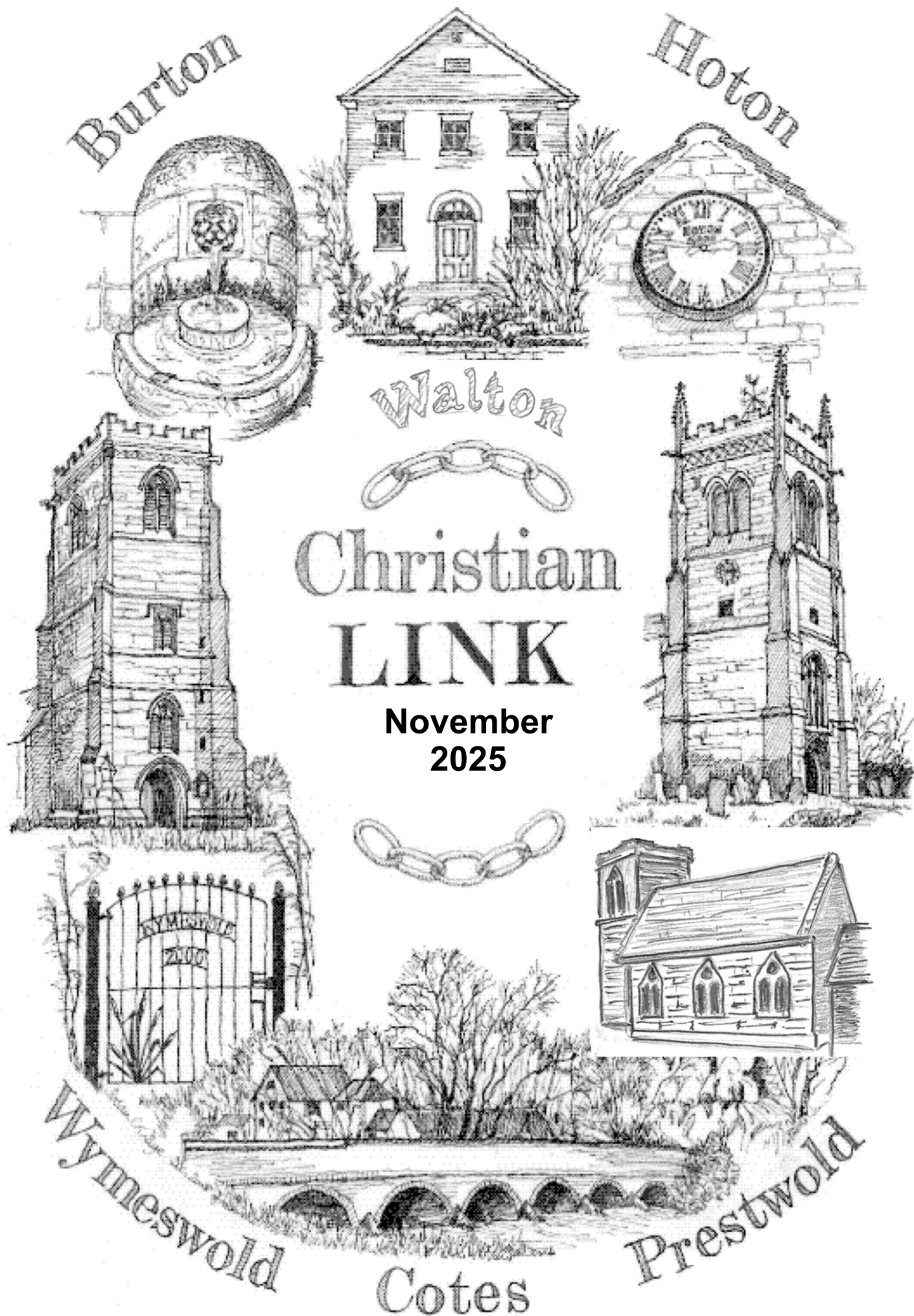




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The Christian *Link*

November
2025

Church News

Pastoral Letter

Dear Friends,

As I write this, I am sitting in my study looking out of the window at a day when the sun forgot to shine. The leaves on the trees are just about all fallen, and the garden is ready for its winter rest.

