

THE LINK

The Magazine of The Knightley Parishes

Charwelton

Harvest Weekend

Celebrating our rural heritage

Harvest supper

Fri 4th Oct 7pm

Village hall

Open Church

Sat 5th / Sun 6th Oct

2-4pm

Refreshments available

Harvest Festival Service

Sun 6th Oct 6pm

in the Church



October 2024

No. 398

Badby ☘ Newnham ☘ Charwelton ☘ Fawsley ☘ Preston Capes



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Services for October 2024

| | 6 October I Trinity 19 | 13 October II Trinity 20 | 20 October III Trinity 21 | 27 October IV Last after Trinity | 3 November I 4 bef. Advent |
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| Badby | 11:00 Holy Communion CW [GS] | 11:00 Harvest [Lay SR] | 10:00 United Benefice Service of Holy Communion CW at Badby [SB] | 11:00 Morning Worship [Lay HW] | 11:00 Holy Communion CW [GS] |
| Newnham | X | 16:00 Harvest [LT] | | 09:15 Holy Communion CW [GS] | X |
| Charwelton | 18:00 Harvest Festival Service (Church) [GS] | X | | 17:00 Evensong BCP (Chapel) [Lay GW] | 09:15 Holy Communion BCP (Church) [GS] |
| Fawsley | X | 11:00 Holy Communion BCP [GS] | | X | X |
| Preston Capes | X | 09:15 Holy Communion CW [GS] | | 10:00 Morning Prayer BCP [Lay GH] | X |
| | X | | | | X |

OTHER SERVICES

Tuesday 22nd. October 6.30 pm Badby ESOW

SUNDAY READINGS

Principal Service CW

- for other services see Lectionary

| Date | Feast | OT Reading | NT Reading | Gospel |
|---------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 6 Oct. | Trinity 19 | Gen. 2, 18-24 | Heb. 1, 1-4 & 2, 5-12 | Mark 10, 2-16 |
| 13 Oct. | Trinity 20 | Amos 5, 6-7 & 10-15 | Heb. 4, 12-end | Mark 10, 17-31 |
| 20 Oct. | Trinity 21 | Isaiah 53, 4-end | Heb 5, 1-10 | Mark 10, 35-45 |
| 27 Oct. | Last after Trin. | Jer. 31, 7-9 | Heb. 7, 23-end | Mark 10, 46-end |
| 3 Nov | 4 bef. Advent | Deut. 6, 1-9 | Heb. 9, 11-14 | Mark 12, 28-34 |

FROM THE REGISTERS

HOLY BAPTISM



at Charwelton
on 15th. September
Otilie Charlotte Arabella Powell
(by Revd. Greg Shaw)

*Shine as a light in the world,
to the Glory of God the Father*

at Fawsley
on 2nd. September
Jordan Jethro Travill
and

Sophie Louise Reeve
(by Revd. Canon Ann Slater)

*Blessed are you, heavenly Father
You give joy to bridegroom and bride*

HOLY MATRIMONY



at Fawsley
on 31st. August
Ryan Callum Morgan
and

Christina-Jane Crossman-Barnes
(by Revd. Canon Ann Slater)

IN MEMORIAM



from Badby
at Banbury Crematorium
on 2nd. September
Kenneth Morris

*Grant him peace,
and let light perpetual shine upon him*

EDITORIAL

One of our readers in Everdon (Yes, the Link is read as far away as that!) has recently been attempting to encourage hedgehogs into her garden. They are apparently fairly plentiful in the rest of the village. She has been putting out hedgehog food but so far to no avail. But I am sure they will appear in due course once the word gets round the hedgehog community - and of course assuming that the local garden fences are such that hedgehogs can easily pass from one garden to another.

Here ours continue to appear as regularly as clock-work each evening at dusk. Usually at least two, and sometimes more. They mostly seem to tolerate each other, but from time to time a bout of fisticuffs breaks out - which can be quite amusing to watch!!

