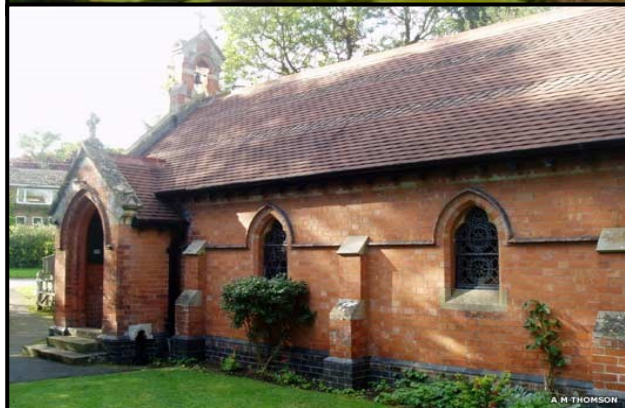


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A brief statement from our Rector, the Rev. Richard Mutter

Dear friends,

I am writing to let you know that, following my recent period of enforced absence, I am returning to ministry within our five villages. Whilst I am looking forward to getting back to normal (whatever that might mean in these strange times), I am aware that a number of you will have some concerns over what has happened, and will have some questions. I know also that very many of you are feeling frustrated at the lack of information regarding what has been going on. I hope that this letter will go some way towards an explanation whilst recognising that there are some areas of people's private lives that should remain just that.

As most of you will be aware, Collette and I separated at Easter 2019. This was an extremely difficult time for both of us, and also for the children, especially given the public nature of our lives in the benefice. Our divorce was finalised later on that year, and arrangements were put in place for the children to spend their time with both their Mum and their Dad. I don't intend to say any more about the nature of our separation, nor about allegations that were made at that time except to remind you that they have now been thoroughly investigated.

Collette and I now have a good, sustainable relationship, and the children are happy with the new situation. We are all attempting to move on with our lives, and, as part of that, I am very much looking forward to returning to ministry within the Arden Valley. I am in conversation with the Churchwardens, Stig, Richard, and Joan about how and when that will be accomplished, but I hope that you will all be beginning to see a bit more of me in the future.

I can only apologise for the distress and disruption of the past two and a half years. It has not been an easy time for any of us, doubly so with the Covid-19 situation happening at the same time. I am extremely gratified by all of the work that has continued in the benefice during this time with continuing to provide worship and prayer for the benefice and for all of the innovation with regards to online services. I would ask that you hold Collette, the children, and me in your prayers and help us all to move towards the future and whatever it might hold. Yours in Christ and with much love,

Richard

7th November Third Sunday before Advent

Readings: Ps 62 : 5 - end; Jonah 3 : 1 - 5, 10; 1 Heb 9 : 24 - end; Mark 1 : 14 - 20

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the king of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

14th November Remembrance/Second Sunday before Advent

Readings: Ps 16; Dan 12 : 1 - 3; Heb 10 : 11 - 14, 19 - 25; Mark 13 : 1 - 8

Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed; kindle, we pray, in the hearts of all, the true love of peace and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth that in tranquillity your kingdom may go forward, till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

21st November Christ the King/ Sunday next before Advent

Readings: Ps 93; Dan 7 : 9 - 10, 13 - 14; Rev 1 : 4b - 8; John 18 : 33 - 37

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

28th November Advent Sunday

Readings: Ps 25 : 1 - 9; Jer 33 : 14 - 16; 1 Thess 3 : 9 - end; Luke 21 : 25 - 36

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. **Amen.**

Emerging from lock down and, hopefully, the worst of the Covid-19 pandemic and acclimatising to new and changed lifestyles, means for many people that life feels ever more hectic, busy and stressful. Bishop Desmond Tutu, who prayed for an hour first thing every day, once said in an interview that when he was really busy, 'My goodness, I am so busy I must pray for twice as long'.