This has been a year of extremes in regards to the weather – the hottest summer ever recorded in Great Britain – loved by some, but not by all! September saw an excess of rain – much needed by gardens, reservoirs and farms, but not so welcome by those who work outdoors.

Although the summer is gone and the autumn is nearly over, we are coming to the start of our new church year. Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. A time to sit back and take stock of our lives, of our hopes and dreams for the future, and to remember all the wonderful gifts the good Lord has given us.

I have a friend who has a poster hanging in her 'smallest room', for (presumably) moments of contemplation. It reads: "I believe in the sun even when it is not shining..." Although it is hard to believe, we know it is summer when the calendar tells us it is. It may not be the summer we want or remember having in the past but it is still summer. The grass grows (and grows), the flowers come out in their myriad of colour, the young birds fly the nest and there is a general buzz in the air. It is Summer.

The poster goes on to read: I believe in love even when I am alone... For some, this is harder to believe – when they've never experienced love in any form. For most however, we thankfully have some experiences of love to hold on to and carry us through the loneliest times. We *know* there is such a thing as love out there, and that we have and will experience it even if we are suffering at the moment.

The poster's finale is this: I believe in God even when He is silent... There are many times when it seems that God is no longer there, or interested, or even exists. But for people of even a little faith, all we need to do is look to see signs of His existence. The beauty of creation sings its worship, the love of family, friends and even strangers show us Another's

compassion; the Bible speaks majestically of a God who is passionately in love with us as individuals as well as a race. And finally, when we allow it to, we see signs of faith and hope even in our own hearts and souls.

So as you prepare for the coming Advent season and look upon your life, make time to see the signs of life, hope and faith all around you; instead of focusing solely on what is missing.

Pam K



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Christian Link

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News from St Mary's Wymeswold

The new style outdoor Harvest Festival Service which was celebrated together by St Mary's and the Methodist church was much enjoyed and, weather permitting, will be continued in the future.

Huge thanks to Lorraine Ellison and the Wymeswold Textile Art Group for their exhibition in St Mary's. Their own work on display was stunning and other exhibits such as antique lace were beautiful.

Forthcoming Services

Sunday 2 November 4pm, All Souls Service, St Mary's, Wymeswold This is a service of thanksgiving and remembrance as we think of those we have loved and who are no longer with us. During the service there will be an opportunity to light a candle and have the name of your loved ones read out or you can just sit quietly at this peaceful service. All are welcome.

Plans for Remembrance Day have had to change because it is **not possible to hold the Remembrance Day Service in St Mary's** due to the extension of the works to the roof with scaffolding still in place inside the church. This is saddening for all of us at the church but we were left with no alternative. Peter Blount, the organiser, has made alternative arrangements:-

There will be a shorter outdoor service at the War Memorial on Clay Street.

The service will start at about 10:50am, in time for the 11am two minute silence. The Scout and Guide Parade will still parade around the village and will return to the Scout HQ after the Memorial Service at about 11:30am.

Sunday 1 December 10.30 am, Combined Benefice Service at St Andrew's, Prestwold. The churches of Wymeswold, Barrow and Walton on the Wolds will join the congregation at Prestwold as we celebrate together their patronal day in honour of St Andrew. Full details of our Christmas services will appear in December's Link.

Forthcoming Events

Heritage Project Events and Activities

Saturday 29 November 10.30am-2pm Exhibition of stained-glass art by the children of Wymeswold School During the summer term, the children of Wymeswold primary school created some stained glass window art pieces in response to the windows in St Mary's church. There will be a display of the children's work at St Mary's on 29 November. Light refreshments will be available.

There will also be an opportunity to make a Christmas card in a workshop for adults and children, using antique block prints, with Lorraine Ellison of Wymeswold Textile Art Group. The free workshop will run 11am to 12.30, there is no need to book just turn up.

