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The Magazine of The Knightley Parishes

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CHRISTMAS BINGO
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November 2024

No. 399

Badby ☘ Newnham ☘ Charwelton ☘ Fawsley ☘ Preston Capes



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Services for November 2024

	3 November	10 November	17 November	24 November	1 December
	I 4 bef. Advent	II Remembrance Sunday	III 2 bef. Advent	IV Next bef. Advent	I ADVENT
Badby	11:00 Holy Communion CW [GS]	11:00 Morning Worship [Lay SR]	10:00 United Benefice Service of Holy Communion CW at Newnham [LT]	11:00 Morning Worship [Lay SR]	11:00 Holy Communion CW [GS]
Newnham	X	10:50 at Memorial [+EC]		09:15 Holy Communion CW [GS]	X
Charwelton	09:15 Holy Communion BCP (Church) [GS]	08:30 Remembrance Service (Chapel) [GS] 11:00 Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial		17:00 Evensong BCP (Chapel) [Lay HW]	09:15 Holy Communion BCP (Church) [GS]
Fawsley	X	10:50 Remembrance Service [GS]		X	X
Preston Capes	X	09:30 Holy Communion CW [GS] + Act of Remembrance		10:00 Morning Prayer CW [Lay GH]	X

OTHER SERVICES

Tuesday 19 November

6.30 pm

Badby

ESOW



SUNDAY READINGS

Principal Service CW

- for other services see Lectionary

Date	Feast	OT Reading	NT Reading	Gospel
3 Nov	4 bef. Advent	Deut. 6, 1-9	Heb. 9, 11-14	Mark 12, 28-34
10 Nov	Remembrance	Ecclus 44, 1-14	Rom 8, 31-39	John 15, 9-17
17 Nov	2 bef. Advent	Dan. 12, 1-3	Heb. 10, 11-14 & 19-25	Mark 13, 1-8
24 Nov	Next bef. Advent	Dan. 7, 9-10 & 13-14	Rev. 1, 4b-8	John 18, 33-37
1 Dec	ADVENT	Jer. 33, 14-16	1 Thess. 3, 9-end	Luke 21, 25-36

FROM THE REGISTERS

SUDOKU

[With thanks to Robin Baker]

Puzzle No. 102

HOLY MATRIMONY



on 28th September
at Fawsley
Susanne Julia Tarry
and
George Benjamin Mumford
(by Revd Celia Parkes)

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Puzzle No. 103

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

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[Solutions on p. 11]

EDITORIAL

The process of finding a new Priest-in-Charge for the Knightley Benefice is proceeding, and an advertisement has now appeared in the Church Times and other places. We will keep you all informed about progress.

What a wet September we had!!

Edgar Mobbs tells me that in Newnham the total rainfall for the month was 8.4 ins (or 213.4mm), whereas the previous highest month in the time he has been recording was in April 2012 when they had 6.71 ins.. That makes September 2024 the wettest month in over a third of a century. For interest, the driest month in Edgar's records was June 2018 when only 0.9in (2.286mm) fell.

In Charwelton by comparison, where the records go back only to 1993, this September's figure was 191.5 mm, of which almost all fell between 22nd. and 27th., but the wettest month was October 2020 with 195.5mm.

Charwelton's driest months were in June 2006 and March 2011 which tied with 2.5mm

More Christmas H&S advice

1. *"Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer had a very shiny nose.
And if you ever saw him, you would even say it glows."*

You are advised that under the Equality Act, it is inappropriate for persons to make comment with regard to the ruddiness of any part of Mr. R. Reindeer. Disciplinary action will be taken against those found guilty of this offence.

2. *"We three kings of Orient are
Bearing gifts, we traverse afar
Field and fountain, moor and mountain
Following yonder star."*

Whilst the gift of gold is still considered acceptable – as it may be redeemed at a later date

through such organisations as 'cash for gold' etc, - gifts of frankincense and myrrh are not appropriate due to the potential risk of oils and fragrances causing allergic reactions. A suggested gift alternative would be to donate to a worthy cause in the recipient's name or perhaps give a gift voucher.

3. *"Away in a Manger No Crib for a bed –"*

This is definitely one for Social Services...

The saga of the hedgehogs continues. They continue to come as regularly as clock-work for their supper (or is it breakfast?) but two recent incidents are of interest.

First, during the recent wet spell we often found that slugs were crawling into the dish of (quite dry) hedgehog food, and while in the morning the food had all gone, the slugs were still there and alive. I'm not sure how that fits with the theory that hedgehogs will rid you of your slugs.