I commented recently on the paucity of insects, and that still applies, but of late we have noticed that our several largish clumps of sedum are literally humming with bees - especially when the flowers are in the sun. A lovely and most welcome sight and sound.

As the Christmas season approaches, those of you responsible for organising festive events might wish to be reminded of some precautions published by the Health and Safety people.

1. *"Little Jesus sweetly sleep, do not stir, we will lend a coat of fur. We will rock you..." etc.*

Please note that fur is no longer appropriate wear for small infants, both due to the risk of allergy and for ethical reasons. Therefore faux fur, or a nice cellular blanket should be considered.

Please also note that only persons who have been subject to a CRB check and have enhanced clearance will be permitted to rock baby Jesus, and they must be prepared to provide 3 forms of identification before rocking commences.

2. *"Dashing through the snow, in a one horse open sleigh, O'er the fields we go, laughing all the way"*

A risk assessment must be submitted before an open sleigh is considered safe for members of the public to travel on. The risk assessment must also consider whether it is appropriate to use only one horse for such a venture, particularly if passengers are of larger proportions. Please also note that permission must be obtained from land owners before entering their fields. To avoid offending those not participating in celebrations laughter should be moderate only and not loud enough to be considered a noise nuisance.

3. *"While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground, The angel of the Lord came down and glory shone around."*

The Union of Shepherds has complained that it breaches H&S regulations that shepherds should watch their flocks without suitable seating arrangements. Therefore benches, stools and orthopaedic chairs should be available.

The angel of the Lord is reminded that before shining his/her/their glory all around he/she/they must ensure that all shepherds have been issued with glasses capable of filtering out all harmful effects of UVA, UVB, and Glory.

More pearls of H&S wisdom next month.

David



Ruth Mackman, celebrant

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PASTORAL LETTER

Luke the Evangelist

The 18 October is the day when the church remembers Luke the Evangelist, Luke who wrote the gospel and indeed the book of Acts.

I love Luke because he has that clarity which I really enjoy. The Gospel he wrote begins with him explaining why he was writing it, he says "I too decided, after investigating everything carefully from the very first to write an orderly account for you."

Scripture tells us some significant things. Because he travelled with Paul and his companions we know other things about Luke, such as the fact he was a Doctor (Colossians 4:14 calls him 'the beloved physician') and we know he travelled with Paul; you'll notice in the book of Acts he sometimes writes 'we'.

Luke was not one of the 12 chosen by Jesus to be with him during his ministry, Luke's skill is to listen very carefully to others and to be able to put their story in writing so that it can be shared with others, firstly Theophilus (who Luke and Acts were written for), and now for us.

I always wonder if Luke travelling with Paul was a response to being inspired by the witness of others to Jesus, our

saviour and Lord, and all that Jesus did and said.



This is a repeating story. People met Jesus, told their story to Luke, who discovered it to be true himself and told the story to others! Interestingly for Luke though this didn't mean leaving the skills and vocation he had behind. Luke the doctor is clearly still Luke the doctor, even when he is travelling around telling others about Jesus. Luke is an example to us of faithful Christians, who work in the place God has called them and who also share their faith with others.

As we remember Luke on the 18 October let's pray for Doctors (and indeed any who work in the medical profession or healthcare of any kind) and for each of us to fulfill the tasks of our ordinary lives (which mostly won't be medicine) and like Luke to share the love of Jesus while we are doing that.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alison Booker'.

*The Venerable Alison Booker
Archdeacon of Oakham*

BENEFICE PAGE

EVENING SERVICE OF THE WORD

This short service is held once a month on the Tuesday evening following the third Sunday at St Mary's Badby at 6.30pm. There is always a brief talk about someone inspirational. All welcome! The next dates are 22 October and 19 November.

