

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 and Wing

Rector: Post vacant

Please refer to the service rota at the back 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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## Seeing things differently

August is a month that brings us ‘the summer’... now I don’t know about you but I often find myself wondering what that will mean, will it be full on heat of summer, torrential rain, cloudy cool days or all of the above!

We will simply have to wait and see and whatever faces us we will no doubt adapt whatever we are doing to fit the situation as best we can.



This sense of the need to adapt and see things differently brings to mind Bartholomew, one of Jesus 12 disciples, mentioned in the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke. John’s gospel never mentions Bartholomew but does mention Nathanael (the others don’t) so many think that Bartholomew and Nathanael are the same person.

I love Nathanael’s first encounter with Jesus. Philip comes and tells him about Jesus of Nazareth to which Nathanael replies ‘Can anything good come out of Nazareth?’ It’s a slightly grumpy response, maybe like those hoping for a lovely summer holiday weather in August, he’s been let down a few times before.

Still, what happens next is a story of being completely turned around. Jesus tells Nathanael that he saw him under the fig tree before Philip called him. Nathanael is so surprised by this he changes from sceptic to believer, and even more than Philip had said. Nathanael says to Jesus “you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel.”

There are many times when we are sceptical or doubt, but when we meet Jesus for ourselves our outlook can be transformed, when we realise we are known and loved by Jesus it changes everything.

Come rain or shine this August I pray you find some time to meet Jesus in the pages of the Bible, in the family of the church, in a quiet place (like Nathanael’s fig tree) where you are seen and loved.

The Venerable Alison Booker  
Archdeacon of Oakham

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Church Buildings***



**Saturday 13 September**  
2025

***64 Churches: how many can you  
visit between 10am and 6pm?***

***Or visit RHCPT.CO.UK***

***Or Telephone Sue Thomas 07885 046449***

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If you are interested in participating please do contact your village organiser who will be able to supply you with the necessary instructions.

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## **LOROS announces cuts to its services – and a plea for help**

As you may have previously heard, LOROS is experiencing severe financial challenges due to a sharp rise in our running costs, a significant drop in gifts from wills and ever-increasing demand for our services.

As a result, we are sadly facing a £2 million shortfall this year, which has forced us to reduce some of our services for patients and families.

- Fewer inpatient beds, reduced to 20 on our inpatient ward.
- Reduced day therapy, running Tuesday-Thursday now.
- Cuts to physiotherapy, occupational therapy, social work, chaplaincy and complementary therapies
- Closure of the Volunteer Home Visiting service.

Camilla Barrow, Acting/interim Chief Executive of LOROS Hospice said: “Like other hospices we are struggling with an incredibly tough financial situation. No hospice wants to be doing less when the need is so great. This is not what our patients deserve and it’s not what our community deserves.”

“These changes are hugely challenging and we are working closely with all our partners to ensure a smooth transition and to minimise impacts on affected patients.

“We would like to reiterate that if you need our care in Leicester, Leicestershire or Rutland today, **LOROS is still here for you**, delivering exceptional care, with the same compassion and skill that have always defined us.”

The charity is calling on all its supporters across the counties it serves to stand by it and dig deep in this critical moment.

“Our message to all our supporters is we need you now more than we have ever done. Please show us you need us too.”

The Rotary Club of Uppingham has organised a special event in support of **LOROS** - the Eyebrook Walk.

### **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August 10.00am to 2.00pm**

The walk covers a gentle 5 miles of pathway and minor roads around the beautiful Eyebrook Reservoir initially through a limited access Nature Reserve; much of the perimeter is an SSSI. The reservoir is a major trout fishery, an important habitat for water birds of all types and has a historic connection to the Dambusters who practised over its surface prior to the Dams Raid in 1943. The walk will start from the lay-by alongside the reservoir below Stoke Dry between 1000 and 1200 on Sunday 17 Aug and should complete by 1400. Dogs on leads are welcome.

The route lies clockwise round the Eyebrook Reservoir starting from the lay-by on the side of the reservoir at the foot of the hill below Stoke Dry GR853963 (what3words – compiler.stuns.spoon).