Saturday 6 December

1.30pm Talk by Richard Ellison, "The Stones of St Mary's Church"

7.30pm Melton Gospel Choir Concert

Saturday 13 December 10.30am to 12noon

Christmas Tree and Mince Pie Morning and "Make a Victorian tree decoration" workshop for children and adults. We look forward to seeing you at our services and events.

Elizabeth Critchley

Wymeswold Methodist News

We start the month with our usual coffee morning on Saturday 1st November from 10.30am to 11.30am.

As also mentioned last month, we will be holding our United Worship on Sunday 2nd November as the following week the village will remember those who were lost in conflict at the annual Remembrance Day Parade Service outside the Memorial Hall in Clay Street.

Our Soup Lunches commenced again in October and we will be holding the second of these on the last Tuesday in November (25th) from 1pm. We are also looking forward to a visit from Elizabeth Tingle on November 11th at Warm Welcome when she will be updating us on the Heritage Project and the work at St Mary's. If you would also like to hear what is planned and what has been happening, please do come along and join us. Everyone is very welcome to come and join us at any of our Warm Welcome afternoons. Later in the month we will be finalising details of the Christmas Mini Market which will be held on Saturday 6th December from 10.30am to 12 noon with mince pies, jams, home made cakes & pies. So please put the date in your diaries now and come along and sample the home-made items.

The month ends on Advent Sunday 30th November with a Local Arrangement. This will be a more informal event and details will be posted on our Noticeboard and Wymeswold Methodist Church Facebook page. We hope that it will be something that you find interesting and would like to come take part in.

I would also like to thank Amelia and Kerry Trencher for arranging another of the Activity Afternoons during the half term break. Plans are being made to hold another afternoon between Christmas and New Year, so please look out in the joint December/January Link and on the Wymeswold Methodist Church Facebook page for more details of what is planned.

ADVANCE NOTICE SAVE THE DATE:- 6th December
Christmas Mini Market 10.30am – noon @ Chapel

Margaret Folwell

News Items and Adverts for next issue

Deadline date for the December issue is Friday 7th November.

Items submitted after the Deadline Date may not be included in the Link.

Please send *News Items, Articles or Social Adverts* to **Jenny Bokor** at 3, Rectory Place, Wymeswold.

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Apologies, but we ***cannot distribute any additional material*** with the Christian Link, e.g. flyers.

News From St Andrew's Church

November is the time when most of us start to concentrate on what we are going to do to get ready for Christmas; who we are going to send cards to, who to buy presents for and how are going to celebrate this wonderful birthday. We may still wait for a couple of weeks before doing anything about it but at least we will be thinking about it so this is what I call our preparation month so this is going to be a report on what is happening at St Andrew's.

Our **monthly afternoon teas** held at Burton-on-the-Wolds are still proving to be well supported, and the dates for these teas during the winter period are **11th November, 9th December, 13th January, 17th February, 10th March, again from 2.30 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. at the Burton-on-the-Wolds Village Hall.**

As I said in my October report, people of all ages are most welcome, even if it is just for a quick hello and a cuppa before collecting the children from school. Please come. The church will be open on the afternoon of the **Sunday, 9th November** as Prestwold is having a Wedding Fayre so if you are in the area please pop in, have a look round and maybe have a cup of tea. We take advantage of these days as with the location of the church it is difficult to leave it open at all times.

We are participating in the **Christmas Gift and Craft Fair** at Prestwold Hall on **the Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th November from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.** and will be running the raffle. Last year this went very well so we are hoping for similar success this year.

On the **7th December** we will be holding the **St Andrew's Christmas Craft Fair at the Hoton Village Hall.** Last year this proved to be a very enjoyable day.

Now - FUNDRAISING FOR THE REPAIR OF THE TOWER ROOF.

St. Andrew's is nestled in between spinneys in the beautiful grounds of the Prestwold Estate and is the Parish Church for people living in the villages of Hoton, Burton-on-the-Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold. The church belongs to The Church of England so we can call it "OUR CHURCH". There is a general assumption that this church is part of the Prestwold Hall Estate which is not so.