BADBY AND DISTRICT FILM SOCIETY

Saturday 12th October: Donizetti's L'Elisir d'Amore (2009)

Our Supper at the Opera series brings you this delightful Glyndebourne production of a well-known and much-loved comedy. The soloists are all young and relatively unknown, but the critics loved it: "An enchanting account. Set in Mussolini's Italy, but without... detracting from the pervasive charm of the piece, it is wonderfully cast and a perfect team effort." [126 mins, exempt certificate]

Friday 25th October: Miss Pettigrew Lives for a Day (2008)

Rom-com set in 1930s London, about a middle-aged London governess who finds herself unfairly dismissed from her job. Pitching for new employment catapults her into the glamorous world and dizzying social whirl of an American actress and singer. It stars Amy Adams, Frances McDormand, Mark Strong and Ciarán Hinds. The reviews hail it as "a delightful champagne cocktail of a comedy." [88 mins, PG certificate]

For further information about the Society email banddfs@gmail.com or phone Karen, evenings only, on 01327 312158.

BADBY & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

As we head into Autumn, and our greens and gardens are graced with gold, yellow and

crimson, there is nothing cosier than the first night in front of the fire. But autumn is also the perfect time to weed your beds, harvest your grapes, plums and apples, tidy up leaves and do the 'final mow' (as my Dad used to call it). And as the nights draw in, it also means that we're getting closer to the annual HORTSOC wine tasting in the village hall. Watch this space for further details.



SUDOKU

[With thanks to Robin Baker]

Puzzle No. 100 - Mild

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PARISH NOTICES

BADBY

Correspondent - Geoff Pullin (gcsspullin@yahoo.com)

website: www.badby-pc.gov.uk

| | Reader | Sidesman | Coffee |
|---------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|
| 6 Oct. | C. Wakeford J. Jordan | J. Jordan J. Hall | G. Morley |
| 13 Oct. | C. Richards N. Shaw | G. Nelson J. Jordan | C. Richards |
| 20 Oct. | P. Wakeford F. Williams | F. Williams G. Morley | C. Wakeford |
| 27 Oct. | F. Williams G. Nelson | C. Richards C. Nelson | A. Syred |

Don't forget to check the Knightley Benefice website for details of current services.

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA FOR OCTOBER

w/b 30 Sept Jo Hind, Judy Jordan, Gill Nelson
w/b 7 Ann Cotton, Monique Shortt, Ann Syred
w/b 14 Gillie Morley, Ann Skinner
w/b 21 Jan Cooper, Moira Cooper
w/b 28 Jo Hind, Judy Jordan, Gill Nelson

CHURCH FLOWERS IN OCTOBER

To 12 October - Jan Cooper
12 - 26 October - Gill Nelson
26 October - 8 November - Jackie Peel
We will be decorating the church for the Harvest Festival on Saturday 12 October.
Autumn blooms, leaves, and berries would be much appreciated please.

CHURCH DRAW

The September winners of the church draw were 1st: Christine Warburton; 2nd: Jim & Ruth McBeth; 3rd: Julianna Hall. The annual bonus prizes drawn at the coffee morning were: Karen Alexander £160, Tony and Monique Shortt £80, Frances Williams £40. Many thanks to all who have renewed their annual ticket for the Church Draw. If you would still like to buy a ticket there are just a few more days to buy one.

SCARECROW FESTIVAL

As you know the Scarecrow Festival was a great success. The dogs were great and so was the attendance and the overall atmosphere. Many thanks to all who added their effort to the day, and especially to the sponsors. Over £2,300 was raised for the church.

T 4 U

Friday 4 October at the village hall 2.30 – 4.30pm for the usual great Tea and Chat. Do come with friends and family.

SPATS LANGHAM'S HOT FINGERS

A reminder to ticket holders that Spats Langham's Hot Fingers band will be at the village hall on Saturday 5 October, 7.30pm. Fish & Chips, bring your own drinks, glasses provided. All tickets sold.

RECORDED MUSIC SOCIETY

The meeting in the village hall on Tuesday 8 October from 2pm will now be music by composers' or artists' names beginning with O. This was meant to be September's topic but was replaced at short notice by Martin Heath's The Music of Sherlock Holmes, originally scheduled for October!

