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 0784212852
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 No meeting in August. Back as normal on Saturday 13th September 10.00-12.00 at the Methodist Chapel**.**

Can you help us to form 'Friends of Ryhall Library'?

Thanks to much hard work, Ryhall Library has been saved from potential closure.

We are now looking to set up a CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation) to bring the community together to ensure that our library lives and thrives.

Are you keen to be part of a team who sets up this CIO? Do you have skills that you can offer to help get this project off the ground?

If so, please join us: our first meeting is in Ryhall Methodist Church's school room on Monday 22nd September 2025 7pm – 8:30pm with the aim to start shaping the CIO's constitution.

If you'd like to join this meeting or the team, please get in touch with Charlotte Davis via email: info@friendsofryhalllibrary.co.uk or text/call 0797 606 4410

FLAGPOLE The Union Jack flew on Friday15th August, the 80th anniversary of VJ Day, as a mark of respect and in honour of the men and women who suffered and died.
29th August saw the Royal Marine flag to honour Corporal M Curtis 29/09/1987-28/11/2022, and on the fIrst day of term the youngest child starting school helped to raise the school flag .

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.

OPEN HOUSE AT RYHALL LIBRARY

Despite the jubilation over the reversal of the County's decision to close Ryhall Library, August has been a very quiet month in terms of attendance. Let's hope that the start of the new school year and other Autumn activities brings a surge of new interest.
In particular, we would dearly love to have parents dropping in with your children, after picking them up at the end of the school day and fostering their reading habits by taking home a selection from our wonderful range of children's literature.
Older members of the community might like to see the amazing collection of jigsaws which have been donated to the library and are free to borrow. You could also join our Knit 'n' Natter Group, which will meet on Tuesday 9th September, or come along to one of our Wednesday Socials, which run throughout the month and offer a friendly chat over a free hot cuppa. Family History Research assistance continues to be offered on specified days. Dates for September can be found on the notice in the Library porch window. All are welcome to join any of the above.
There's a lot on offer at your local library. It's up to us all to make the best use of it. *Adrian Gombault Ryhall Library Volunteers Coordinator*

RYHALL VILLAGE FETE

This year's village fete raised a fantastic £4,032.55.

As always, an agreed amount will be kept in the fete account to cover initial expenses for next year's event. The remaining funds will be split equally between St. John's Church and the Fete Grants Committee. Applications for grants are expected to open around mid-September.

Thanks to everyone who volunteered, supported, donated prizes, sponsored prizes and enjoyed a grand village occasion.

Special thanks go to Nick Gilchrist, Janine Juggins and Sandra Chapman, who have been members of the Fete Committee for many years. Their hard work, experience, and commitment have been invaluable. As they now step down from the committee, we sincerely thank them for everything they have done to support this much-loved village event.

Mandy Rogers

RYHALL PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN Debbie Rolfe
COUNTY COUNCILLORS David Wilby and Kevin Corby
CLERK : Sarah Gresty 077189 00848 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

Things have been relatively quiet over the summer. However, our poor long suffering **White Bridge** has been damaged yet again! The Parish Council are working with RCC Highways to see if something can be done with regard to a weight restriction and additional signage to stop this happening and to keep pedestrians safe.

Congratulations are sent to our Ryhall resident Dr. Sheila May Halliday-Pegg, retired Bourne GP and Magistrate, who has been named in the King's Birthday Honours with a British Empire Medal, Civil Division.

We have a **vacancy** for a Parish Councillor. If you are interested in community involvement please contact the Clerk for more information.

Dates of Next Scheduled Parish Council Meetings held mainly in the Village Hall starting at 7pm. 6 Oct (in Methodist church hall), 3 Nov, 8 Dec **2026** 5 Jan, 2 Feb, 2 March, 13 April- Annual Parish Meeting-cheese & wine, 11 May, 8 June, 6 July, 7 September, 5 October, 2 November & 7 December.

Agendas for these meetings are posted on the noticeboards and website 3 clear days before each meeting.