Second, we looked out of the kitchen window the other evening to see how the feed was going, and were met by the sight of a large fox showing interest in the food! He/she didn't seem at all put out by the sight of humans and I needed to go outside and make a disturbance before he slunk off - in the direction of our neighbour's hens!!

There once was a man from Japan
Whose limericks never would scan.
When they said "But the thing
Doesn't go with a swing"
He replied "Yes, but the problem is I enjoy making them up so much that I always try to put as many words into the last line as I possibly can"

David

PASTORAL LETTER

Korean link in good heart

Dear Friends

Last month I was privileged to visit our link Church in Korea for the consecration of a new Bishop of Seoul, Bishop Elijah. His predecessor, Bishop Peter, had attended Bishop Debbie's welcome service in Peterborough earlier this year.

Our link relationship is in good heart. Since all the Korean bishops and their wives visited Northampton and Kettering a few years ago, we have welcomed students to camp at the Greenbelt Festival, provided a six-week placement for an ordinand and established three parish to parish partnerships. One of our clergy took a sabbatical at the Anglican university in Seoul.

I was made very welcome, joined worship in the now completed new Cathedral in Daejeon (it was a hard hat building site on my last visit!), and visited all three dioceses, including the port/resort city of Busan.

The consecration service which is

available to view online was graced by four Archbishops, but our hosts kept talking about their connection with Peterborough and it was moving to realise how precious our relationship is to them.



In his inaugural address Bishop Elijah spoke humbly of the Bishop's calling to be a servant, helping the whole Church to flourish. He concluded; "When the Church is faithful to its identity, God will use it, no matter the challenges of the time. Let us strive to be a Church that reflects the Kingdom of God, serving with love and dedication."

With my prayers and best wishes,

*Bishop John Holbrook
Bishop of Brixworth*

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 19 November and 10 December 2024.

BADBY & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

As a look forward, the annual horticultural society village wine tasting event is planned for December. The date we are hoping for is Friday 13 December.

Key autumn surprises in our gardens, due to the relatively warm and wet weather, are the unusual amount of plants that are still in flower, such as hydrangeas. In addition the beautiful autumnal yellows, reds and crimsons that can be seen on the trees are really giving us a treat.

Don't forget to prepare any young or weak plants for the first frost. Brrrrrr

BADBY AND DISTRICT FILM SOCIETY

Saturday 16th November: Much Ado About Nothing (2012)

Joss Whedon's contemporary treatment of Shakespeare's witty play has no well-known stars, and is shot in black-and-white. "Fizzing with humour, eroticism, booze and more than a hint of danger... light-hearted to a fault, [the film's] giddy energy and intimate charm make for an entertaining romantic comedy - and a Shakespearean adaptation that's hard to resist". [88 mins, 12A certificate]



PARISH NOTICES

BADBY

Correspondent - Geoff Pullin (gcsspullin@yahoo.com)

website: www.badby-pc.gov.uk

	Reader	Sidesman	Coffee
3 Nov	S. Rose J. Hall	N. Shaw F. Williams	K. Purnell
10 Nov	N. Shaw P. Wakeford	C. Nelson G. Nelson	J. Hall
24 Nov	J. Jordan J. Hall	P. Wakeford C. Wakeford	N. Shaw

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA FOR NOVEMBER

- w/b 4 Ann Cotton, Monique Shortt, Ann Syred
- w/b 11 Gillie Morley, Ann Skinner
- w/b 18 Jan Cooper, Moira Cooper
- w/b 25 Jo Hind, Judy Jordan, Gill Nelson

CHURCH FLOWERS IN NOVEMBER

- To 8 November - Jackie Peel
- 8 November - Poppies for Remembrance

CHURCH DRAW

The October winners of the church draw were 1st: Brigit Cree, 2nd: Elizabeth Hall, 3rd: Karen Alexander.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Many thanks to everyone who helped with our Harvest Festival celebration, in particular to the flower arrangers for the fabulous display, to Susan for a very thoughtful service, to our bell ringers for making a joyful noise, and to everyone who brought along contributions which were gratefully received by the Daventry Food Bank.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Susan Rose will lead a service of Remembrance on Sunday 10 November at 11 am. Help us commemorate, by the lighting of candles and reading of names,

the 23 from this parish who gave their lives in two World Wars. This year we will be thinking especially of the D-Day landings 80 years ago and re-visiting the story of Lord Lovat and his piper, Bill Millin. Please join us to help remember, "lest we forget". There will be a retiring collection for the Royal British Legion.