If you haven't been before, the church is a beautiful, little historical Parish church with a BIG PROBLEM in that the Tower roof urgently needs replacing. An initial amount of money needs to be raised by us before we can apply for grants which we intend to do – However, before we apply for the majority of the grants, we need to be seen to have collected a reasonable sum - in our case we estimate that to be another £10,000.

I am asking you please if you can help us to raise this initial sum by making a donation. I realise that in this country and, it appears all over the world, there is extreme financial pressure at the moment but we are not asking for hundreds (unless you have it spare!) - anything you can manage would be greatly appreciated.

St. Andrew's has a QR code where any donations come directly to us -



We also have an "easy fundraising account" whereby every time you shop online, a large number of companies ask where you would like to make a free donation. If you participate in this and with Christmas being in a few months time, I feel sure this would be quite a good little earner.

The easy fundraising account is
"easyfundraising.org.uk/standrewschurchprestwold"

I sincerely hope that you can help us with raising this money for the repair of the Tower Roof - it is rather an urgent project and any donations would be most welcome.

We look forward to seeing you at the various functions. If you are new to us please come and introduce yourselves - we'd love to meet you.

Diary Dates

9 th November	Church Open - 1.00p.m. – 4.00 p.m. Prestwold Wedding Fayre
11 th November	Afternoon tea – 2.30 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. The Village Hall, Burton-on-the-Wolds
15 th /16 th November	Christmas Gift and Craft Fair 11 am to 4,00 p.m. at Prestwold Hall
7 th December -	St Andrew's Christmas Craft Fayre Hoton Village Hall
9 th December-	Afternoon tea – 2.30 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. The Village Hall, Burton-on-the-Wolds

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Wymeswold News

A bittersweet farewell to the little Village Shop

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Whilst we say our goodbyes, we'd like to welcome your new owner who is also called Raj (made it easy for you all to remember) who will now be taking over. Please give him the same support, love and belonging that you have given to all of us. We will still be in and out to help him transition smoothly to ensure you have the best customer service. Feel free to come and say goodbye.

We will be continuing our Wymeswold curry night soon, so look out on here for weekly menus!

*Lots of love to all of you
Raj, Manisha
Krishna, Priya & Meera."*

FAREWELL GIFT TO RAJ AND FAMILY

In recognition of the excellent and friendly service given by Raj and his family to the village over the past 16 years, particularly during lockdown, a collection will be taken to allow them to choose something to remind them of their time among us in Wymeswold.

Collection boxes will remain in The Three Crowns, The Windmill, The Pharmacy and Stacey's Hair Salon until the 10th of November. Donations will then be counted by Susan Paterson and Peter Blount and passed on to Raj.

A notice will appear in December's link to let people know how much was collected.

Peter & Lesley Blount



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Wymeswold Remembrance day Parade and Service



Sunday 9th November

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Scouts and Guides will leave scout HQ at 10.30 and proceed around the village up London Lane, Far Street, The Stockwell, Brook Street and Clay Street to the Memorial Hall.

They will Depart at 11.30 back to Scout HQ.

Unfortunately it is **not possible to hold the Remembrance Day Service in St Mary's** due to the extension of the works to the roof with scaffolding still in place inside the church.

There will be the Usual Band, RAF, Citation, Wreath laying and Role of Honour on the Day.

If you are attending, please be guided by the Marshals.

We are asking residents of Clay Street to remove all cars from the bottom end of Clay Street please. (This is an official road closure with the Highways department).

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WYMESWOLD PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

New councillor

At the October meeting Christopher Isherwood was co-opted to fill the casual vacancy created by the resignation of Richard Higgins in September. We are delighted to have Christopher on board and look forward to having him as part of the team.

New Vice Chair

Councillor Jeff Weston was unanimously elected as the new Vice Chair of the parish Council for the remainder of 2025-26. Councillor Laura Mills continues as Chair. As well as being a parish councillor, Jeff is also one of our village flood wardens.

New councillor email addresses

All parish councillors now have dedicated councillor email addresses for council business. This is a requirement to comply with the audit requirements for the financial year 2025-26 onwards, and also good practice. Addresses for each councillor can be found on our website. Emails relating to administrative, procedural or financial matters, or for the attention of the council as a whole, should still be sent to the clerk in the first instance.

