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KNIT AND NATTER meets 2nd Tuesday in the month 2.00 -4 .00pm ***in Ryhall Library***. Next meeting - Tuesday 13 August. All crafters welcome - Contact Janet 07905967935 .

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE CLUB every Monday evening 7.30-9.30 Classes £5 (first one free.) Beginners/ experienced dancers will be guided through dances. No partner required. Contact Mary (01778 343299) or Amanda (01778 560433)

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Flags flew July as follows:
1st July Canada Day 4th July America Independence 17th July Queen's Birthday 19th Last Day of School - We send our leavers all good wishes as they leave Ryhall School and go on to new schools and new adventures. 22nd July Prince George's Birthday 28th July 110th anniversary of the start of WW1.

If we can help you celebrate a special occasion by flying one of our flags, for a small donation towards the upkeep of the garden and purchase of flags, feel free to contact us and we can arrange for it to fly for you on or as near to the day as possible. Flags currently held are:- Golden Wedding, 60th wedding, Just Married, It's a Boy/ Girl, Happy Birthday (plain) plus 90th, 70th, 60th, 40th, 21st, 18th, Merry Christmas, New Year, School and Happy Retirement. If you would like the Union Flag flown at half mast for a local resident on the day of their funeral, contact us and we would be more than happy to do this for you. Contact Val Lofthouse 07894 224318; Patti Welby 01780 482915; Maureen Pettener 01780 753930; Sarah Markwell-Cook 07904 190049.

RYHALL LIBRARY

Once again this month, Open House will be opening the library on alternate Wednesdays only. This month of August, that means the library will be open on the afternoons of Wednesdays 14th and 28th, but NOT on Wednesdays 7th and 21st.

Tere is a notice on the Library door to this effect.

Library users will be pleased to note, however, that in September we shall return to opening every Wednesday, together with, as at present, all Tuesday and Friday afternoons. All such sessions run from 2.00 - 4.00 pm and are open to all village residents.

It is pleasing to record that these sessions are regularly seeing good numbers of residents visit the library and for a variety of reasons. Friday afternoons are particularly busy, but smaller groups join up for a cuppa and a chat on Tuesdays and Wednesdays too. Anyone who would appreciate some company and friendly conversation at these times is warmly invited to come along.

Finally, our Knit 'n' Natter Group meets this month on Tuesday 13th August and it too has seen numbers grow in recent months. Anyone who is interested in sharing their knitting or other craft skills or just working alongside others with a similar interest will receive a warm welcome.

Adrian Gombault Library Volunteer Team Co-Ordinator

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Ofsted's five assessment criteria. These services were last inspected in 2020, when they were judged to require improvement. The Council's new judgement means that more children are now getting better help and support.

This judgement was supported by extensive positive feedback from inspectors, who noted that senior leaders and committed staff have worked hard to ensure children in Rutland receive the help they need. Council workers are skilled at listening and enjoy their work – helping children to become happier and safer. When children live with adults who do not always keep them safe, workers visit them as often as is needed to make sure that they are safe and well.

Inspectors also noted that social workers in Rutland have good relationships with the children they support and work with them in a variety of creative ways, depending on their needs. Children in Care and Care Leavers benefit from "excellent" life story work that helps them to understand their history. When children leave care in Rutland, they continue to receive good help and support for as long as they need it. Many of them attend further education and are doing very well, whether at college, university, work or in apprenticeships.

Inspectors also praised the Council's approach to wider engagement with children and young people, identifying that it seeks and respects their views when recruiting new workers. The report acknowledges there is more work to be done in this important area and that some children have too many changes in social worker. In both cases, senior leaders are already aware and actively working to address these challenges.

Cllr. Tim Smith, Cabinet Member for Children and Families at RCC, said: "This is undoubtedly a very good report and a credit to the officers who work very hard to deliver our Children's Services. Making sure that children are safe and cared for is paramount, so we'd always want and expect to see this reflected in an Ofsted report. However, it's equally pleasing to read some of the more detailed feedback given by inspectors: Our workers are happy and enjoy their roles, which is leading to better outcomes for children and young people. Children are well-supported while in our care and then go on to thrive at the point they reach adulthood. We're also doing a good job of listening to children, who are directly involved in shaping the services they rely on. All of this is hugely positive, and we will keep working hard to turn 'Good' into 'Outstanding'."