Such downtime for Mind, Body, and Spirit is essential to maintain a healthy balance in life. I have heard some say that finding time for God in a busy schedule also encourages God to find time for us. I am not so sure myself – such a transactional approach doesn't sit well with the concept of a loving God who just loves to be included and involved. However, a good relationship does mean that not only we can ask for help but also that we can be glad to receive it. Equally true of human relationships as with God.

However, in life there really are times when it is a case of summoning all hands to the pumps: the phone call that simply says, 'We need you. Come straight here. Explanations when you arrive.' It may be as simple as babysitting during an emergency, or a car breaking down, or comfort with the arrival of bad news. These are good times to have God with you too.

What does God really prefer? To be with us during morning prayers, or to be with us as we help a neighbour who has had a bad fall. The answer is, I suppose, that God enjoys both but is also clear about priorities too. Both times are important to a relationship, and both contribute to the strength of a relationship. It's not one or the other. God prefers both.

Stig Graham

VILLAGE RAMBLE

In late September a group of 21 of us spent a lovely long weekend in the Lake District. The weekend was originally organised for May 2020 but like many things had to be re arranged due to Covid-19. We stayed at the Glen Rothay Hotel at Rydal which was a great base for a walking weekend.

On the Friday afternoon after arriving we walked around Rydal Water and up into the hills around this - a nice 4 miler to start. Then on Saturday we drove into Ambleside and out over the Kirkstone Pass and onto the village of Glenridding which is on the banks of Ullswater. Here we boarded the boat and sailed along half way along the lake where we disembarked and walked back to Glenridding - a lovely scenic route of 7.5 miles.

On Sunday we drove near to Elterwater where we started another lovely walk of 7 miles with a stop for a drink at the pub midway around. Great views. A great weekend was had by all and the weather, on the whole, remained dry.



On Friday 15 October 2021 a small group of 9 of us went on a ramble of 6 miles. We started from The Fleur de Lys pub at Lowsonford and made our way over to Yarningale Common where we then proceeded onto the canal. We then walked to Preston Bagot where we stopped for coffee and then on a long loop before returning to Lowsonford. Some lovely Warwickshire countryside.



The remaining rambles for this year are as follows:

Saturday 13 November
Tuesday 28 December
(Christmas ramble).

Anyone wishing to join our group is most welcome. Please let me know and I will send out details of each ramble

approximately 10 days before the date.

Regards

Graham Lewis

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Serves 4

Ingredients

6-8 chicken thighs
1tbsp olive oil
2 large onions diced
4 cloves garlic (roughly chopped)
7 fl oz sweet sherry
2 whole oranges
2 small bunches lemon thyme
3 ½ oz large pitted green olives
1 ½ oz butter



Method

- Heat oven to 200C
- Season chicken well.
- Heat oil in ovenproof casserole, fry chicken until golden on both sides. Set aside.
- In the same pan, fry onions for 5-10 minutes. Add garlic and fry for 2 minutes more.
- Turn heat down to medium, glaze pan with sherry and orange juice.
- Return chicken to pan – skin side up.
- Add lemon thyme and cook in the oven for 25 minutes.
- Remove the skin, pith and pips of whole oranges and slice into 1 ½ inch thick rounds.
- After basting the chicken with its own pan juices, scatter the olives and orange slices and return to the oven for 20 minutes.
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The Council met on Tuesday, 12 October to hold its Ordinary monthly meeting.

Warwickshire County Council has put out their Highway Verge Management Policy for consultation. They recognised the biodiversity value of our roadside verges but road safety remains their primary objective. The County Council proposes that it will only enter into discussions about a change in the mowing regime subject to certain conditions which include the following - speed limit must be 40mph or less, safety cannot be compromised or hinder the safe passage of highway users and consultation needs to be made with any affected properties within the vicinity of the verge.

It was agreed that Cllr Jon Stobart would be put forward as our representative on the Claverdon and District Nursing Fund and confirmed that Cllr Roger Mann is our representative on the Norton Lindsey Village Hall Committee.