Parking problems and highway obstructions

We have received many emails in the past few weeks about inconsiderate parking in and around the village, particularly on the grass verges and near to the school and cemetery. It is very easy to report any such problems to Leicestershire County Council via the 'Report a Road Problem' page on Leicestershire County Council's website. We are happy to help if need be, but reporting problems directly is usually the quickest way to get a resolution.

[Report a road problem | Leicestershire County Council](#)

Sustainable Christmas Tree

As part of efforts to promote diversity and sustainability, the Council has decided to plant a Christmas Tree this year, in the hope that it will bring festive joy for many years to come. We have taken advice from experts, and will plant a slightly smaller tree, as this is more likely to develop strong roots and thrive.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday 3rd November at 7pm, upstairs at the Memorial Hall, Clay Street (lift available). Members of the public are welcome to attend, and the first 15 minutes are given over to public participation.

Emma Andrews

Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer

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CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY PRESENT



The Pop In Cafe Christmas Community Present is back again!

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Any local organisation that supports the community will be eligible - the lucky recipient will be decided by the number of votes it receives from the local community.

Votes will only be taken at our Coffee Mornings in November and December - one vote, per person, per visit. No purchase is necessary but we hope you stay to sample our coffee and cake.

The winner will be announced at the end of our Coffee Morning Christmas Special on 19th December.

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Mary Opie

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Burton, Walton Hoton, Prestwold

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Sunday December 7th

Christmas Craft Fair in support of St Andrews Church

Christmas Coffee Morning

Thursday December 18th

From 10.30 to 12.00

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Monday Evening

Brownies

Wednesday evening

Table Tennis 6.30pm drop in all welcome

Friday Morning

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Emma Halliday

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Hotonvillagehall@gmail.com

BURTON ON THE WOLDS GARDENING CLUB

The Gardening Club's Autumn programme got off to an inspiring start with Karen Gimson's lavishly illustrated presentation of bulbs, corms and tubers in our gardens. This was followed by a talk in October by Andrew Ward on using colour in the garden – both were inspiring ways to help us plan our own green spaces!

Our next event will be on **Thursday 20th November**, when Nick Martin will be speaking on **Wildlife in Your Own Garden**. Nick has a passion for nature and the countryside and has forged a career in conservation, working for the RSPB and the Wildlife Trust. As a professional photographer, his presentation on *Wildlife in your Garden* should be an inspiring and informative presentation. As usual, this will take place in Burton Village Hall at 7.30pm.

The Gardening Club always welcomes new members, or local people who would just like to attend for the occasional meeting - there is no obligation to join! Club Membership costs £15 per year, but for those wishing to join us at this late stage in the year, your membership will take you forward to include 2026 membership! The charge for non-members

attending is £4 per session. You can pay your membership fee at any meeting or by BACS (please contact me for details jackie@edwards66.plus.com) We welcome new members from the neighbouring villages as well as Burton.

The Gardening Club is looking for volunteers! We are a very small committee and could really use some able-bodied help to get the Village Hall set up before each meeting and packed up again at the end. Would you be willing to volunteer? If so, you would be welcome to stay for the session without paying the fee. We'll even offer a cup of tea and a biscuit!

Burton Gardening Club Committee 2025: Maggie Pickford (Chair), Sue Eggleston (Secretary), Jackie Edwards (Treasurer), Rosemary Adams (Bookings Secretary).

Jackie Edwards

BURTON ON THE WOLDS, COTES AND PRESTWOLD PARISH COUNCIL

PLANTATION AT TOWLES FIELD NEEDS YOUR HELP

The Parish Council owned Plantation at Towles Field is required to have an independent tree inspection every 3 years in order to make sure it is a safe environment for all that use it, for dog walking, exploring, forest school or just taking a nice walk through the woodland. The tree inspection reported that a large number of diseased or dying trees will need to be felled over the next 12 months. Ideally this needs to happen before the end of February 2026 to avoid bird nesting season.

In order to keep the Plantation open, Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council need your help to raise some funding which will assist covering some of the cost of the essential felling.