Ways the Parish Council Communicates

To keep up with Parish Council News always check out :
Noticeboards on St John's Close & Shepherds Walk, Belmesthorpe.
The Website https://www.ryhallparishcouncil.co.uk
Ryhall & Belmesthorpe Community Face book page.
If you want to contact us please email *clerk@ryhallparishcouncil.co.uk* or use the link on the website.

Ryhall and Belmesthorpe Neighbourhood Plan

Breaking news! The Parish Council has just gained formal approval from Rutland County Council to start preparing our Neighbourhood Plan. The County Council website has been updated to reflect this and is available to view here https://www.rutland.gov.uk/planning-building-control/local-plan/neighbourhood-plans

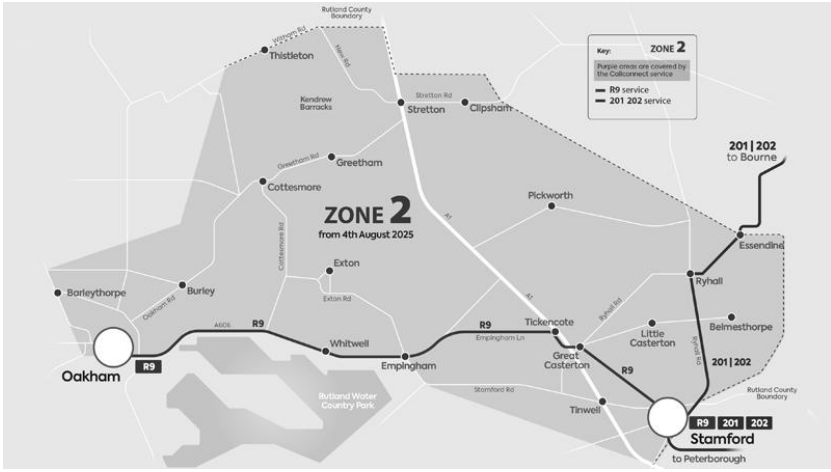
We are now working with the Council to guide us through the initial "start-up" phase.

Many thanks for those who indicated that they would like to be involved with preparing our Neighbourhood Plan. We should be in a position to have our first Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting in the autumn. If you are interested in helping prepare our Neighbourhood Plan please contact Cllr David Denman on 07984 429573.

Rutland County Councillor Kevin Corby writes

Monday 4th August saw the expanded roll out of the on-demand Rutland Call Connect bus service, now available in all areas of Rutland.
The service operates from 7am to 7pm Monday to Friday and 8am to 6pm on Saturdays. Anybody using the service can book their journeys via the Callconnect smartphone app, or over the phone on 0345 234 3344. Existing bus stops also have further information as well Ryhall Library, and online at www.rutlandbuses.info

I do understand that there have been a few issues, but not surprising at this early stage. Any feedback, good or bad, please do let me know, and I will ensure that this is followed up.



A meeting was also recently held at Ryhall Village Hall arranged by RCC as part of the round of public engagement for Local Government Organisation (LGR) and was attended by 22 people. I have yet to hear a voice within this ward in favour of Rutland being incorporated back into Leicestershire (we have long memories) but rather with Stamford, therefore de facto with Lincolnshire. Those that do have a view or want to know more, please feel free to contact David or myself, and indeed the subject of LGR will be on the agenda at the next Ryhall Parish Council Meeting on Monday 1st September at the Village Hall.

NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE OF ESSENDINE

ACTIVITIES IN ESSENDINE VILLAGE HALL

PILATES ON A FRIDAY MORNING All abilities and ages catered for. 9.30-10.30 am. Contact Nicola for further details, 07826 113943, or email nicolaburrellpilates@gmail.com

TODDLER SENSE ON TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY MORNINGS A wonderful play environment for babies and toddlers with different themes each week. Huge amounts of exciting play equipment are set up for the sessions. Contact Cat Roberts 07944 174733 or stamford@toddlersense.co.uk

*****See page 5 for a letter from our County Councillor, Kevin Corby*****

Essendine Station 1958. Photo
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NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE OF CARLBY

