

CLENCHWARTON
Your Village News
NOVEMBER 2024



*LEST WE
FORGET*



Words for Remembrance Day



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.

Laurence Binyon, 1869 - 1943



PHOTOS FROM 2023 REMEMBRANCE DAY
IN CLENCHWARTON

Welcome to your Magazine

This is a monthly magazine and contains adverts from local businesses near you, village and church news and "what's on in the village" as well as articles from our parishioners and the community. We hope it is a valuable resource for newcomers to the village as well as our long-standing residents.

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**We need your articles in by 14TH NOVEMBER for the
DECEMBER edition**

Quiz Night

At the Chapel Schoolroom starting at **7.00pm on Friday 1st November**. No entry fee. Refreshments provided. All questions

team based but you do not need to come as a team as individuals can place themselves in teams with less numbers. Do come as this is likely to be the last quiz for some time.

QUIZ TIME



Wreath Making

This will take place **on November 29th** between 10 and 12. The cost will be £15 and to book your place please ring Rhoda on 0791 765 2757.



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Remembrance Day Reflections

I have been fortunate, working in education, that the service of Remembrance was often organised for me to participate in. In 2022 I was fortunate enough to witness the people of Adelaide showing their respects at the National War Memorial. My conversations with the Australians convinced me that the values of the Poppy appeal permeate many communities across the globe.

Last year I attended the Remembrance Service at St Margaret's Church in the village along with approximately 40 others. Clenchwarton had lost several young men on the battlefields. Each name was read out. A simple but powerful act.

Despite the global spread of the Poppy appeal, it is easy to forget. I was born in Birtley a small town just south of Gateshead. The Angel of the North looks down on the town from its elevated position. At the beginning of the First World War Britain had insufficient ammunition to match that of the German army. The Government of National Unity built several National Projectile factories and Birtley was chosen as one of the sites. The factory manufactured missile shells. My mother would later be employed at the factory. To solve the labour shortage, men were brought over from Belgium to work at the factory and temporary accommodations (known as the huts) were built to house them. My old primary school, called Elisabethville (after the Belgian queen) was a 100 bed hospital built to serve the new community. After the war the Belgians returned home. Shamefully, although the Belgian cemetery was entrusted to the care of the village Catholic church, it was often neglected and allowed to become semi-derelict, vandalised and overgrown. Thirteen soldiers from the Elisabethville community had given their lives. We had so quickly forgotten their sacrifice. Fortunately, Birtley has now rectified its mistake.

As the years roll on, many fear that we will forget the lessons of the wars despite many of our local schools being proactive in raising the profile of Remembrance Day. WW2 ended nearly 80 years ago. Much has changed. The last few years have become turbulent and the future holds many more challenges.

We would be foolish to forget:

- How close we were to losing our Parliamentary Democracy.
- How easy it was for large swathes of a country to be seduced by evil rhetoric.
- How horrific man's inhumanity to man could become.

Do consider attending the Remembrance Service at St Margaret's Church (or any other similar event) this year. The call to remember is not just a personal thing, it's a communal thing.

(David Hutton)

Remembering Remembrance Day

Last year a small book was passed to me. It contains the financial records of the collections and fund raising activities that took place within our village between 1942 & 1990 for ex-servicemen and women. The book shows that records were meticulously kept and care taken to ensure every penny was accounted for and that the full amounts were transferred to the appropriate charities. Every collection tin was numbered and the amounts collected within it recorded down to a half penny.

Soon Paul Evans will be organising his team of volunteers to tackle the door to door collections for the 2024 Poppy appeal. It's a tradition that has happened within our village since at least 1942. The organiser back then was a Mr A G Skerritt of 'Antioch' Clenchwarton. In 1942 the collection was for the Earl Haig Fund, a charity set up in 1921 for ex-service personnel. The wording on the black button in the centre of the poppy, were changed from "Haig Fund" to "Poppy Appeal" in 1994.

Mr Skerritt's helpers in 1942 were mainly ladies (Edwards, Hare, Howard, Lane, Milligan, Reeve, Riches, Seamer, Smit, Tinkler – apologies for surnames only) but also two men (Myall, Baker). The recorded amount collected is £20 0s 9d, which is roughly £1205 in today's money. A significant amount during WW2.

