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Dear Residents of Doddington

Please excuse my indulgence as I use this opportunity to thank everyone who helped to make the Celebration of Harvest, Flowers and Community such a wonderful weekend. I think the title could have been shortened to a Celebration of Community, because that is exactly what it was. So many people played a part, and that was the beauty of it. The positivity, the kindness, generosity and willingness to help was amazing and it was lovely to see the church filled with people of all ages enjoying the singing and music. So, whether your contribution was great or small, practical or artistic, or you were simply a visitor, your involvement and support made a huge difference to me and was very much appreciated.

In the centre pages of this issue, you will find the service sheet for our annual Remembrance Sunday service. This will be held on the 8th November, beginning at 10.45am with the short parade. Tea and coffee (for a donation to the Poppy Appeal) will be available from 10.30am - 12 noon from The Three Tuns (drink in or take away). Bring along your Diary so that you can follow the service as we join together to remember and thank those who gave so much for us. There will also be a service of Remembrance at 2.30pm in the Methodist Church, which will be held inside!

With the harvest gathered in and the arrival of the shorter nights, there is no doubt that we are moving into the "Christmas Season". There is a full day of village events planned for **Saturday 21st November**. At The Three Tuns (Mally's Pizza and Flour Tub cakes and pastries will be available from 3pm and JC's Disco from 7.30pm), Askham Village Community (Christmas Fayre 11am - 4pm, with donkey rides, a magical snow globe, Santa's Grotto, Christmas games, live singers, face painting, stalls and food!) in the centre of the village there will be the Christmas Fair and singing as we gather for the big switch on of the lights at 4.30pm and then the Scouts have their Christmas Bingo at 5.15pm - so something for everyone, do go along and enjoy this wonderful community day.

Remember, the Diary is a great way to share your activities, we just ask for you to get your information to us by the 15th of the month.

From Sally, the Editor

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Harvest Weekend: A Community Gathered, A Heart Deepened



There are moments in parish life when the threads of a community draw together so beautifully that you can almost feel them in your hands. Our recent Celebration of Harvest, Flowers and Community was one of those occasions, a tapestry of colour, sound, prayer and shared life that revealed something of God's generosity not only in creation, but in the people who call this village home.

The weekend began with the Lionel Walden School Harvest service, filling the church with the unmistakable energy of children who bring their whole selves into worship. Their joy set the tone for what followed: a wonderful Open the Book performance by the Future Stars 20twenty Productions, Guides and Scouts, retelling Scripture with such sincerity and delight, enthusing us with beautiful renditions of the songs telling the story of Joseph, that many of us found ourselves smiling, long after the final line was spoken. On Saturday we had the joy of being taken on a journey through time as we learnt about the history of the St Mary's and the many Rectors who have served here, and then an evening of celebration with the Upwood Uukeles. On Sunday, our Celtic inspired Harvest service invited us into a quieter, more contemplative space, a chance to breathe, to listen, and to recognise God's presence in the rhythms of the land and the turning of the seasons.

We concluded with a Songs of Praise service that felt like the whole weekend gathering itself into one final offering. For me, it held a particularly tender moment as my ten-year-old son read the Bible passage for the first time. Watching him stand before the congregation, voice steady and heart full, touched me more deeply than I expected. It was a reminder that faith grows not only in the grand moments, but in these gentle steps taken by our children as they find their place within the life of the church.

As someone experiencing my first harvest season in a farming community, I found the weekend profoundly moving. Seeing how closely daily life here is tied to the land has deepened my own connection to God's creation. It has stirred in me a renewed desire for our family to be more faithful in our stewardship, to live more gently, more gratefully, and more attentively to the world entrusted to us. It has also enriched my own reflective practice, inviting me to notice God's presence in the soil, the seasons, and the quiet labour that sustains us all.

And I sensed I was not alone. In conversations throughout the weekend, I heard similar stirrings in others, a renewed appreciation for creation, a desire to live more thankfully, and a recognition that God speaks through the land as surely as through Scripture. Harvest reminded us that when a community gathers, grace gathers with it. What a gift it was to witness.

Revd. Sean D. Barrington, Curate in the Six Fen Benefice
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St Mary's Church Services



Sunday 1st November

- 10.30 am Holy Communion, Doddington**
- 9.30 am Breakfast Church, Wimblington
- 10.30 am Morning Prayer, Christchurch
- 3.00 pm All Souls Service, Doddington**

Sunday 8th November

- 10.45 am Remembrance, Doddington**
- 10.15 am Remembrance, Benwick
- 10.30 am Remembrance, Wimblington
- 10.45 am Remembrance, Christchurch
- 10.45 am Remembrance, Welney
- 3.00 pm Remembrance, Manea



Tuesday 10th November

- 1.30 pm Cafe Church, Church Rooms, Doddington**

Sunday 15th November

- 10.30 am Morning Prayer, Doddington**
- 10.30 am Holy Communion, Christchurch

Sunday 22nd November

- 10.30 am Holy Communion, Wimblington
- 10.30 am Morning Prayer, Manea
- 3.00 pm Holy Communion, Welney

Sunday 29th November

- 10.30 am United Benefice Service, Doddington**

Canon Mark Collinson,
Rector of St Mary's and the Six Fen Churches
Email mark@sixfenchurches.org or text 07874847157.

Anna Chaplaincy

Jenny Holding's role as an Anna Chaplain, is about being a champion for older people who might be feeling isolated, lonely, or struggling with big life changes like retirement or losing a loved one.



