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# Editor's Welcome



So summer has turned-up in time for autumn, or at least that's the way it feels as I write this in mid-September after another scorching week. Of course it would, just when many are 'back to school'. At least there are the weekends – hope you have been making the most of this glorious burst of warmth, whether in gardens or socialising with friends and family.

But as we move into another season we hit a busy time of year, whether a new academic year or planning for the seasonal festivities leading through to December. Our Vicar's piece touches on the seasons, and especially harvest – I hope many of you will join-in with the harvest festival and then raise funds at the Harvest Auction at The White Horse (10th October).

Then we have some key village events in quick succession, starting with the Hunt & Haunt in late October, including a pumpkin-carving competition across several

categories. The following weekend we have the 15th village firework display, held on Sunday 5th November – plans are well-advanced for a spectacular show, so buy your tickets early! And then of course Remembrance Sunday, this year on 12th November, lest we forget.

There are other gatherings as the evenings draw in, with a new stitching/craft group meeting in the church regularly, starting as from this October. And of course, with harvest, there is the start again of monthly Church lunches.

So plenty on, hopefully with something for everyone. Make the most of the season and enjoy or support such an active village – your community.

  
Nick, Editor

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# Vicar's View



I cannot believe as I write this that we are into the autumn of another year. By the time this is published we will have brought the harvests in... hopefully. The nights will be drawing in and the days of summer will seem far away. Well, I say that, but with climate change the way it is we could still be sat in the garden in t-shirts!

However, our gaze will be shifting from the long warm days of the summer to the encroaching darkness of the winter months. The shift from outside living, rain permitting, to the customs and traditions of the darker side of life, All Hallows Eve, Remembrance and the sadness that accompanies it, the short days and the long nights.

But these times bring other opportunities, as we become more home-based we can share times together. In our churches there will be soup lunches, and activities centred around crafts and fellowships.

There is going to be a confirmation service and the celebrations that come with people committing their life to their Lord.

If you are looking ahead and dreading the colder darker months, remember that we have the warmth of community and fellowship. Times to share warm drinks and stories, and of course, there is the light of Christmas, faint as yet but drawing us closer with each week.

We wouldn't appreciate the light if it didn't get dark and we can't appreciate the summer without the autumn and winter.

I wish you a blessed autumn and if you feel you would like to think about confirmation or just being a part of a group that explores faith, please let me know. God Bless. *Carolyn*

## From The Registers - July and August 2023

**Wedding** - 19th August

We offer our congratulations and best wishes to Germaine Stribling and Adam Sedgwick

**Funeral** - 4th August

We offer our prayerful sympathy to the family and friends of Janet Masters

### SING-ALONG-A-NEW-SONG

St Firmin's Church, Thurlby. Sunday 15th October, 3pm – 5pm (with a break for refreshments) Christian hymns and songs are still being written. Some people think the old ones are best. Many of them still have a place – but even they were once new. This occasion will be a chance to try out some of the more recent worship songs and hymns. All are welcome. (Colin Avery, on behalf of the Ness Group musicians)

## 100+ Club Winners

### July Winners

£50 no. 135  
£25 no. 334  
£20 no. 163  
£15 no. 371

### August Winners

£50 no. 334  
£25 no. 315  
£20 no. 4  
£15 no. 267

### HOW TO JOIN / REJOIN THE CHURCH 100+ CLUB

Our present year will have ended in September. A very big thank you to everyone who has supported the Club. During September letters were delivered to every house in Baston inviting you to join/rejoin the 100+ Club. The subscription remains at £12 per year per person with half the proceeds going back out as prizes and the other half into the church Fabric Fund (insurance and maintenance). If you missed the letter and would like to support your church in this way, it's not too late. Just contact me. (See Contacts page). *Diane Savage*

# Baston Church & Group Services

## OCTOBER

Sunday 1st	10am	Morning Service
Sunday 8th	8am	BCP Holy Communion
	10am	Morning Service
Sunday 15th	10am	Group Harvest Communion, Baston
Sunday 22nd	10am	Holy Communion
Sunday 29th	10am	Group Holy Communion, Langtoft

## NOVEMBER

Sunday 5th	10am	Morning Service
Sunday 12th	8am	BCP Holy Communion
	10.50am	Remembrance Service
Sunday 19th	10am	Group Holy Communion, Thurlby
Thursday 23rd	10am	Mid-week Communion
Sunday 26th	10am	Holy Communion

