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# Welcome to The Elloe Oracle Magazine

**Dear Friends and Neighbours**

*We wish all our readers a  
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!  
May you have a year that is filled with love,  
laughter, brightness and hope.*

**Special thanks to our advertisers for their support in 2015!**

Janet



## Elloe Oracle

Elloe Oracle is a community newsletter, run by a volunteer committee of local people. It is not a commercial operation, nor are we a Church Magazine but a community initiative for the people of Cowbit, Weston, Weston Hills and Peak Hill. Competitively-priced advertising is available in sizes ranging from full page right down to 'classified', and besides supporting the local community, advertising in Elloe Oracle is an extremely cost-effective way of getting your message to local people. As well as conventional advertising we are also able to offer sponsorship opportunities, our 'featured ad' opportunity, and we can also arrange for your 'flyers' to be delivered with the magazine, again at very competitive cost. As well as the printed magazine we have our own Facebook page and Twitter account, and the whole magazine is available online so it can be seen by people outside our delivery area.

To find out more about the many commercial opportunities available, call Darren Harper on **01406 380774** after 6.00pm, or email

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the charity for your community

**www.shcab.org.uk 01775 717444**  
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**Spalding**

Check  
out what's  
new



**in this edition!**

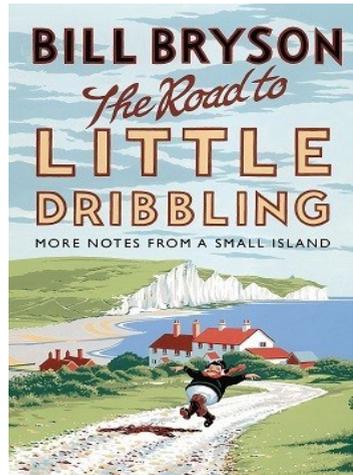
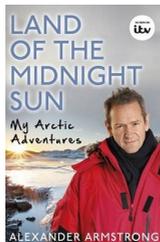
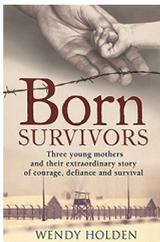
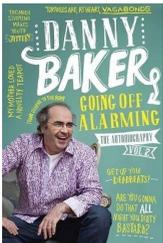
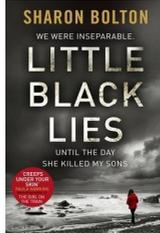
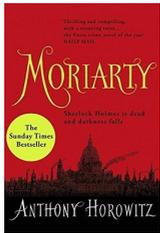
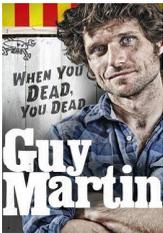
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**Copy deadline for next edition**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January**

# Book Club

## New releases for Dec/Jan 2016



## The Road to Little Dribbling

-Bill Bryson

Twenty years ago, Bill Bryson went on a trip around Britain to celebrate the green and kindly island that had become his adopted country. The hilarious book that resulted, *Notes from a Small Island*, was taken to the nation's heart and became the best-selling travel book ever, and was also voted in a BBC poll the book that best represents Britain.

Now, to mark the twentieth anniversary of that modern classic, Bryson makes a brand-new journey round Britain to see what has changed. Following (but not too closely) a route he dubs the Bryson Line, from Bognor Regis to Cape Wrath, by way of places that many people never get to at all, Bryson sets out to rediscover the wondrously beautiful, magnificently eccentric, endearingly unique country that he thought he knew but doesn't altogether recognize any more. Yet, despite Britain's occasional failings and more or less eternal bewilderments, Bill Bryson is still pleased to call our rainy island home. And not just because of the cream teas, a noble history, and an extra day off at Christmas. Once again, with his matchless homing instinct for the funniest and quirkiest, his unerring eye for the idiotic, the endearing, the ridiculous and the scandalous, Bryson gives us an acute and perceptive insight into all that is best and worst about Britain today.

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## SPICY TURKEY SOUP



### INGREDIENTS

- 200g (7 oz) shredded cooked turkey
- 1L (1 3/4 pints) vegetable or chicken stock
- 2 (400g) tins whole plum tomatoes
- 2 green chillies, chopped
- 2 plum tomatoes, chopped
- 1 onion, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed
- 1 tablespoon lime juice
- 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
- 1 avocado - peeled, stone removed and diced
- handful chopped fresh coriander
- 100g (4 oz) grated Cheddar cheese

### METHOD

- In a large pot over medium heat, combine turkey, stock, tinned tomatoes, green chillies, fresh tomatoes, onion, garlic and lime juice. Season with cayenne, cumin, salt and pepper. Bring to the boil, then reduce heat and simmer 15 to 20 minutes.
- Stir in avocado and coriander, and simmer 15 minutes, until slightly thickened. Spoon into serving bowls, and top with grated cheese.

## things to do with leftover turkey



### BOXING DAY TURKEY AND MUSHROOM PIE

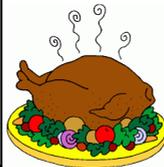
#### Ingredients

- \* Knob of butter
- \* 325g chopped mushrooms
- \* 275g leftover roast turkey, chopped or shredded
- \* 450ml turkey gravy
- \* Shortcrust or puff pastry



#### Method

- \* Preheat oven to 180 C / Gas mark 4
- \* In a large pan, saute the mushrooms in the butter over a medium heat. Once they've lost some liquid, add the turkey and gravy. Pour into a pie dish. Cover with pastry. Pinch the pastry around the edge of the pie dish, and cut slits in the top to release steam
- \* Place the pie on a baking tray to prevent the gravy from overflowing onto the bottom of your oven. Cook in the centre of the oven until pastry is golden brown, approx. 45 mins.