If you feel Jenny could help you or someone you know, please reach out to her on 01354 740894 or email contact@sixfenchurhes.org

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SATURDAY 28TH NOVEMBER

10am - 2pm

Please do come and join us at **Doddington Court** for our Christmas Fete.

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10th October
Herb Bradshaw**

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**on 30th November
Norma Roake
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from Jane
and everyone in
Doddington!**

Methodist Church

Sunday 8th November : 2.30pm : Remembrance Service
Rev Lorna Valentine

Sunday 6th December : 2.30pm : Carol Service
Rev Lorna Valentine

EVERYONE WELCOME

Monday: No events

Tuesday: Under 5s: 10 - 11.30am

Wednesday: Auction: 6 - 8.00pm

Thursday: No events

Friday: Under 5s: 10 - 11.30am



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For more information or bookings

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Girlguiding

Girlguiding Doddington was very pleased to be part of the Celebration of Harvest, Flowers and Community held in the Church early October.



On the Friday evening some of our Guides and Brownies took part in performing a reading of Joseph along with Future Stars, 20twenty Productions and the Scouts. It was great to be part of this community event and see so many people watching the performance.

For the weekend, we really enjoyed creating our flower displays, putting up the Brownies' harvest bunting and hiding their colourful mice around the church. We also held a Harvest Sip and Paint evening; we would like to say thank you to the artists who allowed us to display their work in Church for the weekend. They did all look fantastic on show.

Rainbows have been working on their "My Thoughts" badge, their first challenge was to discuss with everyone what they liked about Rainbows. They were very excited to name their favourite games and activities. One of their favourite activities was baking. Rainbows decorated cupcakes and learnt how to use a piping bag to make their cakes look extra special. Just before half term we had a fun Halloween party with some spooky costumes and ghostly games.

Brownies were tasked to do 30 random challenges in 60 minutes, this was to see how well they can work as a team and use each other's skills. Tasks included putting an arm in a sling, tying a reef knot and drawing a map. Girls had a go at trash fashion, designing and creating an autumn themed outfit from newspaper. A lot of creative mess was made but they managed to show off some trendy designs with accessories on the catwalk at the end of the evening.

During October, our Guides travelled by coach to join 10,000 Girl Guides for an amazing Big Gig at Wembley Arena. There was plenty of singing, dancing and fantastic performances from JLS, The Wanted 2.0, Carla Monroe, Kerry Ellis, Midnight in Vegas, Charlie Hedges and Scouting for Girls! The girls made some brilliant memories, and it was so special to be part of such a huge gathering of Girlguiding members, seeing just how many of us are out there!



On the 16th October, the Guides packed their warm clothing for their outdoor cardboard box sleepover, to raise money for two great causes: The Ferry Project, a local charity supporting people experiencing homelessness, and our own Guide unit for our future adventures. Even though it was probably the coldest night for a long time, they all did really well.



If you would like to support the girls in their challenge, donations would still be very much appreciated. Every contribution, however big or small, will help them reach their fundraising target and make their sleepout even more worthwhile. Just scan the bar code to make your donation.

Our Rangers group enjoyed an evening meeting playing pool at J P's Snooker and Pool, Chatteris. We have started our Creative Writing badge, with Rangers writing a letter to their favourite character then swapping letters to write a reply. Characters were created and drawn ready to be used to write a short story.



Date for your Diary:

Christmas Sip and Paint

Saturday 5th December : 7pm at the Pavilion

If you are interested in joining or volunteering with any of our units, or would like to find out more about us, we would love to hear from you. Rainbows are 4-7 years old, Brownies are 7-10 years old, Guides are 10-14 years and any volunteer can be aged 14 + (Duke of Edinburgh Volunteers are welcomed!).

Please contact Abbey on abbeycater@hotmail.co.uk.
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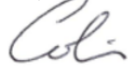
But years later, another question may arise. Should that £50,000 be taken into account when your estate is eventually divided between your children?

There is no single right answer, because families don't always need the same things at the same time.

This month, we look at the difference between treating children equally and treating them fairly, and why the intention behind financial help can sometimes matter just as much as the amount involved.

Scan the QR code to read the full article and find out what to look for and how a little planning today can protect your loved ones tomorrow.

Regards,



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Women's Institute

Sally Shortland welcomed members and three visitors to the October meeting.



The Ladybird boat trip from Hartford Marina to Godmanchester had been very relaxing and the weather was perfect. Everyone had enjoyed it, especially looking for wildlife.

Various notices and invitations to Federation events were given. Also the Federation now has a Facebook page.

The 2027 Programme is nearly sorted even though Margaret Playford the organiser was in hospital.

The display had been completed, ready for the Harvest Festival. The Christmas Lights switch-on was discussed when we will have a tombola with prizes for adults and children.

The entries for the Centennial Competition, a hand made rag doll, have been sent away to be judged and the results will be given next month.



A Flower Arrangement demonstration was given by Ann Purt. She made three beautiful arrangements which were donated to the raffle together with a bunch of flowers. Ann was thanked by Elaine Stratford.

The hostesses were Janine Woodhams and Gill Jolley.

The competition was for an arrangement of pine cones and Diana Philpot won with 20 points.

Next month there will be a Games/Social evening and the competition will be a Firework Collage.

