# VILLAGE NEWS

from the churches serving Ryhall, Belmesthorpe, Essendine & Carlby

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## NEWS FROM RYHALL AND BELMESTHORPE

***ALL IN RYHALL VILLAGE HALL UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED***

**CLUBBERCISE** Weds and Fri 9.15-10.00 am. Contact Sam 07887 802621

**KNIT AND NATTER** 2nd Tuesday in the month 2.00 -4 .00pm in Ryhall Library. Next meeting - Tuesday 9th September. All crafters welcome - Contact Janet 07905967935

**SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE** every Monday evening 7.30-9.30 Classes £5 (first one free.) No partner required. Contact Amanda 01778 560433

**DANCEFIT** Tuesday mornings from 9.30am. Contact Louise 07827 665916

**KARATE** Friday 6.30-7.30pm. All ages. Contact Matt 07900 506278

**ART & CRAFT CLUB** Thursdays 9.30 -12.30. Contact Sandy 07874 212852

**LACE AND NEEDLECRAFT CLUB** – 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of each month from 10.45am- 2.45pm Contact Elspeth Baily on 07599 245890

**LIVING HISTORY CLUB** Rutland Sword - medieval combat techniques, sword fighting etc. Every Tues.6pm - 8pm. Contact Mike on 07860 697491.

**SWING DANCE/BALBOA** Thursday evenings. For more info or to book contact Tracey or Gary at: gntrhythmandswing@gmail.com / 07753 619165

**HARTBEEPS** Sensory music classes for babies, toddlers, nursery and pre-School. 3 age related sessions 9.15 - 1pm Mondays Contact: Rebecca Raynor 07775 920150

**ZUMBA** Saturdays 9.30-10.30am https://hgpzumba.simplybook.it/ 07833 452099

**SILVER SWANS** ballet class for seniors Tuesdays 11.30-12.30 £7 Contact Moyra driftwoodandshell@gmail.com

**GOOD VIBES** will be meeting **at the Methodist Chapel** Saturday 11th October 10.00 -12.00. Looking forward to seeing you all

### RYHALL VILLAGE FETE GRANT COMMITTEE 2025

**Applications Now Open – Grants for Village Good Causes**
This year, **£2,500** is available to support local good causes.
If you would like to apply, please send your completed grant application form or any queries to
**Ryhall Village Fete Grant Committee**
using the email address below.
**Application deadline:** 17 October 2025
Email: Ryhallvillagefete@gmail.com

**FLAGPOLE** Commemorative flags flew in September as follows

3rd Merchant Navy flag for Merchant Navy Day
4th September Coronation of Athelstan 1st King of England in 925
10th Sept Union flag for Henry Francis, buried in church yard.
14th Sept RAF flag to mark Battle of Britain
t 26th Sept Canadian flag for Charles Lowe

*If we can help celebrate a special occasion by flying one of our flags, for a small donation towards the upkeep of the flagpole garden and purchase of flags, feel free to contact us and we can arrange for it to be flown on or near the day. Contact Val Lofthouse 01780 754451; Patti Welby 01780 482915; Maureen Pettener 01780 753930 Sarah Markwell-Cook 07904 190049.*

**RYHALL LIBRARY**

Our wonderful village library has been given a three-year reprieve, and so I encourage as many people as possible to make use of this great resource. Not only does the library provide a book, puzzle and DVD lending service, but there is free computer access, a photocopier, and various free sessions open to all throughout the week

| | **Official Hours** *(Librarian)* | **Volunteer Hours** *(tea & coffee)* |
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| **MONDAYS** | **9am-1pm and 1:30-5pm** Scrabble Drop-In 10 am-12pm | |
| **TUESDAYS** | | **2-4pm** 14th October: Knit 'n' Natter |
| **WEDNESDAYS** | | **2-4pm** |
| **THURSDAYS** | **9am-1pm and 1:30-5pm** Wriggly Readers (0-5y) 2:45-3:15pm | |
| **FRIDAYS** | | **2-4pm** |
| **SATURDAYS** | **9am-1pm** | |

Family History sessions are free and advertised each month on the library window.