During the 1940's other organisers were J N Reeves, V V Roberts, H J Reeves, Miss J Whitby and S A Vincent. After that two ladies played a prominent part as organisers.

Mrs L M Cooper of Jubilee Road was the organiser between 1950 and 1968. During this time money was also raised through the sale of wreaths, dances, tombolas, the Women's Institute, Bowls Drives and Church collections. During her final year £97.76 was collected, approximately £2124 in today's money. During her time as organiser Mrs Cooper was supported by several villagers acting as presidents, chairmen, and treasurers including Mr R Meek, A B Dale, A M Newton and Mr J Wake.

Mrs Cooper handed over the reins to Mrs P E Cullen of Warrens Road who organised the collections for the next 20 years at least. During this time the collection broadens from door to door to include collection tins in shops, pubs etc. The records show collection tins were placed in the school, pubs, (Black Horse, Victory and Wheelwrights), the Post Office, Shops (Vivo store, Gilberts Fish shop, Spar Stores, Linford Stores, and Gails Hairdressers) which along with a growing number of volunteers meant that the sums collected grew. In 1988, £509 was collected equivalent to £1710 in today's money.

Finally, can I pose a question for the village? The book, which holds all this information is part of the history of our village. It contains the names of many folk who between 1942 and 1990 ensured we didn't forget the sacrifices made by family, friends, neighbours and strangers during the conflicts of the twentieth century. What should we do with this book? It would be a pity if it simply got forgotten. (David Hutton)

CLENCHWARTON

Your Village News

From the editors:

We are determined to make this magazine an inclusive voice for our entire community.

We welcome all contributions, however modest, on the understanding that we will not publish any offensive material, and may have to edit articles for reasons of space.

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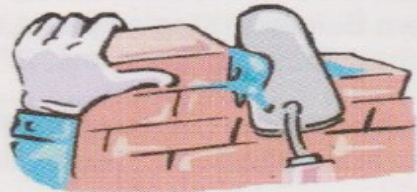
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St Margaret's Church Services during NOVEMBER

- 3rd** HOLY COMMUNION LED BY Revd. Barbara Burton
10th **REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE STARTS AT 10.45am**
This will include wreath laying at the Memorial in Church. The service will be followed by wreath laying at the Memorial Cottages and the Memorial Hall.
- 17th** HOLY COMMUNION LED BY Revd. Barbara Burton
24th Morning Prayer with hymns led by a church warden

All Church Services start at 10.00am unless otherwise stated
 Everyone is welcome to our services no matter what their age.

We look forward to seeing you

During the weekends and during school holidays, the candles and the lighter or matches will not be left in the church. We apologise that we are unable to leave them out during these periods.

Methodist Chapel Services in NOVEMBER



Sunday November 3rd Rev Jackie Goddard
On Sunday November 10th We will be united with
 St Margaret's Church for their Remembrance Day Service
 which begins at 10.45am

Sunday November 17th Worship Team
Sunday November 24th Rev Jackie Goddard Holy Communion
All the above services start at 10.30am (except 10th).
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DIARY OF EVENTS in CLENCHWARTON and surrounding area for NOVEMBER



EVERY THURSDAY 10am - 12 Noon
COFFEE MORNING at St MARGARET'S CHURCH
ALL WELCOME

- Fri 1st** Chapel Quiz Night 7pm
- Fri 1st** Memorial Hall Halloween Family Disco 6-8pm
- Sat 2nd** **Chapel Coffee & Craft Afternoon**
- Sat 2nd** Memorial Hall Psychic Supper. Tickets event
- Sat 9th** Walking Group 10.20am from the Saturday Market Place
- Tues 19th** Primary School Bingo 6pm
- Sat 16th** Clenchwarton Talks 2.30 pm Methodist Chapel
- Sat 16th** The Magpie Quiz Night/Hog Roast at Stowbridge Hall 7pm
- Sat 23rd** St Margarets Winter Craft 10-2pm
- Fri 29th** Wreath Making 10-12noon. Booking required

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Walking Group

Saturday 9th November

It is all different this month.

