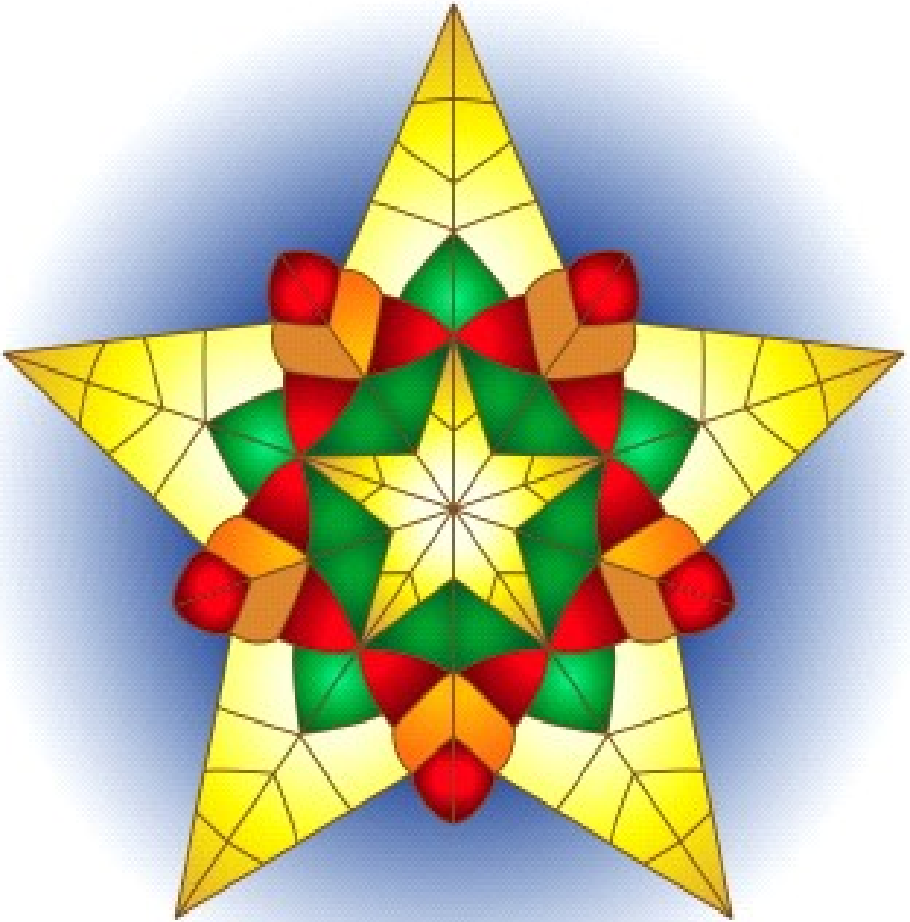


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## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

### **24 Dec - Christmas Eve**

5 pm	Crib Service	Wolverton
6 pm	Crib Service	Norton Lindsey
11.30 pm	Midnight Mass Zoom and limited numbers in church	Wolverton

### **25 Dec – Christmas Day**

11 am	Holy Communion Zoom and in church	Snitterfield
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### **27 Dec – First Sunday of Christmas**

9.30 am	Holy Communion in church	Langley
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**Limited numbers at all these services**  
**Please could you contact the Churchwardens or**  
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## CHURCHES NOW AVAILABLE FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Holy Trinity, **Norton Lindsey** will open on **Sundays** from 9.30 am to 4.30 pm  
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## A PERSONAL VIEW

A PERSONAL VIEW from Rev. Stig Graham, who is standing in for our Rector Richard Mutter.

And here we are again, in December, the darkest month of the year. And this year, we are emerging from lockdown, or at least, at the time of writing emerging is our fervent hope. In the midst of the darkness, short days and damp breezes, anxieties surrounding Covid-19, financial and employment gloom for many, where do we find hope?

Those who know me know that my all-time favourite hymn is ‘Now the green blade riseth’, also known as ‘Love is come again’. It is a song of purest hope, and set to haunting and beautiful music. It manages to embrace the grief and sadness of Jesus’ death and burial and still promise that life is irrepressible. Despite the cold and dark, warmer brighter days are coming, new life will emerge, grow and strengthen. And in our own lives, joy, and hope, and love, however desolate now, will blossom.