Comfort  
Food

If you have a favourite recipe you would like to share on this page contact  
[grumpygrower@outlook.com](mailto:grumpygrower@outlook.com)

# Spalding East Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team Area Update



You can follow your Neighbourhood Policing Team on Twitter

@SpaldingPolice

PCSO 2131  
**Bev Robinson**  
Police Community Support Officer  
Mob. 07944776822



Lincolnshire  
Police  
Non  
Emergency  
Number

**101**

**ActionFraud**  
National Fraud & Cyber Crime Reporting Centre  
**0300 123 2040**

## Christmas Crime Menu

### Starter

#### YOUR CAR

Presents left in full view  
Keep presents out of sight -  
if they can be seen they can be stolen.

#### Sat Nav's and laptops

These items are currently high on the  
car thieves' shopping list. When you  
leave your car take them with you.

#### Car left unlocked

Always dose windows, never leave  
keys in the ignition, engage steering  
lock and alarm and lock all doors.

#### Parking

Park in well-lit locations, in an  
attended car park, or look for the  
'Park Mark' award logo for a safe  
parking environment.



### Main Course

#### YOUR HOUSE

Doors and windows not secured  
Ensure all doors and windows are locked.

#### Gifts displayed under the tree

Ensure all gifts are kept out of view.

#### Car keys and handbags conveniently placed

Never leave car keys or handbags  
downstairs at night - take them to bed  
with you.

#### The unoccupied look going on holiday?

Consider using timers to operate lights  
or radios. Cancel milk and papers  
and ask a neighbour to keep an eye  
on your house. If you belong to a  
Neighbourhood Watch inform your  
co-ordinator.

#### Opening your door to strangers

Before you open your door to strangers,  
use a door chain.

*Not sure, don't open the door!*



### Dessert

#### YOUR PROPERTY

Unmarked property  
Mark your property, using an ultra  
violet pen, with your postcode and  
house number or name.

#### Bicycles not secured

Lock all bicycles and make a record of  
the serial number and a basic  
description of the cycle.  
Consider registering online with  
security sites such as Immobilise

#### Cheque book and card left unattended

Never leave your cheque book and  
card together and keep your pin  
number confidential. Don't write  
your pin number down on a piece  
of paper or make a note in your  
diary - thieves know where to look!

#### Cash

Do not carry large amounts of cash  
or leave it in your house, thieves  
know where to look!

Your Neighbourhood Policing Team is based at:  
Spalding Police Station, Westlode Street, Spalding, Lincolnshire PE112AF

# South Holland District Council

## South Holland District Council



Planning for 45 residential dwellings on Small Drove, Weston have been submitted by Larkfleet Homes. This follows a consultation event held by the developer earlier in the year. Due to scale of the development, it is expected the application will be decided by the Planning Committee. Although deadline for submissions was 11<sup>th</sup> November, you can see documents and read comments by going to the Councils websites planning section ([www.sholland.gov.uk](http://www.sholland.gov.uk), then click on the environment tab, then planning and building control services, then planning, then applications, then search planning application and finally entering application number H22-0970-15 in the reference box)

Andrew, Anthony and Rodney were all in attendance in early November as South Holland remembered those who fought for their Country in conflict. Over various ceremonies in particular the Remembrance Services and parades on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November, it was pleasing to see so many members of the public in Spalding and Holbeach coming out under cloudy skies to show their support for the armed forces. As part of the Pride in South Holland Campaign a new Glutton Vacuum Machine has been obtained for use in South Holland. The machine will be used by the street sweeping team with collect or remove just about anything including chewing gum and cigarette butts and reinforces that view of your Councillors that we want to live in clean, tidy area we can be proud of.

As we enter the run up to Christmas, SHDC will be looking to crackdown on illegal alcohol being sold in off-licences, convenience stores and even supermarkets. Not only is it illegal to sell alcohol without excise duty being paid, but the contents in the bottles could be harmful if consumed. Therefore, please be vigilant when purchasing alcohol during the festive season and make sure you check for the Excise Duty Stamps on bottles of spirits. If the stamp is missing, please report this to either of your Councillors or to the Priory Road Offices on 01775 761161.

All that remains is for **Andrew, Anthony and Rodney** to thank you for your support during 2015 and wish you a very **Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year !**

**Member of Parliament for  
South Holland and  
The Deepings:  
John Hayes**

*House of Commons, Westminster  
London. SW1A 0AA*

**Tel: 0207 219 3000**

**(switchboard)**

**Constituency Office**

*Office 1, Broad Street Business  
Centre, 10 Broad*

*Street, Spalding, PE11 1TB*

**Tel: 01775 711534**

**Should you have any issues, please feel free to  
contact your councillors on:**

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[awoolf@sholland.gov.uk](mailto:awoolf@sholland.gov.uk)

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[acasson@sholland.gov.uk](mailto:acasson@sholland.gov.uk)

**Rodney Grocock** 01775 713989,  
[RGrocock@sholland.gov.uk](mailto:RGrocock@sholland.gov.uk)



**Cowbit St Mary's C of E Primary School**  
 School Office— 01406 380369  
[www.cowbit.lincs.sch.uk](http://www.cowbit.lincs.sch.uk)

*Feel free to come and visit us to see why Ofsted and the National Society of Anglican and Methodist Schools have acknowledged us as GOOD!*

Following the success of our Nov **Open Mornings**, we will hold additional dates in the new year.

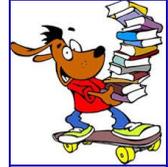
The Vikings invaded the Dahl and Morpurgo classrooms, leaving behind weapons, shields, coins, clothing, other artefacts and food. Jed the Viking spent the day teaching pupils how to thatch, make nets, strike a fire and wear basic armour. Remnants of the straw



thatching can still be seen on the roof of the Viking role-play area in Morpurgo class.