**Registration and full information**



[www.uppinghamrotary.org](http://www.uppinghamrotary.org)



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



01572 822568



**Remember the Preston, Ridlington and Wing Village Show Saturday 2nd August 3pm Preston Village Hall**

Exhibits to be staged on Friday 1st August between 6-8pm or Saturday 2nd August 8-10.30am. Viewing from 3pm

**Do you play Bridge?**

**SAVE THE DATE - Bridge Lunch - SAVE THE DATE**

Wing Village Hall Social team are excited to host a Bridge Lunch on Tuesday 25th November 10am onwards at Wing Village Hall.

Contact [h.eskdale@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:h.eskdale@hotmail.co.uk) for more information

## **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

## **Dates for your diary**

Please join us for afternoon tea in the garden (weather permitting) at Sundial House, 37 Weston Road, Edith Weston to raise funds for Alzheimer's Society.

**3-5pm on Saturday 30 August.** Donations for the tea at the door.

## **Edith Weston Harvest Service**

The Harvest Service will take place on 28th September at 9.30 am.

## **Village BBQ - thank you**

Saturday 28th June saw the annual village BBQ. We had a huge turn out this year with over 160 coming along together with the sunshine! Over £2500 was made which will be split equally between all three village charities. Thank you to everyone who came along.

## **BELL BULLETIN**

We are delighted to say that we are now up to 3 student bell ringers at Edith Weston, all of whom are making excellent progress under our Tower Captain's excellent tuition at the regular Monday evening practices.

The bell tower has undergone it's annual clean, cobwebs removed and areas of corrosion on the bell frame removed and treated as per Taylor's, the Loughborough bell makers, recommendations. All done thanks to the hard work of Tracey and Gus.

We had a joyous ring on midsummers day to celebrate the wedding of the daughter of one of our regular ringers, with the wedding party, looking absolutely beautiful, calling into the church on their way to the wedding venue. 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. If you're interested in trying your hand at ringing, please reach out to Tracey Lawson at 07761 310720.

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

Congratulations to the winners in August:

£30     Mrs G Bretten                      £20     Mr & Mrs Vickers

£10     Mrs G Young

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

No snowball prize winner this month

## **Rutland Ride and Stride**

**WE NEED YOU** 🙌

Rutland Ride + Stride is part of a bi-annual national sponsored event. This year it is taking place on **Saturday 13 September 2025**.

Join the Edith Weston team! We are looking for Riders, Striders, Bakers, Recorders and Sponsors. Keep fit, have fun, meet people and help maintain our beautiful village church building.

There are 64 churches, each one offering hospitality. How many can you visit between 10am and 6pm? You can walk, cycle, ride or visit by car if you have restricted mobility.

Could you bake a cake, and/or help out by recording visiting cyclists, walkers etc?

Or alternatively please consider sponsoring our Edith Weston team.

This could be a wonderful village effort. There are achievement awards for the most churches visited.

Details and forms are available from Sarah Lunn 07502 437700/ 01780 721946

## **EMPINGHAM**

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

Things are progressing in the search for a new incumbent – hopefully a final selection will take place in August.

### **Village Coffee Morning**

Why not interrupt your morning routine and come along to the Village Coffee Morning which is held every Wednesday between 10.30am - 12 noon in St Peter's Church.

You will be made very welcome and it's the perfect opportunity to enjoy delicious cake and socialise with new and old friends.

### **Save the Date!**

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October, Shekletons Wine Company of Stamford will present a selection of wines in the Audit Hall. For further information and tickets, please contact Jayne Roland at [jlroland@btinternet.com](mailto:jlroland@btinternet.com)

### **Bells**

Our monthly bell ringing practice continues to be held at St Peter's at 7pm on the last Monday of the month.



If you enjoy the sound of the bells and are interested in learning this established tradition, please come along to the bell tower or ring Kate 01780 460501.

### **Parish Magazine Distributors**

Without fail your Parish Magazine is delivered through your letter box every month to keep you informed about village and local events.

A massive thank you to all of the volunteers involved in the production and distribution of the magazine.

A special mention and thanks to Mary Ruscillo who has recently and reluctantly handed over her delivering role after many, many years.

If you are interested in being part of the team, please contact Kate 01780 460501

### **Activities at Empingham Methodist Church**

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

#### **SERVICES DURING AUGUST 2025**

##### **SUNDAY**

3rd 10.45 am Morning Worship with David Cappitt

10<sup>th</sup> 10.45 am CAFÉ CHURCH Phil Jones – Church but different.

17th 10.45am Morning Worship with Rev William Booker

24<sup>th</sup> 10.45am CAFÉ CHURCH with Chris Pursehouse – Church but different.