We agreed that our Clerk, would in the first instance, apply to the Natwest bank for an online Community Account. If this turns out to be an inappropriate bank for the Parish Council, the Clerk will try other banks that have been put forward until hopefully we will find an online account that is free to use for the Parish Council.

Under the planning agenda item, it was agreed that the PC will take a 'neutral' stance on 3 Mill Close, application for an extension. However we raised objections to The Willows, Wolverton Road application for a garage and an extension to the house, principally due to the visual effects on the street scene and on the conservation area.

The street light outside the church is now working and Cllr Roger Mann kindly offered to 'mend' the Brittons Lane street sign which has been knocked over.

We discussed ideas about how we could celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee next year including the ideas given to us from residents. It was agreed

that we would aim to cost each option and fill in the detail of where how when etc each option could be done. We will then consider the options together.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, 9 November 2021 at 7.45 pm in the Church Room. Full minutes of the October's meeting will be made available on our website at <https://nortonlindseypc.org/parish-council-meetings/minutes-of-previous-meetings/> or from the Clerk.

Karin Elmhirst

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.

Last 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.nortonlindseypc.org) or from the Clerk. In this current financial year, all grant applications must be received **by 30 November 2021**. Please note this is a change of date compared to last year.

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 nortonlindseypc@outlook.com or by post to Jennifer Bendall, Clerk, Norton Lindsey Parish Council, 7 Brick Kiln Close, Norton Lindsey, Warwick, CV35 8DL.

NORTON LINDSEY VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

The Trustees are delighted to announce that the AGM will take place on the evening of 1 December, at 7.30 pm. All villagers are invited with the matters of the day to include election of Trustees and officers, presentation and approval of accounts and a report from the Committee. For further information please look at the village Hall website. Should you wish to volunteer as a Trustee or simply wish to get more involved please get in touch with the committee through our secretary Jenny Bendall.

We would particularly like to put on some more events such as the Cinema, and would love to hear from any budding projectionists, ushers and usherettes!

The Village Hall is a fantastic local resource and we will be only too happy to show you around if you are considering any event or regular booking.

There are a few priorities for the next year or so including improving the acoustics of the hall, a hearing loop, external works, a bar, noticeboards and some frames for some fantastic local maps that we have been given.

We are also hoping to run a Christmas party for the children of the village on 11 December and a cheese and wine event in the New Year.

Norton Lindsey Village Hall and Playing Fields Trustees

NORTON LINDSEY VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB

September Winners

First prize, no. 26 Chris Butler £75
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Carole Briggs on 01926 843355



NORTON LINDSEY - SCARECROW COMPETITION

The population of Norton Lindsey increased by 12 on Sunday, 26th September and each one of them was made from straw!

We'd like to say a huge 'thank you' to everyone who took part in Norton Lindsey's second Scarecrow Competition. We had 12 entries – about the same as last year – made by a total of 36 people – aged 2 to 'very old'! The theme this year was 'Sporting Heroes' and there were scarecrows depicting famous people from a number of sports including various athletes from the Olympics, Championship Tennis, Euro Football, Horse Racing and other sports.

We absolutely loved seeing them all. It was brilliant too, to see people really enjoying working together to make their fantastic scarecrows and to have a number of local folk enjoying the good weather, walking around the streets to view these wonderful creations.

Every scarecrow was a winner in our eyes and it really was a challenge for the judges to pick the most creative. In the end, they decided on the following:

1st prize

'Diver Dave' – Apphia, Atarah, Sarah & JamesCooper

2nd prize

'Diving Daley' – Bronte, Harrison & Kirstin Bryce

3rd prize

'Dick Fosbury' - Ellie, Alison & Steve Bowen

4th prize

'Tom(Hay)Bale-y' – Izzy, Elodie, Nicci & Chris Dennis

Highly commended

'Rachel Blackmore' – Jack Mann & Ella Hathaway, Jenny, Elaine and Simon



Special mention for Casey Jorgensen, age 9, who came to the judges to explain who her scarecrow was, and how she made it.