We are in the process of updating our collection of library books which will complete our refurbished library area. The PTFA purchased collections of borrowed books through the Mobile Library Service.



## OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

By the time of this publication, we hope to have a newly fenced and revamped Outdoor Adventure Area - A special thanks to a local building merchant and parents for donating supplies and their time.

**Cowbit St Mary's Church of England Primary School** is continuing to build upon the success achieved over the past two years. **A big welcome to all new (and returning) staff, pupils, and families.**

We are looking forward to our new headteacher, **Mr Johnson**, leading us on our educational journey.



## Happy time and Space Travellers



### Inside the Donaldson Space Rocket

Since Sept we have been very busy developing our exciting classroom environments. **Donaldson Class** enjoyed travelling through time exploring history. It was very difficult keeping the parents out of the Space Rocket and the Tardis Room.



# Cowbit Parish Council

The big news from Cowbit Village Hall is that our new heating system is now in place and operational, with the full cost of over £5000 having been met by a grant from the Biffa Awards Scheme. Biffa, the well-known waste transport and processing company, set up their award scheme to benefit cultural facilities and enhance communities and “transform lives” within set distances of Biffa’s waste sites. The hall qualified due to being just within the qualifying distance from Biffa’s landfill site at Dogsthorpe. The old system – which had been in place since the hall was built in the mid-1980s – was time-expired, and obtaining parts and servicing support was starting to get difficult. The new fan-based system, besides being more reliable than the old ‘bar’ heaters, is also more controllable and efficient, meaning running costs will be reduced. This is the latest in a line of improvements to our hall. Plans for 2016 include new LED-based lighting, improvements to the car parking area including provision of dedicated disabled parking, and better equipment storage facilities for regular hall users. While the hall is fully viable and pays its way in terms of running costs compared to income, further grant aid is being sought to help with the capital costs. The hall continues to be a valued and well-used community facility. All-inclusive rental costs just £8 an hour, with discounts for charities and village residents.

**Call Darren Harper on 01406 380774 or email [bookings@cowbitvillage.co.uk](mailto:bookings@cowbitvillage.co.uk)**

The village hall will be hosting an ‘afternoon tea’ event – mainly but not exclusively for elderly people – on Sunday afternoon December 13. We are also now starting to sell tickets for the 2016 Cowbit Village Draw, all profits from which go towards running the hall. There are two monthly prizes of £30 and one bumper Christmas prize of £200. Contact draw promoter Chris Elliott on 01406 381018 or by email [villagedraw@cowbitvillage.co.uk](mailto:villagedraw@cowbitvillage.co.uk). Finally, please don’t forget the Cowbit village website at [www.cowbitvillage.co.uk](http://www.cowbitvillage.co.uk) for up to date information on what’s going on and coming up...

## **Parish Council Meetings**

*Cowbit Village Hall*  
*7.30pm*

**Mon 14th Dec**  
**Mon 11th Jan**

## **Mobile Library**

### Barrier Bank

Thurs 17th Dec 11:15 –11:45

Thurs 14th Jan 11:15 –11:45

### Milfoil Lane

Thurs 17th Dec 12:00 –12:30

Thurs 14th Jan 12:00 –12:30

### Fen Lane End

Thurs 17th Dec 13:15 –13:45

Thurs 14th Jan 13:15 –13:45



**The Ladies Club**  
**meets every 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Wednesday of the**

**month at the Village Hall, from 7.30pm.**

Christmas Lunch this year will be held at Riverside Hotel, Surfleet on Wednesday 2nd December at 12.15. Traditional Christmas Roast Turkey/Rump Steak/Gammon/Nut Roast. Choice of starters & desserts. For more details or to book your place please contact Val Day on 01406 380756.

There is no December meeting, next meeting will be held Weds 21st January, which will be an open meeting for suggestions for the year ahead.

£15 per year or £2 per session.

For details please email **Val Day**  
**[paulday6249@gmail.com](mailto:paulday6249@gmail.com)**

**Cowbit’s**  
**Outreach**  
**Post Office**  
operates in the  
**Village Hall**

**On Tues from 2pm-4pm**

**Thurs from 11am-1pm.**



# Cowbit Community News

## Village Draw Winners

2 each month all winning £30 each

Sept 2015

**Danni Elliott—Ticket no 3**

**A Simmonds—Ticket no 28**

Oct 2015

**D Moss—Cowbit**

**P Wright—Cowbit**

## Christmas Afternoon Tea

for the Over-60's **Sunday 13 Dec** from 3-5pm in the village hall at Cowbit. If you would like to come, or if you know anyone else who would like to join us please contact Val Day on 01406 380756 or Ann Brought on 01406 380313.

**Anyone needing transport please contact the above.**



Thanks to everyone who supported and helped at our Sept Flower Festival. Everyone enjoyed the event and we raised **£762.61**

which was an amazing amount!

We will be holding another Flower Festival next year .

### Polite Notice

It has recently been brought to our attention that dead flowers, rubbish, plastic bags and the like are being dumped at the bottom of the 'new churchyard', sometimes on graves that are situated there. This is despite a notice asking for spent flowers etc. to be taken away. Such actions are causing considerable distress for the families whose loved ones are buried in those plots. We respectfully ask all who tend graves in both churchyards to take away any dead flowers and rubbish.