31<sup>st</sup> 3pm. Afternoon – Favourite Hymns, Prayers & Readings 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. - NO TODDLER GROUP TILL SEPTEMBER 4<sup>th</sup> 2025 10.30 – 12 noon.

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

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

You're Invited to "Breakfast in the Audit Hall" – returning by popular demand!

Saturday, 20 September 2025 9:15am – 11:00am.

We're delighted to be hosting another breakfast in the Audit Hall, so please come and enjoy a delicious, cooked breakfast while catching up with friends and neighbours.

Tickets: Adults: £6.00 Children: £3.00

Vegetarian and gluten-free options available. We look forward to welcoming you – don't miss it!

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

Draw No 8

1st	£20	101	Dylan Prior	2nd	£15	24	June Green
3rd	£10	97	Jayne Roland				

### **Empingham Together**

An autumn fund-raiser for St. Peter's church will be a wine tasting evening in the Audit Hall on Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> October, presented by Shekletons Wine Company of Stamford. Further information and tickets will be available from Jayne Roland at [jroland@btinternet.com](mailto:jroland@btinternet.com)

### **Empingham Cricket and Social Club**

The club is open as follows:

From 5.15 pm on Wednesdays– please check calendar on website for any further changes

From 4.30 pm on Friday evenings

From 1.00 pm on Sunday lunchtimes.

Please see facebook for up-to-date details concerning opening times and other events.

Cricket is now finished for the season

### **Special Events**

Friendly cricket matches every Friday evening through the summer, and on Saturdays league cricket is played either by Oakham or Asian Sports

### **Club Contacts**

The club website can be found at [empinghamcsc.org](http://empinghamcsc.org), where you will find useful details about the club and the calendar

The club Facebook page can be found as Empingham Cricket and Social Club, or directly from the website. Useful details about the club and events can be found here too.

To join as a member, or renew an exiting membership of Empingham Cricket and Social Club please visit [Empingham Cricket and Social Club](#)

All memberships now run to end March. The new membership year starts on 1<sup>st</sup> April. You can pay membership fees over the bar or online via PayPal, but please ensure you have completed the online membership form before you do so. The online membership form is at :

<https://membermojo.co.uk/empinghamcsc>

Membership enquiries can be sent to [bobsloan79@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:bobsloan79@yahoo.co.uk)

Club secretary David Duffin, [david@theduffins.org.uk](mailto:david@theduffins.org.uk)

### **Mens Shed**

On Tuesday the 26<sup>th</sup> August the Men's Shed will meet at 7:30 PM at the Cricket and Social Club, for a Pizza evening, chat and a drink.

Andrew Jennings is going to make a selection of Pizzas on his wonderful oven, some with meat and some without. All are welcome. For non-members there is an entry charge of £5. For more information contact

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

Please let me know whether you intend to come by 16<sup>th</sup> August and if you have any allergies.

# LYNDON



**The Lyndon Summer Fete**  
Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 12 -4 pm  
To be opened by  
**Craig Revel Horwood**  
TV personality and entertaining  
"Strictly Come Dancing Judge"

 **"Fab-u-lous" Hat Competition** 

Corby Silver Brass Band, Morris Dancers,  
Madam Waffle Fortune Teller  
Village Stocks, Fun Dog Classes  
Children's Games & Races,  
Face & Glitter Painting, Lucky Dip  
Village Cakes, Plants, Home Produce  
Bespoke Stalls by invitation  
Tombola, BBQ & Bar

 For more details contact  
Ginny 07539729829 

Entry £5 adults/under 12yrs free  
Cash only  
All proceeds towards St Martin of Tours Church



# MANTON

**Apologies from the editor for accidentally curtailing the details of forthcoming events in Manton in the July edition.**

**MANTON VILLAGE HALL 150 CLUB** Winning numbers for July 2025. **£20:** 152 Jenny Jones  
**£10:** 89 Marie-Ange Martin **£10:** 150 Amanda Wells **£5:** 98 Martin Panter **£5:** 5 Michael Walsgrove. This month's snowball **£70** was not won. Next month's Snowball £80 may 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.