Please contact Elaine Stratford secretary for more information
(tel. 462057) or elainestratford@tiscali.co.uk

The Fenland Woolly Hub

The aim of the Woolly Hub is to bring people together, reduce social isolation, and give individuals a sense of purpose through creating handmade blankets for vulnerable people across the Fenland area. Volunteers knit or crochet squares that are joined together and distributed to places such as local hospitals, care homes, and other community settings where they can provide comfort and support. The project is particularly important for people who may feel isolated due to age, ill health, disability, caring responsibilities, or limited access to transport. By providing opportunities to take part both in person and from home, The Fenland Woolly Hub creates meaningful social connections, builds confidence, and helps people feel valued as part of a wider community. Participants gain a sense of achievement from knowing that their contributions are making a real difference to the lives of others.

We wanted to let you know what we have been up to recently at The Fenland Woolly Hub HQ (based at The Fenland Camping and Caravan Park, Wimblington) and how you can get involved.

We have had a fantastic response to our call for wool, and we have had some wonderful donations of needles and crochet hooks. With these donations and thanks to our fabulous volunteer knitters and crocheters, since May we have been able to donate 100 blankets to great causes, with 50 going to Peterborough Hospital.



If you wish to help, donate materials, know someone who would benefit from a wool drop off, or know of a great cause who could use some blankets please get in touch via our Facebook page or on 01354 740354.

The Fenland Woolly Hub

Fundraiser event on
Sunday 1st November
10am - 2 pm at
Fenland Camping and Caravan

ALL WOOL 1P PER GRAM

We have some wool that we can't use for deliveries so we are making it available to you! Come along and make a donation or trade in your unwanted wool (double knit/ Aran/ chunky please) for something different (we have a mix of superchunky, cotton, mohair, cones and sock wool).

We have an abundance of craft magazines, knitting needles/patterns and every other thing relating to sewing, knitting and crochet for sale that you can possibly imagine!

We are going to use the money to advertise locally so that we can reach beyond the world of Facebook.

Members of the Hub team will be there with demonstrations if you want to learn crafting skills and how to support the Hub.

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Christmas Lights



By the time you read this, most of the lights and displays will be in place, ready for the big event, **THE CHRISTMAS FAIR AND SWITCH-ON** on Saturday 21st November 2026.

This year promises to be the biggest and best so far.

We have over 50 vendors for the Christmas Fair. We had such an amazing response to the call for stallholders that we have had to spread into the Church Rooms as well as the Methodist and Village Halls. There will be many, many ideas for Christmas Shopping as we have lots of new vendors offering a full range of artisan crafts, plus all the local groups and some favourite previous vendors.

Father Christmas will be in his fabulous Grotto from 1pm to meet your children and give them a gift.

We are also excited to announce that the Lionel Walden School Choir will be performing in the Village Hall at 3pm.

The lights will be switched on by the Carnival Prince, Hunter Freear and Princess, Daisy Bannister at 4.30pm. We hope you will agree that the money and time we have spent on repairing, refurbishing and replacing some lights has been worth it, with a brighter and even more festive feel to the village.

In addition to the stallholders, Really Awesome Coffee – Wisbech will be at the front of the Methodist Hall from 10.30 – 5pm selling barista style coffees and snacks. More refreshments will be available in the Village Hall.

Also, in the George car park from 3pm we will have a Doddington Christmas Lights Committee games tent with games for the family to try. By popular request, Jo Manning will be back this year, on the trailer in the George car park. She will be performing from 3.40pm leading up to the switch on and again just after.

You still have time to register your sponsorship of one or more of the pole decorations for £25 per pole. Please contact us with your wording or logo by Wednesday 11th November to allow us time to have the Sponsor boards printed.

If you wish to sponsor one of the larger displays i.e. Village Green - £50 or the School fence display- £50, Methodist Hall or Clock Tower- £35 each please contact us as follows: Text: 07935282070 : Facebook: Doddington Xmas Lights Email: doddingtonchristmaslights@btinternet.com

We are so grateful to everyone who has already returned their envelope with a donation. We can accept these at any time or if you wish to make a donation online you can scan this QR code or use our Just Giving page following this link:

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Tickets for the Grand Christmas Draw are now available from The One Stop or any committee member and they will also be available on the 21st November at all venues at the Christmas Fair. The tickets are £2 each and the prizes are amazing: 1 prize of £300, 2 prizes of £200, 3 prizes of £100. Plus vouchers and other prizes.

We really hope to see you at the Christmas Fair and Switch-On. There are other events also going on in Doddington that day at the Three Tuns and Askham Village. So enjoy the lovely community vibe around the village

To contact Doddington Christmas Lights:

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DODDINGTON CHRISTMAS LIGHTS
PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

10.30AM-5PM – Really Awesome Coffee – Wisbech will be at the front of the Methodist Hall serving barista style coffees, teas and hot and cold snacks.

1PM – 4PM – The Doddington Christmas Fair opens its doors at the Church Rooms, The Methodist Church and the Village Hall.

3PM – Lionel Walden School Choir will perform on stage in the Village Hall

3.40PM – Jo Manning gets us in the Christmas mood performing on the trailer in the George car park.

4.30PM – **SPECTACULAR CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH-ON**

4.35PM – Jo Manning closes the celebrations with a couple more songs

4.40PM – The Grand Christmas Draw on the trailer in the George car park.

5.15PM – Eyes down for Christmas Bingo in the Scout Hall



A Celebration of Harvest, Flowers and Community



Thank you to everyone who was involved with the Celebration of Harvest, Flowers and Community. The willingness of the community to come together, sharing their skills and talents, has been unbelievable..