Well done to all the winners and to everyone who took part.

Our thanks go to Mark Edwards, Director of **Swirls in the Park** who generously donated prizes for 1st to 4th place, in the form of vouchers to enjoy their park café at either St Nicholas or Victoria parks.

We've had so much fun with this community event, and those who took part have told us they really enjoyed it too. Let's do it again at the Norton Lindsey Scarecrow Festival in 2022!

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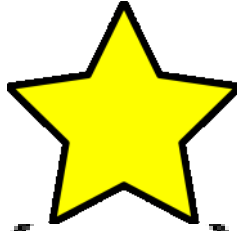
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Many of the charities which have a table at the sale have shops locally where you could purchase cards if you wish to. They also have online shops if you look on their websites.

However, RNLI do not have inland shops. If you would like to support RNLI by buying their cards and goods, please let me know and I can put you in touch with Jackie, who runs the RNLI sales table, and lives locally.

Gillian Henson

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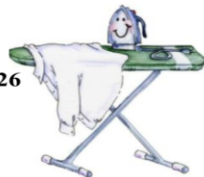
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The High Sheriff of Warwickshire, Min Willoughby de Broke, recently completed a 200 miles cycle tour of Warwickshire to meet the people, organisations and small businesses that make Warwickshire the fine place it is to live, work and visit. She also raised £10,000 for the High Sheriff's Fund which provides small grants to community and voluntary organisations operating in

Warwickshire.

The County Highways team has confirmed that it will grit and salt all the usual roads across Warwickshire this winter. It is reassuring residents that, despite media claims to the contrary, the gritting fleet is unaffected by the ongoing shortage of Heavy Goods Vehicles Drivers and will operate as normal over the winter months. To do this work the County has a fleet of 38 gritting vehicles running 29 routes with nine lorries in reserve.



Scams continue to blight out lives and there are too many to list. Some are short lived, but others keep appearing. Scams aren't just restricted to the Internet and many times cold 'phone calls are a front for a scam. Please be on your guard for anything that sounds too good to be true, or things like a notification for a parcel delivery you don't remember ordering.

Arden Clerks and Chairs meeting was held at the beginning of October and progress on minor road schemes was reviewed. Road maintenance in Preston Bagot was highlighted as a problem. Funding for an extension to the 30mph speed limit along Wolverton Road, Wolverton Fields was approved as was a 20 mph speed limit through the centre of Ullenhall. Progress was reported on the design of new gateways and a speed bump on the western approach from Redditch in Ullenhall. County Highways have been asked to review flood risk in Back Lane, Henley in Arden. Claverdon Parish Council has authorised a payment of £500 to fund a design of a safer junction at the Green, Claverdon. The Environment Agency has been asked to assess the safety of the mill dam at Wotton Wawen.

Arden Clerks and Chairs also received briefings from the Rural Crime Team, Alcester North Police Unit and County Flood management.

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THE NEW INN BOOK CLUB

Join The New Inn Book Club and read one of the selected books.

We are currently reading **Miss Benson's Beetle** by **Rachel Joyce** for the November meeting and then **The River Between Us** by **Liz Fenwick** which will be discussed at the December meeting. Look out for more details on The New Inn website.



Informal discussions take place in The New Inn at Norton Lindsey on the first Tuesday of the month and start at 7.00 pm. So, 2 November and 7 December are the dates of the next two meetings.

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For a copy of the Welcome Pack please contact

Paul Anthony on 07710 981456 or paul.anthony@wolvertonpc.org.uk

Happy moving in. We look forward to seeing you!

Wolverton Parish Council

SCOTTISH DANCING IN WOLVERTON VILLAGE HALL

Dancing has started again on Mondays at 7.30 - 9.00 pm. Anybody wishing to join us will be very welcome. It is good exercise for your body and your mind and is a fun way to keep fit. No partner or previous experience required, just a soft pair of shoes and enthusiasm.