## LAST WEDNESDAY BRIDGE CLUB

On Wednesday 30th June, on a gloriously warm evening, our bridge club celebrated its 25th YEAR of meeting monthly in Manton Village Hall. We sat outside enjoying a convivial chat with fizz and snacks before moving inside for 20 hands of friendly/competitive Chicago bridge. We meet on the last Wednesday each month and play 5 tables with coffee and prizes! If you are an intermediate bridge player and are interested in joining the group, please get in touch with Barbara Camp on 01572737729 or email [barabrajcamp@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:barabrajcamp@yahoo.co.uk). Here's to 25 more years and who knows what conventions will then be played!

## ALLOTMENTS

Two full allotments are available for immediate use either as full, half or maybe quarter plots. Please contact Cllr Ruth Blinch ([ruth.blinch@mantonparish.org.uk](mailto:ruth.blinch@mantonparish.org.uk)) or Parish Clerk Lawrence Webster ([clerk@mantonparish.org.uk](mailto:clerk@mantonparish.org.uk))

## 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 14 August - 10.30 am- 12.00pm**

At the home of Jill Booth Oakland, 5 Priory Road

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

FREE – but any donations to church funds gratefully received

### **SUMMER CONCERTS in MANTON CHURCH**

**Friday 1 August – 7.00pm**

**African Songs, Acapella Singing plus Band**

A concert in 3 very different parts with 2 intervals.

1.African songs – an energetic, warm welcome sung in several African languages

2.Acapella singing (without musical accompaniment) presenting songs about rivers, Gaelic blessings and Scottish Islands.

3. Finally....the Beerfest Band will get the audience singing and dancing with a terrific selection of golden hits, old and new! There will be dancing in the aisles! Wine and Nibbles will be served during the intervals....

**TICKETS - £10 from annecowan38@gmail.com 01572737503**

**Friday 15 August – 7.30-9.00pm**

**Organ Concert by Ivan Linford** - Drinks and Canapes will be served hopefully outside.The concert is FREE but contributions to Manton Church would be gratefully received.

### **COFFEE MORNING**

**Thursday 11 September - 10.30 am- 12.00pm**

At the home of Susan Shepherd 14A, Priory Road

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

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

### **RIDE and STRIDE**

**Saturday 13 September 10.00am - 6.00pm**

Cycle/walk/horse ride/mobility scooter round as many churches as you want in Rutland between 10am and 6pm...there are plenty to choose from...and raise money through sponsorship for the Rutland Historic Churches Trust and your own village church.You plan your own route, do it in your own time and enjoy light refreshments in every village church on the way! Sponsor Forms will be available from Anne Cowan (annecowan38@gmail.com).Would any really keen cyclist like to organise a team from the village to try and get round all 64 churches? A challenge, but it could be done! A prize for the

quirkiest mode of transport. Certificates if you ride round 35+ churches or walk round 15+. **We will also need volunteers to man the church and sign the sponsor forms..please volunteer!!**

## **NORTH LUFFENHAM**

### **MAGAZINE CORRESPONDENT**

Items for North Luffenham section of Benefice magazine: Please email Nic Merrett ([merrettnic@gmail.com](mailto:merrettnic@gmail.com)) with any news or items of interest. Please email by 12th of the month for inclusion of items in the following month's magazine.

### **CHURCH SERVICES**

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August at 9.30am All-Age Service

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August at 9.30am Holy Communion (tbc. look out on church notice board and village website for confirmation of this service closer to the date)

As mentioned in the July edition, 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.

### **RIDE and STRIDE 2025 -Go! Go! Go! it's time to register!**

The North Luffenham co-ordinator is Liliane Coogan : email ([liliane@btconnect.com](mailto:liliane@btconnect.com))

Held every two years in Rutland.

**Saturday 13th September** 10am - 6.0pm

There are 64 churches in Rutland.

Open to all ages

***Can you meet the challenge and visit them all?!!***

It has been done before but by very few!

Prizes as follows:

**Cyclists:** the DAVENPORT-HANDLEY CUP for the cyclist visiting the greatest number of churches in Rutland.

**SCROLLS:** presented to any cyclist visiting 35 or more churches on the day. Similarly for walkers who get 15 or more churches.

**Walkers:** there will be a prize to the most outstanding achievement

by a walker. This could be the largest amount of sponsorship raised, the greatest number of churches visited, or some novel aspect.

There will also be a prize for the Quirkiest Mode of Transport- so think outside the (proverbial) box.

Many other people are happy to journey in beautiful surroundings from church to church at a sedate pace. (E-bikes welcome but no prizes this year.)