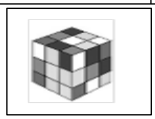
CARLBY KOFUKAN KARATE-DO ASSOCIATION practises a traditional form of karate in the style of Shito-Ryu. We practise Kata and fighting techniques for gradings and competitions under the instruction of Nigel Parsons 5th Dan blackbelt. We hold a mixed session of children and adults every Monday at Carlby 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 Our next meeting is on Tuesday 9th September 2025 in Carlby Village Hall at 7.30pm. This will be a craft evening, making Beaded Star Christmas Tree Decorations. 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 finished a great season with Finals Day on 10 August with Ian Cooke taking Men's Singles and Sue Lane the Ladies' Singles. A busy day with three rinks in use and over twenty in attendance. A good lunch was prepared by Members and enjoyed by all. The Bees team won division three in the Stamford League and will be promoted next year. The season was exceptional with the green playing very well and no matches postponed because of rain. The removal of the conifers on the east side of the green has opened up the grass to more sun and the Club's activities can now be watched from the playing field. Indoor Bowls will start in October Wednesday evenings in the village hall.

CARLBY VILLAGE HALL
PUB QUIZ NIGHT



Saturday 20th September

We're heading back to the 1980's so dig out your leg warmers and dust off that ghetto blaster! Enjoy our themed quiz and free nibbles.
Fully licensed bar - with real ale

Doors open at 8.00 p.m. – 11.00 p.m.

CARLBY PARISH COUNCIL CARLBY PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Clerk: Sarah Gresty clerkcarlby@gmail.com

We still have one vacant seat on the Parish Council. If you would like to know more about becoming a Councillor and helping your community please get in touch.

The Parish Council Grant Awards 2026/27 deadline is 30 October 2025. If your club or organisation would like to apply for funds please visit the website and download the Grant Awards Policy from the Council Page/Governance documents: https://carlby.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk/council-business/governance-document/17. Completed form to be sent to the Clerk.

We have 2 more Parish Council meetings this year: 7.30 pm in the Village hall on 3 September & 4 November. There is always a public forum at the start of each meeting for you to bring your views and comments.

A polite call to all dog owners walking in the Playing fields. Please can you make sure your dog is kept on a lead so that everyone may enjoy this area.
Whilst writing, a reminder that all 5 bins in the village take dog waste

Finally, if you have any concerns, Cllr. Kim Neal is attending the 'Police NSK Parish Council Briefing Session' on 16 September at which she can voice any Carlby issues. Please let us know if you have any difficulties or problems that we might raise on your behalf.

READINGS AND SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER

DATE	RYHALL	ESSENDINE	CARLBY
Sept 7 Trinity 12	10.30 Holy Communion	-	9.00 Reflective Service
Sept 14 Trinity 13 Holy Cross Day	10.30 Morning Prayer	9.30 Family Communion	10.30 All Age Service
Trinity 21 St Matthew	**10.30 Benefice Holy Communion at ESSENDINE**		
Sept 29 Trinity 15	10.30 Morning Prayer	-	10.30 Holy Communion

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Sept 7 Trinity 12 P1032	Deuteronomy 30. 15-20	Philemon 1-2`	1	Luke 14. 25-33
Sept 14 Holy Cross Day P1182	Numbers 21. 4-9	Philippians 2.6-11	22.22-27	John 3. 13-17
Sept 21 Trinity 21 St Matthew P 1184	Proverbs 3. 13-18	2 Cor.4. 1-6	119. 65-72	Matthew 9. 9-13
Sept 29 Trinity 15 P 1048	Amos 6.1a, 4-7	1 Tim 6.6-19	146	Luke 16. 19-31

NEWS FROM THE CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST RYHALL

ST JOHN'S COMMUNITY DRAW WINNERS FOR JULY

1st Prize - Sue Conlon - £96
2nd Prize - Michelle Nebel - £48
3rd Prize - Judith Slater - £16

ST JOHN'S COMMUNITY DRAW
CASH PRIZE WINNERS EVERY MONTH
£5.00 PER MONTH – Payable by Standing Order
Draw Date: The 12th of every month
Eligibility: Must be **18+** to join

JOIN TODAY & SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY!
Claudine: 07834 908767 - claudineedgcumbe1975@gmail.com
Maureen: 07850 661490 - maureen.pettener@yahoo.co.uk

Did you know that we have a memorial book in our church in which we record the names and dates of local people we have lost.
If you have lost a loved one and would like their name to be added, please contact Sarah Critchard on 01780 765583

ST. JOHN'S RESTORATION & RENEWAL UPDATE

St. John's Open Day Please come along to our Open Day to find out more about St. John's and what is done within and outside the church building in Ryhall. Bring your friends and family to enjoy a fun afternoon for all ages. Tea & coffee plus homemade cakes will be served.

