let the periphery of the field continue to rewild as we know from your feedback that this gives pleasure to so many in the village as well as helping nature to flourish. The new saplings are growing well within this area too.

We would like to thank Karen and Richard Baines as they continue to do a sterling job as volunteers within the playing field especially in the wooded areas around the periphery. They and their team have worked so hard in clearing away so much dead wood and debris and have now created a path through the trees and bushes leading from where the wood starts on the far right hand side of the field (just above where the play area is) and going forwards towards the entrances to Green Lane. Richard has also removed all the barbed wire on that side bordering onto Green Lane. Your support continues to be invaluable.

The Play Area. A second lorry load of bark was recently delivered and spread. Thank you, Simon. Appropriate signage remains in place.

The Sue Lane Memorial Bench has been washed and treated and now sits on the concrete base by the play area.

The new bench on the opposite side of the field is proving very popular and being well used also.

Cricket Club. There have been no home games this summer. We are in the

process of liaising with representatives of the club to clarify their future plans.
Cricket Pavillion. We are aware that the existing cricket pavilion is no longer suitable or fit for purpose. Discussions are to take place to determine what actions are required now and in the future.

Bird Boxes We have received a donation for bird boxes with the stipulation that they are made locally. Ideas welcome.

Football Pitch. Thanks goes to Mitch Pilkington for mowing the football field earlier in the summer. New football nets are due to be ordered shortly as the existing nets are shredded and torn.

Petanque. Peter Richards is taking this forward and was very much enthused by the interest expressed via the questionnaires. The area itself is now weed free due to the hard work of members of the group.

Dog Poo Bins are proving very popular and we endeavour to empty them regularly.

Mariane and Ruth enjoyed meeting with the High Sheriff David Wood and his wife Jeffy on their recent visit to the village. We enjoyed our stroll around the field together and the mutual exchange of information was most appreciated. You will have noticed from time to time we have taken the decision to lock the main gate to the field following the advice of our local police when there has been an increased risk of unauthorised groups driving in and gathering illegally on green spaces in our locality. Thank you for your understanding. Thankfully we have the small gate just a little further down the road. Thank you all for your ongoing support. It is greatly welcomed and appreciated.

Ridlington Playing Field Trustees

Our Walking Group takes place on **Wednesday 6th October, leaving at 2pm** from outside the Village Hall. Contact Anne or David Harvey or John Morrell.

WING

ST PETER AND ST PAUL CHURCH

Flowers: Mary Tulloch **Brass:** Jeffy Wood

A **Coffee Morning**, in aid of church funds, will be held on Saturday 27th November 10.30 – 12noon at 9 The Jetty. There will be a raffle and a stall selling Christmas cards in aid of Dove Cottage.

Rutland Foodbank

The collection from Wing Church Porch is now only once a month which will be 9 am on Wednesday 6th October. The collection in November is on Wednesday 3rd November.

The Foodbank are needing the following:

UHT Milk (Blue or Green). Tinned potatoes & carrots. Tinned meat pies.

Tinned Fruit. Noodles. Crackers, cheese biscuits & crisp breads. Cereal bars.

Long-life sponge puddings & custard. Porridge.

Thank you everyone for your much needed support.

Litter Picking Sunday 17th October

Calling all Wing litter pickers to join us at 10.30am on Sunday 17th to clean up the hedgerows and verges in the parish. We would also love to do a tidy up around the village hall following the completion of the building works. Pickup sticks and bags will be provided – please wear suitable clothing, gloves, and footwear! We will meet at the Village Hall and also finish there to enjoy delicious homemade refreshments courtesy of Judith Oakley. Please let Susannah know if you can help 07908815112 or susannah@starfish-consulting.co.uk

Wing Women's Institute

Unfortunately September's meeting was cancelled a few days before the meeting due to a member of the committee suffering from Covid just after a committee meeting at her house. The good news is that the speaker, Charles Garland, has agreed to come to the WI's May meeting.

The next meeting is October 14th in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. The Speaker that evening is **Lucy Stephenson from Uppingham** and her topic is:-

"How I juggle my life of being a mother (of school-aged children), the deputy leader of Rutland County Council, an Uppingham BookShop owner and a sometime farm labourer and cricketer with having a social life"

This promises to be an interesting and lively meeting so, please come along.

Since the last meeting in March 2020 Wing (and other nearby villages) has welcomed many new residents and in turn, Wing WI would love to welcome you too. Jane (01572 737324) or Judith (01572 737761) are always available for a chat and to give you more details.

Please do come along and if you need further details you can always contact either Jane Gilmore janegilmore7@gmail.com or Judith Oakley quilt9@gmail.com

Whether you are interested in making friends, campaigning on local and national issues, or learning new skills., the WI is here to inspire you.

This month's winners of the 100 Club are....

1st No 3 John Beaver
2nd No 91 Leopald Cox
3rd No 147 Jeffy Wood

Keep Our Village Clean

Please pick up after your dog.

ITEMS FOR THE WING SECTION OF THE MAGAZINE

Anyone with any items for the Wing section of the parish magazine please email john@wingonline.com by the 11th of the month at the very latest!

Pepper's- A Safe Place

Have you been struggling with your mental health? Have you been feeling isolated, lonely or in need of a listening ear?

Pepper's- A Safe Place aims to provide anyone struggling with their mental health a space to relax, take some time out and chat with friendly volunteers and like minded individuals. We can offer a listening ear, a social space and a non-judgemental or pressurising environment.

Pop in for a cup of tea or coffee on one of our 4 adult drop-in sessions, these take place weekly on Tuesdays (10:30-12:30), Thursdays (13:00-15:00), Sundays (14:00-16:00) and in Melton on Wednesdays (14:00-16:00).

Our Parent and Baby Group in Oakham, after being closed for a couple of months over the holidays, will be re-starting on 2nd September for weekly sessions 10:00-12:00. This is a space for any parents or carers who are struggling with their mental health to bring their little ones, share experiences and feel welcome.

For anyone nervous about attending our sessions you are welcome to message us on 07714 503 556 or email info@peppersrutland.co.uk, we can answer any questions or set you up with a volunteer 1:1 to help you feel more confident before attending one of our drop in sessions.

	3 rd October Trinity 18	10 th October Trinity 19	17 th October Trinity 20	24th October Last after Trinity	31 st October All Saints
<p>An online service available on the first Sunday of the month on YouTube and Facebook. Please see the Benefice website for further details: https://www.rutlandwaterbenefice.info/</p>					
Edith Weston	9.30am Harvest Holy Communion				
Empingham		11.00am Harvest Morning Prayer + Baptism Sienna Rose		9.30am Holy Communion	12.15pm Baptism Nova Cooper
Lyndon	11.00am Holy Communion		(Sat 16 th 5.30pm Harvest service, auction & supper)	9.30am <i>Morning Prayer</i>	
Manton		9.30am All Age		11.00am Holy Communion PM	
North Luffenham	9.30am Holy Communion		9.30am Harvest Breakfast Church		11.00am Benefice Communion
Pilton	11.00am Holy Communion				
Preston	11.00am Prayer & Praise	11.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Benefice Communion	5.00pm <i>Evening Prayer</i>	
Bidlington	6pm Harvest Evening Prayer	9.30am Holy Communion		9.30am <i>Morning Prayer</i>	
Whitwell				11.00am Holy Communion + Baptism Millie Bell	
Wing	9.30am <i>Morning Prayer</i>	9.30am Morning Prayer		9.30am Holy Communion	

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