## Church News

We have the first in our new season of **soup lunches** on Thursday 5 October, then 2 November and 7 December. Lindsey Eassom is running a **Crafternoon** on Sunday 8 October, 2 – 4 pm. Join us for Harvest craft, tea and cake. Please bring your **harvest gifts** (jars, tins, packets etc) to church over the weekend 6/7/8 October. Come along to the White Horse on Tuesday 10 October, 8 pm for the **Harvest Auction**. We have a professional auctioneer to lead proceedings and funds raised will be shared between the Lincolnshire Rural Support Network and the church. The church flower team will be decorating the church for the **Harvest Festival service 10 am on Sunday 15 October** when the whole Ness Group of churches will gather in Baston.

On Saturday 25 November Jo Richardson will again be running her popular wreath making workshops in church at 10 am and 1 pm. £30 per wreath, all materials supplied. Further details will be posted on the church and Community pages of Facebook in due course but do contact me (Maryonaverycandm@gmail.com) meanwhile. On Sunday 3 December, we have children's Christmas craft activities 1 – 3 pm. The **Community Larder** in the church porch has been well-used over the summer. Thank you to those who replenished it when stocks got low. The box is there for all, so remember: take what you need. Give what you can. *Maryon Avery*

**Church Developments (... a loo!)** - There has been a lot of discussion about new ways of doing church and new ways of covering ministry in our area, but in our lovely little church other changes are afoot. We like to think that our church is a place where anyone can walk in and find a sense of peace, a sanctuary, sometimes from the heat or perhaps from the stresses of everyday life, it is a community space and has been for centuries. However, it has been lacking modern facilities and this is going to change. We have been working with various agencies to agree a plan that honours the history of the building and yet allows us to install a much-needed accessible WC on the north side where the old boiler house stands. We are in the process of finalising the permissions and are applying for funding to help.

If you would like to see what the facilities will be like, there are plans up in the church (on the large wooden cabinet which stands against the south wall). If you would like to help with funding then please let me know or pop a donation into our wall safe just by the door in church. We are hoping this will allow more community events to take place and will enhance the comfort of those who already spend time in our beautiful building. *Carolyn*

# Our Village

## Baston Organisations

**BPFMC - FUNDING BIDS** - Following recent successful bids for funding from the SKDC UK Prosperity Fund, BPFMC has been able to replace the aged and obsolete seesaw. The old seesaw was beyond economical repair and spares are no longer available and its continued long-term safe usage could not be assured.

Additionally, follow a suggestion from a Villager, BPFMC successfully gained funding for a combined Parent & and Toddler Swing. This swing has replaced one of the Junior Swings on the main swing frame as it is not designed nor certified to be fixed to the Toddler swing frame. Funding was also obtained to replace the damaged and warped Fire Exits in the Barn and

**BASTON PARISH COUNCIL** - After a quiet summer, things are getting busy. Sadly, SKDC planning have not listened to any objections or taken into account the two planning rejections for 36 Main Street and have approved three more residences. While objection will be lodged, it looks like the developer has eventually got his way.

On the subject of planning applications, by the time you read this, the Thetford Farm/ Cemex application will be public knowledge, as discussed in a leaflet drop they have done in the last week or so. While there are pretty pictures of what the site will look like in 25 years time, there is no mention of the

**FROM OUR LOCAL COUNCILLORS** - Last month, the purchase of 12 new homes in Langtoft by SKDC for Ukrainian and Afghan refugees caused some controversy. Communication from SKDC could have been better. As District Councillors we did not know about this purchase before it was finalised but since then we have raised local concerns with SKDC on behalf of residents. There has now been a public meeting and all households in Langtoft have been written to. SKDC purchased these homes using central Government grant money which was ringfenced for the housing of Afghan and Ukrainian refugees who are already in this country legally. These houses will revert to social housing when the refugee visas expire so Langtoft should benefit from this increase in council housing in a few years' time. In the meantime, we would like to welcome these new families to the area.