Thank you,

**Pauline Start (Churchwarden )**

## COWBIT VILLAGE HALL

Brownies for girls aged 7-10

Mon 6-7.15pm Carol 07432 624715

Tiny Tots Tues 10.15—11.30am

Allison 381330

Slimming World Thurs 7-8pm

Alex 01775 711462

Kick - Boxing Fri 5.15pm-6.15pm

5-12yrs £3.50 but 1st trial lesson FREE

[kickboxing@cowbitvillage.co.uk](mailto:kickboxing@cowbitvillage.co.uk)

Village Draw Chris 381018

Bingo Fri 11th Dec 7.30pm

Fri 8th Jan 7.30pm

[bookings@cowbitvillage.co.uk](mailto:bookings@cowbitvillage.co.uk)

[www.cowbitvillage.co.uk](http://www.cowbitvillage.co.uk)

We are launching tiny tots at the Cowbit Village Hall . Sessions will start on Thurs 7th January 2016 from 10-11.30am. There will be toys and activities

supported by local services. We have current DBS checks, are all first aid trained and have contents and public liability insurance in place for your reassurance.

Sessions will be £1 for the first child in your care and 50p for each additional child in your care. You will receive a warm welcome, a hot or cold drink and biscuit or snack for you

and cold drink and biscuits are provided for little ones. For more info contact **Rachel on 07940 409149.**



Every  
1<sup>st</sup> Tues of  
the month

**Tues 1st Dec**

**Tues 5th Jan**

at 10am **Cowbit Church**

*If you need transport contact*

**Mary 01775 724928**

**Or Val 01406 380756**

**COWBIT DOLE  
CHARITY**

Application forms for grants will be delivered as usual, to every household in Cowbit during December. If you feel that you are eligible for a grant (criteria are given on the form) please ensure that your completed application form is returned to the Clerk by the 8th January 2016. Grants are made at the absolute discretion of the Trustees, after their meeting in late January.

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- DRIVEWAYS, PATIOS & FENCING

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**TRY SOMETHING NEW IN 2016**

*Why not plan a visit to one of the many RHS shows across the UK*

*You can order tickets from the 1st Dec*

**RHS London Early Spring Plant Fair**

16-17 February 2016

**RHS Malvern Spring Festival**

The Three Counties Showground, Malvern, Worcs 5-8 May 2016

**RHS Chelsea Flower Show** Royal Hospital, Chelsea, London 24-28 May 2016

**RHS Hampton Court Palace Flower Show** Hampton Court Palace, East Molesey, Surrey 5 -10 July 2016

**RHS Flower Show Tatton Park**

Tatton Park, near Knutsford, Cheshire 20-24 July 2016

**Malvern Autumn Show** The Three Counties Showground, Malvern, Worcs 24-25 September 2016

**RHS London Shades of Autumn Show**

28-29 October 2016

**RHS London Christmas Show**

17-18 December 2016



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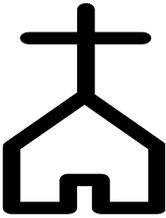
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Email: [shop@butters.co.uk](mailto:shop@butters.co.uk)

**What we sell**  
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- Wild Bird care.
- Lawn food
- chemicals

**Winter Opening times**  
(October 1<sup>st</sup> - March 1<sup>st</sup>)  
Mon-Fri 9am- 4pm  
Saturday 9am- 12.30pm  
Sunday 10am-1pm

**Summer Opening times**  
(September 30<sup>th</sup> - February 28<sup>th</sup>)  
Mon-Fri 9am-5pm  
Saturday 9am- 12.30pm  
Sunday 10am-1pm



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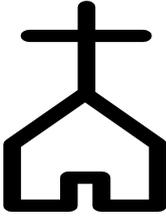
## Church Services

### Cowbit ,St. Mary's Church

Date	Time	Service	
6 Dec	09:15	Morning Prayer	St Mary's Church
13 Dec	09:15	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church
20 Dec	09:15	Morning Prayer	St Mary's Church
24 Dec	15:00	Crib Service	St Mary's Church
24 Dec	23:30	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church
27 Dec	09:15	Holy Communion—joint service	<b>St John's Church</b>
3 Jan	09:15	Holy Communion (Epiphany)	St Mary's Church
10 Jan	09:15	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church
17 Jan	09:15	Morning Prayer	St Mary's Church
24 Jan	09:15	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church
31 Jan	09:15	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church

### Weston Hills ,St John's Church

Date	Time	Service	
6 Dec	09:15	Holy Communion	St John's Church
13 Dec	09:15	Messy Breakfast	St John's Church
13 Dec	15:00	Christingle Service	St John's Church
20 Dec	09:15	Holy Communion	St John's Church
20 Dec	15:00	Carol Service	St John's Church
25 Dec	09:15	Holy Communion	St John's Church
27 Dec	09:15	Holy Communion (S John the Evangelist)	St John's Church
3 Jan	09:15	Holy Communion (Epiphany)	St John's Church
10 Jan	15:00	Messy Breakfast	St John's Church
17 Jan	09:15	Messy Breakfast	St John's Church
24 Jan	09:15	Holy Communion	St John's Church
31 Jan	09:15	Holy Communion –joint service	<b>St Mary's Church</b>



## A Refugee Family

Dear Friends,

As we look forward to Christmas, what is perhaps uppermost in our minds is the joy of this season, a joy expressed in sending greeting cards, giving gifts, and getting together with family and friends. All this is well and good; but it is, I think, useful to contrast it with aspects of the Christmas story that do not, in the popular telling of the story, get that much attention.

Mary and Joseph were very much in the position of those in our world today who are homeless or refugees: they were entirely at the mercy of strangers. I picture them going from inn to inn in Bethlehem looking for a room. They must have been dog-tired and despairing. Finally, one kind innkeeper took pity on them and showed them to the stable near his inn. And so, like so many refugees and homeless people through the ages, they at last found themselves with some shelter, even though it was shelter of a very dirty and rudimentary kind. And, if we look at what the Gospel according to Saint Matthew tells us, their homelessness did not end there, for in Matthew we see them fleeing to Egypt, which was a long, hard journey from Bethlehem, in order to save the life of their new-born son from the murderous swords of Herod's men.