COFFEE MORNING

Our monthly coffee morning will be held in St. Mary's on Tuesday 19 November, from 10.30am till noon. There will be hot coffee, cakes and the monthly church draw. Come and join in!

CHRISTMAS FAIR

St. Mary's annual Christmas Fair will be held in the church on Saturday 23 November, from 10am till 2pm. Come along to get ahead with your Christmas shopping in warmth and comfort without travelling far. Coffee and cakes, followed by soup and rolls will help sustain you while you shop.

BELLS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

We are delighted to report a grant from the Garfield Weston Foundation of £10,000 towards our project. There is £32,000 to go. Are you looking to make a one-off big gift to this one-off charity to reduce IHT liability?

T 4 U

Friday 1 November is special in the village hall from 2.30 - 4.30pm. Come and enjoy warmth, company, tea and cakes. What more could anyone want?

RECORDED MUSIC SOCIETY

Members are asked to bring to the village hall on Tuesday 12 November at 2pm a piece of music featuring the name of a person eg Salome!

BADBY & FAWSLEY WI

On Thursday 14 November, we will be sipping cocktails and mocktails whilst listening to the beautiful music produced by a team of hand bell ringers. For information about visiting for this enticing session, or joining this lively group of women, please get in touch with Jan Cooper on

jancooper2012@me.com or Moira Cooper on 01327 703292.

VILLAGE HALL QUIZ NIGHT

Tickets are still available for our fund-raising Quiz Night on Friday 15 November. Teams of up to six, tickets just £5 per head including cheese and baguettes to keep you going! Drinks to be purchased at the licensed bar. Tickets from Peter Cooper on peter.bvhmc@btinternet.com or 07792 165529.

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Monday 16 December: wreath-making session starting at 7.30pm. £15 per person including wine and mince pies. Bring your own materials or buy on the night (frames, berries, cones, foliage etc.). Bring secateurs and gloves! Further details and tickets from Peter Cooper or Zelda Shapter on 07748 545477.

Wednesday 18 December: there will be a Santa's Grotto for children from 3 – 5 pm and carol-singing from 6pm in the evening with a glass of mulled wine – watch for details in next month's Link!



NEWNHAM

Correspondent - Ellen Henning
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CLEANING ROTA FOR NOVEMBER

Nov. 3rd Mr. and Mrs. Wood
Nov. 10th Mrs. Cooke and Mrs. Wood
Nov. 17th Ms. J Minor
Nov. 24th Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson

SEPTEMBER AT NEWNHAM CHURCH

7th. September A party of ringers visited and rang the bells for 30 minutes
9th. September PCC meeting at the home of Mary and Jim Wood
14th September The Northampton Historic Churches Trust held their annual Ride and Stride event. This fund-raising event helps them make grants to churches for work on their buildings. Although no

one from Newnham took part in the actual event, the church was open for participants to sign in, to show their visit.

19th. September The History Society held a talk in the Church

22nd. September Holy Communion Service at the church.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

The church's Harvest Festival was held at 4.00pm. We had the largest attendance for a number of years with children from Newnham School coming and reading their poems which are now displayed in the church, they also sang The Harvest Samba, a jolly harvest song. The service was followed by refreshments. We would like to thank the Rev. Lesley Tomlin for organising the service.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

The annual Remembrance Sunday Service will take place on November 10th. starting at the War Memorial at 10.50am.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Daventry Brass Band, will be performing a Christmas Concert at Newnham Church on Friday 13th. December at 7.30pm. The concert will consist of Christmas music and some well known carols for the audience to join in. Refreshments will be available at the interval. Tickets cost £10 and are available from:-

Mary Wood 872670
 Jeff Lawrence 705085
 Janet Rees 705394

We do hope you will join us at this concert, the Summer Concert was very much enjoyed by all who attended.

NEWNHAM WI

Newnham WI will be meeting in the Village Hall on November the 21st at 7.30. Stained Glass Christmas Decorations will be the theme for the evening and our Speaker will be Judith Dorkins. A gentle nudge towards Christmas to get us in the mood.

As always everyone is welcome to come along, there is a small fee of £3.00 on the door which includes

tea, coffee and refreshments, friendly faces, fun, education, friendly debates and support of important causes all included under the WI umbrella. We look forward to meeting you.