BADBY & FAWSLEY WI

If you've not tried it before, there's a chance to learn a new skill this month – namely Needle Felting with Michelle Hayes, on Thursday 10 October. For information about visiting for this hands-on session, or joining this lively group of women, please get in touch with Jan Cooper on jancooper2012@me.com

BADBY PARISH COUNCIL

Since the last edition of The Link:

- Advisory 20mph speed limit signs have been erected at strategic points in the village
- The bus shelter roofs have been repaired
- An application has been received for Parish Council comment for development of land on Bunkers Hill - see Planning section of Badby Parish Council website for a link.

The next parish council meeting is Monday 14 October. There is still a casual vacancy for a Parish Councillor. Please contact the Chair or Clerk if interested.

COFFEE MORNING

St. Mary's next coffee morning will be on Tuesday 15 October, from 10.30am to 12 noon. We look forward to seeing you there.

VILLAGE HALL QUIZ NIGHT

Come and join us for a fund-raising Quiz Night on Friday 15 November. Teams of up to six, tickets just £5 per head including cheese and baguettes to keep your minds sharp! Drinks must be purchased at the licensed bar. Enquiries and tickets (from 15 October) to Peter Cooper (peter.bvhmc@btinternet.com, 07792 165529). We are planning festive events for December, including carols, a Santa's grotto and wreath-making – dates TBA, so watch this space. To reserve your places at our Burns Night Dinner and Dancing on Saturday 25 January, contact Peter Cooper.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Badby Christmas Fair will be on Saturday 23 November, from 10am till 2pm. Put the date in your diary. There will be lots of stalls, together with soup, bread, coffee and cake to keep you going.



NEWNHAM

Correspondent - Ellen Henning
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SEPTEMBER DRAW

£50 prize - Mr T Regan - No 29
£25 prize - Matilda Farthing No 138
£15 prize - Mary Hodges - No 6

CLEANING ROTA FOR OCTOBER

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|-------|-------------------------|
| 6/10 | Mrs. Cook and Mrs. Rees |
| 13/10 | Ms. J Minor |
| 20/10 | Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson |
| 27/10 | Mr. and Mrs. Wood |

HARVEST SERVICE

This will be held on 13th. October at 4.00pm. The service will be taken by Rev. Lesley Tomalin, who is know to the children as she visits Newnham School. The service will be appropriate for both children and adults, with both traditional harvest hymns and modern hymns known to the children. Refreshments will be served after the service. We look forward to seeing you at the service, where we are hoping to relaunch Newnham's Harvest service, with a change from the format that has been used for many years.

AUGUST AT NEWNHAM CHURCH

3rd. August Marriage of Holly and Jo from Daventry
15th. August Visiting Ringers
21st. August Benefice Council meeting this was held at Charwelton
25th. August Holy Communion taken by Bishop Ed. Condry
27th. Meeting with Rev. Lesley Tomalin to discuss format of Harvest Service
During the month there have been meetings about the appointment of a new Priest.

BINGO

On Friday 18th. October the church will once again be holding a Bingo session in the Village Hall, the doors will open at 6.30. for 7.00pm start. There will be a break for refreshments, tea, coffee and biscuits, but you can bring your own. Bingo sessions can be fun, particularly if you come with friends, although when the actual game is taking place it is serious!! Hope to see you there. Donations of prizes, would be welcome.

NEWNHAM WI

Newnham WI will be meeting in the Village Hall on the 17th October at 7.30. This is going to be a very fun evening as we all try to master the skill of Belly Dancing; Shelley Copestake will be guiding us and hopefully giving us a demonstration.