If we reflect on these aspects of the Christmas story, I think we can see that it is not only the story of the joy of the angels, the shepherds, and the wise men, but also a story of people caught up in dire straits, of people beset by anxiety and fear. As such, I think the Christmas story has a lot to say to people who are in a bad way: refugees, homeless people, the bereaved, and those who feel cast down by failure. Just as God's son and his family knew the pain of ostracism, homelessness, and fear, so God knows and understands and is alongside us when we are in trouble of whatever kind. God is not only with us, but God urges us to trust in his saving power as Mary and Joseph did, a power that in the end will bring us to new life. It's that message of new life that is, after all, the real reason for our joy at Christmas. If it were not for the promise of new life that God showed us through what happened that first Easter, we wouldn't be celebrating Christmas at all.

In short, although the Christmas message is for everyone, its message is especially aimed at people in trouble. Just as light and warmth and joy are especially appreciated at this cold and dark season of the year, so God's promise of new life through faith in his Son is one that we can most appreciate when we find ourselves in trouble. And for those of us who are not in trouble, the message is clear: Jesus calls us to be, as it were, kindly innkeepers, people who are ready to help those in need in whatever way we can. When we see people in need, we should think of Joseph and Mary knocking at the doors of the inns in Bethlehem. May God enable us to let them in.  
Yours in Christ,

*Charles Brown*  
*Priest for Cowbit and Weston Hills*

### **From the Parish Registers**

*We welcome into the church family:*

Ella Rose Boswell-Feraud (Cowbit) ,4 Oct 2015

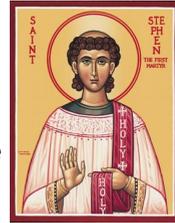
Valentina Maria Webb (Cowbit) ,10 Oct 2015

# GOOD KING WENCESLAS

looked out

## ON THE FEAST OF STEPHEN

**Feast of St. Stephen**, is a Christian saint's day to commemorate Saint Stephen, the first Christian martyr celebrated on 26 December in the Western Church and 27 December in the Eastern Church. Known as **Boxing Day**.



**Boxing Day** is a holiday traditionally celebrated the day following Christmas Day, when servants and tradesmen would receive gifts, known as a "**Christmas box**", from their bosses or employers



"**Good King Wenceslas**" is a popular Christmas carol that tells a story of a king going on a journey in braving harsh winter weather to give alms to a poor peasant on the Feast of Stephen. During the journey, his servant is about to give up the struggle against the cold weather, but is enabled to continue by following the king's footprints, step for step, through the deep snow. The legend is based on the life of the historical Saint Wenceslaus I, Duke of Bohemia in Czech (907–935).

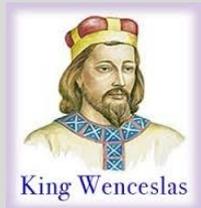


**John Mason Neale** (24 January 1818 – 6 August 1866) was an Anglican priest, scholar and wrote many of the traditional Carols we sing today including; '**Good King Wenceslas**', '**Good Christian Men, Rejoice**', '**O come, O come, Emmanuel**', He studied Classics at Cambridge. At the age of 22 Neale was the chaplain of Downing College, Cambridge. He was ordained in 1841 becoming the Vicar of Crawley in 1842, but was forced to resign in 1846 due to disagreements with the diocesan bishop and his congregation. He then became warden of Sackville College, an almshouse at East Grinstead, an appointment which he held until his death.



### The Legend of King Wenceslas -

claims a huge army of knights sleep inside Blaník, a mountain in the Czech Republic. The knights will awake and under the command of St. Wenceslaus will bring aid to the Czech people when they face ultimate danger. There is a similar great legend in Prague which says that when the Motherland is in danger or in its darkest times and close to ruin, the equestrian statue of King Wenceslaus in Wenceslaus Square will come to life, raise the army sleeping in Blaník, and upon crossing the Charles Bridge his horse will stumble and trip over a stone, revealing the legendary sword of Bruncvík. With this sword, King Wenceslaus will slay all the enemies of the Czechs, bringing peace and prosperity to the land.





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  2. Clear out cupboards
  3. Sort paperwork
  4. Clean house



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**Aikido** -Mon & Fri 8-10pm  
Steve Miller : 07986 363663

**Belly Dancing**  
Wed 6:45-8pm  
Dani Dalley : 01775 640705

**Line Dancing** -Thurs  
7:15-9:30pm  
Marion Bloye : 01406 350732

**Kick - Boxing** Fri 5.15pm-6.15pm  
5-12yrs £3.50 but 1st trial lesson FREE

**Short Mat Bowls** -  
Weds 2-4pm , Thurs 7-10pm  
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# Weston Hills Community News



Every Weds  
9am-10.30am  
Weston Hills  
Village Hall

£1 inc refreshments  
Contact **Georgia Pateman**  
**07851969781**  
All welcome!

## Messy Breakfast

9.15am

Sunday Dec 13th &  
Sunday Jan 10th

At St John's Church, Weston Hills

Children and adults are very welcome. The cost of the breakfast is a donation. There will a craft activity and a small act of worship.