At present the Council is switching to Choice Based Lettings so if you are on the Housing Register you should have been written to. We appreciate that this is a difficult time with the increase in the cost of living. If you are struggling and would like our help then please get in touch, details in "Contacts" or contact SKDC directly: 01476 406080 District Council responsibilities include social housing, most planning applications and the collection of waste. County Council responsibilities include highways, schools and quarry applications. *Cllr Vanessa Smith and Cllr Rosemary Trollope-Bellew*

replace the old wooden front door. The Fire Exits can now be secured properly and easily opened and closed and the new front door allows light into the main entrance, which has greatly improved safety of movement within the building. These new doors should also help in reducing our heating bills.

**Committee Vacancies** - BPFMC still requires a Secretary to help with Committee administrative matters. If you are able to provide a few hours help each month to support BPFMC and thereby support and maintain the Village facility, please contact the undersigned. Details on the Contacts page. *Martin Wynne Chairman BPFMC*

upheaval before that. Please be assured, your Parish Council are doing everything to stop/delay/amend and change wherever possible.

We have bought a new notice board (some of you will know the old one blew over due to rotten legs). This will arrive in 5-6 weeks and will be placed next to the current notice board, allowing more information on all that is going on in the village. The Baston Parish Council web site has been completely redesigned and updated with more information, better links and this will continue to evolve and grow over the coming months. This new site can be seen at <https://bastonparishcouncil.org>

# Our Village

## TRANSPORT TO MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

The Parish Council recently had a small presentation on behalf of the Deeping & Ginton Patient Participation Group (known as PPG) who are available for all patients of the practice including those in the villages. The PPG are an independent group who work between patients and the Deeping practice. They have organised a successful car scheme for those who need to see a medical person but have no means of transport. They are also keen to recruit more drivers. More information can be found at [www.deepingspractice.co.uk](http://www.deepingspractice.co.uk) and the phone number is in "Contacts".

## THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL 2023 IN BASTON

There will be a door - to - door collection from Friday October 27th which will cover the whole village as in 2022, thanks to a willing band of volunteers. Static collection boxes will be left in the two village pubs, Baston Post Office & Stores, Style House and Chapel Motor Repairs Ltd as well as in the two village schools. More volunteers would be appreciated to lighten the load for those already involved in the appeal. If you feel that could help, please contact me on 07940 245 375. Thank you, *Steph' Balderson*

## Baston Events

Once again the **Baston Events' fireworks** committee, with new members and under new leadership, is planning another spectacular fireworks display for the village. This is planned for **Sunday 5th November**, following the similar format as in previous years with gates open to the fair and food stalls from 3.00pm, the shorter display at 5.30pm and main show, synchronised to music from ABBA this year, starting at 7.00pm. Full details are available on our website [www.bastonfireworks.com](http://www.bastonfireworks.com) - as in previous years sparklers and alcohol are not permitted on site. A request will be put out soon for volunteer help and stewards on the day. Your support, as in previous years, will be greatly appreciated.

Tickets will ONLY be available from the village shop, as from Sunday 1st October. All purchases are CASH ONLY. We have kept the ticket rates the same as last year, but the full price rate will apply as from Monday 30th October. As in recent years, we expect this to be a sell-out event, particularly since there is uncertainty about whether other local events are still going ahead. Get your tickets early to avoid disappointment, as well as benefitting from the discount rate! Remember, remember, the 5th of November – for what will be another great village event, raising funds for local causes. *Nick Rickett*

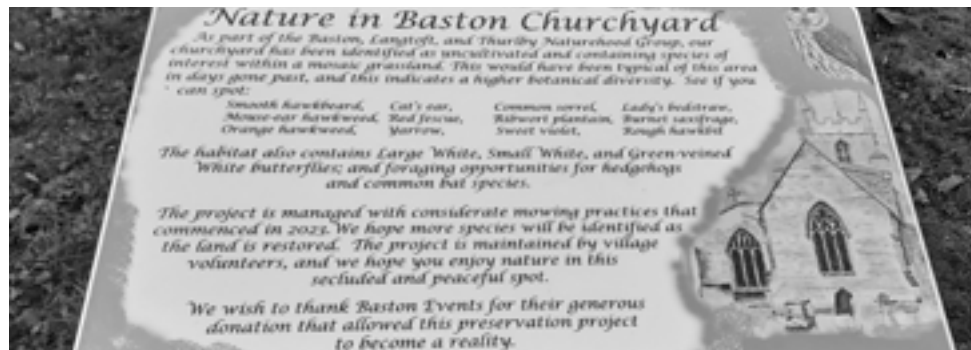
**Hunt 'n' Haunt Sunday 29 October** ... full of tricks and treats to get your hearts racing and minds puzzling. Come to the White Horse at 4 pm to pick up your clue sheets, maps and wristbands; £3 per child (CASH only please), to take part in the games around the village. Remember to bring a pencil/pen with you so you can write down your answers and a torch is always handy! All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. There is a prize for the highest scoring clue sheet. If there are several correctly answered sheets, these will be entered into draw to determine the winner. All money raised will be donated to the wonderful local charity Don't Lose Hope. Last clue sheets will be given out at 5:30 pm and all of them must be handed in by 6:45 pm. Prize winners will be announced at approximately 7:15 pm. Hand in your wristband at the White Horse in exchange for a hot dog, served between 5.30 pm - 7.00 pm. Food will also be available for adults to purchase.