There were over 25 floral displays from village organisations and individuals, celebrating everything from events to organisations.

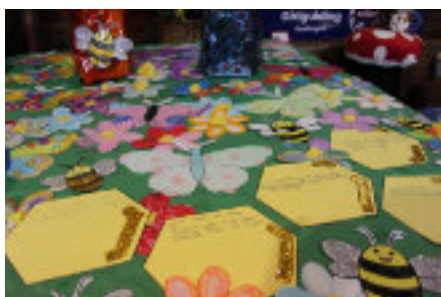


Visitors were asked to vote for their favourite and The People's Choice was awarded to the Horticultural Society.

There was a magnificent Harvest display, including old equipment and tools; wheat, barley and oats; Fenland crops of sugar beet, potatoes, carrots, onions and much more. Thank you to Sarah for all of the corn dollies and demonstrating how they are made!



The children from the Guides, Scouts and School also displayed their work.



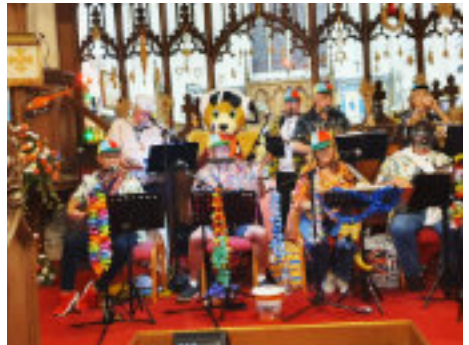


We enjoyed lots of music. The children from the Lionel Walden School started the proceedings when they came to church for their Harvest Festival,



and then on Friday evening the story of Joseph was performed to a packed audience by the children of the Guides, Scouts, Future Stars and 20twenty Productions.

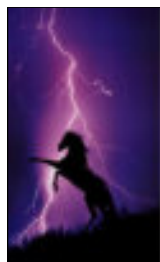
On Saturday evening, it was the turn of the "not so young" to enjoy Upwood Ukuleles as they entertained and sang songs - with plenty of audience participation!.



To Celebrate our Community, we wanted to recognise the contributions of our many volunteers, so we asked for your nominations for people that you thought deserved our special thanks. We were delighted to say "Thank You" to Joy, Caroline, Lynette and Heather, you all help to make our village a better place to live.

Thank you to the Community Living Room, the WI and the many cake bakers for your help with the refreshments . Thank you to the farmers for all of the produce and local businesses for supplying everything that was asked of them! It was all very much appreciated. If you weren't able to be with us, there is a selection of photographs on the Whats On page of the Diary website for you to enjoy.





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Croquet

We were pleased to be able to support the wonderful Flower and Harvest Festival at the church. Leslie and Vicky put together a small display featuring the traditional colours of the croquet balls in a small floral arrangement.



The village came out in numbers to see the exhibits and the weekend turned out to be a resounding success, our congratulations go to Sally and her team for putting together such a well-organised event for the village.

By the time you read this our season will be over and on reflection in spite of the very hot weather numbers of players held up well. The only remaining event now will be our Annual Tea at the Recreation Pavilion on Thursday 3rd December when we shall round up our season.



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Doddington Horticultural Society

Doddington Horticultural Society committee has been busy reviewing the feedback from the Summer Village Show and making plans for our 80th show in 2027.



At the heart of the show is the marquee with all the fabulous entries of produce, flowers, baking, arts, crafts and photography but we strive to make it so much more. We already have an expression of interest to run the dog show, a creative writing competition and the exhibition of classic cars that always attracts a lot of interest. If you have any suggestions, or you belong to a group that would like to take part in our traditional village show for all the family, please get in touch. In the meantime, save the date – **Saturday 31st July 2027**.

As part of our fundraising for next year's show, one of our committee members is organising an **Art and Craft sale**. As it's our 80th birthday, she plans to make and gather eighty pieces of art and handmade items to sell.

If you're a local artist or maker who would like to donate a piece to sell, please get in touch (on Facebook, by emailing doddingtonsummershow@gmail.com or **texting Vicky on 07539 675655**). If you're interested in buying something made by a local artist or crafts person, make sure you're following us in the Diary and on Facebook for updates.

As usual we will be at the **Doddington Christmas Lights** event on **Saturday 21st November** with our fund-raising tombola. Please come and see us and try your luck.

The popular Doddington Scone Off will be extended next year with new categories to include cakes. It will be called the **Doddington Scone/Bake Off** and will be held on **Saturday 20th March** in the Village Hall. More information to follow soon.

We were thrilled to be voted "People's Choice" winner at the recent Celebration of Harvest, Flowers and Community at the village church last month. It was a fantastic community weekend. Thank you to everyone involved and to those who voted for us.

If you are interested in joining our committee and volunteers, please get in touch.

Follow us on Facebook "Doddington Village Summer Show" for all the latest news.