Please become a member of Ryhall Library – it's free! Pop by during the official open hours with any ID that has your surname (e.g. bank card, driving licence) to join.

*Welcome to Charlotte, our new library co-ordinator, and thanks to Adrian for his many years of service in this capacity*

**RYHALL PARISH COUNCIL**

**CHAIRMAN Debbie Rolfe**
**COUNTY COUNCILLORS David Wilby and Kevin Corby**
**CLERK : Sarah Gresty 07718900848**
**clerk@ryhallparishcouncil.co.uk**

*Full Minutes of RPC meetings can be found on the website https://www.ryhallparishcouncil.co.uk Check noticeboards for more information*

Rutland County Council confirmed approval of a **Ryhall and Belmesthorpe Neighbourhood Plan** in late July.

Unfortunately, grant aid has now been withdrawn for preparing Neighbourhood Plans so the Parish Council's decision to proceed must be based on funding the preparation ourselves. The Parish Council decided at the meeting on 1st September to use the existing £1k set aside in this year's budget for the Neighbourhood Plan to investigate how best we should proceed.

Options to investigate include approaching a Consultant to see whether this would kick start a Neighbourhood Plan group, by consulting with residents or by consulting with other neighbouring parishes who have Neighbourhood Plans or a combination of all these options.

After this initial process a better understanding will be brought to the Parish Council for consideration of continuing with a Neighbourhood Plan or not.

David Denman

"You're thinking of standing for the local council?
But would they stand for you?"

## NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE OF ESSENDINE

The Village Hall have just secured some additional funding from the National Lottery to replace the aging windows in the hall. Hopefully these will be fitted over the next couple of weeks, with minimal disruption to regular classes. We are also having the double exit doors at the front of the hall replaced, which should reduce noise from the road and make the hall warmer. Additionally we have also secured enough funding to put a new PA system into the hall, which will enable it to be used for music for various events, and being up to date with technology it can be connected to iPhones and iPads for streamed music. All part of trying to make the Village Hall an even better facility to hire on a regular basis for classes or for parties.

**New chair yoga class-** our current yoga teacher Caroline Rose, will be adding a chair yoga class on a Thursday morning from 11:30 - 12 30 am, for people who are less able to lie on the floor in the usual yoga positions! Further details of the start dates and costs of the class can be obtained from Caroline who can be contacted by email mogford24.cm@gmail.com

**Toddler Sense Classes-** Cat Roberts welcomes new Toddlers and babies with their mums to the weekly session on a Tuesday morning only. The session runs from 10-11am.Further details can be obtained from Cat on Stamford@toddlersense.co.uk or by phoning 07944174733.

**New members are needed to join the hall committee**- our current secretary and bookings/ website administrator is stepping down after many years of voluntary duties at the hall. Though one of our other committee members, Denise Chick Holland, has agreed to take on the role, we still need to recruit new people to ensure the long- term viability and success of the hall. Please do consider joining us. A maximum of a couple of hours is all we need from you. Please contact enquiries@essendinevillagehall.co.uk or phone the hall phone 07856 840214.

**Christmas Craft Fair-** Sunday 23rd November in the village hall from 11am to 3pm. Tables ( which are supplied) are £10 each. These can be booked via Adele Stainsby (adelestainsby@yahoo.co.uk) Food and drinks available throughout the event. A great opportunity to browse those more unique Christmas gifts! Free entry.

## NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE OF CARLBY

**CARLBY KOFUKAN KARATE-DO ASSOCIATION** practises a traditional form of karate in the style of Shito-Ryu. We practise Kata and fighting techniques for gradings and competitions under the instruction of Nigel Parsons 5th Dan blackbelt. We hold a mixed session of children and adults every Monday at Carlby Village Hall 6.30- 8.30pm. Please contact Nigel on 07802 223388 or nigeldparsons@sky.com

**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 AND DISTRICT WI's** next meeting is on Tuesday 14th October 2025 in Carlby Village Hall at 7.30pm. Plant Lovers Garden will be coming along to show us how to plant pots for Autum/Winter and then how to adapt them for the festive season. There will be plants available to buy.