I have been doing Scottish country dancing since a young child and I qualified as a RSCDS teacher in St Andrews in 2018. I started the class in Wolverton in 2016 and since we have had a long break due to Covid-19 this would be an ideal time for new people to join us.

If you have any questions, please contact me at
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Jane Lewis

ROADSIDE VERGES - WOLVERTON BOTANICAL SURVEY 2021

Setting the scene: 700 species of wildflower grow on road verges in the UK, which is nearly 45% of our total flora. However, research shows that over the decades there has been a 20% drop in floral diversity due to poor verge management and nutrient pollution. With over 97% of meadows destroyed since the 1930s, road verges provide essential pollinator pathways and are a vital refuge for other wildlife. Roadside verges, whether on major or minor roads, can sustain an astonishing amount of wildlife: more pollinators are found on well-managed grass verges than in the neighbouring countryside. Today, most of the UK's grass road verges are either cut too frequently and at the wrong time or abandoned to scrub. The grass cuttings are left to lie rather than collected up, which creates a thick thatch and increases soil nutrient levels. This stimulates the growth of vigorous grasses and other nutrient-loving plants such as dock and bramble but inhibits the growth of most wildflower pollinator species which prefer much lower nutrient levels.



Survey results: From April to September this year, a series of botanical surveys were carried out on the three wide grass roadside verges on the Langley Road from Wolverton Crossroads to the parish boundary with Langley. Also included was the small grass verge leading up from the bench at the crossroads to the first gateway on the right. The total wildflower count over all verges, came to a modest 59 species and included: Agrimony, Birdsfoot Trefoil, Bluebell, Bristly Oxtongue, 4 different species of Buttercup, Cinquefoil, 3 different Cranesbills, Greater and Lesser Stitchwort, Hedge Woundwort, Knapweed, Red Clover, Teasel and White Bryony to name but a few. Our one and only county notable was a

beautiful Pyramidal orchid. The botanical records have been submitted to Warwickshire Biological Records Centre to be added to the county and national databases. Butterfly counts over the season were generally disappointing, with

single figure numbers of Gatekeeper, Orange Tip, Meadow Brown, Ringlet, Large and Small White, Marbled White and Small Skipper recorded.

Verge cutting: Throughout the year, we have had ongoing communications with Warwickshire County Council asking them to review our local verge mowing schedule to fall in line with Plantlife's Roadside Verge Management guidelines. Many County Councils across the UK have now adopted these guidelines, recognising the financial and environmental benefits of the reduced mowing scheme recommended by Plantlife. In our case this was still not to be, and our grass verges were mowed at peak flowering time in May, despite the well-publicised 'No Mow May' initiative, and then again in July when the wildflowers had re-established; this too unfortunately coincided with the equally well-publicised citizen science 'Big Butterfly Count' project. This was very disappointing; however, this August WCC published a written commitment to aim for a net gain in habitat biodiversity across the county and will also be encouraging people to take part in 'No Mow May'. We look for to seeing this promise come to fruition next year and can only hope the condition of our grass verges will start to improve for our local roadside flora and fauna.

Verge litter: The amount of fast-food litter continues to add unnecessary hazards to our local wildlife on a seemingly daily basis. The GROW Litter pickers do a marvellous job trying to rid our village of debris caused by inconsiderate passers-by, but please do feel free to help us out if you happen to see some litter outside your property or when you're out for a walk on the footpaths or roads around the parish: recycle a used carrier bag, pick up the litter (particularly be on the lookout for small bits of plastic and other items which could be ingested when animals are feeding) and do your bit for the environment. If you come across any fly tipping, this can be reported online on the Stratford District Council website. Thank you!

Please contact me if you're interested to see the full survey list or would like to get involved with our roadside verge biodiversity survey next year.