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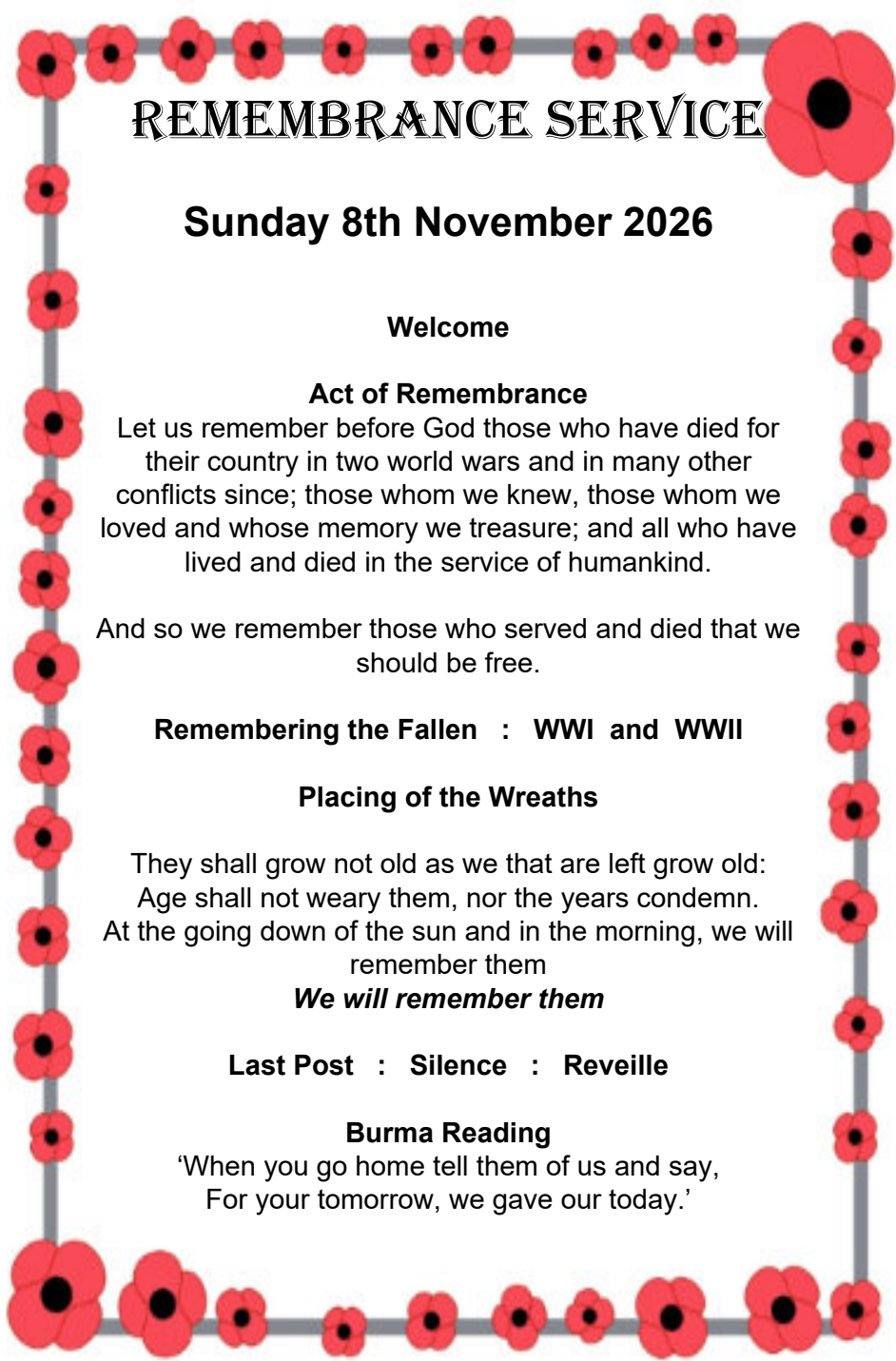
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REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Sunday 8th November 2026

Welcome

Act of Remembrance

Let us remember before God those who have died for their country in two world wars and in many other conflicts since; those whom we knew, those whom we loved and whose memory we treasure; and all who have lived and died in the service of humankind.

And so we remember those who served and died that we should be free.

Remembering the Fallen : WWI and WWII

Placing of the Wreaths

They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will
remember them

We will remember them

Last Post : Silence : Reveille

Burma Reading

‘When you go home tell them of us and say,
For your tomorrow, we gave our today.’

Reading
In Flanders Fields
By Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead; short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you, from failing hands, we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

Hymn

God is our strength and refuge,
our present help in trouble,
and we therefore will not fear,
though the earth should change!
Though mountains shake and tremble,
though swirling floods are raging,
God the Lord of hosts is with us evermore!

There is a flowing river
within God's holy city;
God is in the midst of her
she shall not be moved!
God's help is swiftly given,
thrones vanish at his presence
God the Lord of hosts is with us ever more!

Come, see the works of our maker,
learn of his deeds all-powerful:
wars will cease across the world
when he shatters the spear!
Be still and know your creator,
uplift him in the nations-
God the Lord of hosts is with us evermore!

Reading : John 15: Verses12-17

Reflection

Prayers

O God of truth and justice, we hold before you those people who have been injured or who have died in active service. As we honour their courage and cherish their memory, may we put our faith in your future; for you are the source of life, peace and hope, now and for ever.

Amen

Almighty and eternal God, from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, either by death or life, hear our prayers and thanksgivings for all whom we remember this day, fulfil in them the purpose of your love and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Lord's Prayer

***Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen***

Let us again this year recommit ourselves by joining together in the following pledge:

Act of Commitment

Lord God our Father, we pledge ourselves to serve you and all humankind in the cause of peace, for the relief of want and suffering and for the praise of your name.