A crowdfunding page has been set up; please use this QR code to make donations and to read more about the Plantation.



GRAND OPENING OF THE NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ON SOWTERS LANE

The Chairman of the Parish Council, Robert Shields has been formally invited to open the show home at the newly developed housing estate on Sowters Lane. The opening ceremony, will mark a significant milestone in the area's growth and development. The event will include a ribbon-cutting ceremony and guided tours of the show home.

MILLENNIUM GARDEN AT THE VILLAGE HALL AND BRICKWOOD PLACE

The Millennium Garden at the Village Hall and Brickwood Place, which is also considered to be an entrance to the Village of Burton on the Wolds will both be having a significant face lift. The Millennium Garden will be tidied up, given some new planting in a similar colour scheme, given more structure and a heavy covering of bark to keep the weeds at bay and make it easier to maintain. Brickwood place will have a new selection of shrubs to give interest and colour all year round and also finished with a heavy covering of bark.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Tuesday 4th November at 7.30 p.m. at Burton on the Wolds Village Hall, unless advised otherwise.

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Hoton Parish Council News

Councillor Vacancies

The Parish Council currently has two vacancies for Councillors and we looking for any villager who cares about their village and who would like to have an impact on decision making and looking after the village. This role does not require a vast amount of your time and the Parish Council only meet once a month with all additional contact via email. If you would be interested to find out more about this role, please email the Clerk for details clerk@hotonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Recreation Ground Raised Beds

Have you been to the Hoton Recreation ground lately and seen the lovely new raised beds.

Hoton Parish Council commissioned these for replacement as the previous ones were falling to pieces. Don't they look lovely? What a great addition to the area.



Lease of the Hoton Recreation Ground

Hoton Parish Council lease the recreation ground land from Charnwood Borough Council. The lease runs on a 25-year cycle. The current 25-year lease is now due for renewal. Up until now Hoton Parish Council have only been required to pay a peppercorn rate of £1 per year. However, Charnwood Borough Council have confirmed that they are no longer able to offer peppercorn rates and that 'any lease renewal will need to be based on an assessment of rental value determined by a Chartered Surveyor. The use of the land including other factors such as benefits to the local community would be factored in when making the determination'.

As we are sure you can appreciate the Parish Council may not be in a position to be able to cover the cost of what the rental increment could be and we await further information from Charnwood Borough Council. If we are to continue to lease the recreation ground, the new rental cost will have to be incorporated in the 2026/2027 budget.

Mrs Victoria Webster
Clerk

Hoton Parish Council

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It's not too late to get started or make a change

Personally, I love this time of year. Late autumn brings crispy leaves, cooler temperatures and darker evenings. It's an opportunity to slow down, get cosy and reflect on what's happened so far this year – and perhaps what is to come. As the days get shorter, the seasonal shift is nature's reminder that change can be beautiful. Just like the trees shed their leaves, November invites us to release what we no longer need — old habits, stale routines, even thought patterns that no longer serve us.

And even though we're in the last months of 2025, we can still make great changes this year, if we want to. Do you have a specific goal in mind that might have been put on the back burner? Has life got in the way of something you hoped to achieve this year, but haven't yet managed?

I'd like to share a simple yet powerful technique that might just help you.

Firstly, take some slow, deep breaths... breathe in deeply through your nose and blow out through your mouth, as if you're blowing out candles on a cake. Repeat five times.

Then close your eyes and imagine your preferred future self.

Give this version of you a time and date context. Is it Christmas, New Year, perhaps in six months, or twelve months — whatever feels right for you.

Now ask yourself the following questions, visualising each answer...

How do you look, and what are you wearing? Make the colours really bright.

What can you hear, and what's going on around you? Is it music, laughter, great conversation, or perhaps just tranquil peace?

What can you see around you? Friends, family, a special place, or simply a calm and relaxing safe space?

What can you smell and what can you taste?

How do you feel in yourself at this moment? Remember, this is the preferred you, in an ideal world. Maybe you feel really happy and content; healthy, free of stress, calm, relaxed, free of pain... Whatever your ideal version of you is, hold it in your mind. Feel the benefits. Feel the joy, as if you are there now.