We invite anyone interested in joining us to please come along. Just £3.00 on the door including refreshments and a lot of fun. For further information please contact either Sophie on 07711123981 or Chris on 01327 465404

SATURDAY NIGHT COMEDY
Newnham Village Hall 12th October

Come and laugh with Mike Gunn, Kevin Daniel, Dawn Bailey and Pete Teckman from the Comedy Crate. Doors open 7pm for 8pm show. Bar for refreshments. Tickets £15 from <https://www.thecomedycrate.com>



CHARWELTON

Correspondent - David Pound
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| | Reader/Sidesman | Flowers |
|----------------|------------------------|----------------|
| 6 Oct. | TBA | Fiona Spencer |
| 27 Oct. | Amanda McCree | |
| 3 Nov | David Pound | |

| Chapel cleaning | |
|------------------------|----------------|
| October | Graham White |
| November | Meryl Nicholls |

ARMISTICE BREAKFAST

In the Village Hall on Sunday 10th November.
Details on flyer nearer the time

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAYRE

Sunday 17th November
10am-1pm

A great selection of local handmade crafts ideal for Christmas gifts and stocking fillers. Tómbola and refreshments too. Stall holders contact Trish on 01327 261817.

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST PANTOMIME

Sunday 29th December 1pm

Save the date - the Village Hall has booked the Laugh out Loud theatre company to perform this wonderful pantomime. Tickets £10 per person (both adults and children) Contact Trish on 01327 261817

WHIST DRIVE

The next village hall whist drive will be on Monday, 21st October at 7.30pm.

CHARWELTON WALKERS GROUP

The final group walk for this year is to Badby on 13th October, initially meeting at 10.00 am at the Fox as usual. The route is approximately 5 miles long and suitable for our four legged friends. We will head towards the woods and on to the Maltster's where we can stop for refreshments (bring your own as the pub won't be open until midday). A car ride back to Charwelton is planned, and Trish / Chris will have transport ready in Badby to return. You are very welcome to make alternative arrangements to suit.

Group walks will resume again in the spring, when we're ever hopeful of a change in the weather.

Trish and Chris

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES

Fiona Spencer will be collecting your boxes during October.

HARVEST WEEKEND

Fri 4th – Sun 6th October

Celebrating Charwelton's rural heritage.

HARVEST SUPPER

Friday 7pm in the village hall, with three course meal, bar and entertainment. Tickets (£10/£7 for 12 and under) from Norman Blenkhorn 01327 260650 / normanblenkhorn@gmail.com. We need to know how many apples to pick and how many crumbles to crumble, so don't delay in buying your tickets. (If we haven't sold enough tickets by 26th September we might have to cancel the event.)

OPEN CHURCH

Saturday and Sunday between 2 and 4pm. Do come and admire the floral arrangements, fortified with a cuppa and nibbles.

TRADITIONAL HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE,

Led by Revd Greg Shaw, on Sunday at 6pm in church. Come and sing your socks off with all the old favourite harvest hymns. All produce brought to the service - fresh, tinned or packeted - will go to Davenry Food Bank.

A BIG THANK YOU

....to Graham White for cycling in the annual 'Ride & Stride' around our local churches. Proceeds from his efforts will be split between the Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust and Holy Trinity Charwelton.

ANNUAL WREATH MAKING
between Thurs 5th and Sat 7th December.

This community effort is our biggest fundraiser. All help - collecting holly, bunch-making, wreath-making and other light jobs - will be gratefully received. Contact Penny on pennycory@yahoo.co.uk for details

THE KISSING GATE ...

...into the churchyard is showing its age (aren't we all?) so, over the coming weeks, it will be fully restored and preserved. If you go into the churchyard for peace and tranquillity (highly recommended) please make sure to shut the gate: we need to keep the sheep out!



FAWSLEY

Correspondent - Vacant

ROAD CLOSURE

The section of the road through the estate from the A361 to the turn off to the "The Laurels" will be closed on 11th and 12 October for resurfacing. You can monitor the plans for this work on <https://one.network/?tm=140388662>.

PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on 7th November at the Hotel. The format will be the same as in previous years and an agenda will be circulated nearer this date.

SPRING BULBS

If you are buying bulbs to plant out for a display in spring would you be able to donate a few to Vivienne Baker to be planted in the churchyard, so we get a display there too?