Contact **Sally Wilson 01775 760352** or  
**Georgia Pateman 07851969781**



  
**Family  
Carol Service**

**St John's Church**  
**20th December**  
at 3.00 p.m.



## Christmas Day Service

25 Dec at 9:15

St John's Church, Weston Hills

Tickets are now on  
sale for the big  
**Christmas Raffle.**



The winning  
tickets will be drawn following  
the **Christingle Service** ,  
**St John's** ,Weston Hills  
on **13th Dec at 3 pm.**

**CHRISTMAS  
RAFFLE**

## Mobile Library

Village Hall

Thurs 17th Dec

14:15 -14:45

Thurs 14th Jan

14:15 -14:45

## Christmas

### Tea

Free event for the  
Over-60's

**Sunday 20th Dec**

**4.30pm—6.30pm**

**in Weston Hills  
Village Hall**

If you would like to  
come please contact

**Viv Prescott on  
01775 766907**

## Parish

### Council

### Meetings

**Weston Hills  
Village Hall**

7th Dec 7.30pm

**Weston  
Village Hall**

4th Jan 7.30pm

## Weston Hills Village Hall

### Post office

Open Mon, Wed and Fri  
11am—1pm

### Short Mat Bowls

Weds 2-4pm

Thurs 7-10pm

Wyn 380126

### Dog Training

Mondays 7-8pm

Helen 01775 761795

07971 393832

### Bingo

Sat 12th Dec 7pm

Sat 9th Jan 7pm

Wyn James 01406 380126



Our Harvest Supper raised  
£446.20, Quiz Night £125, and  
The Chocoholics Party £61.

**Many thanks to everyone who  
supported these events.**

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# Weston Hills C of E Primary School

School Office—01406 380309

[www.westonhills.linc.sch.uk](http://www.westonhills.linc.sch.uk)

We have

143 pupils on roll

78 girls and 65 boys

25 full and part-time members of staff

Xmas is fast approaching, and we have several trips and plans over the coming term. Class 4

had a very successful trip to the National



Space Centre in Leicester in October, as did Class 3 who went to Peterborough Museum taking part in a Roman Workshop. Both were linked to their class topics.

[Peterborough Museum & Archives](#)

Year 5&6 children went on the annual residential trip to Aylmerton Field Study Centre in October.

Wonderful weather and activities over a fantastic weekend!



Class 5 children will be attending **Christmas Unwrapped** which is run by the Baptist Church where they will be retelling the Christmas Story in a fun and creative way. The programme will include decorating a Christmas biscuit, a DVD presentation, refreshments, a rap and games.



The whole school will be attending "**Peter Pan**" at the South Holland Centre in December.



**Oh yes they will!**



*We will be holding Christmas lunch and parties at the end of term, together with Christingle, Celebration Assembly and Nativity.*

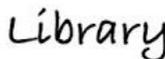
**Open mornings** have already taken place for parents/guardians of children due to start school in September 2016.

However, we are still happy to show new parents round before the January deadline for applications. Please give the school a ring if you would like to visit (01406 380309).

Official Library Opening & 10 Year Celebration



It may be hard to believe, but Weston Hills School has been in the current building for 10 years this term! We thought it would be appropriate to celebrate and have decided to combine this with the official opening of our wonderful new library. The week beginning **Monday 7th December** will be a whole school poetry week with opportunities for parents to come into school and work with their children writing some poems and illustrating them. On 7th December Chris White, performance poet and illustrator, will be in school to kick start the week.



Flu inoculations will be taking place for

Year 1 and 2 children shortly. This is a new NHS initiative. We have anti-bullying week coming up and will be holding assemblies and watching videos – these will be run by our Head of Pastoral Care, Sally Alexander. Our extra curricular activities include Tag Rugby, Football, Taiko, Change4Life Club, Cricket, Hockey, Homework, Film Review, Art, Poetry, Choir & Multi Skills.



December also sees Bikeability Week for year 6. **Christmas Wrap will be in Dec, when pupils can purchase Christmas gifts for family members and have them wrapped ready for the tree!**

## WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

It was agreed at the November meeting that a defibrillator would be purchased and, with the kind permission of Weston Hills Village Hall Committee, it will be sited at the village hall. The defibrillator will be a 'pin code' access one very similar to the one located at Weston Village Hall. Using the defibrillator is very easy but it is hoped that training sessions will be held by LIVES for any interested members of the public. It was also agreed to sponsor a tree in the Weston St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival. Vice Chairman Richard Pratt laid a Poppy Wreath on behalf of the Parish Council at the Remembrance Service at Weston St Mary's.

**The next Parish Council meetings will take place on Monday 7th December at Weston Hills and Monday January 4th at Weston.**

A full list of meeting dates for 2016 can be found on the Parish Council's website. There is always a 15 minute Open Forum at the start of the meeting for any member of the public to have their say regarding matters which affect them.

### WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

**would like to wish everyone all the best for the Festive Season !**

*Christmas Concert with Chris Powell at  
The Burtey Fen Collection  
13th Dec 2.30pm—5 pm  
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### Christmas Afternoon Tea

*Free event* for the Over-60's

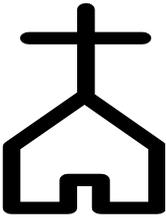
**Sunday 20th Dec** from  
**4.30pm—6.30pm**

*in Weston Hills Village Hall*

If you would like to come, or if you know anyone else who would like to join us please contact Viv Prescott on 01775 766907 **Anyone needing transport please contact the above.**

**Christmas Trees** The tradition of displaying and decorating a tree at Christmas originates from Europe with records of trees decorated with sweets at guild halls in Germany in the 15th century. Trees or evergreen decorations used as symbols of eternal life or protection from evil were also common in some parts pre-Christian Europe. According to the Forestry Commission 90% of British families put up a Christmas tree. The British Christmas Tree Growers Association say their members sell 8 million real Christmas trees every year. The most expensive Christmas tree was displayed in 2011 in Abu Dhabi it was 43 feet high and was covered in 181 gems valued at £6,975,880.