Our usual tea/coffee and cake refreshments will be available. We welcome everyone to our meetings. Visitors £6.00.

**For more information please contact Margaret on 01778 590348**

**CARLBY BOWLS** summer season ended with only two wins in the final League event and now Members await October for the indoor sessions in the village hall on Wednesday evenings at 7.30 p.m. Play is on a special 60' mat made a little extra difficult by irregular deviations in the floor. Usually good fun and enjoyed by all. Visitors welcome at just £3 a session. Woods available for those without. It's a good way to try the game and Carlby villagers are especially welcome. End of season work on the green due to be complete by now and the annual presentation dinner in the village hall is scheduled for 24th October.

**CARLBY VILLAGE HALL**
**PUB QUIZ NIGHT**

**October's here so it's an early Halloween night.**
**Enjoy our ghostly quiz and spooky nibbles!**
**Fully licensed bar - with real ale**

**Doors open at 8.00 p.m. – 11.00 p.m.**

**SAVE THE DATE -SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER**

**CHRISTMAS CRAFT EVENT 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm**
**CARLBY VILLAGE HALL**

Santa Arrives 3.00 pm
Gifts, Crafts, Teas, Raffle
Free Event – Donations Welcome
Children Must Be Accompanied By An Adult

## CARLBY PARISH COUNCIL

*Parish Council Clerk: Sarah Gresty clerkcarlby@gmail.com*

**SKDC** Cllr. Penny Robins gave a report
**The community repaint scheme** has launched its new location at Bourne tip they will take all your paints and you can swap them.
SKDC has just approved a **£240k revamp of Meres Leisure Centre** in Grantham.
SKDC has put **4 electric charging points** at a cost of £42k in Stamford Cattle Market car park
**Asylum seekers.** Serco, the government approved contractor, has taken this over and is trying to get approx. 300 places in Lincolnshire. They are not using hotels and council housing waiting lists will not be impacted.

The Parish Council is moving councillors' emails and registering a domain name. The Clerk and Parish Councillors will have designated email addresses. More information will follow.

**It is very disappointing that some people are still letting their dogs off a lead whilst in the playing area. Please be a responsible dog owner. With the darker evenings coming this is even more important so make sure you are always able to clean up after your dog and keep this space clean and safe for all users.**

The Parish Council is reintroducing the 'Welcome to Carlby Leaflet' to give new residents information of local activities and contacts. A few copies will be available at the village hall and the church and electronically on the parish council website. If you are aware of a new house owner please do use this leaflet

The next parish council meeting is 4th November.

2026 Meeting dates were confirmed and noted: Tues January 6, Tues March 3th, Wed May 13th, Wed July 8th, Wed September 9th, Tues November 3th
Annual Parish Meeting Thursday 9th April.

## READINGS AND SERVICES FOR OCTOBER

| DATE | RYHALL | ESSENDINE | CARLBY |
|---|---|---|---|
| Oct 5<br>Trinity 15 | 10.30 Holy Communion and Harvest Festival | 9.30<br>Harvest Festival Family Service | 9.00 Reflective Service |
| Oct 12<br>Trinity 17 | 10.30<br>Morning Prayer | 9.30<br>Family Holy Communion | 10.30<br>All Age Harvest Service |
| Oct 19<br>Trinity 18 | **10.30**<br>Benefice Holy Communion<br>**at CARLBY** | | |
| Oct 26<br>Trinity 19 | 10.30<br>Morning Prayer | 10.00 Family Morning Prayer | 10.30<br>Morning Prayer |

| DATE | OT | NT | PSALM | GOSPEL |
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| Oct 5<br>Trinity 15<br>P1050 | Habakkuk 1.1-4; 2.1-4 | 2 Timothy 1.2-14 | 37.1-10 | Luke 17.5-10 |
| Oct 12<br>Trinity 17<br>P 1058 | 2 Kings 5. 1-3, 7-15c | 2 Timothy 2. 8-15 | 111 | Luke 17.11-19 |
| Oct 19<br>Trinity 18<br>P 1063 | Genesis 32.2-31 | 2 Timothy 3-14;4.5, | 119;97-104 | Luke 18. 1-8 |
| Oct 26<br>Trinity 19<br>1068 | Ecclesiasticus 35.12-17 | 2 Timothy 4.6-8;16-18 | 84.1-6 | Luke 18. 9-14 |