PRESTON CAPES

Correspondent - Claire Hoare
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| | Reader | Sidesman | Cleaning & Flowers |
|----------------|---------------|-----------------|---|
| 13 Oct. | Mireya Weaver | Gerard Hoare | October Autumn Clean |
| 27 Oct. | Kevin Smith | Peter Smith | All cleaners - date TBA Flowers Christine Farmer |

HARVEST POP UP SHOP

Sunday 29th September 12.00 to coincide with the monthly Bar.
Lots of home made food, jams, cakes and produce. Come along and see what is on offer.

AUTUMN CHURCHYARD TIDY UP WORKING PARTY

Saturday 12th October. 9.30 - 11.30

All helpers gratefully welcomed. Refreshments provided.

CHURCH ANNUAL MAJOR CLEAN UP

Anabel will be in touch with a date for this.

BYFIELD MEDICAL CENTRE

The Patient Participation Group (PPG) is looking for new members. It holds 4 meetings a year at 17.30 on a date that suits most members. Usually lasting about an hour they are intended to provide a constructive pathway between patients and the medical staff. Further details are available on the PPG page of the surgery's website or from the practice manager, Tracey Rymer.

Unfortunately last year the surgery spent £10,000 on flu vaccines that were not taken up. This year they have ordered fewer which have already been allocated so if you received an invitation but did not make an appointment you will not be able to get one

at the surgery but can go to any pharmacy.



DIARY

This diary records the proposed dates of any benefice, parish or village events. We hope that this will help those planning such events to know what else is going on and therefore be able to avoid any unhelpful clashes of dates.

If you know, or become aware, of events which ought to be recorded please let David Pound, or your village Link correspondent, know.

Events known about so far are:

October

- 1 Preston Capes PCC
- 4 T4U Badby VH
- 4 Charwelton Harvest Supper
- 5 Spats Langham Hot Fingers Badby VH
- 5/6 Charwelton Harvest Open Church
- 8 Recorded Music society
- 10 Badby & Fawsley WI
- 11 Charwelton Quiz Night
- 12 Film Soc. opera BVH
- 12 Newnham Comedy Night
- 12 Preston Capes churchyard working party
- 13 Charwelton Walkers
- 15 Badby church coffee morning
- 15 Badby VH Quiz
- 17 Newnham WI
- 18 Newnham Bingo VH
- 21 Charwelton Whist Drive
- 25 Film Soc. BVH
- 25 PC VH Coffee Morning
- 31 Badby church electrical repairs

November

- 1 Badby church electrical repairs
- 4 T4U Badby VH
- 5 Newnham PCC
- 7 Charwelton PCC
- 7 Fawsley Annual Parish Meeting
- 10 Charwelton Armistice Day Breakfast
- 10 Preston Capes Remembrance Sunday Roast
- 12 Badby PCC
- 15 Badby VH Quiz
- 16 Film Soc. BVH

- 17 Charwelton Christmas Craft Fair
- 22 PC VH Coffee Morning
- 23 Badby Christmas Fair
- 29 Charwelton Christmas Prize Bingo
- 29 Film Soc. BVH

December

- 6/7/8 Charwelton wreath making days
- 8 Fawsley Candlelit Carol Concert
- 13 Film Soc. BVH
- 13 Newnham Christmas Band concert
- 29 Charwelton Beauty & the Beast Panto.



SUDOKU SOLUTIONS

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Pots & Plans: what to do in your garden this October

Philip Turvil, Garden designer in Badby.

Slug hunt

Turn over stones and move pots... now's the time to collect up slugs and snails to reduce over-wintering populations. While you're at it, remove any diseased leaves and stems to reduce re-infection next year.

Bonus harvest

Here's a sneaky trick. Cover your salad plants with clear plastic to prolong harvesting. The plastic gives them extra heat to grow for longer.

You can buy ready-made plastic 'cloches' in large bell-shapes or 1ft high tunnels, or make your own by covering a wooden frame or stiff wire. Remember to water plants beneath cloches and lift up the sides if very sunny.