# Church Services

Weston St. Mary's Church			
Date	Time	Service	
6 Dec	11:00	Celebration of 25 years since ordination of Rev. Paul Winn. Ring 01406 373662 if you are staying for lunch or sign sheet in back of church. Holy Communion	St. Paul's Church. <b>No service at Weston</b>
13 Dec	11:00	Messy Church with Christmas crafts	St Mary's Church
20 Dec	11:00	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church
24 Dec	23:30	Midnight Mass	St Mary's Church
25 Dec	10.30	Short Communion with Carols Children bring a present to show	St Mary's Church
27 Dec	11:00	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church
3 Jan	11:00	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church
10 Jan	11:00	All Age worship with Choir	St Mary's Church
17 Jan	11:00	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church
24 Jan	11:00	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church
31 Jan	10:00	Holy Communion	St Mary's Church

### *Revd. Paul Winn*

On Sunday Dec 6 at 11am at St Paul's we shall celebrate Paul Winn's 25 years of priesthood. I would publically like to thank Paul for being a great help and a wonderful friend to me since I came to Spalding. Paul is a very genuine man, totally committed to his ministry and has helped many people during the 25 years since his priesthood. He may have rattled a few cages in his time – it's a gift that he has! But he has given support in so many ways to so many people, and I believe his 25 years in the priesthood has been greatly appreciated by those people, especially in the parishes of Cowbit, Weston, and Weston Hills, parishes which he serves with a great deal of dedication. I look forward to continue working with him until my retirement in 18 months time. Once again, thank you Paul for your kindness, support and your friendship.

**Mike Chesher**

## Weston in the Woodland

During our very long training day before the holiday, the staff and I worked together to plan an exciting, new curriculum venture: **Woodland Education**. Based on the concept of Forest Schools, Woodland Education gives the children greater opportunities to learn outside of the classroom – we will take them out into the school grounds and the wider village to develop their understanding of the world around them, increase engagement with nature, build stronger relationships and take (carefully controlled) risks.

**Nick Newitt , Headteacher.**

During their first session, the children in KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) had a wonderful time making amazing apple-people using fallen apples, twigs, bits of grass, etc. Those of you who are “green-thumbed” gardeners will know that we are fast approaching what my wife calls the “back end”, when all the tidy-up jobs such as shrub and tree pruning usually take place. During our training day we thought about what we would need to develop our Woodland Education area and wondered whether anyone would be willing to donate medium to large-sized branches from trees which we could use for den building, or thick slices from fallen trees which would make lovely insect homes (or seating).



### Eco Schools

Our newly introduced Woodland Education curriculum links nicely with the Eco Schools initiative which is being led by Mrs Palmer, along with her newly appointed Eco Council: Charlie, Amelia L, Sabine, Horatio, Emily T, Chardonay, Tyricee and Amie. I look forward to seeing them working hard to address a wide range of environmental themes, ranging from litter and waste to healthy living and developing the school grounds.

## Weston Community News

Mrs. Muriel Reade left a legacy to the church specifically for the fabric of the church, which means it cannot be used for general running costs. We have been able to do repairs and Improvements as a result of this. This means that the rotten parts of the floor have been replaced, a new heating system put in . There are proposals for a toilet. As a result of this we hope to put on some events, such as concerts . If anyone has any ideas of events that can be put on please let us know.

### Midnight Mass

24th December

11.30pm

St Mary's  
Church ,  
Weston



# Weston Community News

## Christmas Tree Festival:

12th/13th December

11.00am -4.00pm

19th/20th December

11.00am -4.00pm

If you are able to sponsor a Christmas Tree, have any Bric-a-Brac or can donate a raffle prize, for this event, please contact

**Rev. Paul Winn 01406 373662.**

*Cost of sponsorship is £25. Sponsors will receive acknowledgement at the festival.*

CHRISTMAS  
TREE  
FESTIVAL



The choir have now acquired sweat shirts with the church name on them. They sang at Baytree at the opening of the Winter Wonderland and arrival of Father Christmas. This was their first performance outside church and they were well received. They will be at **Springfields on December 19th at 2.00pm**



## Gift Day St Mary's Church 13th Dec

the cost of running the church on a day to day basis is more than the small congregation can afford. Things that need to be paid for locally, upkeep of churchyard, insurance of the building, heating, lighting amongst other things. This magazine contains an envelope in which you can make a donation to these costs. Please bring it to church on the 13th December or place in the box in the shop.

*Your help and support would be much appreciated.*



## Weston Village Hall Dance

**Sat 12th Dec & Sat 13th Jan**

PLEASE NOTE DOORS OPEN AT 7:00PM FOR

7:30PM UNTIL 11:30PM

ADMISSION IS £5

Contact **BRIAN UTTING 01733 210655 / 07979987180**

## WESTON CONSOLIDATED CHARITY

The Charity owns several wheelchairs that are available for either short or long term loan to residents of Weston Parish.

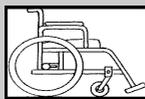
To arrange for the free loan of a chair please

contact either

Anthony Casson on

01775 723965 or

Julian Bellamy on 07831 212976



## Weston Village Hall

**Booking Line 07745 577517**

### Short Mat Bowls

Sun & Tues 7-9pm

Eileen Richardson :01406 370181

### Yoga

Mon 09:45-11:45am

Vivienne : 01775 713140

### Aikido

Mon & Fri 8-10pm

Steve Miller : 07986 363663

### Belly Dancing Shimmera

Wed 6:45-8pm

Dani Dalley : 01775 640705

### Water Colour Painting

Thurs 10-12 noon

Graham Timbrell : 01775 750389

### Children's Choir Club

Thurs 3-5pm

Rev Mike Chesher : 01775 712502

### Children's Karate

Fri 6:00-6:45pm

### Line Dancing

Thurs 7:00-9:45pm

Marion Bloye : 01406 350732

### Social Dance

Sat 12th Dec 7pm

Sat 13th Jan 7pm

Brian Utting : 01733 210655

You are welcome to join any of these activities, here, locally, in **your own village. Private use per hour: Lounge £6. Whole building £12 Weston Village residents will get a discount**

**To book your own event, or use the Badminton court  
Phone: 07745 577517**

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# MOULTON MILL NEWS

[www.moultonwindmill.co.uk](http://www.moultonwindmill.co.uk)

## Dec Events

**Wed 9 Dec at 7.30pm** the Friends of Moulton Mill will have a Christmas get together with snacks and refreshments. All welcome.