## NEWS FROM THE CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST RYHALL

### ST JOHN'S COMMUNITY DRAW WINNERS FOR SEPTEMBER

**First Prize - £96 - Chris Parsons**
**Second Prize - £48 - Marion Davis**
**Third Prize - £16 - Jo Saunders**

Hello Everyone

My name is Rev Josh Jackson, and I will be doing some cover in Ryhall and Essendine over the next few months. I will be doing two Sundays a month and two days a week alongside work in my existing benefice, which is in Northamptonshire. I will be travelling in to do services and also doing some ministry at Ryhall Primary School.

I grew up just the other side of Stamford in Barnack, so it's nice to be doing some ministry in the area.

A little bit about me, I am married to my wonderful wife, Sally, and we have two children, George (age 3) and Wilfrid (5 days).

Sally and I met whilst I was training in Durham; she is from Newcastle, but she has grown to love life down here as much as she misses the North East. My eldest son George is tractor mad, so ministry in the countryside gives him plenty of opportunities to see country life. We currently live in Oundle.

You may have guessed that Wilfrid being only a few days old was born earlier in September so after a short spell of paternity leave I will be joining you properly from the end of September. It is a pleasure to be joining you and I look forward to getting to know you all over the next few months.

**St. John's Open Day** You are warmly invited to our Open Day on 11th October, 2-5pm, to find out more about St. John's and what is done within and outside the church building in Ryhall. Fun activities including bell-ringing and children's games, information about what the church does, church tours, links to Ryhall CE Academy, the launch of a new lottery for your afternoon for all ages, a chance to win a beautiful painting by renowned Irish artist Kathrine Geoghegan, come and chat to share your ideas on what you'd like to see going on at the church, hear about the plans for the next stage of Restoration & Renewal, enjoy a hot drink plus homemade cake while meeting up with friends. No charge, just come along with your family and friends to enjoy a fun afternoon for all ages

**Rutland Ride + Stride** Thanks to Ian Wilkinson and Ben Davis for cycling in this year's Rutland Ride + Stride to raise funds to help maintain St. John's Church who receive 50% of their funds raised with the rest going to Historic Churches Preservation Trust. The charity provides grants to help restore and repair churches and chapels in Rutland such as the grant they awarded St. John's towards the cost of the new church roof. Thanks to anyone who has donated, to those meeting the riders and striders visiting the church and for the bakers providing delicious cakes & bakes so participants could refuel and refresh before heading off to their next church.

**Churchyard Champions** Thanks to all those who came along on 6th September when the annual mow of the wild area was completed. A slow worm was spotted in the compost heap in August which is a protected species and very welcome in the churchyard along with the 7 endangered species of 6 bat species and stag beetle. To ensure no animals were harmed in the mowing, some brave individuals walked the wild area first, gently checking for slow worms and grass snakes.
Our last session of the year is 4th October, 10am-12pm, refreshments provided. Everybody is very welcome. For more details, contact Sandra on Tel: 07554-740370/email: thesandrachapman@gmail.com.

**Harvest Service** We will celebrate God's generous bounty with a harvest service on Sunday 5th Oct. If you'd like to give thanks, please bring along any fresh produce you'd like to offer which will be auctioned off after the service, or non-perishable goods for the Foodbank.

*Keep up to date with what is happening at St. John's Church by checking the 'What's on at St. John's' notices on the two noticeboards at the gates or follow the benefice Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/RyhallEssendineandCarlbyChurches/*

# Ryhall Methodist Church

A warm welcome awaits you at our village chapel. We have weekly Sunday worship from 10:30am, and S4K during term-time ('Sunday 4 Kids' - all primary-aged children welcome). Worship is followed by refreshments. We also host a monthly coffee morning, and a Bible Study twice a month. You are welcome to join us!