There will be a free pumpkin carving competition for adults and children, each class winner being rewarded with a prize. Bring your pumpkins to The White Horse anytime during the afternoon, but please do put your name and contact details underneath your pumpkin so we can contact the lucky winners! We hope you have a spook-tastic time! *Amanda Sanderson, Baston Events*

# Churchyard Naturehood Project 2023



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For the next edition we would like photographs of this year's Hunt & Haunt and Fireworks Show. Please send through to the Editor, See page 3.

# Our Village

## School's News

### BASTON C OF E COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Smiles abounded as children reunited with their friends and greeted their teachers with enthusiasm at the start of the new term. Beyond the classroom, children are seizing the opportunity to explore new horizons by signing up for after-school clubs, sports, and in-school responsibilities. They're not just attending school; they're actively shaping their own educational experiences. With the season changing and autumn in the air, our school is preparing for Harvest celebrations in school and in church with the children reflecting together on thankfulness and the abundance in their lives.

Our school is on the cusp of a remarkable transformation, thanks to the dedication and support of our wonderful PTA. We cannot thank them enough. The STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) and Hive rooms are well on their way to completion. The STEM room will foster curiosity and hands-on learning, inspiring the next generation of innovators and problem-solvers while the Hive room promises to be a nurturing hub for all who need the space. These innovative spaces will undoubtedly play a pivotal role in shaping the future of our young learners.

In the coming months, we look forward to celebrating successes, both big and small, and witnessing the remarkable journeys that lie ahead. This term promises to be a testament to the unwavering spirit and determination of our incredible children, as they explore the world, embrace challenges, and step into the future. *Lucy Tyler*

### KIRKSTONE HOUSE SCHOOL

We ended a busy Summer Term with a wonderful Sports Day and Prize Giving ceremony where we were able to celebrate the success of the Senior and Lower School children. It has been lovely to welcome the children back, and hear all their exciting news...one thing is for sure...everyone has grown!

Prior to our return we were delighted to celebrate the Year 11 exam results. It is always lovely to see happy, relieved faces, who have got the results they deserve through hard work and determination. We are proud to say everyone is moving on to their chosen place of study. Rehearsals are well underway for our school production of The Christmas Carol on November 28th and 29th. Year 8 pupils are very excited to be going to Twycross Zoo and Year 10's will be visiting Waterside Garden centre as part of their course.

The Lower school is busy preparing for their Harvest Assembly and we are excited to have The Kids Country team to talk about farming. Our Open Evening is on Tuesday 10th October 4.15pm – 6.15pm. If you would like to look around the school, please contact the school office on 01778 560350. Jane Ramsey

# Our Village

## Village Champion - Emma Bush



How long have you lived in Baston and where did you move from previously? 18 years, I moved from Bath.

What are you involved with in the village? Various roles on Baston CE School PTA committee for nearly 15 years. I love that our PTA can come together with the community around us to enhance the children's school experience eg the Library Bus and currently the STEM Zone and Hive Room.

What was your previous job/current day job? I worked for the Ministry of Defence overseas and in the UK. Since moving to Baston, my five sporty sons are a full-time job!!

Favourite village memory? I loved that despite the atrocious weather

back in 2012 we all turned out for the Jubilee Party in the Park. Walking down Main Street with the children all dressed up, waving flags and then having a party on the playing fields sheltering in our many gazebos from the elements, but all having a great time.

Favourite film/TV series? I love to watch sport and cheer on Team GB/England, so anything from the Tour de France, Wimbledon to Rugby and Athletics.