Wonderful and uplifting though it is we don’t have to rely solely on a hymn. There is already a hint of shoots rising. In just a couple of weeks, from December 21st onwards, the days will begin to lengthen, the sun will rise higher and the light will brighten. Slowly, but inexorably, spring will be on the way. In no time at all hedges and trees will be whispering green.

Equally, good news is emerging too, of vaccines which promise effective protection against Covid-19. The economy has shown that it can rebound after the first lockdown and many of us can remember still further back to dreadful financial depressions and troughs. We have survived and even flourished too. We must not trivialise those experiences but neither should we despair and cast hope aside.

There are also new opportunities for nations and governments to work together supportively and cooperatively. And as communities we have opportunities to do likewise, to look out for the vulnerable in our midst, to ease each other’s burdens.

Love will indeed come again. Or perhaps, in times of need, gifts of love and compassion never went away but they are easier to recognise when we look out for them and nurture them too.

**The Rev. Stig Graham**

## MONTHLY READINGS AND COLLECTS

### **6<sup>th</sup> December Second Sunday of Advent**

Readings: Ps 85: 8 -end; Isa 40 : 1 - 11; 2 Peter 3 : 8 – 15a ; Mark 1 : 1 - 8

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **13<sup>th</sup> December Third Sunday of Advent**

Readings: Ps 126; Isa 61 : 1 - 4, 8 - end; 1 Thess 5 : 16 – 24; John 1 : 6 - 8, 19 -28

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare the way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **20<sup>th</sup> December Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Readings: Ps 89 : 1 - 8; 2 Sam 7 : 1 - 11, 16; Rom 16 : 25 - end; Luke 1 : 26 - 38

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our savior, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **25<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Day**

Readings: Ps 98; Isa 52 : 7 – 10; Heb 1 : 1 -12; John 1 : 1 – 14

Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **27<sup>th</sup> December First Sunday of Christmas**

Readings: Ps 148; Isa 61 : 10 – 62 : 3; Gal 4 : 4 - 7; Luke 2 : 15 - 21

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## RECIPE – CHESTNUT AND ROSEMARY SOUP WITH CHRISTMAS CRACKERS

### For the soup

#### Ingredients

- 1½ oz unsalted butter
- 1 onion, chopped
- 2 tbsp sherry
- 1¼ lb roasted chestnuts
- 9 oz potatoes, chopped
- 2½ pints vegetable stock
- 3 sprigs of rosemary
- 3 fl oz cream.

#### Method

- Melt butter in a large pan and stir in the onion
- Cook on a medium heat for 3-4 minutes until softened
- Pour sherry in the pan and cook for 2 minutes
- Add chestnuts and potatoes, then stock
- Add 2 sprigs of rosemary and bring to the boil
- Simmer for 20 minutes and then blend in a food processor
- To serve add a little cream and the crackers



### For the Christmas Crackers

#### Ingredients

- 10 oz plain flour
- 2 sprigs of rosemary chopped
- ¼ tsp black pepper
- 4 tbsp olive oil
- 5½ oz parmesan cheese, grated

#### Method

- Heat oven to 230 C.
- In a bowl combine flour and oil with 3½ fl oz of cold water
- Add rosemary and season well
- Stir then bring mixture together into a dough
- Wrap in clingfilm and chill for 20 minutes
- Line 2 baking trays and halve the dough
- Roll half the dough into 12 inch square
- Cut out cracker shapes and transfer to tray
- Repeat and sprinkle with salt and pepper and parmesan
- Bake for 5-8 minutes until golden. Leave to cool.



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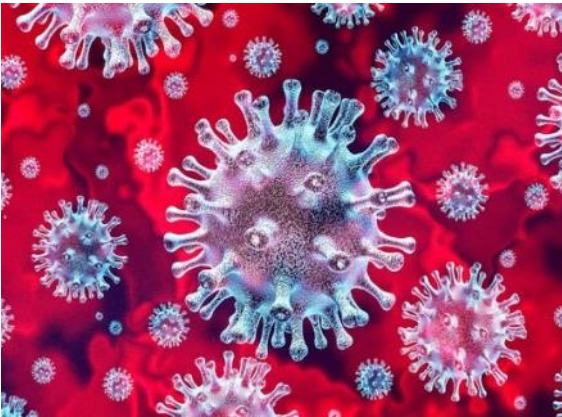
We are due to move into rental accommodation mid-January so we will be chain free and very flexible.