We will be meeting at the slightly earlier time of 10.20am and from the Saturday Market Place on Saturday 9th November.

We will have a guide – Mike Brown who will kindly take us on a route with a maritime flavour. The walks are free but you may wish to give a donation to Lynn Guides.

The Clenchwarton Talk

Saturday 16th November

You will have seen more information on this in the October magazine together with a picture. The speaker will be Mandy Beech who will be talking about the Welcome Dress. The dress has been on display in Leicester and is now travelling the country so we are very lucky that they are coming here with it.

This is at the Chapel on Saturday 16th November starting at 2.30pm.

Entry is free. Refreshments are provided.

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From the Little Yellow Smart Car

Revd Jackie Goddard

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How big is your *but*?

No, that's not a misspelling or a rude question!

But *but* is often the answer an answer we give to invitations or requests:

Could you just...?

I would, *but*...

Are you going to...?

I was, *but*...

Did you manage to...?

I intended to, *but*...

Would you like to...?

Yes, *but*...

Some of our *but*s are small and easy to work around or overlook. They are temporary: Can you give me a hand? Yes, *but* let me finish this first.

Some can't be avoided. Others are excuses or ways of deflecting attention away from what is important. Some come from a place of fear or anxiety, that stops us taking up an opportunity.

Some *but*s are more affirming. God looks at the mess we are making of things and says 'I know things are difficult, *but* my love never fails.'

Worship is an invitation to be in the presence of the one who created and whose love for us is endless.

Worship is realising that everything around us is precious, wonderful, and full of potential.

Worship is being alone with God, and part of something bigger than we can imagine.

Worship is human hearts and minds reaching for the divine because it transforms, renews, refreshes and sets us back on the better paths.

Worship can happen anywhere, *but* churches provide spaces for us to worship together.

My invitation to you is to set your *but*s aside, and come and join us in worship.

Every blessing

Revd Jackie Goddard

(For more information on Worship: www.methodist.org.uk/faith/a-methodist-way-of-life/)

Pastoral Letter



Reverend Barbara Burton writes.....

I'm going to tell you a little about a pet tortoise owned by a friend of mine. She named the tortoise Tortoise (she's not known for her imagination). Think of Tortoise's life for a moment, please. As he wakes from a deep sleep in springtime, he eats the best of fresh new salads and vegetables, warms up in the sunshine and, filled with renewed vigour, charges around like a mad thing (mostly looking for, and maybe finding, a mate). Then after expending all that energy, Tortoise slows up, relaxes in the sun, continues eating and sunbathing whilst digesting all the vitamins and minerals required to maintain that incredible shell, and appears to thoroughly enjoy himself. Slowly as autumn comes in and the sun is lower in the sky, dampness and frosts tell of the approaching winter, and Tortoise stops eating. He slows down and becomes almost comatose as he enters hibernation and denies himself any life or exertion over the cold months.

Now I am not suggesting that we are in any way like tortoises, but there is a similarity in our life pattern. We have renewed springtime energies, slightly more relaxed summer periods and then the snuggling down of winter. During the winter we stay indoors more, maybe watch more television or enjoy more of a particular hobby, but we also have a lot more thinking time. We look back over a year, we look forward to Christmas festivities, make plans and lists and get used to the combination of cold weather and central heating. On 10th November the church helps to remember those we have lost through war. Just three weeks later we enter Advent and begin preparations for Christmas. We move from quiet sadness and grief mixed with gratitude for the lives of others, into a time when we remember that we DO have hope – not just for Christmas coming, but for the assurance of eternal life in heaven. So in the Church we are not like Tortoise – our Christian journey continues in the cold winter months as we look for Jesus' promised return.

NEWS FROM ST MARGARET'S



LOOKING BACK

If you are wondering why we need money for the church funds, the church is rather like the 'Forth Bridge' used to be. Continuously needing work! Last year the headstock on the second bell had to be replaced, a lot of the damage caused to it was due to the rain getting in though the tower windows, which are so rotten they all have to be replaced.

As well as the floor in the tower which is so bad that the Bell Engineer actually put his foot through the floor when changing the 'headstock'.

