

Luddington News

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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

Dates to Note:

- **10th September**
Treasure Hunt
From 5.00 p.m.
- **25th September**
"Back to Church
Sunday" service
9.15 a.m.
- **2nd October**
Harvest Festival
and Bring & Buy
11.30 a.m.
- **2nd October**
Harvest Lunch
12.30 p.m.
- **16th October**
Talk on Otters
7.00 p.m.
- **22nd October**
Village Hall
Quiz

The consecration by the Bishop of October with members of the choir from Holy Warwick of the new piece of churchyard was Trinity. This is always a lovely service in a well attended although rather overshadowed beautifully decorated church so please do come by the death of Ferdie Atcheson. After all the along. There will be a Bring and Buy Stall for work he had put into the churchyard it was a harvest gifts with funds raised to go to famine relief in Somalia. If you would like to come to a sad irony that he could not be there. Wendy the Lunch as well, or instead, please let Jane or Hughes and Alison Higgins have designed a Roger know for catering purposes. For those of layout for the new area which is displayed in you who cannot join us the church will be left the church if anyone would like to see it. unlocked for the weekend so that you can enjoy the floral decorations.

Our best wishes go with Jon Ormerod and Rev. David Banbury and their families who are moving on to pastures new. We are grateful to them for their help and support at All Saints'.

The next event in the Church calendar will be Harvest Festival which will be followed by a Harvest Lunch in the Village Hall. The Harvest Festival will be celebrated at 11.30 a.m. on Sunday 3rd

The 25th September is "Back to Church" Sunday and we would like to extend an invitation to anyone who perhaps has not been for a while, or even ever, to join us for the service at 9.15 a.m.

For any information please phone either Roger on 266610 or Jane on 269618 (N.B. Jane will be away the whole of November.)

House Keeping Notes

We are hoping to continue the successful Cleaning Rota at All Saints'. If you are interested in joining the team we just need a few more people to help. Many hands make light work! Please ring Valerie on 01789 266610

Two plastic ½ pint tumblers (one with a pink base and the other with a green base and labelled "Guaranteed Whittard *Ice Cool*"!) were left at the barbecue on Sunday 21st August. Please ring: 01789 266610 if they belong to you!

A NOTE FROM TOM CLIFFORD:

Tom is trying to start a job for himself doing Grave Maintenance. This would involve tidying grave areas, grass cutting on grave space, weeding and replanting. He would also place and remove flowers whenever requested or on anniversaries, such as holly wreaths or arrangements at Christmas and remove them at a later date. He would also send photographs of his work if required. His charges are from £7.00 and he can be contacted on 01789 299319 or mobile 07854 718583.

VILLAGE HALL

Forthcoming Events:

Treasure Hunt on 10th September: Come along for some fun on a walking Treasure Hunt, meeting at the Village Hall from 5.00 p.m. for a drink before setting out, and returning to the Hall for supper by 7.30 p.m. Tickets £6 for adults and £3 for children under £15. This includes supper but bring your own drinks to have with the meal. For tickets contact Alison on 750224 or Jane on 269618.

Harvest Lunch on 2nd October please contact Jane on 269618

Quiz on 22nd October with Fish and Chip supper. Tickets £6. Teams of 6 but let us know if you don't have a team and would like to make one up. Bring your own drinks.

Enquiries for booking the Hall can be made by telephone on: 07803 575090

LUDDINGTON VILLAGE FUND

The autumn newsletter is an ideal opportunity to say thank you to everyone who helped with, or supported our three fund raising events this year. The generosity of local people in terms of time, money and facilities is exceptional, and the Committee hope that in reading this news letter you will all realise how much your efforts have been appreciated.

Despite everyone's finances being stretched in the difficult economic situation, owing to your generosity we are able to make a donation of £2800 of which half will go to All Saints Church, and half to our cancer charities; the McMillan Nurses and the Arden Cancer Care Unit at the University Hospital Coventry. This is an exceptionally fine result. We have all worked hard together this year to support our charities, but it has also been a lot of fun.

The jazz event went ahead in cold and blustery conditions in June, but that didn't deter either the Red Dragons (the band) or those of you who braved the conditions and came along.

The weather for fete day couldn't have been more different and was a perfect day which attracted an excellent turn out. Visitors clearly enjoyed themselves and took the time to tell us how pleased they were that Luddington still held a traditional fete.

Dick Boswell's Flower Show goes from strength the strength. Every year Luddington's gardeners comment on the vagaries of the weather, too wet too dry, but come the day of the flower show the exhibits are always exceptional. This year the show attracted the highest number of entries and even the judges commented on the quality. Fruit and vegetable entries continue to increase and this year accounted for 36 % of the total entry.

The seasons of the year are reflected in the Village Fund's calendar of events, jazz in the spring, a fete in the summer, a flower show in the autumn and of course in winter we have Carols on the Green on Christmas Eve. Please come along and join us and drink a cup of mulled wine to celebrate the year that has finished and to look forward to the year that is to come.

Jo White, Chairman Luddington Village Fund

OTTERS, WATER VOLES AND MINK:

TALK ON SUNDAY 16TH OCTOBER 2011 AT 7.00 P.M.

There are Otters in Luddington! Find out how you can tell and a complete review of river animal life at a talk by Peter Sanders, formerly Volunteer Wetlands officer for Warwickshire Wildlife Trust.

The Parish Council through its "Biodiversity Group" is applying for a grant from the Community Development Fund to buy and build an otter holt which will encourage otters to visit and stay in Luddington. Water voles are also of great interest as also are the enemy, mink.

Please come to the talk on Sunday, 16th October in the Village Hall. Admission is free but voluntary donations are welcome.

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