If you are interested, or know of anyone who might be, we would love to hear from you. My email is [sophietrim@hotmail.com](mailto:sophietrim@hotmail.com) or call me on 07538838602.

Thank you for your time.

Sophie Trim

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If you have missed editions of the Parish Magazine during lockdown, you can find all issues, from April 2020 onwards, on the Norton

Lindsey Parish Council website at <https://nortonlindseyipc.org/parish-publications/parish-magazine/>.

## LANGLEY NEWS

National dispensations were given for brief Remembrance Services, providing no hymns were to be sung and outdoor presentations only. In the event, 35 residents of Langley suitably distanced and masked congregated at St Mary's Church at 3.00pm on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November for a service conducted by Rev Stig Graham. John Pugh read out the names of the five soldiers from Langley who were tragically killed in the 1st World War, William Beesley 19, Alfred Hollis 19, Alfred Holtham 21, John Smith 20 and Percy Smith 25 and Private P Bullock sadly killed in the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War. Phil Green laid the Village wreath at the Church and remembered his colleagues who had suffered in more recent wars.

The opportunity was taken to pay tribute to Brenda Pugh who has retired as organist after [only] 38 years and thanks and presentations were made to her from the Parochial Church Council and the Village, with a special mention of how much we shall all miss our 'Carols by Candlelight', organised by Brenda and so much a feature of village life.

From remembering the past to improving the future, another 20 trees have been sponsored by residents and will be planted around the Village within the next few weeks. In a similar exercise last February, only two trees have died since despite the heat wave which followed.

**Brian Keefe**

## THANK YOU

I would like to thank the PCC for their very generous gift for me on my retirement as Organist of St. Mary's, Langley. It is much appreciated and I would like to say how much I've enjoyed playing for the last 38 years and I will undoubtedly miss it.

Thank you once again,

Brenda







**Norton Lindsey  
Christmas Lights Switch  
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**Friday 5 December, at 5pm**  
**Outside your own home**

**All households are invited to light up the village for Christmas at 5pm on 5 December. The plan is for all to be outside at 4.55pm and to start clapping so everyone is ready for the big switch on at 5pm – we will be ready to celebrate Christmas!**



The Parish Council met, virtually, on Zoom on Tuesday 10 November.

The meeting was preceded by an opportunity for the public to ask any questions of the Council, following the distribution of the 2020 Parish Report to the 165 households in the Norton Lindsey Parish. The report is available on-line on the Council's website at [www.nortonlindseypc.org](http://www.nortonlindseypc.org). Several positive comments have been received, applauding the style and content of the communication. Hopefully, the fact that only one parishioner felt the need to attend the Q&A session suggests that the majority of residents are satisfied with the work of the Council!

**The Clerk reported on arrangements for co-opting a new member to fulfil a vacancy on the Council and an advert is now appearing on the Council's website and notice boards.**

A new laptop for the use of the Clerk and flood warning signs have been purchased.

There was a discussion on the re-wilding of some of the verges in the village. The Council was very aware of the need to maintain visibility splays at junctions and, in any case, WCC would cut such areas to ensure road safety. As well as letting grass grow to let naturalised plants and flowers thrive, some areas could have turf removed to be re-seeded. Areas will have to be marked off, with a nationally recognised blue heart/re-wilding sign and managed by volunteers. Cllr. Mace-Leska would identify potential sites and source the signs and fencing.

It was agreed that in these depressing times, it was a good idea to support the community initiative to decorate the village with household Christmas lights and provide an illuminated tree and lights as a centrepiece to the celebrations. Consequently a working party of two councillors would source a tree, lights, power supply and location, as well as undertaking a risk assessment. A budget spend limit of £150 was agreed.

A request to site a memorial bench on the green in front of the Church was referred to the Parochial Church Council, as this is their land.

Over the last year the PC's Clerk has had to put in a significant number of hours of regular overtime, in excess of the contracted 6 hours per week, due to the general workload and the large planning applications for the chicken sheds and the low cost housing off Curlieu Lane. It was agreed that a working party would review the situation and report back to the December Parish Council meeting.

With the use of virtual meetings likely to extend for some time, the desirability of a monthly Zoom subscription for £11.99, to avoid the 40 minutes meetings free option with redial in, was discussed. Cllr. Brown would investigate the options.

Updated and new policies for Information & Data Policy, Media Policy, Removable Media Policy, Health & Safety Risk Assessment Policy, Equality & Diversity Policy were agreed and can be found on the Council's website.