Guide us by your Spirit; give us wisdom; give us courage; give us hope; and keep us faithful now and always. Amen

Final Prayer and Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace, be of good courage, hold fast that which is good, render to no one evil for evil, strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, help the afflicted, honour everyone, love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you always.

Amen

National Anthem

***God save our gracious King,
Long live our noble King,
God save the King!
Send him victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save the King!***

***Thy choicest gifts in store
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September is always a great time of the year as it marks the start of another year of scouting adventures and what better way to kick start the year but to have our Group Camp, with all sections attending for portions of the weekend. It was great to see the Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers doing their own specific activities but also coming together with the rest of the group for others. We are sure they all slept well when they got home as they packed so much into the weekend.

October saw some of our members take part in the village's Celebration of Harvest, Flowers and Community. Along with other young people from Future Stars, Guides, 20twenty Productions and the Open the Book team our members helped tell '*The Story of Joseph*'. We are hugely proud of all who took part in the production. Thank you and well done to each of you.

Our Cubs also took part in the weekend's activities by creating a floral display. They chose their arrangement to reflect on the importance of remembrance and to celebrate 110 years of Cubs. Each Cub created a part of the display, using their paracord skills to make poppies and leaves. We think they did an amazing job and we were delighted to hear that it had received some lovely comments from visitors to the church over the weekend.



All sections have been really busy since we returned from the summer break. There have been night hikes, conker collecting while litter picking, international evenings experiencing all things Polish and Dutch, Halloween activities, fire lighting, camp cooking, rope making, pioneering, emergency aid, knife management and space exploration, to name just a few. I wonder how many different types of moon you could name or create, if in doubt maybe ask one of our Beavers, they will be happy to show you with some oreo biscuits (other biscuits are available).

Some of our Scouts and Explorers have over past weeks been working on their kayaking skills. At the end of September they got the chance to spend time on the water at night, they all did really incredibly well and should be very proud of themselves.

As a way of easing into the half term break we held our Autumn / Halloween disco. These are always fun evenings for both the young people and the adult volunteers. Thank you so much to Gavin for being our fab DJ again. If you are looking for a DJ why not check out his facebook page JC's Mobile Disco.

We are looking forward to the Christmas lights switch on later this month, please come and check us out in the Methodist Hall, we'd love to see you. Following the lights switch on we will be holding our annual Christmas Bingo, raising funds for our next international trip. Doors will open at 4.35pm with eyes down at 5.15pm. Advance tickets can be purchased for £3. Tickets on the night £3.50. All tickets include a bingo card for 12 games of bingo; extra books will also be available to buy. Tickets are now available, look out for our facebook posts for the booking link, hopefully you will already have seen them.



Contact us: Scouting is for everyone aged 4-18y, and 18+ as an adult volunteer. Want to find out more about Scouting; either for a child to join, or volunteering (from the age of 14y) to undertake a task or two? You don't need to have Scouting experience to volunteer or be an expert at navigation or at lighting fires!

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Pub Quiz Success

A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who joined us for our recent Pub Quiz. Thanks to your generosity, we raised an amazing £440 towards future Carnival activities. Special thanks go to Rob and Tina for once again allowing us to use The Three Tuns for the quiz, and for their collective support in helping make the evening such a success. We're looking to book another Pub Quiz in March 2027, but we'll confirm this as soon as we know!

Annual General Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting will take place on Tuesday 4th November (after a couple of false-starts!). This is your opportunity to hear about what's been happening, get involved in our plans, and help shape the future of the Carnival. With a new committee to be elected, the big question is: who will make up the Carnival team for the coming year? New faces and fresh ideas are always welcome, so please come along and see how you can help.

Santa Run Returns



We've been in touch with Mr S Claus and preparations are already underway for this year's Santa Run, which will be over the weekend of Friday 11th, Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th December.

In case you're new to the village, or to the Santa Run, it's a 3-day tour of the village, where Team Carnival bring Santa to see as many children (of all ages!) as we possibly can! Please come out and tell Santa what you'd like for Christmas, and perhaps even see where you are on the Naughty/Nice list!

There are full details on our website (www.doddingtoncarnival.co.uk/santarun), including a list of which roads we will be visiting on each day, so you can plan your chats with the Big Man in Red! We'll have our Santa Tracking running, too, so you can see exactly where we are!

Santa's Colouring Competition

This year, we'll be running Santa's Colouring Competition, where children (of all ages!) are invited to get creative! Santa himself will be choosing the winning entry!! We'll be publishing some template pictures on our website (www).

doddingtoncarnival.co.uk) which you can download, print out and get colouring! Full details will be available soon.

Christmas Barrow of Goodies

The raffle for our Christmas Barrow of Goodies will also be making a return this year! Basically, it's a wheelbarrow full of food, drink, gifts, and more drink! (sorry, wheelbarrow not included!!) Tickets to win the lot, are just £5 each from The Three Tuns and we will also be selling them at the Christmas Lights switch on.



We're already looking for donations of any festive treats, food, drink, gifts, and other Christmas goodies to help us fill the wheelbarrow. If you'd like to contribute, we'd be very grateful for your support – just drop us a line at: info@doddingtoncarnival.co.uk and we'll arrange to collect it from you.

Carnival 2027 - Theme Suggestions Wanted

Although Carnival Day 2027 may feel a long way off, our planning starts earlier than you might think.

We're inviting residents to submit ideas for the Carnival Day 2027 theme. Whether it's traditional, imaginative, funny, or completely out of the box, we'd love to hear your suggestions.