Ride + Stride is a national fund-raising initiative from the Historic Churches Preservation Trust who provide grants to help restore and repair churches and chapels. St. John's Church was very grateful to receive such a grant to cover part of the cost of a new roof. What's special about Ride + Stride in Rutland, is that given we are the smallest county in England with 'just' 64 churches and chapels, it's the only county where there's any realistic proposition of visiting all churches on national Ride and Stride Day, 13th Sept! Riders + Striders can nominate 50% of what they raise to a specific church and the rest goes to the charity to award as grants. If you would like to take part or support, more details can be found at https://rhcpt.co.uk/ride-and-stride/

Churchyard Champions Thanks to all those who came along on 2nd August to tidy up the flowerbeds, shrubs and trees in the churchyard. If you'd like to come along, contact Sandra on Tel: 07554-740370/email: thesandrachapman@gmail.com. We next meet on Saturday 6th September, 10-12pm, refreshments provided.

Ryhall CE Academy With the children and staff back for a new school year, we hope all have returned refreshed and ready to go. We hope the children will be blessed with curiosity, the courage to explore new ideas, the confidence to make new friends and an understanding of their unique gifts. We give thanks for the teachers and staff who guide, nurture, and inspire them and for the parents as they encourage, comfort, and cheer on their children through each challenge and success.

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 a cuppa. We also host a monthly coffee morning, and a Bible Study twice a month. You are welcome to join us.

September Events:

Sunday 7th 10:30am	**- Harvest Festival** – all age worship
Sunday 14th 10:30am	**- Morning Worship** – and S4K
Sunday 21st 10:30am	**- Morning Worship** - with Holy Communion & S4K
Sunday 28th 10:30am	**- Morning Worship** – and S4K

Contacts:

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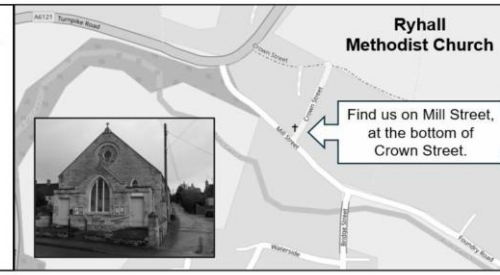
Pastoral: Sandra (above) & Maz Roberts mazrob058@gmail.com 07958 346713

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 ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH CARLBY

CHURCH FLOWERS AND CLEANER FOR SEPTEMBER

FLOWERS 7th & 14th Liz Barton
21st & 28th Georgina Clifton

CLEANER Liz Barton

The holiday season gave us an opportunity to once again hold community events at St Stephen's, and we are incredibly thankful for all the volunteers who gave of their time and energy to make our Coffee and Craft Wednesdays in August such a success. Thank you for all those that came along - it certainly looked like everyone had a great time.

September brings the start of the new academic year, with change for our children and young people. We will be praying for them as they start in their new settings. Remember to use our prayer area in Church if you would like us to pray for you - just leave a request and this will be picked up.

LADIES...
We have a monthly ladies' gathering (known as St Stephen's Bevy.) It's a friendly and informal time to chat, enjoy coffee, cake and a very short 'thought'. You would be VERY welcome. Our September meeting will be on Saturday 13th September at 10am in the home of Paul and Sharon (3 Farriers Way.)