The Council had received two written complaints regarding loose dogs at Lower House Farm intimidating walkers on the footpath. The Chairman would draft a suitable response. Also, following correspondence, with regard to the siting of the grit bin on New Road, the Clerk would ask a local farmer to return the bin to its original position opposite the junction with Hawkes Hill Close.

Under Planning, it was noted that there was still no listing of the planning application for housing off Curlieu Lane, for a decision, on the Stratford upon Avon Council website. An application for an agricultural storage barn extension at Littleworth Farm was approved, as not needing planning permission.

Cllr. Alan Read reported that discussions were positive and on-going between Warwick and Stratford upon Avon Councils (WDC and SDC), regarding the scope for sharing services, employees and contracts to fill the black financial hole caused by the pandemic. A Government White Paper is due shortly on the subject of local government re-organisation, but both

WDC and WCC are keen on a unitary council which would remove the issue of who does what. Any proposals would go out for public consultation. Cllr. Read also outlined plans for the redevelopment of Spencer's Yard in Leamington as a Creative Quarter and plans for Leamington to host cycling as well as bowls for the Commonwealth Games, for which grants had been obtained. As Portfolio holder for Environment, Cllr. Read has formed an independent residents group to look at topics over the next 3 months as to how the District should address the issues of climate change. This included topics such as solar farms, hydrogen fuel, heating projects, energy efficiency of public buildings etc. Due to Covid-19 the planned district council tax surcharge to fund a climate referendum would not be implemented for the next two years at least. With waste contracts up for renewal in both WDC and SDC, discussions on a possible joint contract were on-going, based on disposals at 3 weekly intervals for waste disposal, 2 weekly for recycling and weekly for food waste.

Cllr. Les Caborn, who is due to retire in May after 40 years excellent service as a local councillor, reported on the Covid-19 situation in Warwickshire. Rapid testing was under discussion with the Government, although staffing costs to undertake the work was not included. Covid-19 cases in Warwickshire are still on the rise, but levelling out. WCC has put £800k into youth services and appointed a number of youth workers and is continuing to fund school meals, in the holidays, out of the Welfare Fund which the Government will eventually refund.

Next Council meeting is on Tuesday 8 December at 7.45pm. Details of the how to access the virtual meeting will be published at the top of the meeting agenda on Council notice boards.

**Martin Neale**



## I SPY SOMETHING...



Inspired by the teddy bear 'hunt' that we did at the start of the coronavirus lockdown, we are asking residents to uplift our spirits again by putting a toy in the theme of the Nativity scene and Christmas in their windows for children to spot during December. Thank you.



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## NORTON LINDSEY VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

A short report this month.

We closed again during the second lockdown, remaining open potentially for essential training such as First Aid, but this was cancelled by the course organisers.

Having stated last month that all was good after the annual inspection, we had the ASHP (Air Source Heat Pump) and Air recovery system serviced by an independent engineer, and it emerges that the installation is faulty and is contributing to the noisy fans! So we are hanging onto the retained money due to be paid to the builder until this is rectified.

We will not be doing the Best Decorated Hedge or Tree competition as we would like everyone to put their efforts into Lighting up the Village.

On behalf of the Trustees, may I wish all of you a Very Happy Christmas, which may be very different for many this year, but let us make the most of living in our Community of Norton Lindsey.