Please get in touch with any ideas and help us make next year's Carnival another memorable community event. Either email us at info@doddingtoncarnival.co.uk or join us on Discord (discord.doddingtoncarnival.co.uk)!

Carnival 2027 – Sponsorship opportunities

Building on our Sponsorship progress from 2026's Carnival Day, we're already working to make sponsorship available for 2027!

Essentially, we're selling advertising space for businesses, not only to help raise funds but also to help promote your business before, during and after Carnival Day 2027. There's a wide range of options available on our website (www.doddingtoncarnival.co.uk/sponsor) and we're always happy to chat about any others, too! Get in touch at info@doddingtoncarnival.co.uk

Thank you once again for supporting Doddington Carnival!

We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.



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At our new site in Doddington, we will encourage all children to thrive within nature, whether students are in the safari tent joining a craft or focused activity, enjoying the sensory calm of the teepee, sowing new seeds in the allotment or getting hands-on with Forest School in the woodland.



For more information about our work or our Doddington site, please email Farm Club Head Office at office@farmclub.co.uk or call 07548 466932

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Doddington Recreation Committee

Our next Prize Bingo evening will be held on **Thursday 19th November**. Doors open at 7pm, with eyes down at 7.30pm. Come along for a friendly evening, the chance to win some great prizes and a catch-up with friends. New faces are always very welcome!



Please note that our Christmas Bingo will be earlier in the month than usual, taking place on **Thursday 10th December**. We hope you'll join us for a festive evening and help support the Pavilion and Recreation Ground.



We are always looking for volunteers to join our small, friendly committee. Whether you could help with cutting the grass, the administration involved in running the Pavilion, organising fundraising events or sharing ideas to promote our facilities, any help would be greatly appreciated. You don't need to commit lots of time – even a little makes a real difference. It's also a lovely way to meet people and make new friends while helping our village.

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Doddington 80 Years Ago : November 1946

Remembrance Sunday commenced with a service at the Methodist Chapel led by Rev W Staner Smith of Chatteris. Dr Cecil Thomas unveiled the memorial inside the chapel. This was followed by the church service conducted by Rev Richard Ridge. With the service over the congregation assembled at the War Memorial in the churchyard where Dr Thomas unveiled the added inscription of the names of the four village men who died during the war, Thomas Hudson, Frank Fisher, Stanley Clarke and Gordon Pamby. [It would be another 40 years before the name of Rodney Butcher was added to this memorial]. Poppy wreaths were laid on behalf of the British Legion, the War Memorial Committee and the Red Cross Detachment. Mr W Howe of Wimblington sounded the Last Post and Reveille.

Just over £100 was collected from Poppy sales.

Doddington United FC arranged for the Jimmy Haines' Concert Party of All-Star Radio and Stage Artistes to appear at the British Legion Hall.

At the AGM of the Doddington and Benwick British Legion the following officers were elected: President, Dr C Thomas; vice-president, Mr FC Bedford; chairman, Mr GW Jones, vice-chairman, Mr G Richards; secretary, Mr W Pooley and treasurer, Mr H Olivant. The branch now had 170 members and more were joining as they were demobbed.



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Doddington 50 Years Ago : November 1976

Mr Stanley Payne died at the age of 68. Mr Payne had been Headmaster of Doddington School from 1936 until his retirement in 1972. He was a member of the Methodist church where he had been organist for many years. He also served on the North Witchford Rural District Council and as treasurer of the 100th Club. He was a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society and had interests in history and heraldry. His guided walks with his pupils around the village certainly helped to spark an interest in local history for this writer.



The Remembrance Sunday service was led by Father George Harris. Standard bearers for the Royal British Legion were Mrs M Bester and Mr E Edwards and Edward Holland for the Scouts. Wreaths were laid on behalf of the Men's and Women's Sections of the Royal British Legion, the Parish Council and the Cub Scouts.

A newly re-formed Scout Troop had attracted 24 members from Doddington, Wimblington and Benwick.

Work started on the refurbishment of the Village Hall.

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It's fantastic to be able to report on another hugely successful Hog Roast and Race Night, which once again brought our community together for a wonderful evening at the races.

This year's event proved to be the most successful yet, attracting a sell-out crowd of 135 guests. The atmosphere throughout the evening was superb, with supporters enjoying excellent food and exciting racing while raising funds for a truly worthwhile cause.



Thanks to the incredible generosity of everyone who attended, donated or supported the event in any way, a record-breaking **£2,275** was raised. This outstanding total also pushed the overall fundraising for MAGPAS Air Ambulance beyond a remarkable milestone, bringing the cumulative amount raised through the event to **£11,891**.

The continued success of the Hog Roast and Race Night is only possible because of the support received from across the local community. Sincere thanks go to everyone who purchased tickets, donated prizes, sponsored races, volunteered their time, or contributed behind the scenes to help make the evening such a memorable occasion.

Special thanks are also due to the event's generous sponsors. Coversure once again supported as the principal event sponsor, while the individual races and night sponsors were: Reflection Beauty, One Stop Doddington, The Three Tuns, Diddy Dog Field, Aaron's Mobile Mobility Maintenance, Fen View Motors, Next Level Property, Patrick-Brown Plumbing and Heating, Brian Elmore Engineering, Bowls Bi-Us.

Their contributions played an important role in helping maximise the funds raised for MAGPAS Air Ambulance, whose lifesaving work continues to benefit people throughout our region.