OCTOBER DRAW

Here are the winners for our October draw:-

£50 prize - Mrs A Brown No 184
 £25 prize - Mr & Mrs Clouting No 180
 £25 prize - Mr & Mrs Gudgeon No 9



CHARWELTON

Correspondent - David Pound
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	Reader/Sidesman	Flowers
3 Nov	David Pound	Elizabeth Bird
10 Nov	TBA	
24 Nov	Meryl Nicholls	

Chapel cleaning	
November	Meryl Nicholls
December	June Pound

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SUNDAY 10th NOVEMBER

The timetable of for Remembrance Sunday is:

8.30am

A Remembrance Day Service in the Chapel led by Revd. Greg Shaw, with an Act of Remembrance and at which the Poppy Wreaths will be received prior to their laying at the War Memorial later

9.00am - 11.30am

A splendid (and splendidly unhealthy!) Armistice Breakfast in the Village Hall.

Full English fry-up plus toast, jam and drinks
 £7 adults, £2 children

OR - just toast, jam and drinks
 £2.50 adults, £1.00 children

Please let Trish know (07817 973642) if you are planning to attend so that we can buy & prepare enough food.

11.00am

At the War Memorial an Act of Remembrance, with laying of wreaths led by DP.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAYRE
SUNDAY 17th NOVEMBER
10am-1pm

PLEASE NOTE THAT AN INCORRECT DATE FOR THIS APPEARED IN THE RECENT FLYER ROUND THE VILLAGE!!

Check out this great selection of local handmade crafts on sale including beautiful stained glass ornaments, knitted Bluey characters and horse shoe fire pits to name but a few! Ideal for Christmas gifts and stocking fillers. There will of course be home-made festive refreshments and a Tombola stall too. Contact Trish for further information - 07817 973642.

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST PANTOMIME
SUNDAY 29th DECEMBER.

Show time 1.30pm - 3.30pm

A great opportunity to bring the family to see the fantastic pantomime Beauty and the Beast, performed by the professional Northamptonshire Laugh out Loud theatre company. Tickets £10 for adults (9 and over) and £8 for children (8 and under) Bookings now being taken - please contact Trish 07817 973642 or Dawn 07866 557238.

A review of the pantomime Aladdin, performed by the same theatre company last year in Clipston:

"Excellent! A great mix of traditional 'Panto' stuff, songs and corny 'Xmas cracker jokes!' The audience - both young and old - engaged totally with the performance due, in the main, to the relaxed and informal approach of the cast which put everyone at ease. Thank you - and hopefully see you again later in the year."

Martin Clarke (Clipston Village Hall)

CHARWELTON MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

A huge thank you to everyone who came and supported the Macmillan Coffee Morning, it was so lovely to see so many people attend! We raised a massive £2,376.80 for this amazing cause! Many thanks again, Verity

WHIST DRIVE

The next village hall whist drive will be on Monday, 18th November at 7.30pm.

CHURCH

Thank you to everyone who was involved in the Harvest weekend, especially the flower arrangers who worked their magic in transforming the church into an array of colourful displays, with many of the flowers coming from local gardens. There wasn't an inch that hadn't been adorned in some way and it was amazing that potatoes could be found in nooks and crannies one didn't know existed! The Daventry Foodbank was again grateful for the many boxes of produce donated over the weekend. Although it was a wet evening, the Harvest Festival service was well-attended, with the church resounding to lusty singing of favourite harvest hymns.

Wreath-making, our biggest fundraiser, will soon be upon us and we need help. Can you spare some time on Thursday 5th, Friday 6th and/or Saturday 7th December to help make the wreaths? There are a number of stages in the process so there's a job for everyone, young and once-young, experienced or novice. If you can help cut holly (Thurs 5th AM, local venue tba); make holly bunches (Thurs 5th and Fri 6th 2pm in the village hall); or join in the final assembly on Saturday 7th, again in the village hall, please contact Penny on 01327 700550 or penny.cory@yahoo.co.uk.

With this issue of the Link you will find an order form for the Christmas wreaths. If you wish to buy one (or more!) again this year please return your completed form, with payment, to the address given on the form as soon as convenient. Do not leave too late and risk missing out!

The Christingle Service will be on Saturday 14th December at 4pm in the chapel following the children's Christmas party in the village hall. The **Carol Service** will be held on the 15th at 6pm in the church, followed as usual by mulled wine, sausage rolls and mince pies. Once again, we invite you to bring presents for children and adults (male and female) in the care of Northamptonshire Domestic Abuse Service.