**Anna Mace-Leska, Chair of Trustees and Playing Fields CIO**

## NORTON LINDSEY VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB

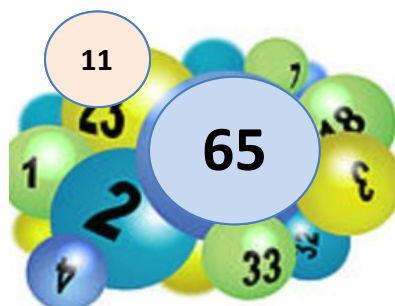
### November Winners

1st prize – Number 65 – Steve and Yvonne Russell £75

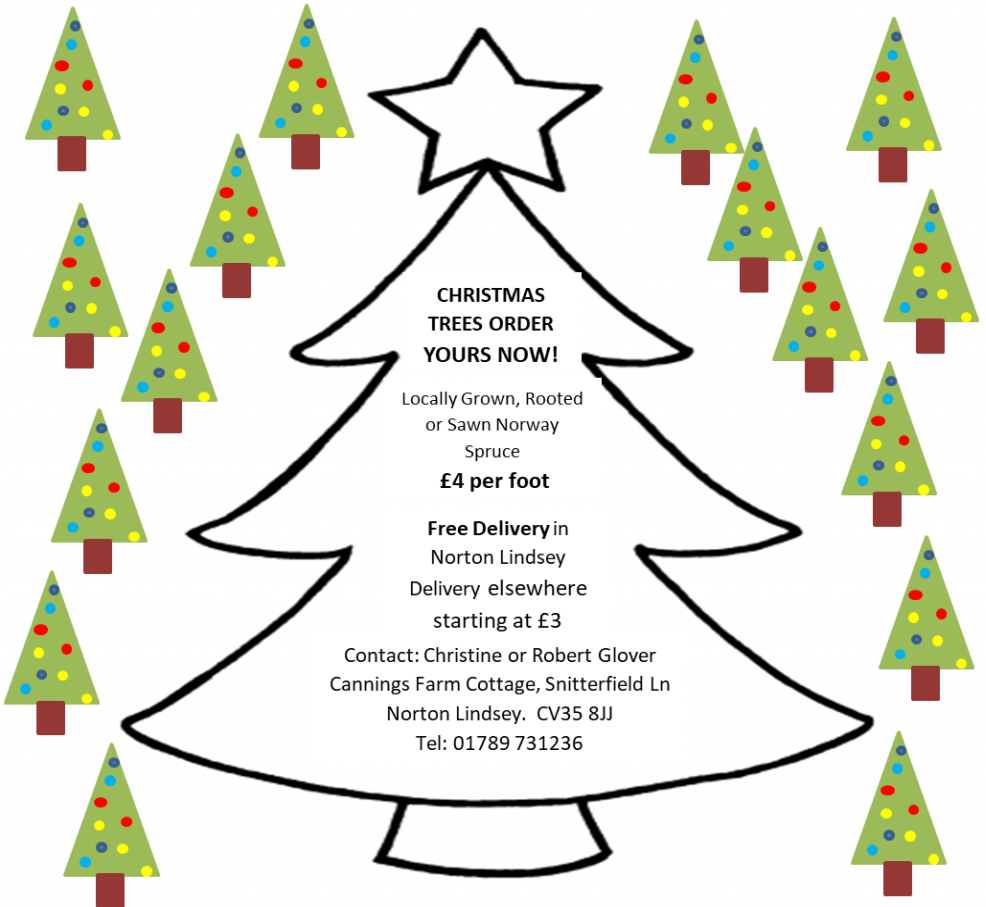
2nd prize - Number 11 - Ruth Barbour £25

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## NOT QUITE NATURE NOTES, CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS IN TIMES PAST

**WHO WAS SANTA CLAUS?** He has been about since the 3<sup>rd</sup> Century, in different guises and the modern day Santa is an amalgam of many figures. One of these was St Nicholas, the Bishop of Myra in Turkey who travelled around in red robes and gave money to the poor. Being shy, he would drop money down the chimney which would land into a stocking, placed there by the inhabitants of the house. This legend came to Britain with the Normans.

But even before the Normans, various legendary figures were around from pagan winter festivals which included a Santa figure but wearing a green cloak and a wreath of holly, ivy and mistletoe. Their role was similar to that of Father Christmas of today, namely to make people happy and jolly throughout the winter months.

**MEAT SHOWS AT MARKETS** This tradition has died out, but in the past butchers would vie to show off their best produce and would put on wonderful displays in the hopes of winning “The Best Sheep” or “The Best Fat Cow”.

**YULE \*LOG** This had nothing to do with the dessert as we know it. The tradition of the Yule log came from Scandinavia, the idea being that a family would select a “Yule “log to burn in their hearth at Christmas. Whilst this was burning, no-one did any work until it turned to ash.

Throughout the West Country, residents set up a similar tradition called the Ashen Faggot. A bundle of sticks bound with green lengths of ash was set to burn in the hearth on Christmas Eve. Whilst this was burning, all would sing songs, drink and dance in celebration.

*\*Yule from German, a 12 day winter festival.*

**A “PRINCEPS\*” OF THE FESTIVE SEASON** Back in ancient Roman times, role reversal was an important element of festivals. So the youngest member of the family would become “leader” of the celebrations. I can remember as a child, the youngest child would be the one who distributed the presents from under the tree.