Rosie Stone (rosemary.stone@hotmail.co.uk)

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Meningitis Now

By Angela Cloke

Norton Lindsey Village Hall

Wednesday, 10 November 2021 at 7.30 pm for 7.45pm

Norton Lindsey WI has had another busy month. At our October meeting we were fascinated by our speaker, Kate Beswick who spoke about the medicinal use of herbs (including plants and flowers found in most gardens!) and how she makes soaps and creams using natural oils and butters mixed with herbs. We were all given a sample which she made at the meeting.

Our November meeting is on 10 November and our speaker is Angela Cloke from the Meningitis Now. No doubt we will all benefit from learning more about this dreadful disease. This will be followed by our Annual Meeting - which we will keep as brief as possible.



At the end of September we enjoyed a walk to the Sponley Wood Roman Villa close to Sudeley Castle. Built nearly 2000 years ago it is hidden by trees and undergrowth except for a magnificent mosaic floor which is protected by rudimentary plastic sheeting and stones. Fascinating!!

On 21 October we will be having a walking tour of Chase Meadow with coffee at the new deli at the local centre, followed by lunch at Hill Close Gardens.

Also during September we celebrated the 106th birthday of the WI with tea and cakes in a beautiful garden - very civilized, in glorious sunshine and very much enjoyed.



We have made a very successful collection of female toiletries for female Afghan refugees. Very many thanks to all the villagers who left bags in my porch. They were all much appreciated and apologies if you have not been thanked personally as I was not sure of all the donors.

Our book club has been reading and discussing a wide genre of books this year ranging from the classic Orlando by Virginia Woolf to our current book about journeying “Around the World in 80 Trains”!

As ever, we always welcome new members.....so, come along and try us out! “The WI is what you make it” and at Norton Lindsey we strive for fun, fellowship, laughter and broadened horizons.

We look forward to seeing you.

Julie Howard (as Sue is on holiday!)

BACK UP FOR THE EDITOR

To the residents of Norton Lindsey, Wolverton and Langley

Your Parish Magazine requires a ‘substitute’ editor to cover during times when I am not available to produce the magazine.

The task requires coordination of articles from the regular and adhoc contributors. You will need to keep track of the advertisers at certain times of the year. If you know how to use MS Word, then that’s perfect for the role.

You will need a bit of free time to spare to produce the parish magazine, usually a few days in the 3rd week of a month. Full training will be given!

It would be great to have some back-up help with the magazine as I fear if I am not available to produce it, it may not get produced in that month. If you are interested, please email me on Karin.elmhirst@icloud.com.

Thanks
Karin

PRESERVES FOR CHRISTMAS

We have had a very good crop of apples this year.....so hence a lot of apple preserves have been made! If you would like to purchase, I have the following for sale:

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Julie Howard

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NORTON LINDSEY SOCIAL FOOTBALL - PLAYERS NEEDED!

As the nights draw in we're moving our Tuesday night football from the park to a floodlight pitch and would love to get a few more players each week. We're a small group of villagers, of differing standards who enjoy a friendly kick-about, a bit of fitness and a drink in the New Inn.

If you'd like to join us each week or occasionally please let me know and we'll add you to the Whatsapp group. We usually meet on Tuesday nights at 8-9pm in Stratford or Warwick. Small fee to cover the floodlights and free in the summer!

Please let me know if you're interested - 07855 220203.

Sam

The Norton Lindsey **Stilton Sniffers**

We can't wait to welcome you to our next event on 20 November at the village hall. Covid-19 has struck again and the Cadillacs will not be able to play, but we have managed to secure the services of the band "Bad Risk". We don't consider this to be a bad risk, but will be limiting the number of tickets for the event. There will be food, drink and dancing all for £15.

We have decided to continue the support of Welcombe Hills School and The Shakespeare Hospice through the event, so please buy a ticket (or two) at your earliest convenience from any friendly Sniffer!