Quote/motto? With having five boys I do like Tommy Shelby (Peaky Blinders): 'no fighting, no fighting, no fighting!'

Tea or coffee? TWNS if you're asking thanks, I will bring the cake!

## Local Business Focus

A quick introduction, I'm Dave Hallows, I'm originally from Chester but I've lived in Baston since 1996, not sure if that makes me a local yet! Over the years I've been on many of the village community programmes including the Parish Council, Baston playing field committee and I am currently Church Warden for St John the Baptist Church.



After 20 years working in the protective clothing industry, I decided to branch out on my own and in 2016, I founded TPJ Supplies Ltd. TPJ provides local companies and individuals with personal protective clothing, such as gardening gloves, work boots, hi visibility to name a few. I work closely with my customers to ensure the service and products are of high quality. For those wanting that additional personalisation I can also arrange embroidery to your clothing to incorporate your company branding throughout.

If you are looking for that personal service with high quality products, please reach out to me on 07734 533 355 or via email: [dave@tpjsupplies.co.uk](mailto:dave@tpjsupplies.co.uk)

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# Clubs

## C.A.M.E.O.

We had a really interesting visit from Tony Gordon PCSO from Stamford police in September and our thanks go to her. Also, thanks to Sue Spry for making one of her lovely cakes for the meeting. We are hoping for a visit from Hearing Dogs next month. *Rosa Coia*

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## A STITCH IN TIME

A new craft group for stitchers is starting in response to popular demand and meets for the first time on Saturday 7 October from 2 to 4 pm in church and every Saturday following, also on Thursday evenings 7 – 9 pm from 19 October. Cost is £1 per session you attend and includes refreshments.

(There may be dates when the church has an event but there will be plenty of notice.)

*Kat Hallows, organiser. Contact via Dave Hallows (see "Contacts")*

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## BASTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE (WI)

"Discover Nordic Walking" proved to be a popular talk at our August meeting with 17 of our members volunteering to take part in a follow-up practical session.

On Tuesday September 5th members heard about "The Life of a Racehorse" from Jeff Evans who started his working life as a jockey. He gave a talk on his career working at "The National Stud" in Newmarket for nearly 50 years. We were told about stud farms, the conception and birth after an 11- month gestation, how they are then reared in groups after being taken from the mare, as more often than not she will be "covered" by a stallion after coming into heat again a week or so after giving birth. The foals start wearing a head collar very early on and as a yearling will be sold and broken in to then go on to be trained to race. We were shown pictures and had lots of questions to ask.

Forthcoming:

October 3rd Bourne Tuneless Choir.

November 7th Bob Shaw from The Boundary Fish and Chip shop speaks about his industry

Visitors/new members are always welcome. Please see Contacts' and Regular Events pages for more details, *Steph' Balderson* "Discover Nordic Walking" proved to be a popular talk at our August meeting with 17 of our members volunteering to take part in a follow-up practical session.

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## BASTON BEATS

Baston Beats raised an amazing £2,083 for the local charity, Don't Lose Hope. Thank you so much to everyone that helped to make the inaugural event such a huge success, from the sponsors, through to The White Horse team, to everyone that came to enjoy the beers and bands! See you next May for Baston Beats 2024. Watch this space!

# Sport News

## Baston Cricket Club

On 19th August, we beat Spalding 2nd XI at home (133/9 vs 64/AO), Ben Hudson scored 36 off the bat, and bowler Dhruv Virani did well with figures of 3/28 off three overs. Unfortunately we lost two home games to Ancaster 1st XI (2nd Sept) and Billinghamborough 1st XI (9th Sept).

We finish the season mid-table (6/13) in the South Lincs and Border League, Division One. *Ben Hudson (Club Captain), Andy Burrill (Edited)*

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# Music News

## Traditional Music and Song at Barn Events

Back after our summer break. Admission is £15 and you can bring your own drinks.

### 26th October: The Rosie Hood Band

Rosie Hood from Wiltshire is a former BBC Performing Arts Fellow and Horizon Folk Award nominee. Her first solo album 'The Beautiful and the Actual' was described by The Guardian as 'poetic class'. Alongside Nicola Beazley (fiddle, cello, vocals), Robyn Wallace (melodeon) and Rosie Butler-Hall (fiddle, vocals) the band brings outstanding musicianship and deep understanding of the tradition. Rosie last performed at The Barn as a member of The Doves Tail Trio and this will be a very welcome, and overdue return.