*\*princeps Latin for: first in order or time, distinguished, noble.*

**THE GAME OF SHOE THE MARE** The Elizabethans devised this way of losing some calories after Christmas lunch. A member of the family would run around outside barefoot, acting like an unruly horse. The rest of the family would try to catch him or her. If you have a large garden, you could have a go at this!

**THE 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS AND MINCE PIES** In the Middle Ages, people across Europe would eat one mince pie a day every day from Christmas Day up until and including 6 January. Rather than it being the same every day, they would vary the taste with different mixtures of meats and fruit and different spices.

**WASSAILING** In Britain in the 1600s, people would prepare a hot, cider-based drink in large bowls and then walk around their neighbourhood offering the drink in cups to others, singing carols. Cider was used to scare away bad spirits and wake up apple trees for the coming year's harvest.

And lastly,

**DRINKING A SMOKING BISHOP** This drink was popular in Victorian times over Christmas and was a steaming mug of port, red wine, cloves and oranges. Not dissimilar to the mulled wine we drink now. Other traditional drinks from around Britain included the Whipcoll made with brandy and egg from the Shetlands and also Lambs' Wool which was a mixture of ale, apples sugar and cream from Yorkshire.

Maybe this article has inspired you to take up and revive an old Christmas tradition this year?

Anna Mace-Leska



## *Majestic Dance Club*

I am a teacher with the long established Majestic Dance Club in Warwick. From the end of this month, we are moving some of our dance classes from our usual location in Warwick to Norton Lindsey Village Hall and will be running a Beginners Social Dance Class from Sunday 4 October evenings from 7.30pm - 8.15pm. Below is a link to our website with further details.

<http://majesticdance.co.uk>

All our dance exercise classes will be carefully run in line with all the government regulations and IDTA (International Dance Teachers Association) Covid-19 free requirements and guidelines. I am happy to take calls or emails from anyone who might be interested.

Greta Needham

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**An update on the outline planning application at Curlieu Lane, Norton Lindsey**

In the coming weeks there will be some activity for the proposed development. The reason is there needs to be a site survey which will require a number trial pits. In order to make the site sustainable the design provides for soakaways and not burden the sewer network, the council asks for percolation tests to prove the soakaway drainage method will operate efficiently. Details of the development are on our website [www.clavclt.org/](http://www.clavclt.org/)

I'm a new member of the Claverdon Community Land Trust (CCLT) and been asked why I put my hand up and volunteered. I have spent my life in the construction and heritage sector with a full insight into how developers operate, therefore as a local resident I am concerned on what is being built within our lovely village. My view is we should ensure any new developments provide for local needs; namely suitable affordable housing for those downsizing or family houses for the younger generation. We cannot leave it to builders/developers who will always look at the commercial aspects.

The design and quality of affordable housing can be poor and commercially driven. The aim of CCLT is to design attractive, modern, high ECO standard developments, providing dwellings (bungalows and houses) which we would all like to live in. With this in mind CCLT and indeed the local residents will have full control, ensuring we provide a sustainable legacy for future generations in our village.

As noted previously we are still on the look-out for small parcels of land, below market price, which would be suitable for sustainable and affordable housing. Having a pipeline of sites will meet the aim of CCLT in identifying pockets of attractive affordable housing in our village. Therefore if you own land and would like to leave a legacy to the community, please let us know.

The Directors wish Gods' blessing to all readers and a Merry Christmas.

**Richard Sapcote**

## COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT - NOVEMBER 2020

The flare up of Coronavirus and the associated lock down has dominated events this month. The Government has not implemented the level of mitigation measures employed last spring other than in support for furloughed employees. The main concern is the ability of the NHS to manage “winter pressures” against the back drop of additional Coronavirus cases. It is this worry about the NHS coping with a ‘flu outbreak that is driving the lockdown rather than the absolute level of covid-19 infections. Some rules do however appear quite arbitrary, for example, the small locally owned Warwick Book Shop was made to close, but WH Smith next door was allowed to stay open. Given what appears to be a corporatist benign attitude in Government, I hope that everyone will make a special effort to support small local retailers rather than national suppliers and certainly avoid those who do not pay UK tax, such as Amazon when lockdown is lifted.