We will also be running the Carols in the Pub, or maybe outside the Pub, on 16 December, please look out for the raffle/pick a number. Tracey Heath has once again donated a splendid wooden Advent Calendar full of sweets for us to "auction", if you would like to make a bid please contact Tim directly before 1 December or look on our Facebook page.

Please, 'like' and 'follow' us on Facebook, as well as looking at our website, for regular updates about the events that we are putting on, and how we are sharing the funds raised.

See you on November 20th!!!

Best wishes

Tim Landreth
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Normally in this diary I try to avoid having a good moan, but recently there seems to be a great deal of pressure to blame the beef and sheep producers for global warming. With the advent of COP26 and media overkill for anything “green”, the criticism needs to be put into perspective. Various universities, and even the United Nations, have published reports proving that the wrong figures are being used about the effects of livestock emissions on global warming. They are now saying that methane only lasts about ten years and should not be classed with CO₂ (carbon dioxide) which lasts forever. In fact, two reports that I have seen say that both beef and sheep farming may contribute to global cooling.

There is also the policy to plant trees on productive farmland when, in the UK we are only 60% self-sufficient in feeding ourselves, compared with 86% not too many years ago. I have nothing against planting trees, as we have planted many on the farm and preserved a lot more, but they need to be planted in the right place.

Moan over, and back to farming at home.

The autumn planting here at Manor Farm is being completed today (15th October), with only a few field jobs left to do before winter. We have two fields which will remain fallow until spring, to be planted with linseed which produces that lovely bluish purple hue in summer.

The cattle are all back in the fields close to home and will soon be housed in the sheds with the silage clamp opened up for feeding. Unfortunately, after reporting last month on his good work over the summer, our pedigree bull became lame on one foot. The vet and the foot trimmer came to the same conclusion that he had broken a bone in his foot. As there was nothing practical that could be done to save him, he had to be euthanised. As he was only with us for five months and he had a good temperament, we are very sad to lose him, as normally we keep bulls for three years before selling them on. The financial loss, fortunately, will be covered by insurance.

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PRAYER GROUP

We are meeting again on Monday 1 November at 2.30 pm at Marion's home, Random, Snitterfield Lane, Norton Lindsey.

If you would like to join us for a quiet time of prayer, please ring Marion on 01926 842661.

CHURCH FLOWERS

	WOLVERTON	NORTON LINDSEY	LANGLEY
2 November			
7 November			Mrs S Cleverley
14 November		M/J Robins	Mrs B Pugh
21 November			
28 November			

It is suggested that during advent, green arrangements are appropriate

NOVEMBER SERVICES

Services are now being held in our churches. The details are below along with the sideman's duties.

HC: Holy Communion

2 November Bearley	G	11.00 am	All Souls	
7 November Langley Bearley	G	3rd before Advent 9.30 am 11.00 am	HC HC	Mr D Surman
14 November Bearley Norton Lindsey Wolverton Snitterfield Langley	R	2 nd before Advent / Remembrance 9.30 am 10.00 am 10.50 am 10.50 pm 3.00 pm	Remembrance Remembrance Remembrance Remembrance Remembrance	Mr J Toulmin Miss R Livingston Mrs Cleverley
21 November Wolverton	W	1st before Advent 11.00 am	HC	Mr D Mann
28 November Snitterfield Bearley	V	Advent 11.00 am 6.00 pm	HC Service of light	
5 December Langley Norton Lindsey	V	Advent 2 9.30 am 11.00 am	HC HC	Mr J Cohen Mr N Burns

All services will also be available via **Zoom**. To 'attend' these services contact Celia Spiers 07710 198009.

For the time being, it would be good to continue with social distancing and mask wearing where possible, so we would be grateful if you could be so kind and let Dorothy Mann (Wolverton), Marion Austin (Norton Lindsey) and John Cohen (Langley) know in advance if you wish to attend a service (especially the Remembrance Services).