The website provides further background to this great event. <https://rhcpt.co.uk/ride-and-stride/information-for-participants/>

## **NORTH LUFFENHAM VILLAGE TRUST**

### **2025 FORMS FOR GRANTS**

Applications are invited, from or on behalf of, individuals resident in North Luffenham who are in need of financial assistance for education or other needs.

Groups that benefit North Luffenham residents may also apply.

All applications will be dealt with confidentially & are to be received by the  
Clerk no later than 1st September 2025

The Application Forms will be enclosed in the August addition of the Parish Magazine and further copies are available from:-

The Clerk to the Trustees, North Luffenham Village Trust Mrs K Dexter,  
13 Digby Drive, North Luffenham, Tel: 01780-721033.

## **CHATER BOWLS CLUB**

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. We play friendly matches with other villages across Rutland and have in-house matches, and social events throughout our season. Most recently we had a BBQ and next month is our Afternoon Tea. In November we have a club dinner to celebrate the season.

We welcome anyone over the age of eighteen who would like to come and try this fabulous game. Whilst we roll-up on a weekday, we are open to meeting on the weekend's too, so that those who work can come along; why not give it a go, it is a great way to keep healthy. We have just started a social membership; this is for anyone that does not wish to play but would like to come along and watch a match, have a cup of tea, make new friends, and have a chat. 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

## **NORTH LUFFENHAM CRICKET CLUB**

We play in the 20 over-a-side Burrough League (competitive but social) against other local teams on a Tuesday evening 6-6.30 start. Our home ground is The Oval in North Luffenham, and our nearest pub is a stone's throw away at The Fox. We are always looking for new players, so please **contact Dave Brew on 07548 919617** if interested in this year (and/or following years...) Supporters are very welcome. Next home fixture is 5<sup>th</sup> August v Barkby United.

## **NORTH LUFFENHAM GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME (NLGNS)**

Firstly, to all volunteers on the scheme - a big **“Thank You”** for giving of your time to support the members of the community at the times when they need help. It is greatly valued by all those who have had cause to use the scheme, and, we hear from time to time from relations who live some distance away that they much appreciate the scheme.

As a reminder for all - below is the scale of *suggested* donations to the scheme for lifts there and back to the following destinations

Oakham	£8.00	Uppingham	£6.50
Empingham	£4.00	Manton	£4.00
Stamford	£7.00	Ketton	£3.00
Leicester General	£21.50	Peterborough Hosp.	£15.50
Northampton Hosp.			£34.00

Donations for odd jobs are at the discretion of the “client”.

The Scheme have been able to support the Good Companions with a donation of **£300**.

To use the scheme : Just call: **07825 697841** A coordinator will arrange for one of our registered volunteers to help. The coordinator will then phone you back to confirm who will be calling and at what time. The coordinator will be taking calls between 8am and 8pm each day. Be prepared to leave a message...

### **Can you volunteer?**

The North Luffenham Good Neighbour Scheme is always very happy to receive enquiries about additional volunteers - please use the scheme number **07825 697841** to register your interest in joining as a volunteer driver / scheme phone holder / and more..

### **FOOD BANK COLLECTIONS**

Your continued support for the village Food Bank collections is gratefully received. Donations can be made in the Church which is open daily (current shortages : UHT Milk Blue and Green Cartons / UHT Juice Cartons / Noodles / Sugar (preferably small 500g bags) / Pump Hand Soap / Washing up liquid..)

### **GARDENING CLUB**

The sun shone on North Luffenham Garden Club for our Safari Gardens event in July. Nine gardens and three allotments were open to fellow members to enjoy during the evening, with no one surprised by the strong turnout for this very popular event. The Club takes August off with monthly meetings re-starting in September.

### **GOOD COMPANIONS**

We had our Annual Village Trip this month to the beautiful medieval market town of Stratford-upon-Avon, in the West Midlands. Members of the club and other villagers enjoyed a gorgeous sunny day to explore, relax, shop and boat along the River Avon. Our thanks go to the Village Trust for funding the very comfortable coach that provided the transport for the day.

For August, the Club will enjoy Afternoon Tea on the Village Oval at 12 Noon on Wednesday 6 August. We look forward to seeing as many

members as possible for a fun afternoon.