MEN...
While the ladies meet there will be something for the men too - details to be confirmed (for more information please contact Paul on 07831 382803)

HOME GROUP
September sees the start up after the Summer break of our weekly home group, where we enjoy an informal time learning from the Bible and praying together. These are held on Tuesday evenings, 7.30- 9pm in various homes in the village.
You would be very welcome. For more information email ***secretary.st.stephens.carlby@outlook.com***

SEPTEMBER SERVICES
7th (9am) Short Reflective Service
14th (10.30am) All-Age Service
21st (10.30am) Benefice service **at Essendine**
28th (10.30am) Communion Service

NEWS FROM THE CHURCH OF ST MARY MAGDALENE ESSENDINE

Greetings to you all from St Mary Magdalene's Church.

I hope you are all well and enjoyed the summer holidays. Across the country harvest is on-going and the new drilling has already started. It always amazes me how quickly the farming calendar moves on from combining the fields to planting the new crops.

In the Church we continue with the repairs and restoration due to the extensive flooding in January. The re-decoration of the church begins at the start of September. Then the restored Pipe Organ will return. The church will be closed to visitors during this time.

Our thoughts and prayers this month go to everyone starting a new term, from the first days at nursery or primary school, to those off to start their first adventure away from home at College or University; we wish you all every success and happiness.

To all those who are ill at home or in hospital our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families.

NO FAMILY SERVICE ON 7th September due to re-decoration.

HOLY COMMUNION – A service of Holy Communion will take place at St Mary's Church on Sunday 14th September 2025 at 9.30am. Everyone is very welcome to attend.

ESSENDINE BENEFICE SERVICE – A service of Holy Communion will take place on Sunday 21st September at 10.30am. Everyone from Essendine and surrounding villages is very welcome to attend.

Join us for Ride and Stride on 13th September from 10 – 4pm. We will be open all day! Come and see inside our beautiful church.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back to church in October for a Celebration Harvest Festival (date to be confirmed)

Katy Parkinson (Church Warden)

HAVE YOU VISITED LINCOLN CATHEDRAL?

Lincoln Cathedral has been the jewel in the crown of this wonderful city for nearly a thousand years. Towering high above the city, it can be seen for miles in every direction. No matter where you are in the city, the cathedral is visible.

The Cathedral has a remarkable history that makes it significant not only in this country, but on the worldwide stage not least because it was the tallest building in the world for more than 200 years.

It was built in 1072, but as is the case with most ancient cathedrals it has had many alterations, additions, updates and refurbishments over the centuries.

When alterations and additions were completed on the cathedral in 1311, the tip of its spire reached159 metres, surpassing the record held by the Great Pyramid of Giza in Egypt for thousands of years. Situated high on the north side of the Angel Choir is a strange little carving (pictured on p16) known as the **Lincoln Imp** , which has become the symbol of the city of Lincoln. The Angel Choir was built between 1250 and 1280, so the carving must date from then.

Legend has it that one day the Devil was in a frolicsome mood and sent two naughty creatures to cause mischief on Earth.

After allegedly stopping at Chesterfield, twisting the spire of St Mary and All Saints Church, the two imps went to Lincoln to wreak havoc in the city's Cathedral.

Upon arriving, the naughty imps went inside the cathedral and started to cause mayhem, knocking over the Dean, smashing the stained glass windows and destroying the candles. In a bid to put a stop to their antics, an angel was sent to warn the imps off causing any more chaos.

One of the imps hid underneath a table, whilst the other started throwing stones and rocks at the Angel in a final act of defiance - "Stop me if you can!" it cheekily retorted. In a moment of anger, the Angel turned the Imp to stone. He has remained in the same spot ever since, sitting cross-legged on top of the pillar overlooking the Angel Choir – a constant reminder of how good will always triumph over evil. If you have ever wondered why it's so windy outside the Cathedral? That's thought to be caused by the second Imp, waiting for his friend to return!

Sudoku

Easy Puzzle#1

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A STORY FROM LIGHT PROJECT PETERBOROUGH

Light Project Peterborough is the Bishop's Charity for 2025. This amazing charity works to enable and equip the church and community to heal the broken-hearted, set free the oppressed, and bring good news to the poor. It has been active in Peterborough since 2009 and continues to support wherever it can.

Over the years it has led City Chaplaincy, Winter Night Shelters, Rest Centres during the Covid 19 'Everyone In' initiative, Multi-Agency Community Support Teams and daytime services through the Garden House, based in the Cathedral grounds.