Now that bell ropes are fraying! They all need changing a cost of around £ 1,000.00 + VAT. All this on top of the usual running costs of the church. I have also been asked about the kitchen and toilet project. This is ongoing, with Andy (our treasurer) and I continuing applying for grants to fund the work. Thank You to everyone for every donation received, and for all the help and support you give.

HARVEST FESTIVAL. 15th September

The auction of products, which is held at the end of the church service.

Raised £90.00 this has been rounded up to £100.00 and will be donated to the King's Lynn food bank.

RACE NIGHT- 'A RACE NIGHT LIKE NO OTHER'

We held a 'Race Night Like No Other' on Saturday 21st September. The Race Night was great fun and a big Thank You to Richard who brought the night's entertainment to us.

Also Annette who moved the six dogs up and down the race track.

The evening raised £278.00 which will go towards Church funds.



NEWS FROM ST MARGARET'S



COFFEE MORNING FOR MACMILLAN. 26th September.

Thank you to Maureen, for all the lovely cakes and scones that she baked. Also to Bev and Sue for their lovely cakes. It was wonderful to see the church so full. **We raised £154.00 which will be sent to the MacMillan Nurses.**



SECOND HAND CLOTHES SALE.

Sadly the second hand clothes sale was a flop! The church was full of bargains! From lovely baby clothes to adult clothes, and shoes as well. Sadly though we only had a few visitors on the day.

However Thanks to the generous of some of the store holders and some other visitors, **£32.00** was given to the church in donations.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT.

NEWS FROM ST MARGARET'S



LOOKING FORWARD

REMEMBRANCE DAY - LEST WE FORGET

Please do come along to St Margaret's at 10.45am for the Remembrance Day Service when we remember those who gave their lives for this country in two world wars and other conflicts. Wreaths will be laid at the memorial in church, at the Memorial Cottages in Church Road, and also the Memorial Hall.

WINTER CRAFT FAIR. Saturday 23rd November

In church 10am - 2pm. If you would like to book a table for the event, please contact Debra (churchwarden)

This promises to be a great occasion. Come along and get some unusual gifts, buy your unique Christmas cards and have a cup of tea and homemade cake.

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION. December 1st - April 30th

By popular request we are running this competition again, widening the area for photographs to include Clenchwarton and Kings Lynn, which will provide plenty of scope for all photographers out there! The photos submitted last year were all of a very high standard so I look forward to seeing them all this year.

The competition starts on December 1st and runs until April 30th by which time all photos must have been submitted. Two independent judges will judge the photos.

There are three age categories: under 11, 12 – 17, and 18 and upwards. Photos can be taken on phones or cameras and must be printed out before submission (10" X 8").

The full set of rules are on the reverse of the entry forms which will be in church by the end of November. There will be prizes for the winner in each category.

So – get your thinking caps on. Where is the best place to get 'that' photo, how will the light affect my subject, what is behind my subject(!) etc? Happy Snapping

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

On December 22nd at 3pm we will be having a Nativity Carol Service. Come and hear the story of the nativity interspersed with some of your favourite carols.

On December 24th our popular Christingle service will be held at 4pm. Don't know what this is all about?? Come along and find out!

Both services are very suitable for children.

ST MARGARET'S CHURCH

EVENTS FOR 2024

**SUNDAY 10TH NOVEMBER - REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE—
10.45am in church**

23rd November WINTER CRAFT FAIR
In church 10am - 2pm. If you would like to book a stall, or know someone else who might, please contact Debra

1st December - 30th April PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION
FULL DETAILS ON PAGE 16

22nd DECEMBER 3PM FAMILY NATIVITY WITH CAROLS SERVICE - an all age service for everyone in St Margaret's Church

24th DECEMBER 4PM CHRISTINGLE SERVICE in church. An all age service for everyone in St Margaret's Church

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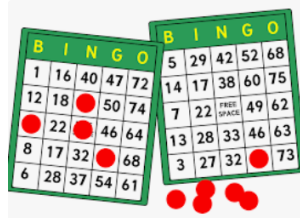
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Christmas Fayre – It will soon be Christmas, so get this date in your diary as you are welcomed to join us on **Friday 6th December**, at the Primary School from 3.30pm. There will be games, raffle and tombola, together with craft stalls and refreshments. We still have space for more stalls at £10 each.