## October Events:

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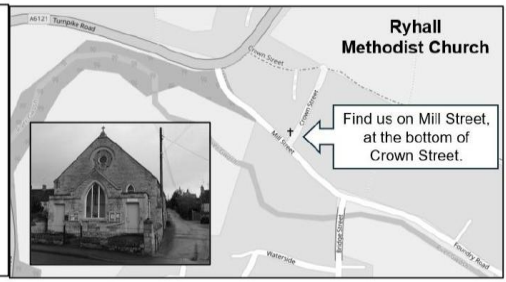
| **Thursday 2nd 2-3pm** | **- Bible Study** – in the School Room |
| **Sunday 5th 10:30am** | **- Morning Worship -** with Holy Communion & S4K |
| **Sunday 12th 10:30am** | **- Morning Worship** – and S4K |
| **Thursday 16th 2-3pm** | **- Bible Study** – in the School Room |
| **Sunday 19th 10:30am** | **- Morning Worship** |
| **Sunday 26th 10:30am** | **- Café Church** – relaxed worship in our School Room |

## Contacts:

**Minister:** Rev. Bekkie Wright bekkie.wright@methodist.org.uk 07355 981564
**Lettings:** Sandra Wadkin sandrawadkin@live.co.uk 07379 512 095
**Pastoral:** Sandra (above) & Maz Roberts mazrob058@gmail.com 07958 346713

Do you know that we let out our refurbished School Room? It's only £15 per hour (including use of our kitchen & toilet). Get in touch with Sandra to book.

Find us on Facebook (for regular updates) by scanning our QR code or searching for the group: "Ryhall Methodist Church"

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## NEWS FROM THE CHURCH OF ST MARY MAGDALENE ESSENDINE

Greetings to you all from St Mary Magdalene's Church

I hope you are all keeping well. As Autumn approaches, our thoughts turn to Harvest Festival, a time to say thank you to God for all the good gifts around us. *'Autumn days when the grass is jewelled and the silk inside a chestnut shell'* I hope we are treated to a last burst of sunshine at the beginning of October to lift spirits and enjoy walks in the countryside.

At Essendine Church we are once again nearing the completion of repairs following the extensive flooding in January 25. We thank all those who have supported and helped us during another challenging year. We also pray for all those who have finally been able to return to their flooded homes locally. What another difficult year it has been for many. We give thanks to all the visiting priests who have supported us by leading services for us while we remain in vacancy. We welcome Revd Josh Jackson who will support us until the end of the year.

Our thoughts and prayers this month go to the women and children of war-torn countries across the world. We give thanks for the freedom we enjoy here at home.

To all those who are ill at home or in hospital our thoughts and prayers are with you. Lord, welcome with merciful love those who have recently died and shelter their loved ones, too, in the shadow of your wings.

**HARVEST FESTIVAL FAMILY SERVICE-** Sunday 5th October at 9.30 am at St Mary's Church, Essendine. Refreshments will be served after the service. Everyone is very welcome to attend.

**HOLY COMMUNION** – A service will take place at St Mary's Church on Sunday 12th October at 9.30am. Everyone is very welcome to attend.

**FAMILY SERVICE –** A friendly service of morning prayer with hymns for all ages on Sunday 26th October at 10.00am. Everyone is very welcome to attend.

*Katy Parkinson*

## NEWS FROM ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH CARLBY

### CHURCH FLOWERS AND CLEANER FOR OCTOBER

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| **FLOWERS** | 5th & 12th | Sue Blessett |
| | 19th & 26th | Dan and Judie Pope |
| **CLEANER** | | Clare Ferguson |

**HARVEST**

This month we're looking forward to our Harvest Service, which is always a great celebration as we gather to give thanks to God for His provision. The church will be beautifully decorated by our talented team of volunteers with foliage, flowers and produce. Following the all-age service there will be the usual auction of produce, raising money for charity. We will then enjoy a light lunch together. It would be great to see you at the service, auction, lunch or just to pop in and enjoy the decorations.

**MONTHLY SATURDAY MORNING LADIES' / MEN'S EVENTS**

Saturday 25th October - For further details please contact secretary.st.stephens.carlby@outlook.com

**WEEKLY HOMEGROUP**

Tuesdays 7.30-9pm held in various homes in our village. An informal time to learn from the Bible and pray together. Everyone welcome.