FAWSLEY

Correspondent - Vacant

PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held at 7:30pm on 7th November in Fawsley Hall Hotel. We will meet in the bar first and move to the reserved meeting room at 7:30pm.

FAWSLEY SINGERS

Please note for your diary that the Fawsley Singers will be hosting a Carol Concert with Charles Tarry on guitar at 3:00pm on 8th December. More details will be provided next month.

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

Our Remembrance Day service will start at 10:50am on 10th November and will be conducted by Revd Greg Shaw.



PRESTON CAPES

Correspondent - Claire Hoare
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	Reader	Sidesman	Cleaning /Flowers
10 Nov	Luke Bridgeman	Mireya Weaver	Christine Farmer & Chris Wareing
24 Nov	James Delingpole	Peter Smith	Jane Arblaster

CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY - 12TH OCTOBER

A big thank you to the small band of helpers who came to help in the churchyard. 5 good workers and coffee and biscuits supplied by Peter and Scilla Smith. As always much was achieved on a rather damp and chilly morning, for which we are most grateful.

POP UP CHRISTMAS SHOP

Another Pop up Shop, with Christmas goods included, will be held in the Village Hall 12.00 on Sunday 1st December, to coincide with the December Sunday Bar. Heather will be providing her delicious sausage rolls and cheese scones, along with pies and other goods. There will also be jams, marmalades, cakes, biscuits. Small Christmas Puddings may be ordered.

FLOWER ROTA 2025

I shall be shortly drawing up the flower rota for next year. Thank you to all those who have decorated the church beautifully this year. The stunning display of Dahlias in September have only just been cleared away.

If there are any other keen flower arrangers out there, please get in touch, you will be welcomed into the group. Please email Claire

PCC MEETING

Wednesday 27th November 17.00 at Evenlode, Preston Capes

CAROL SERVICE

Friday 13th December 18.00

BELL PEAL

On Sunday 6th October 2012 a full peal of 5040 doubles was rung in 3 hours 19 minutes at Preston Capes.

The peal was a part of a year of celebrations to mark 100 years of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild of Church bell ringers,

The ringers were as follows :-

1. [Trebble] Nicholas R Wilson, 2. Paul R. Mason, 3. Paul M McNutt, 4. Michael Chester, 5. Richard I Allton.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Preston Capes WI is now getting into festive mode – our meeting this month is for members only and we shall be trying some Christmas crafting, and in early December (in place of our usual monthly meeting) we shall be going out for our Christmas meal.

"Normal service" will be resumed in the New Year when our speaker on 28th January will be Graham Brack telling us about his life as a vicar, author and adventurer.

VILLAGE HALL COFFEE MORNING

This month's coffee morning is on Friday, 22nd November. Come along from 10.30am to noon to enjoy "bottomless" tea/coffee and biscuits for just £1.00 (small extra charge for cake). All villagers and their guests welcome! (Please note that there is no coffee morning in December.)



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:

November

- 1 Badby church electrical repairs
- 1 T4U Badby VH
- 5 Newnham PCC
- 7 Charwelton PCC
- 7 Fawsley Annual Parish Meeting
- 9 Badby coffee morning
- 10 Charwelton Armistice Day Breakfast
- 10 Preston Capes Remembrance Sunday Roast
- 12 Badby PCC
- 14 Badby & Fawsley WI
- 15 Badby VH Quiz
- 16 Film Soc. BVH
- 17 Charwelton Christmas Craft Fair
- 18 Charwelton Whist
- 21 Newnham WI
- 22 PC VH Coffee Morning
- 23 Badby Christmas Fair
- 27 Preston Capes PCC
- 29 Charwelton Christmas Prize Bingo
- 29 Film Soc. BVH

December

- 1 Preston Capes Pop-up shop
- 5/6/7 Charwelton wreath making days
- 8 Fawsley Candlelit Carol Concert
- 9 Badby Parish Council meeting
- 13 Film Soc. BVH
- 13 Newnham Christmas Band concert
- 14 Charwelton Children's Christmas party
- 16 Christmas wreath making BVH
- 18 Santa's Grotto & carols BVH
- 29 Charwelton Beauty & the Beast Panto.



SUDOKU SOLUTIONS

Solution 102

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ruthmackman@btinternet.com or <https://bookwhen.com/kindheartyyogawithruth>

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

Philip Turvil, Garden designer in Badby.

Stop the rock

Large rose bushes can wobble wobble during autumn winds.