Take a few moments to bask in this powerful energy. Imagine this is you now — and that everything you wanted to achieve for yourself has already happened, as you picture this better version of you.

You can carry this wonderful energy into the rest of your day, week, and year. Keep bringing this image of yourself to mind whenever you need a little boost. You'll be surprised at just how powerful it can become. The brain doesn't know the difference between imagination and reality — and when

we start to focus on who we want to be, we begin to live in alignment with that future self.

Enjoy it. And let me know how you get on. Feel free to drop me a message with any observations, comments or questions, and I'll do my best to reply as soon as I can.

Emily Bentham is a Solution Focused Hypnotherapist in Wymeswold. Emily offers face-to-face appointments from her new garden hypno-pod, helping people improve their lives. Visit emilybenthamhypnotherapy.com to learn more.

Emily Bentham

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The next WHO meeting is **Tuesday 18th November** when **Ralph Emmerson** will recall the **Wellington Bomber Crash** close to Wymeswold in 1940. This is commemorated by the eagle on the wall of Wymeswold's pharmacy. Ralph is related to one of the airmen who died and has researched the lives of those killed and the circumstances of the crash.

**WHO
WOLDS
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This talk will take place in the WHO's usual venue: the Jubilee Room of Wymeswold Memorial Hall, Clay Street, Wymeswold, LE12 6TY and start promptly at 7.45 p.m.. Non-members most welcome but will be asked to contribute £3.00. There is a lift to the Jubilee Room if visitors have difficulty with stairs.

Details of all the WHO talks for 2025 are online at www.hoap.co.uk/who/

Bob Trubshaw
Vice-Chair, Wolds Historical Organisation
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MISSING CAT

Since Friday 12th September



This is our beloved Barney. He went out on the 12th of September and has not been seen since. He likes to roam around the Wymeswold Nature Reserve on Narrow Lane, but his last sighting puts him a mile from his house so we think he has got lost and disoriented. He may have now travelled to a different village or be in the Wolds farmland. Please can you keep an eye out for him. We're very worried, miss him so much, and just want him home.

If you have any info please call

07846081232

RAISING THE ROOF

Tickets are selling fast for the "Raising the Roof 25" Charity Concert on Saturday, 29th November at 7 pm in Hodson Hall, Loughborough Grammar School. Tickets cost £10 or £5 and can be purchased online at www.beaconrotary.org.

The concert features Charnwood Community Choir led by Caroline Sharpe and Loughborough Concert Band conducted by Dave Coble. Organised by Loughborough Beacon Rotary, proceeds support charities including LOROS.

Jackie Edwards



Diary Dates

November

Friday 7th	Coffee morning at Wymeswold Memorial hall 10am-12
Friday 7th	First Friday at Hoton Village Hall 6.30pm
Saturday 8th	Scout Bonfire at Wymeswold Scout Hut
Sunday 9th	Remembrance Day Service and Parade 10.50am at Wymeswold Memorial Hall. See p4 for details.
Tuesday 11th	Coffee & cake at Burton on the Wolds Village Hall 2.30-4pm
Tuesday 11th	Warm Welcome at Wymeswold Chapel
Thursday 20th	Burton on the Wolds Gardening club Talk 7.30pm at Burton Village Hall
Thursday 20th	Coffee morning at Hoton Village Hall 10.30am-noon
Tuesday 25th	Soup lunch at Wymeswold Chapel 1pm
Friday 21st	Coffee morning at Wymeswold Memorial hall 10am-12
Saturday 29th	Exhibition of stained-glass art by the children of Wymeswold School and Christmas card making at Wymeswold St Mary's Church 10.30am -2pm