**ADVANCE NOTICE:**

**Sunday 2nd November at 6pm - Bereavement Service at St Stephen's.**

Loss comes in many different forms and at St Stephen's we want to be a church that cares and supports those that are hurting. We are once again, holding a Bereavement Service led by Rev Fiona Ogg - you would be very welcome, whether your loss is recent or you want to remember a loved one who died many years ago.

**OCTOBER SERVICES AT ST STEPHEN'S**

5th (9am) Short Reflective Service
12th (10.30am) All-age Harvest Celebration
19th (10.30am) Benefice Communion in Carlby
26th (10.30am) Morning Prayer

The Lord-Lieutenant invites you to
Rutland Festival of Remembrance Concert

**PUMPKIN FESTIVAL**

**SATURDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2025**

**3-6PM**

*The Massingham Retreat, Ryhall Allotments, St Tibba Way*

Includes: quality burger or sausage in a bread roll (vegetarian option available), doughnuts, soft drinks, teas and coffees (bring your own alcohol if you wish)

Bring your carved Halloween Pumpkin to enter our competition. Include name and age

Games/Competitions: Halloween Quiz, Spooky Tin Can Alley and Pin the Nose on the Pumpkin

Great Prizes for: scariest, funniest, most original pumpkin

Tickets available from Amanda or Dave
Email ryhallallotmentcommittee@gmail.com
phone: 07770824279/07548524246
Tickets: £5 per adult, £3 per child

Hot chocolate with cream and marshmallows £1 on the night

Children are welcome to come in Halloween themed fancy dress!

History Talks
Join us this Autumn for a warm and engaging series of history talks, in person and online, with world-renowned historians and experts.
For full details and booking please see website.
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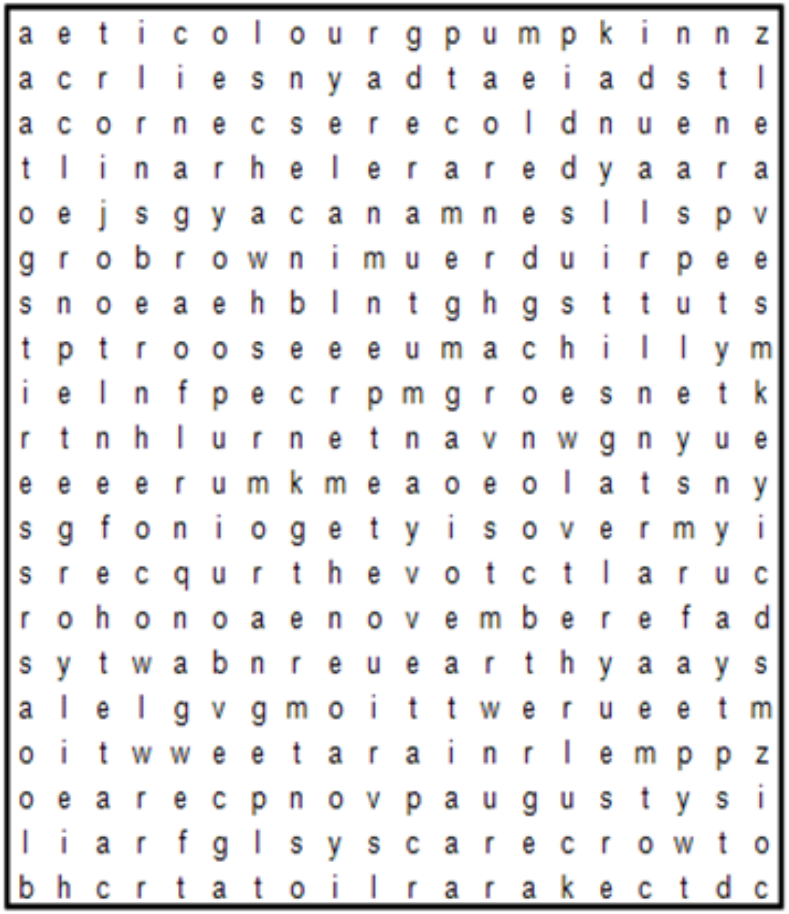
PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL
Thursday 18th September, 7.30pm (ONLINE)
Assassins and Templars: A Battle of Blood and Myth with Dr Steve Tibble.
Thursday 25th September, 6.30pm (IN - PERSON)
Henry VIII : A Legacy of Power and Blood with Jackson van Uden.
Wednesday 8th October, 7.30 (IN-PERSON)
Peterborough and the Mercian Kings with Max Adams.
Tuesday 14th October, 7.30 (IN-PERSON)
The Hedda Stone Mystery with Cathedral archeologist Dr Jackie Hall and Dr Teresa Porciani.
Thursday 16th October, 7.30 (ONLINE)
The Surprising Afterlife of a Northumbrian King: The Cult of St Oswald and Beyond with Dr Johanna Dale.
Thursday 20th November, 7.30 (ONLINE)
Zealous: A Darker Side of the Early Quakers with Dr Erica Canela.
PETERBOROUGH
CATHEDRAL