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

## **THE FOX**

‘The D’Ukes of Rutland’ are starting off the Bank Holiday weekend on **Thursday afternoon 21<sup>st</sup> August** by making a welcome return to North Luffenham and playing at the Fox in the gazebo. They are playing from 2.00pm to 3 / 3.30pm. Not to be missed! and....

**!! SAVE THE DATE !! Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September** back by popular request :The Uppingham Jazz and Soul Band 2.30pm in celebration of The Fox 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

## **INVITATION TO SUMMER FETE**

North Luffenham residents have received a very warm invitation to the Lyndon Summer Fete to be held on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August between 12 - 4. The fete will be opened by Craig Revel Horwood. TV personality and entertaining “Strictly Come Dancing Judge” Entry is £5 / adults and under 12yrs free. (One of the key organisers of the fete from Lyndon is a very supportive volunteer with the North Luffenham Good Neighbour Scheme.)

## **PRESTON**

### **RIDE AND STRIDE 2025**

It's time to register for Rutland Ride & Stride, a fun fund-raising event on **Saturday 13 September** to raise money to support the work of the Rutland Historic Churches Preservation Trust.

Visit as many of Rutland's 64 churches as you can by cycling or walking, with 50% of the money you raise going to Preston Church. Open to all ages with a cup for the most Rutland churches visited on the day. Certificates will be given to all cyclists who visit 35 or more churches; and all walkers who visit 15 or more churches. There will also be a prize for the quirkiest mode of transport! To offer support by walking or cycling, or manning the table for participants outside the church, contact Trish Dickenson or Rachel Burkitt.

## **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 Sue, Mel and Cessie on the flower rota.

## **LONDON MARATHON - THANK YOU!**

Thank you so much to all those who made donations to Children with Cancer UK for my London Marathon fundraising. You were very generous and helped me to raise an amazing **£1,763!** It was a very warm day but I completed the race and I was so pleased to have been able to help this very important charity. Children with Cancer UK funds much-needed research into childhood cancers and increases awareness and understanding of cancer in children and young people. They also provide support to children and their families as they undergo treatment.

Angela Edmondson-Jones

## **RIDLINGTON**

### **CHURCH SERVICES** - all at 9:30am

Sunday 10th Holy Communion

Sunday 17th Morning Prayer

Sunday 24th Morning Prayer

All welcome to the services and refreshments afterwards.

**AFTERNOON TEAS** The return of the fundraising traditional Sunday afternoon teas in the village hall on 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st between 3 and 5pm. All welcome. Offers of help and donations of cakes would be appreciated - please let Karen Baines or Debra Thatcher know if you can assist.

**FOOD BANK COLLECTION** - Wednesday, 20th August.  
Please continue to give generously to support this local charity.

**MONTHLY WALK** - 6pm Friday, 8th August.

Meet at the church porch to go in search of butterflies to participate in the citizen science project the Big Butterfly Count. ID chart available in the churchyard porch. See [Big Butterfly Count](#) for details.

**RIDE & STRIDE** - Saturday, 13th September

Volunteers needed to ride/stride: how many churches can you bag in a day? Volunteers to meet and greet at our church also needed. Please

contact Debra Thatcher if you can assist.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** for the annual strim and rake of the churchyard. Date TBA. Please let Debra Thatcher know if you can assist. Ploughman's lunch follows.

**RIDLINGTON PLAYING FIELD:** Huge thanks from the Playing Field Trustees to all those who supported our quiz fund raiser in May. We had a fun evening and were delighted to sell out again! Particular [congratulations](#) to the Thatchers and their team, for their very convincing win!

The evening raised nearly £600, vital funds to help maintain this beautiful space. Look out for our next date in December; we look forward to welcoming you then!

**A WARM WELCOME** ...to the McGill family who have recently moved into Rowells Lodge, and to Victoria and Jamie who moved into earlier this year 😊😊

**ANYTHING GOES:** Thank you to all those who attended the Ridlington Singers' concert *Anything Goes* on 4 July, and thank you all for your generous donations. An amazing total of £400 has been shared between LOROS and Ridlington church.

### **VILLAGE HALL:**

Unfortunately, due to not getting sufficient interest the Village Hall Committee will not be going ahead with the Safari Supper planned for August 30th. However, the Curry Nite on Saturday Oct 4th is going ahead - please book in with Pat Roome ( 01572 821416 / [pat.roome@btinternet.com](mailto:pat.roome@btinternet.com) )  
Coffee Morning at 10.30am – 12noon: Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September

## **WHITWELL**

### **St Michael & All Angels 100 Club.**

The 100 Club was started some years ago to raise funds for the benefit of St Michael and All Angels Church. Although titled 100 Club there are currently only 29 members.