The full Ofsted report assessing Rutland County Council's Children's Services (April 2024) is now available to read online at: reports.ofsted.gov.uk.

If you are ever concerned about the safety or welfare of a child or young person in Rutland, please contact Rutland County Council straight away by calling: 01572 740758 or emailing: childrensreferrals@rutland.gov.uk. Visit: www.rutland.gov.uk for more information.

RYHALL PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN Debbie Rolfe
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CLERK : Sarah Gresty 077189 00848 clerk@ryhallparishcouncil.co.uk

Full Minutes of the Ryhall Parish Council meetings can be found on the website https://www.ryhallparishcouncil.co.uk

Parish Council meetings start at 7pm, venues are stated on each meeting agenda which is then posted on the website and the noticeboards 3 clear days before the meeting dates:

2024: 16 Sept, 21 Oct, 18 Nov, 16 Dec
2025: 6 January, 3 February, 3 March, 7 April, 12 May, 9 June, 7 July, 1 September, 6 October, 3 November & 8 December.

Please come along to meetings.

Current Topics being discussed are:
Library Refurbishment
Cemetery Extension 3-5 year Plan and future costs to the Parish
Unregistered areas of Land. Should the Parish Council register these for the Parish.
Fly posters. Do you feel there is an over use of temporary posters in the village?
Communication. How to improve communications between the Parish Council and the all residents.
Good ideas for new Community projects. We would like to hear your views

On another note

The Parish Council have received a very nice thank you letter from CAB Rutland for the £100 donation given under S.137 of the Local Government Act 1972 by the Parish Council.

The Parish Council wish everyone a very pleasant and sunny August

OFSTED REPORT HIGHLIGHTS QUALITY OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES IN RUTLAND

An inspection by Ofsted has given a glowing report of Rutland County Council's Children's Services, highlighting that children and young people are receiving effective help and protection when they need it.

Ofsted reviewed Rutland's Children's Services in April 2024 to look at children and young people's experiences of the help, protection and care given to them by workers at the local authority. They also looked at what leaders at the Council do to make these services better.

A full report detailing the findings from this inspection has now been published online and has formally assessed Rutland County Council as being 'Good' in each of

RYHALL VILLAGE FETE

What a fabulous day the village had for the fete! The sun shone and brought a large crowd out. Lots of vendors, 85 volunteers as well as all those who donated baking, plants and bric a brac! Ryhall Village Fete couldn't happen without the amazing support it gets from the village. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way and to the many people who came along and made this a wonderful community event, raising money for local good causes while having a fabulous time!

Thanks to Michelle Nebel, MC for the day, to Alicia Kearns MP for opening the fete and for the attendance of the Lord-Lieutenant and The High Sheriff of Rutland who helped make it special. Sponsors TMutts Nutts Rescue put on a really fun dog show along with sponsorship from Stamford Veterinary Centre, Pets Korner and Willow Oaks Dog Walking Adventures and Photography. Thanks to the many local businesses who generously donated raffle prizes and a very special thank you to Janine & Nick for generously opening their beautiful gardens as the perfect venue.

It's clear what a big job it is to organise a fete of this size. As Chair of the planning team, I'd personally like to thank the brilliant team behind it who have been great to work with. Thank you for all your hard work.

Thanks to so many people who sent lovely comments about the wonderful atmosphere and how much there was to see, do and buy for all ages. We've kept the traditional favourites and tried some new things so let us know what you liked or what you could have done without, and what you'd like to see more of in future years. And if you'd like to get involved with planning next year's fete, let me know.