**Please see our notice board or local paper for details of Friends meetings in 2016.**

A full list of all our events for 2016 will be ready for publication in January.

Please note that the mill closes after business on

**Sunday 13 December 2015**

and reopens

**Thursday 14 January 2016.**

**Thanks to all who have again supported the mill during 2015.**

**.Christmas Raffle** - Prize is a luxury hamper. Tickets £1 each. Draw to take place at the Mill on Sun 13 December. Proceeds to Moulton Mill Restoration Fund.

**Gift Baskets for Christmas** - Are you looking for a different gift? We will again be selling our personal selection baskets. You choose the contents and we gift-wrap in a presentation basket. Just add £2 to the cost of the contents. Call in to place your order.

**Mill Shop** has recently been restocked with many new products ready for Christmas. Pop in and see what is available, then relax in the tea room with a hot drink and a slice of cake.

**The Spalding Voice Newspaper will not be available at the mill after 13<sup>th</sup> December until 14<sup>th</sup> January when we reopen.**

## Around the villages



### Moulton Chapel Methodist Church.

*Invite you to join us at our annual Carol Service*

**SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup>\* DECEMBER**  
at 10.30am.

\* Note change of date.

Seasonal Carols & Readings.

**CHRISTMAS EVE join us for a FAMILY SERVICE at 4.30pm.**

Carols and stories for children.

Mums, Dads, Grandmas and Grandads especially welcome.

In the New Year celebrate the start of the farming year with our

### **PLOUGH SERVICE.**

SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY

10.30am.

Celebration Lunch afterwards.

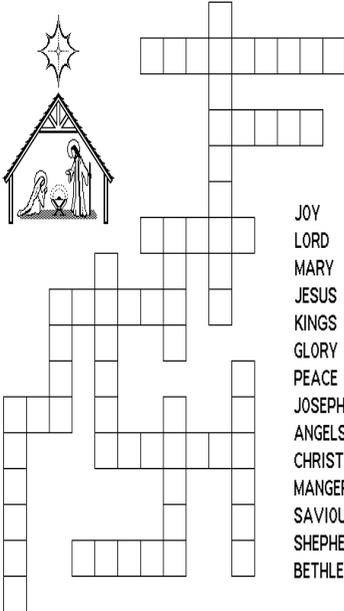




# Coffee Break

## Christmas Crossword

Make all the words fit into this crossword.  
Each word is only used once.



- JOY
- LORD
- MARY
- JESUS
- KINGS
- GLORY
- PEACE
- JOSEPH
- ANGELS
- CHRIST
- MANGER
- SAVIOUR
- SHEPHERDS
- BETHEHEM



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## Christmas Word Search Puzzle



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O H N T R E E L Q R E G N A M  
P Y N C O D D O S M C A X Q E  
T R X Z E O F H I A M A V W R  
B Q A J N R Y S R E H S B C U  
B B S N X Y T O N T G B P D D  
L A E H C L L T A N Y R B D O  
I R Y B E E S E I T E S A B L  
T S E T R S R K S S C S W W P  
Z L O S N W C O E O H V K H H  
E E L O J O R N M E O H P C M  
N G W B T F T E R D I P U C S  
J N W S E S T D S L I G H T S  
O A K K K D P T I N S E L B F

- ANGELS
- BLITZEN
- CAROLERS
- COMET
- CUPID
- DANCER
- DASHER
- DONNER
- FROSTY
- HOLLY
- LIGHTS
- MANGER
- MISTLETOE
- ORNAMENTS
- PRANCER
- PRESENTS
- RUDOLPH
- SNOW
- STAR
- STOCKINGS
- TINSEL
- TOYS
- TREE
- VIXEN
- WREATH

## Local Listings

### Accountancy Services

Bulley Davey, Hol 01406 424017 Sp 0 1775 766633 Chartered cert, tax advisers, audit, a/cs, personal & business, rental accounts, capital gains. [www.bulleydavey.co.uk](http://www.bulleydavey.co.uk)

**Bed and Breakfast** The Beeches, Weston Hills 01406 370345 (Marie/Charlie), 4 star silver with ground floor room for disabled. [www.beechesspalding.co.uk](http://www.beechesspalding.co.uk)

### Building Services

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### Curtains and Blinds

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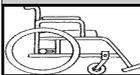
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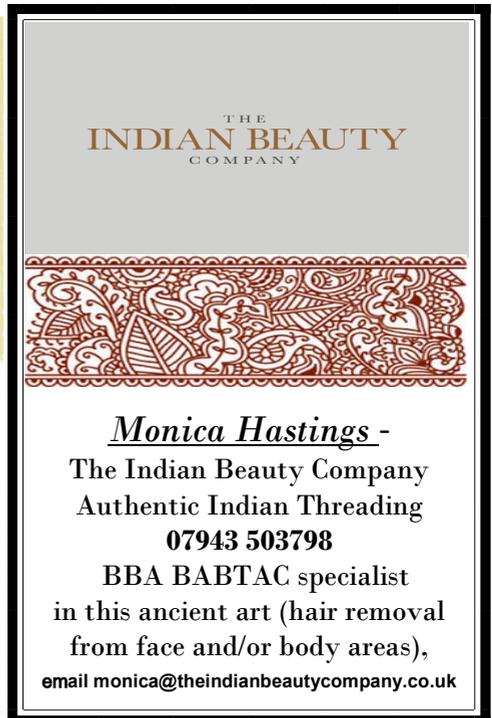


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