It's not too late to sow seeds of winter salads to harvest from a windowsill or unheated greenhouse. Look for winter hardy varieties in a garden centre or online, including lettuce, winter purslane, salad burnet, and lamb's lettuce.

Extra colour

Brighten up your empty containers by planting winter bedding.

These cheerful plants are the cold-weather equivalent of summer bedding plants like petunias. Winter bedding plants grow slower, but there's a wonderful range of colourful leaves and flowers to enjoy, including from heathers, pansies, ajuga, and small shrubs.

Be aware that some bedding plants won't actually flower until late winter or early spring, including some pansy varieties. So the trick is using a range of plants so there's colour in every month.

I like to focus winter/spring bedding on where I'll see it the most, especially on the path towards my house and from inside looking out.

Protect fruit trees

The best pest control interrupts life cycles to reduce population size. This is how 'grease bands' work when put around the trunks of apple, pear, plum and cherry trees.

The sticky bands stop the female winter moth crawling up from the ground to meet males in the branches. This then prevents this pest over-wintering and infecting new fruit in spring. October is the best time to add grease bands before females are most active in November. The bands are widely available in store and online.

Collecting leaves

I love autumn colour from trees and shrubs. But too many falling leaves can make garden surfaces slippery and plunge small plants into darkness.

It's easier to collect unwanted leaves little and often before they get too deep or wet. Careful use of a leaf rake or small fork will uncover swamped plants and lawns. Or stiff brush on hard surfaces. There are also lots of machines to blow, suck, and shred leaves.

I also like to leave leaves where possible (and sometimes for practicality). Fallen leaves will naturally replenish soil and give wildlife a home. So leaving some leaves in borders will support biodiversity.

For leaves you do collect, give them to green waste collection. Or store leaves in a sheltered, but accessible garden corner to rot down for two years in bags or a chicken-wire enclosure. The resulting 'leaf mould' is a great mulch for flower and veg borders. The best leaf mould comes from a diversity of shredded leaves with a low percentage of conifers.



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Council Update

The Council's meeting in September was the first for two months so there was more than usual on the agenda. Relevant items are the Christmas Music on the Green, events to celebrate the 80th Anniversary of VE Day, a budget meeting for 2025-26, the new Council website and the development of a website for the village.

Building on the success of last year's inaugural event, we will be arranging a **Christmas version of Music on the Green on December 22nd**. Like last year, there will be music, carols (more singing than last year!), mulled wine and mince pies. More details will follow and will be posted on the Council's new website www.newnhamparishcouncil.gov.uk

Looking further ahead, next May marks the **80th Anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day**. At this stage, national guidance suggests that a Beacon and a street party will be the encouraged format for local events. Newnham has a strong tradition of celebrating national occasions and we hope to continue this next year. We would be delighted to hear from anyone who has ideas on what we could do, and better still, would like to get involved. We will be talking to other organisations in the village to ensure they're included.

Although we're only half way through the financial year, we're starting to think about next year's budget. This year, we're keen to hear about ideas and initiatives which could **inform the Parish Council's budget for 2025-26**. We're holding a meeting on 21st October, at 7.00pm, in the village hall. Anyone is welcome to come along but if you can't make it and you have ideas for what the Parish Council could spend its money on, please feel free to drop me a line!

As mentioned earlier, the **Parish Council's new website** is live. The Council's new website address is www.newnhamparishcouncil.gov.uk As our previous website host ceased operating, we took the opportunity to streamline the Council website, and with the money saved, we are investing in a separate new **village website**.

Good progress is being made on the **village website** under the expert eye of Rachel Shenton. This will provide a site for all organisations in the village to post information and produce a definitive calendar for all events – including the chip van! For avoidance of doubt (hopefully) the Council website and the village website are separate and independent.

We had a great response to our recruitment campaign for **new Councillors**. Three people expressed interest and we're hopeful that they'll all join the Council.

Following the positive feedback last year we agreed to purchase 25 more **lamppost poppies** for Remembrance Day.

The **next Parish Council Meeting is Monday 14th October**, starting at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

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