This 'wind-rock' can snap important branches and roots. This damage upsets plants and slows growth in spring or causes infection. So it's worth shortening any longer and heavier shoots now to reduce risk of damage. You can then return in winter to finish off pruning once your plants are fully dormant.

Come spring, I like to check my roses still feel secure in the ground, firming down the soil gently with my foot if loose.

Snap, snap

November is perfect to photograph your garden before making changes in 2025. You'll capture the boisterous growth of this year before any clearance, as well as more garden structure as leaves fall.

November is also perfect for writing notes about what you most enjoyed this year in your outdoor living space. And of course, the garden areas and views that didn't make you smile :)

Photos and notes are great when discussing potential garden changes with family, friends, and your designer. Perhaps you're plotting a new position for bedding plants or veg. Or planning more border colour or solving problems. If you need inspiration, there are inspiring photos of gardens in books and online.

When I select plants for people or design garden layouts, I love discussing how they'd like their garden to look, feel, and function for them and others using the space. Every area matters, from a small border to a whole garden, and there are exciting options for every area.

Designers and landscapers get booked up now for

spring, so it's worth starting conversations early. You can contact me for a consultation or free quote for plant selection or garden layout. Please visit www.brightenmygarden.com or contact me on 07701 296621 and philip@brightenmygarden.com.

Protect vulnerable plants from frost

For hardier varieties of tender plants, such as fuchsia and salvia, they're best unpruned until you see new growth in spring. The old growth gallantly guards the new growth buds from the worst winter cold. So wait until your plants are looking lively in spring before removing dead growth and clipping back to your preferred size and shape.

For borderline hardy plants that are too big to move indoors, these are best wrapped up in a cosy blanket. This is useful for bananas, olives, passion flower, tree ferns, and bottlebrush.

Horticultural fleece is a good blanket when secured with string or netting. As is hessian and straw. If plants are larger or sprawling, focus on their base or main buds and branches. I like to loosen covers in winter if we get a few days of milder weather. This gives a burst of ventilation before rewrapping.

For non-hardy bedding plants such as petunia, these are usually replaced each year. But for plants growing tubers underground, such as dahlia and cannas, store tubers frost free overwinter. First dig up your tubers, dry off, and store in dry compost or vermiculite until replanting indoors in spring in damp compost.

Right, I'm off to order hedging plants for winter planting.

My best wishes to you and your garden

Philip



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Council Update

Much of the October meeting focussed on updates on items raised previously; councillor recruitment, the budget for 2025-26, websites, Christmas Music on the Green and the 80th Anniversary of VE Day.

I am delighted to welcome Laura Baker and Simon Shenton as **new Councillors** in the Parish! We're genuinely grateful that they have volunteered and restored our numbers to a sustainable level. We still have one remaining vacancy if anyone is interested.

As mentioned previously, we are beginning to construct the **budget for the next financial year**. We have to finalise our budget, known as the precept, by January, hence the timeline. By the time you read this, we will have held a public meeting on the 21st October to encourage and capture ideas and initiatives which can be considered as part of the budget-setting process. If you have any ideas for what the Parish Council could spend its money on, please feel free to drop me a line!

Earlier this year, the Parish Council's website host ceased operating so a new host and a new website for the Parish Council was required. Newnham Parish Council's new website address is

www.newnhamparishcouncil.gov.uk

At around the same time, there was recognition that the village would benefit from a Village Website, the purpose of which would be to:-

- act as a one stop shop for the village for all recreational activities, groups and clubs and to create an information access point.
- promote events and important dates within the village
- promote a sense of cohesion and pride across the wide variety of community groups and activities that the village has to offer.

The Village Hall Management Committee was also looking into a website for the Village Hall so the two organisations have collaborated and combined their ideas to develop a website for the village.

Rachael Shenton, from the Village Hall Committee, has done a fantastic job leading the project and the website is nearly complete; once the relevant training has been completed the site will go live. Keep an eye out at www.newnhamvillage.co.uk

Having saved money by changing providers, the Parish Council has funded the initial set up costs and will fund the ongoing fees to maintain this as a community resource. The Village Hall Committee has contributed towards the set-up of the site, project managed the initiative as well as funded a new booking facility on the Village Hall page of the website. It has been a great example of collaborative working, which hopefully will facilitate much more community development.

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 would like to get involved. We will be talking to other organisations in the village to ensure they're included.

The **next Parish Council Meeting is Monday 4th November**, starting at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

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