If you would like to book a stall, please email clenchwartonpta@gmail.com

Bags2school – This is a charity collection scheme which we run a couple of times a year, so if you are looking to get rid of any clothing, please bag it up and drop it at the Primary School before 9.00am on **Thursday 19th December**.



The school receive funds based on the weight of donations, so the more you donate, the more funds which are raised at the school. They will accept: Clothes, shoes, bags, hats, scarves, ties, bras, jewellery, socks and belts. Please note that items must be in a sellable condition and they do not accept uniforms.

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New Railway Station in the Division

Norfolk County Council is undertaking the high-level feasibility study which I have asked for, on the viability of new railway stations. One location considered will be on the railway network in this Division. The race is on to find the best location to attract passengers. The Willows Industrial Estate, Nar Ouse Way, West Winch. With 6,000 new homes planned for Lynn and West Winch, new environmentally friendly modes of transport into Lynn need to be created. The Ely Junction Upgrade will be critical to the delivery of half-hourly services and this needs to be taken forward now.

West Lynn Ferry

Turning to repairs to the ferry landing stage, three steps were replaced and a tread plate was re-secured on the Kings Lynn side ferry landing on 1 September 2024. Engineering surveys of the landing stages were planned for mid to late September, but the Borough Council is yet to report.

King's Lynn Transport Plan KLATS

The County Council's Transport Plan is up for review. It focuses on Lynn as the sub-regional centre but with 6,000 new homes in the pipeline for Lynn and West Winch, the objective is to decrease the inflow of traffic and car dependency. This is all the more urgent as the Govt has just increased the Borough's annual housing targets from 550 to over a 1,000 new homes.

Lynn has over half the jobs in the Borough at 55% and only half of the people who work in Lynn live there. Sparse public transport infrastructure mean the villages around Lynn have a relatively poor level of service placing pressure on the road network in Lynn.

With local Bus Travel below the national average, I have asked County for the 505 to be brought back to every 20 minutes. For earlier and later buses on the A10. Increase to the Ferry Capacity as a Public Sector Transport and Commuter facility. West Winch Bypass has passed its first approval state and is now critical, as the Borough recently passed Hopkins Application for 1100 homes between the A10 and A47. Improved capacity and budget for maintenance of the Clenchwarton Cycle Path is also really important.

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Clenchwarton Parish Council

3rd October 2024

The meeting was attended by Councillors Coates, Lucas, Fox, Thornalley and Wilson as well as County Councillor Kemp and the Parish Clerk. Councillor Moore and Borough Councillor Bearshaw did not attend. Including myself there were five members of the public at the meeting.

As it had only been three weeks since the previous meeting, this meeting focused on reporting progress on a few areas and was relatively quick.

County Councillor Kemp provided an update from the County Council and reminded the meeting that the recycling centre is moving to a booking system to be introduced on November 18th. Councillor Kemp expressed her concerns about potential congestion caused by queuing and asked for feedback on the changes. Details of the queuing system are on the council website.

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/article/62415/Whats-happening>

Also covered in County Council update was an announcement that entry to Lynn Museum is free from 1st October to 31st March and a reminder about Covid vaccinations availability starting during October. Councillor Kemp reported that there have been some changes to eligibility for the vaccinations this time. Details of who is eligible can be found on the Government website. <https://www.nhs.uk/vaccinations/covid/19/vaccine>

No Borough Council update was provided in the meeting as Borough Councillor Bearshaw was unavailable.

The meeting quickly rolled through the agenda to village matters. The significant improvement to the churchyard since the appointment of the new contractor was noted and an agreement reached to continue with the arrangement. Councillor Wilson offered to provide some much needed additional support with trimming of the hedges.

Registering the new tractor will take about four weeks, which will allow time for some urgently needed maintenance of the garage doors to be completed before it arrives.

Signage for the memorial hall was discussed and clarification is to be sought from the County Council on eligibility for brown signs. The County Councils initial view seems to have changed.

Work on repairing and replacing the benches outside the school is planned to take place over the half term at the end of October. There is likely to be some disruption mainly to foot traffic whilst the work is completed.