Membership is £5 a month (£60 a year or £15 per quarter) the next quarter starts in August. A draw is made quarterly with £2.50 per member allocated for the upkeep of the Church, and £2.50 for the prize draw.

If you'd like to join please contact Mary Bell on [marybell53@btinternet.com](mailto:marybell53@btinternet.com)  
Winners of the May draw were 1st Mary Bell and 2nd Sam & Peter Killeen. Prizes were distributed mid-atlantic by the Club Treasurer Simon Jackson sailing a yacht back from Guatemala to UK. See his Facebook posts (Simon Andrew Jackson) for the highs and lows!

### **Ride and Stride for Rutlnd Historic Preservation Trust** [rhcpt.co.uk](http://rhcpt.co.uk)

Whitwell Church will be open for this event. Join Team Whitwell to visit as many Rutland Churches as we can on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September.  
Contact Tony on [whitwellchurchwarden@gmail.com](mailto:whitwellchurchwarden@gmail.com) to join the Team.

### **Pop Up Afternoon Tea in the Churchyard.**

We will be repeating this very successful event again this year on Sunday 21<sup>th</sup> September 2.30 - 4.30pm with cakes and plants on sale.

### **The Bells...the Bells!**

The project to re-hang St Michael and All Angels' two bells, one of which is one of the oldest in Rutland dating from 15<sup>th</sup> C, is well underway with funding in place and contractors appointed.

## **WING**

### **End of Summer WING Bank Holiday Monday BBQ**

Monday 25th August 13:00 - 17:00hr for a village BBQ at the Village Hall.

£12:50 including BBQ/salads/pudding (Children under 12 years old - £5)

Vegetarian options available

Bar - cash/cards

Booking essential - please contact Helen E for details:

[h.eskdale@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:h.eskdale@hotmail.co.uk)

Volunteers to help make this happen for chef/cooks, set-up/serving/clear up or making salads/puds would be fabulous. Thank you.

**RIDE AND STRIDE** will be held this year on Saturday 13th September, please save this date and take part in this great fundraising event for Rutland Historic Churches Preservation Trust. Enquires to David Wood email [rdavidwood1@gmail.com](mailto:rdavidwood1@gmail.com) or Mob 07711 018373

The next **tea and cake** afternoon will be on 17th August 3-5pm in the Village Hall.. Do drop by! Proceeds in aid of church funds.

The July draw for the **100 Club** took place at Coffee Morning and brought out the following winners.

1st 25 Judith Oakley    2nd 114 Paul Comben    3rd 12 Charlotte Daad

Please save the date for this year's **Harvest Lunch** which will be held on Sunday 12th October. More details to follow in next month's Parish magazine.

Offers of promises for the **Auction of Promises** being held in November to raise funds for Wing church will be gratefully received by Jeffy Wood

Are there any **volunteers** who would be willing to strim and clear up areas of the churchyard? Please contact either Jeffy Wood 07736 668023 or Alice Hill -01572 737516. We are planning to have a clearing up session in the near future. Does anyone have a scythe and the expertise to use it?



	3rd August	10th August	17th August	24th August	31st August
Edith Weston				9.30am Holy Communion By extension with Canon Vyv Wainwright	
Empingham	10.00am All Age Service		11.00am Holy Communion by extension led by Christabel Price		
Lyndon	11.00am Holy Communion	9.30am Morning Prayer			
Manton		9.30am All Age Church		11.00am Holy Communion Led by Canon Viv Wainwright	9.30am All Age Benefice service with Baptism led by Rev'd Jenni Duffy
North Luffenham			9.30am All Age service	9.30am Holy Communion tbc - look for notices or speak to a churchwarden	
Pilton					
Preston	11.00am The Meeting Place	11am Communion Service - tbc- see notices or churchwarden		5pm Evening Prayer	
Ridlington		9.30am Holy Communion led by Rev'd Lakshmi Jeffreys	9.30am Morning Prayer	9.30am Morning Prayer	
Whitwell					
Wing	9.30am Holy Communion led by Canon Richard Hill	9.30am Morning Prayer Led by Michael Ellard		9.30am Morning Prayer	

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