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News from the Village of Carlby

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CARLBY WALKERS Our monthly walks take place on the 2nd Wednesday of the month and all villagers and their friends are welcome to come along for a walk of between 3 and 5 miles. These walks are relaxed and friendly led by volunteers and information of the route is sent out to regular walkers or can be obtained by contacting Dave Richardson a week prior to the walk on 07817 776341 or email bwl.djr@gmail.com

CARLBY BOWLS CLUB is already half way through the season with many good results in the Boor and Wainwright Handicap Cup and in the Stamford and District League. Details of matches results and fixtures can be found on the website: stamfordanddisrictbowlsleague.co.uk. The green is playing well thanks to Dave Richardson and his team cutting grass, fertilising and doing many other jobs. Social play Thursday evenings and Sunday afternoons now operates without green fees. Friendly matches Wednesday afternoons have been very enjoyable with just three left to play in August and September. Club singles competitions took place in July, and plans are for doubles on 21st August and triples on 25th August. Club Annual Dinner in village hall is booked for Friday 18th October 2024.

CARLBY PARISH COUNCIL **CARLBY PARISH COUNCIL**

The remaining scheduled Parish Council meeting for 2024 are on 18th September and 19th November in the Village Hall commencing at 7.30 pm.

An issue the Parish Council would like to bring to readers is the Code of Conduct towards Councillors when determining planning applications.

All Councillors or Residents should be able to object to a planning application without feeling threatened or intimidated and without fear of retaliation from anyone. If an applicant makes an approach displaying inappropriate behaviour that one feels is threatening, you should either:

· Ask them to put it in writing *or*

· If it is a face to face/telephone contact, you may inform the person concerned that you wish to record the conversation. The person is then aware that you are doing this for evidence purposes.

Councillors themselves have agreed to the SKDC Code of Conduct by becoming a Councillor. It is only fair that they are not exposed to verbal abuse. It is agreed that Councillor's should feel able not to engage with aggressive behaviour. Planning can be an emotional process, sometimes when planning is refused applicants take it personally and can get angry, but there is no need to take decisions out on elected Councillors. Sometimes these issues are very difficult within a small community.

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August Events:

1st 10am-12	**Coffee Morning**
1st 10am-12	**Coffee Morning**
Thur 1st 2-3pm	**Bible Study**
Sun 4th 10:30am	**Morning Worship**
Sun 11th 10:30am	**Morning Worship**
Thur 15th 2-3	**Bible Study**
Sun 18th 10:30am	**Morning Worship with Holy Communion**
Sun 25th 10:30am	**Café Church: relaxed worship with cuppa & cake**
Thur 29th 2-3pm	**Bible Study**

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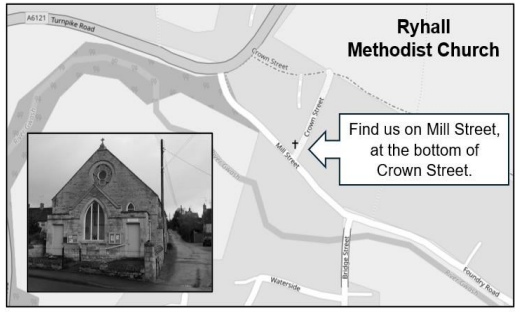

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CARLBY ART WEEKEND - Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th August
All Age Art Session in St Stephen's churchyard followed by cream teas and a chance to view the photo exhibition and pictures by local artists. Some work will be for sale as will the produce stall (contributions appreciated).

Prize giving for photo exhibition at 4pm on Saturday10th church open for viewing all weekend.

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ITALY

PUB QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 17th August

Ciao bella! We're off to Italy this month for a touch of La Dolce Vita. Enjoy our themed quiz and free nibbles.

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Doors open at 8.00 p.m – 11.00 p.m

In the Village Hall- Thursday 26th September 7.30pm. Immune Health – How to fight off Bugs and Viruses Naturally.
How does the immune system work, and how can we support it to function optimally, fighting off colds and infections naturally? **See p. 11 for details**

News from the Village of Essendine

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

QUIZ NIGHT - date to be confirmed, but will be in the autumn.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR - put the date in your diary for Sunday December 1st in the Village Hall.

Enquiries and bookings phone 07939 132093 or email adelestainsby@yahoo.co.uk

St Stephen's Church, Carlby

CHURCH FLOWERS AND CLEANING FOR AUGUST

FLOWERS	4th	Margaret Dair
	11th and 18th	Suzanne Over
	25th	Jenny Skeaping
CLEANER		Suzanne Over

It's the holiday season, so it must be summer even if it is cold. Let us pray for better weather so both children and parents can recharge their batteries, the oldies can enjoy their gardens and nature and the farmers can have a good harvest.