### 23rd November: Sam Kelly & Jamie Francis

Coming from a family of Norfolk dairy farmers Sam started his musical career singing to bemused Friesians. Since then his musical journey has ranged from reaching the final of ITV's Britain's Got Talent, to selection for the first ever EFDSS Artist Development Scheme. Jamie Francis is a Cornwall based banjo player, guitarist and songwriter and a member of The Lost Boys. At the Brighton Institute of Modern Music he received a 1st Class BA Hons in Music Performance. Sam Kelly & The Lost Boys are currently one of the biggest acts on the UK Folk Festival circuit.

Phone 01778 560497 to check availability.....these are incredibly popular performers.

## TRADITIONAL MUSIC AND SONG ANNOUNCEMENT

### Shadows on The Wall by Toby Wood

'Shadows on the Wall' is a compilation of Toby Wood's reviews and photographs of concerts at The Barn over the last 20 years. There are over 100 pages of information and pictures of great musical nights in Baston since 2004. The book has been sponsored by Traditional Music & Song at The Barn but all proceeds are going to Dementia Support, South Lincs. A minimum donation of £5 will enable you to catch up on your reading and also support a worthy local charity. Copies can be bought from Alan or Maggie at 10 Manor Drive or at one of the Barn concerts.

# Nature Watch

We conducted a work party on 2nd September in the church yard. Now that the flowering season has ended, vegetation was cut (two small sections left for wildlife due to continued prevalence of insects and butterflies). The area will be given another heavy cut (all areas, including the two sections left this time) towards the end of October. Tree canopies were raised by in a few areas. This will help improve sunlight, access, and improve vistas. Some birdboxes and bat boxes are being purchased from Don't Lose Hope, ready for volunteers to finish off and put on trees when we next convene in October. We have included some pictures of this first year of the wildlife documented in the Baston Voice centre spread.



A reminder, as part of the Baston, Langtoft and Thurlby Naturehood group, we now have a website up and running: <https://naturehoodsk.uk> Please take a look! We will publish entries of our photo competition in due course. *Simon Pitchford*. If you have any queries, please see contacts page.

# Past Times

Debilitating – a situation of feebleness, especially of health. Since early September that was my situation having been hit by a nasty piece of work – Shingles. Nope – not the type one sees on the seashore, or on gravel driveways (vide: stone in small irregular fragments, based on early 13c wordage in Old French, or possibly ‘graw’ from the Celtic), but the “inflammatory disease of the skin,” late 14c., from Medieval Latin cingulus, a variant of Latin ‘cingulum’ girdle,” from ‘cingere’ to gird”. The medical use of the word in Medieval Latin is a translation of Greek, ‘zōstēr’, literally “girdle.” The inflammation was so called because it often extends around the middle of the body, like a girdle. In my case on half my face! Very visible and messy with shooting pains up the side of the head, stiff neck, skin eruptions; moaning; grumbling – literally a bearded mess!

Now after the required seven-day pill procedures and good medical help, a simple painkiller will keep me stable for the next four weeks or so. Interestingly gardening helps, as does cooking – and sleeping - wonder why? Having caught shingles, could it have been avoided? Well maybe, but my chicken pox of some 80 years ago suggests not. Nor the fact that a vaccine is given only to 65 - 80 year olds. At 84 I am too late. So, if you wish to virtually avoid Shingles then get the vaccine. Wish I had done 5 years ago or so!  
*Peter Rayner – Village historian/contributor.*

## LOCAL PLOUGHING MATCH 2023

The annual Deeping & District Agricultural Association Ploughing Match will take place this year on Saturday the 28th of October along Stowgate Fen Road, Deeping St Nicholas, PE11 3DP. Tractor ploughing starts 9:15am followed by fun ploughing and horse ploughing. Plenty of activities for all the family from tractor and trailer rides, trade stands, cereal and root show and a raffle! Food and drink available.