With another successful year completed and a new fundraising record achieved, planning is already underway for the next event. We already have a date for your diary, as the next Hog Roast and Race Night is scheduled to take place on **Saturday 25 September 2027**.

If this year's sell-out attendance is anything to go by, it promises to be another popular evening and another fantastic opportunity for the community to come together in support of an outstanding cause.

2027 is coming...

As a painter, I am fascinated by the ever-changing Fenland skies, so I have created a series of twelve paintings representing the skies throughout the year and turned them into a calendar for 2027. Profits will be shared out between the Doddington Horticultural Society and the Doddington Christmas Lights.



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Parish Council Report

We are delighted to announce that we have a new Councillor following recruitment to our vacancy by co-option. We welcomed Cllr Vicky Gorry to her first meeting on Wednesday 14 October.

Community Living Room

The Community Living Room welcomed 99 visitors during September and has received further grant funding towards its running costs.

Nature Recovery – From the Ground Up

There has been an encouraging response to the new Nature Recovery initiative, with interest received from the Church, Street Pride, the Horticultural Society, the Guides and several members of the public. The project will bring local organisations and residents together to explore ways of improving wildlife habitats and green spaces throughout Doddington.

Highways and Village Issues

The Council continues to raise concerns about local roads, drainage and footpaths. Patch repairs have been carried out along Ingles Lane and the pothole outside the One Stop shop is also planned for repair.

Remembrance Sunday

Preparations are underway for Remembrance Sunday. The village poppies and Tommy figure will be installed at the Clock Tower and the Parish Council's wreath will be laid during the commemorations.

Support for MAGPAS

The Parish Council has agreed to make a donation of £1,000 to MAGPAS Air Ambulance in recognition of the important emergency medical service it provides to communities across the region.

Did you know the Parish Council has a Facebook page? If you didn't this QR code will take you straight to it!



The Parish Council's website www.doddingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk, is where you will find agendas for upcoming meetings, minutes from previous meetings and other useful information.

There is also a contact page for the Clerk of the Parish Council, who works primarily on Mondays and Wednesdays from 09:00 to 15:00.

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At our October meeting, members enjoyed a Fish and Chip lunch, supplied by Doddington Fish Bar. This was followed by Gary the Magician. His amusing and entertaining performance was loosely based on the style of Tommy Cooper and included some balloon modelling, card tricks and many other tricks that only worked when he used his magic word "obbleobbleobacus"!!

At the November meeting, to be held on 19th November, we will welcome Chatteris Community Choir. At this meeting, we will also need the names of members who are planning to attend the Christmas lunch on 11th December.

Names are also being taken for our trip to Stamford on 27th November, £15 for members and non-members are welcome to join us for £17. Please contact Heather for more information or to book your place.

Members were pleased to be a part of the recent celebrations in the church, and we would like to thank Patricia for the lovely flower display Celebrating MAGPAS.



New members and visitors are very welcome at our meetings.



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These are just a few of the lovely comments we collected from visitors to October's Thrift shop. Whatever the reason for coming along to Doddington's Thrift Shop, Team Thrifty, our customers, upcyclers, recyclers and donators together make this a lovely village event each month.

October's Thrift shop raised a great total of £630 (£173 from cafe sales). Funds raised go to the upkeep of the Church rooms and to MAGPAS, our chosen charity for 2026.



Our next shop will be Thursday 5th November 9am to 12noon, with our Bargain Trolley Stroll 12 to 12.30, where you can fill a trolley for just £3 and our big sparkly **Christmas stall** will also be open for business!



If you have items to donate, please bring them along on Wednesday 4th November 9am to 11am (sorry, no electrical items). See you there!

Final date for 2026: 3/12

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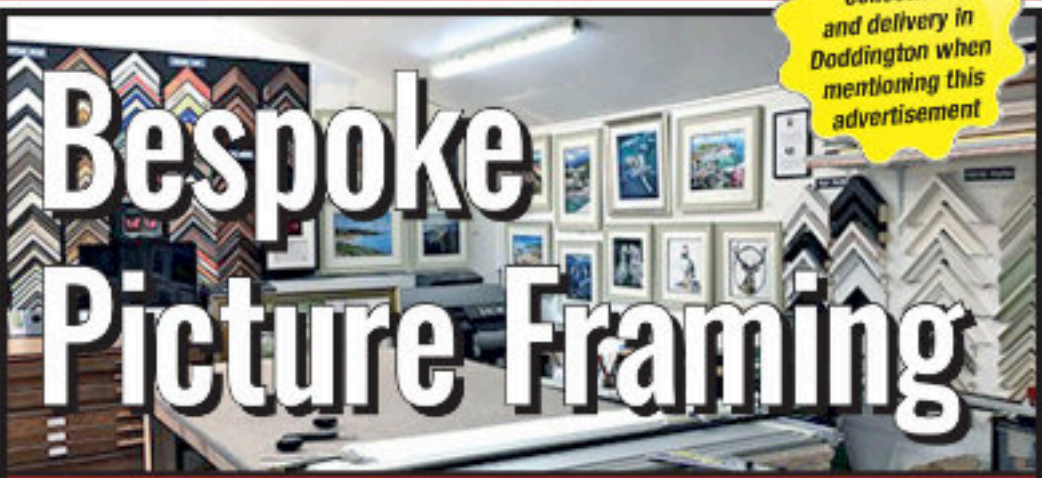
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