As part of our focus on its work we hear from a couple who were supported recently, but for their safety their names have been changed to Meriam and Elias, names chosen by the couple themselves.

Meriam and Elias arrived at the Garden House on Tuesday 8 October, having been repatriated from Lebanon due to the current war situation. When they arrived, they were very shaken and stressed due to having to leave family behind. Meriam said, "On my arrival, I was received by warm and kind people, to my belief they were angels in human form."

Meriam and Elias mentioned their plan was to go to another country to live with their son. Due to the speed in which they needed to leave Lebanon, Meriam had to be given emergency documents to fly to the UK, but to continue their journey to their son, both needed to renew passports. The Garden House was able to support Elias with the renewal of his passport, but Meriam's situation was complicated as she didn't have her previous passport, so the process of identification was going to take longer.

For the following three weeks, LPP staff supported the couple to work with the council to find temporary accommodation, supply them with food, drink and cooking equipment as well as toiletries, whilst supporting them with the application for their passports. Staff also attended appointments with them, advocated on their behalf and offered care and comfort where needed. LPP were able to communicate with their son to keep him updated about how things were going so he could book tickets for his parents. Meriam said "The staff have been taking care of us with the utmost kindness, and they made us feel at home. I felt that I was amongst my family."

Whilst Elias's passport arrived promptly, Meriam's took three weeks. It finally arrived on 29 October. Following this, their son was able to purchase plane tickets, and the couple left England on 2 November. They have kindly informed LLP that they arrived safely, and they can now be with their son and family. "We have been overwhelmed with your extraordinary kindness and we really appreciate all that you did for us, thank you!"

Although a very long and complicated situation, LLP were happy to be able to support both Meriam and Elias at such a difficult time. This is a very clear example of how homelessness can happen in many ways, under different circumstances and at any stage of our lives.

YOUR MAGAZINE NEEDS YOU!

Village News has been running for 23+ years in its present form and is distributed free of charge to over 2500 homes in Ryhall, Essendine and Carlby. It 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.

The magazine has until now been fully funded by commercial advertising. However, a combination of increasing print costs and the recession leading to a decline in advertising, means that we now need to source additional funding to secure the magazine's future as a printed resource. Whilst volunteers edit and distribute the magazine free of charge, our annual print costs are approximately **£7000.00** per annum.

We are looking at many options to ensure the magazine is available in print in the future including sponsorship, paid for content and grant aid as well as reducing print costs and we continue to work hard to bring in more advertising income.

Sadly, if we cannot raise more income soon we will have no option but to reduce the number of magazines printed each year or in the worst- case scenario go completely online.

How can you help?

- Encourage local businesses you know to advertise with us
- Make a voluntary contribution to support our costs – Sort Code: 51-81-08 Account No:84161787 Account Name: Village News
- Provide ideas for future income generation

If you can help, please contact us at
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THE SEASON OF CREATION

As we enter the month of September, many churches will spend some time focusing on the wonders of creation, with Harvest Festivals or other types of service. For some time now, the Church of England has named the period between 1st September and 4th October as Creationtide, or the Season of Creation, where we can give thanks to God for his gift to us in creation. It was good to witness an uplifting in the recent meeting of General Synod, where further liturgical resources were discussed.

As well as giving thanks to God, this period of time provides us with an opportunity to recommit ourselves to care for all that God has made. As a Diocese, we share in the commitment of the Church of England to become net carbon zero by 2030, an ambitious target, but one that is very important, and reminds us of the fifth Mark of Mission, 'to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth'. Maybe this is a month when you might like to think afresh about you can do to help reach the target. I am so encouraged to hear of churches that are engaging with Eco Church and delight that we now have some 'gold churches' amongst us. What an example they are!

Amongst the resources for Creationtide on the Church of England website, I came across this beautiful passage:
In every acorn there is the potential for a forest;
In every apple pip there is the potential for an orchard;
In every soul there is the potential for your kingdom to be established;full of joy and peace and love.
Lord, may your kingdom come in us and in all your creation.

May this be our prayer

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