# AUTUMN WORD SEARCH

Acorn Autumn Brown Chilly Cold Colour Crunchy Earthy Gusty Harvest Leaf Leaves November Orange Pumpkin Rain Rake Red Scarecrow Season



## YOUR MAGAZINE NEEDS YOU!

Village News has been running for 23 years is distributed free of charge to over 2500 homes in Ryhall, Essendine and Carlby and is a key source of news and information across the villages and a lifeline to local contacts and information, particularly for our elderly residents who may not have access to the internet.

Following our article in last month's magazine and news that our Editor, Jo Saunders, is standing down we have made the difficult decision that Village News will be published bi-monthly from December 2025.

We hope that a bi-monthly magazine remains a key source of local information whilst we look for a new editor as well as providing valuable space and time to re-evaluate the magazine's content, reduce our print costs and work out a plan ensure the viability of the magazine going forward into next year. Alongside this we aim to maximise our readership across a wider demographic through the use of online media and easily accessible QR codes to access this content working with partner online media groups in the local area.

I am sure you will join us in thanking Jo for her commitment to the magazine and we send her our best wishes for the future.

**How can you help?**

- Encourage local businesses you know to advertise with us
- Get in touch if you are interested in joining the magazine team
- Provide ideas for future income generation
- If you are a local online media contact and are happy to share the Village News on your feed, please let us know.

If you can help, please contact us at villagenews2024@gmail.com

## Farewell in Christ

As fourteen years of ministry in the Diocese draw to a close, our overwhelming sense is of thankfulness. Elizabeth and I are so grateful to God for the privilege of my being called here to serve as one of your Bishops, the warmth of your welcome and the kindness of your support. We have been upheld by your prayers, humbled by your appreciation and thrilled by your willingness to serve Christ. It has been deeply moving to see God at work in our communities, churches and ministries. Thank you all so much.

Throughout my Christian life, I have been sustained by the bible verse printed on a bookmark that I attached to my bedside cupboard whilst growing up. It had God's words of reassurance to Joshua as he took over leadership from Moses and read *"Be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed, for I, the Lord thy God, will be with thee whithersoever thou goest"* (Joshua 1.9).

I love the beautifully challenging prayer attributed to Sir Francis Drake;

*Disturb us, Lord, when we are too well pleased with ourselves,*
*When our dreams have come true because we have dreamed too little,*
*When we arrived safely because we sailed too close to the shore.*
*Disturb us, Lord, when with the abundance of things we possess*
*We have lost our thirst for the waters of life;*
*Having fallen in love with life, We have ceased to dream of eternity*
*And in our efforts to build a new earth,*
*We have allowed our vision of the new Heaven to dim.*
*Disturb us, Lord, to dare more boldly,*
*To venture on wider seas where storms will show your mastery;*
*Where losing sight of land, we shall find the stars.*
*We ask You to push back the horizons of our hopes;*
*And to push into the future in strength, courage, hope, and love.*

Please continue to pray for us as we will continue to pray for you, as the Diocese grows under Bishop Debbie's inspiring leadership.

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The Rt Revd John Holbrook, Bishop of Brixworth

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