We hope to see lots of you at the ART WEEKEND! You can join in the action, buy a bargain painting, admire the local photos and enjoy the cream teas

Saturday 10th August 2-4 pm - Free All Age Art Activity returns again with 5 tables packed with fun ideas in the church yard followed by cream teas.

Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th August 11-4 pm - ART EXHIBITION and SALE IN CHURCH BY LOCAL ARTISTS. 50 % of sales going to Church Building Project.
AND PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION DISPLAYED DIGITALLY AND ON PAPER

Prize giving will be at 4pm SATURDAY 10th August. Everyone welcome. The refreshments will be served beforehand.

Carlby services
Sunday 4th August 9 am Reflective Service
NO JAM CLUB
Sunday 11th August 10.30 am All age Service, by Jenny Skeaping
Sunday 18th August 10.30 am Benefice service at Ryhall
Sunday 25th August 10.30 am Morning Prayer by Nat Stiles, Olivia Gilmore.

Upcoming Dates
1. 10th August Free All Age Art Afternoon in church yard 2-4pm
2. 10th,11t August 11-4 pm church opens for Photo Competition and Painting exhibition and SALE and refreshments 11- 4pm ending in prize giving

St. Mary Magdalene's Church, Essendine

Greetings to you all from St Mary Magdalene's Church

I hope you are all well and enjoying the summer holidays.

I hope the warmer weather has returned. as I write it is a wet, cold, and miserable July day. After the excitement of the Football, the Silverstone Grand Prix and Wimbledon. We all look forward to watching athletes across the world compete at the Paris Olympics. We wish the Great Britain team success in all their events.

Across the country it is a time for gathering in the harvest after such a difficult year for so many farmers. We pray for good weather during harvest.

Visitors to Essendine are very welcome to visit our dear church as we continue to work hard to complete the restoration following the January floods. We look forward to a celebration service when the works are complete and the pipe organ is returned.

This month we pray for all the volunteers running holiday clubs and food banks to support children across the country during the summer holidays.

To all those who are ill at home or in hospital our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families.
FAMILY SERVICE – Sunday 4th August at 10.00am. This is an all age service of Morning Prayer lead by Katy and Anne. Everyone is very welcome. Refreshments will be served after the service.
HOLY COMMUNION- A service of Holy Communion will take place at St Mary's Church on 11th August at 9.30am. Everyone is very welcome.
MORNING PRAYER – Sunday 25th August at 9.30am. This is an all-age service for all in our village. Everyone is very welcome.

Katy Parkinson

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2024 Health and Wellbeing Talks with Deborah.

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Thursday 26th September 7.30pm. Immune Health **– How to fight off Bugs and Viruses Naturally.** How does the immune system work, and how can we support it to function optimally, fighting off colds and infections naturally?

Thursday 24th October 7.30pm. Tips **for Mental Resilience – How To Fight on When Life Gets Tough.** Life is difficult and we will all experience suffering and pain at some point during our lives – that is inevitable. Bereavement, illness, redundancy, moving house, divorce, financial difficulties, worries about children and loved-ones – difficulty is impossible to avoid. How we respond to difficulty makes a huge difference to our wellbeing. Luckily, there are some simple tools and techniques that can help us all to navigate life's ups and downs more skilfully.

Thursday 28th November 7.30pm. Health **and Toxins – The Dirty Truth about How to Stay Healthy.** What are toxins, and how do they affect us? How many toxins are you and your family exposed to each day, and why does that matter? We live in a world that is highly toxic, and research is showing how harmful the substances in many of our favourite foods and products can be to our health. Find out how to reduce your exposure.

To book contact Deborah on 01780 672505 or llivewellwithchronic-illness@outlook.com. Also available on the door.