The village Christmas Tree was discussed and agreement was swiftly reached on what should be ordered. The vision for this year's tree sounds very exciting.

The commemorative feature stone for the Jubilee Gardens was also discussed, mainly to remind the council that this was an outstanding item being provided by the CCFT. The stone will have a plaque recognising the efforts of the sponsors and volunteers who made the gardens possible.

The last topic discussed was a request that the parish council support a grant application being made by CCFT. Should the grant be successful, the money would be used to commission a feasibility study for options to improve the social and leisure infrastructure in the village.

The next Parish Council meeting is on Thursday 7th November at 7.00pm in the Memorial Hall.

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NATURE WATCH by GS

Usually we write about attractive birds and animals but today I am writing about spiders. Most people do not find spiders attractive, particularly the large ones and at present I have a particularly large spider in my house. I am not alone. This is the time of the year when we are more likely to see spiders in our homes. This is partly because they are coming in out of the cold but it is also because this is their mating season so the males are very active at nights.

We should like spiders. They do a lot of good for humans in removing many of the insects that can spread disease. Spiders in this country are no threat to humans. Why don't we like them? Maybe because they are apt to shock us by moving suddenly so fast when we did not even know they were there.



I have been staring at my spider. It is an amazing entity. It is large in so far as it has huge spindly legs but apart from its limbs it appears to be nothing else. However, it is able to spin the most intricate webs out of material it is difficult to see. It evidently has feelings but where is its brain? There are many types of spider but the one most likely to be in the house is the House Spider and I am confident that is the spider I have. I also think it is a female spider. Why? Well it is largely stationary and at this time of year the female generally stands still and waits. It is the male spider which is rushing around desperate to find a mate before the mating season is over. If I was a male spider I would not be in such a hurry to find my mate because after the event is over the female is apt to feel a bit peckish!! Hands up who wants to be a male spider!

I would like to finish, however, with a pretty bird. On Sunday I was in Dersingham and what whirled round above our heads? It was a Kite. It was amazingly graceful. Man can invent a computer which can do many things. He cannot replicate the size and intricacy of the spider or the flying ability of the Kite. Nature is indeed wonderful.

The History of Norfolk. Part 5

We have reached 2000BC and it is around this time that Seahenge was built. It has actually been dated to 2049BC. There is actually two seahenges separated by about 100metres. The area encircled is about four times larger than the area encircled at Stonehenge. Why were the structures built? It is now generally considered that it was a burial place probably for an important person – either a leader or a religious figure. The henge was at Holme-next-the-sea but it is now at Lynn Museum. There may have been plenty of other similar structures but because they were made of wood are unlikely to remain. The Holme henge survived because of it being waterlogged in low oxygen conditions. The only other timber circle to survive in Britain with surviving timbers is at Bleasdale in Lancashire.

Due to lack of space there was no episode last month and a very short one this month. It is likely that these articles will be spasmodic in the future.
(GS)

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Tea with a Pony has closed for the winter and will recommence in April 2025.

Next up is the **Quiz Night with Hog Roast Supper** (plus veggie option), at Stowbridge Village Hall, Downham Road PE34 3PW on **Saturday 16th November. Doors open at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start.**

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If you know of anything suitable, please call the Magpie Centre on 01553 810202.

Puzzle Page

This month answers to quiz all begin with the letter N

- 1 Planet in our Solar System
- 2 Town in North East Scotland which once was a county town
- 3 They send us a Christmas tree each year.
- 4 An apple is supposed to have fallen on his head!
- 5 Admiral killed at the Battle of Trafalgar
- 6 Dog in Peter Pan
- 7 English Football Club owned by Saudi Arabia apparently
- 8 Country in Peter Pan.
- 9 Borders Oregon, Idaho and California.
- 10 Word associated with the rhymes of Edward Lear



Puzzle Corner

Answers

- 1 Neptune
- 2 Naim
- 3 Norway
- 4 Newton
- 5 Nelson
- 6 Nana
- 7 Newcastle United
- 8 Never Never Land
- 9 Nevada
- 10 Nonsense

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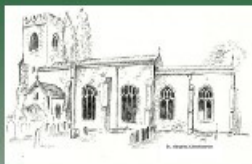
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