County Councillors receive daily briefings on the progress of the virus in Warwickshire. However more detailed information is publically available by going to Government websites, for example:

<https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/details/interactive-map>

On 13 November web site data showed that there were 9 cases in the Henley in Arden & Claverdon economic zone, this includes Langley, Wootton Wawen and Preston Bagot, well below the national average and the Earlswood, Tanworth-in-Arden and Sambourne zone had 19 cases, just fractionally below the national average. Warwickshire, as a whole, also remains below the national average. The death rate for UK is running at about 1/3 of the daily maximum rate of last spring (1,000 vs 334) and in Warwickshire comparable numbers are 88 last spring and 5 per week today. It is difficult to compare test data between the spring outbreak and today due to the ramp up of the testing regime. Comparing hospital only tests, infections are running at around 1/3 of last spring.

An area that has been neglected this year is global warming and WCC is supporting the provision of tree-planting kits to schools colleges and community groups to plant a tree for every resident in the county. To get



involved visit: [www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/schools-and-communities/](http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/schools-and-communities/)

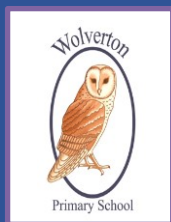
Warwickshire runs a general welfare programme for vulnerable residents at times of unavoidable crisis by providing basic and essential help. It is recognised within the Scheme that some families who are struggling financially, and are eligible for free school meals, have difficulty covering the period when their children are off school during the school holidays. This Scheme is supporting eligible families with the cost of food for their children over the school holiday periods. For further information, go to [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/localwelfarescheme](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/localwelfarescheme).

Following the Arden Clerks and Chairs meeting last month focused meetings will be held with parish councils, residents associations and County officers concerning the situations at Earlswood Lakes and Henley High Street when lockdown has been lifted.

**John Horner, Tel. 01926 842068**



**The New Inn has received further national recognition with a second award win - the team were thrilled to learn that the pub has won a Heart of the Community Award from the BII (British Institute of Innkeepers). Great news for our community pub!**



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We are starting to prepare for admissions to Reception in September 2021.

If you have a child that is due to start school in September 2021 and you would like to visit the school, please contact us either via email or telephone and we can arrange a visit.

Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 restrictions we are unable to conduct tours during the school day but are more than happy to arrange a visit after 3.30 pm on a Monday, Tuesday or Thursday. During the visit you will be able to meet with the Reception teacher,

Mrs Yvette Horton and chat to our Head,

Mrs Marjorie Dean.

We look forward to welcoming you to our school.



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Check the website for the latest information

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/contactusrecyclingandwaste>

## Christmas Cracker WI online Zoom Meeting on Wednesday, 9 December 2020 at 7.30pm



Our first ever Hybrid Annual Meeting was held online in November and I am pleased to say that twenty-four members joined us. Nine of our excellent committee members agreed to continue for another year. The main highlight of the evening was Karen Baxter's demonstration of how to make a spectacular sustainable Christmas Tree and decorations you can use indoors or outside, just in time for the Festive Season. She used natural materials collected from the countryside and her garden to

make her creation stand out from the crowd and we were all inspired to go foraging. Look at this stunning creation!



Here's something to keep our minds active during lockdown, our members have been tasked with planting bee friendly plants in their gardens throughout 2021, in order to participate in our **Bee Rescue Competitions**.

We hope to encourage a thriving bee corridor throughout Norton Lindsey and beyond by ensuring that we grow plants that attract bees throughout the year.



Our festive '**Christmas Cracker**' Zoom event on Wednesday 9th December promises to be 'A Cracker of an Evening'. Nick Saint, our Singing Santa, will be entertaining us with popular Christmas Songs and our members will share their favourite Cracker joke, Christmas story, novelty poem, festive hat or jumper or an

entertaining anecdote about Christmas, along with enjoying a festive tippie and mince pies, of course.

Looking for friendship? Ladies, why not join our fellowship of over 200,000 women in the WI nationally and be part of our success story! We're looking forward to meeting you and sharing our fun with you. Don't forget that you can join us with the **'Try the WI' Taster membership until the end of March 2021 for £10.75.**

Our WI meetings will be held on 'Zoom' through to March 2021, so if you would like further information about Norton Lindsey WI, please contact us or take a look online: [www.nlwi.org.uk](http://www.nlwi.org.uk) You will be very welcome.