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Deborah is a Mindfulness Teacher and Naturopathic Health Coach specialising in supporting people living with long-term health conditions and chronic pain. She works with nutrition and lifestyle coaching, mindfulness and hypnotherapy, and has a particular interest in the mind-body connection, and also allergy and food intolerances. You can find out more about Deborah on her website, here. https://livewellwithchronicillness.co.uk/

HARVEST TRADITIONS

In the UK harvest festival, also known as the harvest home, is traditionally celebrated on the Sunday nearest the harvest moon. which occurs closest to the autumn equinox, often between 21-23 September.

In the past they would be held as soon as the harvest had been completed and the final cartload triumphantly returned to the farm where the Harvest Supper, also known as the 'Harvest Home', would take place, accompanied by singing, drinking games and much reverie. All of which was to be conducted by St Michael's Mass on the 29th September, the signifier for the end of harvest.

The word 'harvest' comes from the Anglo-Saxon hærfest meaning 'autumn', the season of gathering the food of the land. This was a vital time of year, when success was a genuine matter of life or death. A prosperous harvest ensured that a community would be fed throughout the barren winter months. It's therefore no surprise that it was also a time steeped in superstition and, if successful, much celebration.

Roaming groups of labourers would seek employment from farms at the start of the season. In Norfolk they would drag their sickles along the floor to announce their arrival. A 'Lord of the Harvest' would be appointed and was in charge of negotiating rates and conditions of labour. Leading his workers) as they scythed the fields, he would be served first at mealtimes.

Sheaves were gathered into stooks, between 6 and 10 sheaves leaning against each other to allow drying air to flow though. Local custom accounted for the differences in number, so that styles of stook varied across the country. In Kent the 'hooded stook' was preferred, in which an additional sheaf was laid on the top as a cap to keep rain off. The 'Irish mow' in south-west England was a pile of 20 sheaves. Whatever the style, the rows of stooks gave a characteristic pattern to the harvested fields where they remained to dry for about three weeks then carted to the stackyard.

Often there was a grand procession for the last wagon-load of corn brought from the field; The band played, a banner was held aloft and the wagon was decorated with plaited straw corn dollies, symbolic dolls, made out of the last sheath of the harvest, and kept until the spring to ensure the continuation of a good crop next year. This custom began with Saxon farmers, who believed the last sheath contained the spirit of the corn.

St Michael's Mass, or Michaelmas, on 29th September, marks signifies a time when all the harvest should have been brought in. Its beginnings can be traced to the 5th century when the cult of St Michael spread to Western Christianity. During the Middle Ages it was celebrated as a huge religious feast, and the harvest traditions grew from there. Fairs with market stalls and games, and churches decorated autumnal and gold, sprung up around this festive time. People also ate geese on this day, said to bring financial protection for the next year.

'Sabbath is not simply the pause that refreshes.

It is the pause that transforms.'

I recently attended General Synod where there were many encouraging debates, including one which focused on the need for clergy to take enough time to rest during the working week. There is a tradition for clergy to take only one day off per week, and this debate was encouraging them to take at least one and a half days. Of course, rest is not something that only clergy need to be reminded of – we all need to remember that we have been made by God to take care of our minds, bodies and souls, which includes the need for Sabbath rest. It is for good reason that the Ten Commandments includes this. Rest allows us to draw closer to God, to take time to be and marvel at his creation, to take pleasure in hobbies and pastimes, to spend precious time with friends and family. Our world runs at a pace and we often have to be disciplined to stop and rest as God encourages us to. The bible scholar, Walter Brueggemann has written about Sabbath rest and says this:*Sabbath is not simply the pause that refreshes. It is the pause that transforms.'*

Summer is often a time when we are able to pause and to rest and I hope that you will be able to do just that, and as you do I pray that you will draw close to God and sense more of his transforming presence in your life.