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# Regular Events

## WEEKLY

Mondays	2.00pm - 4.00pm	Church (Baston)	Warm Welcome gathering
Mondays	6.00pm - 7.00pm	The Barn	Pilates session
Tuesdays	10.00am - 11.00am	The Barn	Tai Chi at The Barn
Tuesdays(term-time)	from 5.00pm	The Barn	Wildcats Theatre School
Tuesdays	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Lawrence Park, Thurlby	Explorer Unit (Scouts)
Wednesdays	11.00am - 12 noon	The Barn	Pilates session
Thursdays	9.45 - 10.45am	Mayfield Gdns Community Centre	Chair Based Exercise class
Thursdays(term-time)	10.00am - 11.30am	The Barn	Baston Baby and Toddler group
Thursdays	6.45pm - 8.15pm	Langtoft Church	Ness Group Choir practice
Fridays	6.15pm - 7.15pm	Lawrence Park, Thurlby	Beavers
Fridays	6.45pm - 9.15pm	Lawrence Park, Thurlby	Cubs
Fridays	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Lawrence Park, Thurlby	Scouts
Saturdays	10.30am - 12 noon	Church (Baston)	Bell Ringing

## MONTHLY

1st Tuesday	7.30pm start	The Barn	Women's Institute (WI) meeting
1st Thursday	12 noon - 1.30pm	Church (Baston)	Church Lunches
1st Thursday	8.00pm start	The Barn	BPFMC meeting
1st Sunday	2.00pm start	Denshire Court footpath	Baston Dog Walkers
2nd Wednesday	2.00pm - 4.00pm	Mayfield Gdns Community Centre	Cameo
2nd Thursday	7.30pm start - no meetings Jan & Aug	The Barn	Parish Council meeting
3rd Tuesday	11.00 - 11.45am	Main Street StyleHse	Library Bus
4th Tuesday	12.30pm for 1.00pm start	The Black Horse	Ladies for Cancer Research UK (booking req)
4th Thursday	8.00pm start - no performances July & Aug	The Barn	Traditional Music & Song
Sunday, fortnightly	8.00pm start	The White Horse	Quiz Night (free entry)
Last Friday	7.00pm for 7.30 start	The Barn	Cash Bingo

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# Events Specifically for October / November

Thurs 5th Oct	12 noon - 1.30pm	Church (Baston)	Church Lunches (monthly restart)
Sat 7th Oct	2.00pm - 4.00pm	Church (Baston)	Stitching/craft group (NEW)
Sun 8th Oct	2.00pm - 4.00pm	Church (Baston)	Crafternoon
Sun 8th Oct	8.00pm	The White Horse	Quiz Night
Tues 10th Oct	4.15pm - 6.15pm	Kirkstone House	Open Evening
Tues 10th Oct	8.00pm	The White Horse	Harvest Auction
Thurs 19th Oct	7.00pm - 9.00pm	Church (Baston)	Stitching/craft group (NEW)
Sun 22nd Oct	8.00pm	The White Horse	Quiz Night
Thurs 26th Oct	8.00pm	The Barn	Traditional Music & Song
Sat 28th Oct	all day, early start	Off Cross Road Baston Fen	Deeping's Ploughing Match
Sun 29th Oct	4.00pm	The White Horse	Hunt & Haunt
Thurs 2nd Nov	12 noon - 1.30pm	Church (Baston)	Church Lunches
Sun 5th Nov	3.00pm onwards	BPFMC Playing Fields	Fireworks Show
Sun 5th Nov	8.00pm	The White Horse	Quiz Night (tbc)
Sun 19th Nov	8.00pm	The White Horse	Quiz Night (Tricky Dickie's last)
Thurs 23rd Nov	8.00pm	The Barn	Traditional Music & Song
Sat 25th Nov	10.00am & 1.00pm	Church (Baston)	Wreath-making workshops

## Coming Soon in December

Sun 3rd Dec	1.00pm - 3.00pm	Church (Baston)	Crafternoon (for children)
Thurs 7th Dec	12 noon - 1.30pm	Church (Baston)	Church Lunches

## And Finally...

If you live near the Manor Farm end of Main Street, or wander past that way for walks out on the Fen, then you will have probably noticed the wonderful 'knit-bombs' that have popped up on the small post-box between the school and Manor Drive. So far this year we have had an Easter display, a dinosaur in May and now in September an 'ABC, 123' school theme. Whoever makes these is obviously immensely skilful, but they also give great joy with their colourful displays, albeit their generosity in spirit means they can't be thanked directly or personally receive our full appreciation. If you haven't seen the display yet, it's worth going the distance to have a look – and whoever our knit-bomber is, thank you. *Nick Rickett*



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