**Sue Steel, President NLWI**

**Wishing you a very Happy Christmas!**

### **Norton Lindsey Parish Council GRANTS**

Norton Lindsey Parish Council (NLPC) has the power to award grants to local clubs, groups and organisations which, in its opinion, directly benefit the Parish or residents of the Parish.

Earlier this year, NLPC changed its procedure for awarding grants to parish organisations.

The new procedure is set out in the Grants policy which is available on the website ([www.nortonlindseyipc.org](http://www.nortonlindseyipc.org)) or from the Clerk. In this current financial year, all grant applications must be received by 31 January 2021 and applications will be considered at the ordinary Parish Council meeting in February 2021.

The Clerk or the Parish Councillors will be happy to offer informal advice, without commitment, at any time.

All applications for grants must be made by completing the Grant Application Form (available on the website or from the Clerk) and returning it by email to [nortonlindseyipc@outlook.com](mailto:nortonlindseyipc@outlook.com) or by post to Jennifer Bendall, Clerk, Norton Lindsey Parish Council, 7 Brick Kiln Close, Norton Lindsey, Warwick, CV35 8DL.



Why not try NORTON LINDSEY WI  
with a Membership Taster?  
(Membership to 31st Mar 2021 £10.75)

To find out more contact Gill  
[secretary@nlwi.org.uk](mailto:secretary@nlwi.org.uk) / 07909893516

We meet on Zoom on the 2nd Wednesday of every month



“One of the best things I ever did was joining the WI. I’ve made so many new friends and enjoyed great times, laughing and learning new things along the way!”  
Now is a great time to find out why 206,000 women are WI members.

During the Covid-19 crisis we are still enjoying a huge variety of activities including online Zoom meetings, talks and demos, photography, Tai Chi and lots of baking and making!

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# The Norton Lindsey Stilton Sniffers

The Sniffers have been busy meeting online and working out just what to do with our fundraising activities during the Covid-19 Restrictions.

As usual any money raised will be given to Warwickshire Young Carers (WYC), a charity that helps children as young as 8 years that have caring responsibilities, we hope to be able to fund an online Christmas party for them, with singing, games and craft activities.

The results of our labours are now available to see on our Facebook page and on YouTube, with a Message from Rachel Faulkner the CEO of WYC and an attempt by the Sniffers at an online choir. (You can use this link if you are reading this online [https://youtu.be/TY\\_n13SsbH0](https://youtu.be/TY_n13SsbH0))

By the time you read this, the Advent Calendar kindly donated by Tracy Heath will have been auctioned, thank you for anyone who made a bid.

We hope (depending on restrictions) to be able to run our Christmas Draw, normally on a board in the pub, we hope to sell 250 squares with some great prizes.

Alternatively direct donations can be made through the Facebook page or any friendly Sniffer.

We hope to resume normal service in the New Year, in the meantime, thank you all for your support over the last 12 months.

If anyone needs the Sniffers support please get in touch.

**Tim Landreth**  
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## MANOR FARM WOLVERTON DIARY

I have been trying not to become too boring by moaning about the weather, but in the last 18 months we seem to have had extremes of wet weather or drought. We thought that last autumn's planting period was unusually wet but, according to our rainfall records, this year has been even worse, especially with localised downfalls. This rainfall came on the back of very heavy storms in August and September. Some people are saying it is due to global warming, but today I read in the farming press that we had very similar weather in 1974 and 1978, either side of the really hot summer of 1976.

This year we have fared better with the planting of autumn crops. We managed to plant a field of ryegrass for next year's silage, which meant we could cultivate the two worn out grass fields back into the crop rotation. These grassland fields are more able to absorb the heavy rain because of their still active root systems, meaning that, with minimal cultivation, we could plant them with winter wheat in reasonable conditions. We did manage to plant two of the better drained stubble fields, but we only managed to plant about a third of the intended cereals. We still have until the end of February to plant wheat but, unless we get some drying winds or frost, it is not likely to happen. This will mean going back to spring crops which, unusually for our land, proved quite successful this year.

We could probably have planted more fields but, as we have managed to get our soils in excellent condition, we were not prepared to destroy years of careful husbandry by muddling crops into very wet soil. We know, by checking our fields by spade, that we have a really good number of earth worms, which is a good health indicator, so it is in our interest to look after them.

We hope you all have a peaceful Christmas, however you manage to celebrate this year.

**David, Dorothy and Chris Mann**

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