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SERVICES AND READINGS FOR AUGUST

Sunday	Ryhall	Essendine	Carlby
Aug 4 Trinity 10	10.30 Holy Communion	10.00 Family Service	9.00 Reflective Prayer 10.30 NO JAM Club
Aug1 1 Trinity 11	10.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Holy Communion	10.30 Family Service
Aug 18 Trinity 12	Benefice Holy Communion at RYHALL		
Aug 25 Trinity 13	10.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Morning Prayer	10.30 Morning Prayer

Page nos. refer to Common Worship Lectionary	OT	Psalm *MP and FS only*	NT	Gospel
Aug 4 Trinity 10 P 639	Exodus 16.2-4,9-15	78.23-29	Ephesians 4.1-16	John 6.24-35
Aug 11 Trinity 11 P 644	1 Kings 19.4-8	34.1-8	Ephesians 4.25 – 5.2	John 6.35,41-51
Aug 18 Trinity 12 P 649	Proverbs 9.1-6	–	Ephesians 5.15-20	John 6.51-58
Aug 25 Trinity 13 P 654	Joshua 24.1-2a,14-18	34.15-22	Ephesians 6.10-20	John 6.56-69

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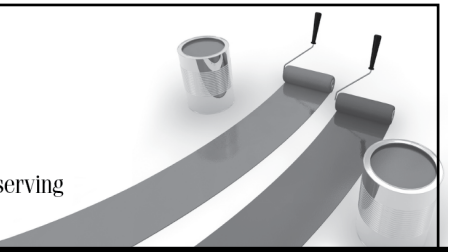
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FROM THE REGISTERS

July 10th Funeral of Rosemary Alexander
followed by interment in the cemetery
May she rest in peace and rise in glory

NEWS FROM RYHALL CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Cummins Help in School We are very grateful to Cummins, Stamford. for the huge amount of practical help given to the school by their Community Involvement Team. This band of volunteers has been working hard, particularly in the outside Early Years Foundation Stage play space and our 'forest school' area. They have tidied, removed an old and broken shed and wooden play ship, replaced a broken outdoor blackboard, reduced the size of the giant sandpit and put up a sail in the forest school to create shelter and sunshade. The team will return to help with future projects as this is now an established partnership. Our thanks to Cummins for this magnificent support.

Village Parking Issues Our Principal and governors have been working with the Parish Council and particularly with Debbie Rolfe (Chair) as regards parking in the village during school drop off and pick up times. Several ideas have been discussed and we are also liaising with local PCSOs for help and advice. We do all we can to advise on this issue (parents are reminded every week, in the school newsletter, to park with care and consideration, for example). Our thanks to Debbie, to Anne and Martin Virgin and the Village Hall Committee, who allow parking on the village hall car park during times when it is not in use. Their kindness is very much appreciated.
The children have had a competition to design a 'safe and considerate' parking poster and a winner has been selected. If anyone would like a copy of this, please let the school know.

Art Display Recently, every child in school decorated a pebble using acrylic paint. These lovely pieces of art will be placed around the churchyard and also in a new sensory garden which is being developed by the Ryhall Churchyard Champions in memory of Paddy McKee, supported by money raised in his memory, headed up by

Debbie Rolfe. The painted pebbles were also on display at the Village Fete on 13th July. We hope the children will bring their families and enjoy looking for their special pebble in our lovely church grounds.

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"Look back with pride and move forward with confidence"
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RESTORATION & RENEWAL UPDATE

What a wonderful fete we had in July. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make this such a happy village get together. St. John's is so grateful for the funds which come from the proceeds to help keep the church running as well as supporting other local good causes. Those much-needed funds depend on the generous donations of cakes, plants, bric-a-brac, bottles for the tombola and a legion of volunteers to help on the day. Thank you to everyone who makes the fete happen.

As the academic year draws to an end, we think of our children and young people in schools, colleges and universities, and for all those who teach and support them. With exams over, we hope they will have peace as they wait for and then receive their results. We pray for rest, refreshment and fun over the holidays. As decisions are made about what comes next, be it new courses, change of schools, which college or university to go to, or what job to take, we pray for good information and support as they step out into wherever the next stage of their life is taking them.

Please let us know if you are coming to the August Community Lunch on 13th August by signing the sheet just inside the church door or by contacting Sandra, tel: 07554-740370 so we can cater for the right number

You are invited to lunch at St. John's

Community lunch:
13th August, 12.30-1.30pm

A light lunch, a sweet treat & a hot drink
No charge but donations welcome

You can find information about which activities and services are on in the monthly What's On listing on the Ryhall, Essendine and Carlby Facebook page or on the church noticeboards.