December

Friday 5th	Coffee morning at Wymeswold Memorial hall 10am-12
Friday 5th	Christmas Tree light switch on at Hoton Village Hall 6.30pm
Saturday 6th	Christmas mini market at Wymeswold Chapel 10.30-noon
Sunday 7th	Christmas Craft Fayre at Hoton Village Hall
Tuesday 9th	Coffee & cake at Burton on the Wolds Village Hall 2.30-4pm
Saturday 13th	Christmas Tree and Mince Pie morning at Wymeswold St Mary's
Thursday 18th	Christmas Coffee morning at Hoton Village Hall 10.30-Noon
Friday 19th	Coffee morning at Wymeswold Memorial hall 10am-12

Church Services

Sunday 2nd November

St Andrew's, Prestwold	9.15am	Holy Communion
Holy Trinity, Barrow	10am	Morning Praise
St Mary's, Wymeswold	11am	At Methodists
St Mary's, Wymeswold	4pm	All Souls Service

Monday 3rd November

Holy Trinity, Barrow	6pm	All Souls Service
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Wednesday 5th November

Holy Trinity, Barrow	10am	Morning Prayer
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Sunday 9th November

St Andrew's, Prestwold	9.15am	Remembrance
Holy Trinity, Barrow	10am	Remembrance
Wymeswold Memorial Hall	10.45am	Remembrance

Tuesday 11th November

Walton St Mary's	10.45am	Act of Remembrance
Holy Trinity, Barrow	2pm	Barrow Remembers

Wednesday 12th November

Holy Trinity, Barrow	10am	Holy Communion BCP
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Sunday 16th November

St Andrew's, Prestwold	9.15am	Holy Communion
Holy Trinity, Barrow	10am	Holy Communion
St Mary's, Wymeswold	11am	Morning Praise
Holy Trinity, Barrow	6pm	Healing Service

Wednesday 19th November

Holy Trinity, Barrow	10am	Morning Praise
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Thursday 20th November

Holy Trinity, Barrow	7pm	SVMC Commissioning Service
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Sunday 23rd November

St Andrew's, Prestwold	9.15am	Holy Communion BCP
Holy Trinity, Barrow	10am	Holy Communion
St Mary's, Wymeswold	11am	Holy Communion
St Mary's, Wymeswold	6pm	Evensong BCP

Wednesday 26th November

Holy Trinity, Barrow	10am	Holy Communion BCP
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Sunday 30th November

St Andrew's, Prestwold	10.30am	Patronal Service
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Wymeswold Methodist Services

Sunday 2nd November

11am at Chapel – Mrs Janet Norbury, Utd Holy Communion

Sunday 9th November

10.45am at Wymeswold Memorial Hall - Remembrance

Sunday 16th November

10.30am Circuit Service at Quorn United Church.

Sunday 23rd November

11am at Chapel – Mrs Eleri Bristow – Preaching Service

Sunday 30th November

Local Arrangement – Details on our Noticeboard & Facebook page to follow.

Roman Catholic Services: East Leake & Keyworth:

Father Michael (Parish Priest), Our Lady of the Angels, Main Street, East Leake (01509 852147).

Our Lady of the Angels – Catholic Church (eastleakecatholic.org).

Holy Mass- Saturday (Vigil) at 6.00 pm, Sunday Mass 11am, Children's Liturgy available at each Sunday morning Mass. Our Lady of the Angels, Main Street, East Leake.

Sunday at 11 am St Margaret Clitherow, Willow Brook, Keyworth.

St Mary's, Ashby Road in Loughborough Holy Mass Saturday 6pm, Sunday 9am and 11.15 am Parish priest Fr Paul Gilham IC Tel 01509 262123.

Methodist

Rev Nina Austin: revbiker_nj59@btinternet.com Tel: 01664 566847 Day Off: Saturday

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Office hrs: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 10am to 2pm loughboroughmethodist@gmail.com

Church Stewards: Margaret Folwell (880770).

Barrow Baptist Church

Ministers: Rev Neil Jones, Beveridge Street, Barrow upon Soar, 01509 416603 office@barrowbaptist.org.uk

Services are held at 10am on Sunday mornings. There are various mid-week groups for all ages, please contact us for more information.

Barrow & Wolds Group of Churches

The Benefice of Barrow-upon-Soar with Walton le Wolds, Wymeswold and Prestwold with Hoton.

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