

Winter 2026 | luddington.org

# Luddington News




## Don't miss...

**REGULAR EVENTS**

**Coffee Morning & Warm Hub**
Every Wed 10am-12pm
@ Village Hall

**NOVEMBER**

**Lunchtime talk @ Village Hall – Jordan from Westons Nursery Christmas Flower demonstration**
Wed 25 Nov
Lunch from 12.15pm
Demonstration at 1pm
Donations welcome to cover costs and support Luddington Village Hall
Please email: luddingtonvh@gmail.com to let us know you're coming for catering

**Make it Café**
Wed 25 Nov
2.15pm-4pm @ Village Hall

**DECEMBER**

**Village Hall Committee Meeting**
Wed 2 Dec
7.30pm @ Village Hall

**Foodbank Coffee Morning**
Wed 9 Dec
10am-12pm
Please bring any donations to the Hall on the day

**NO PARISH COUNCIL MEETING IN DECEMBER**

**Christmas Quiz**
**With quizmasters Ade and Carina**
Sat 12 Dec
7.30pm, doors open at 7pm @ Village Hall
£12 inc fish and chips
Licensed bottle bar (cash or card)
Teams of up to 6. Booking essential

UPDATE | from the Village Hall Committee

## So many ways to enjoy your local community

**Welcome to our winter newsletter edition. There is a short questionnaire enclosed from the Village Hall Committee looking for your views on the Hall and what you would like to see put on there. Please return your response to the Village Hall – there is a letterbox at the front – or if needed please contact us and we will collect it.**

We are launching a new and additional way of communicating with you, to keep you up to date via a Village WhatsApp channel. Read the information in "Keep in Touch" below.

Hall improvements continue, August saw the fitting of acoustic panels along with new curtains, and November sees the fitting of solar panels to the roof. A big thank you to SDC and the Parish Council in helping us achieve these projects. Thanks also go to the volunteers from the NFU who have been out to help us this autumn with various jobs inside and out. And lastly thank you to those who have given their time to give talks, help run and come to our Events and activities over the year, with still a few to go!

We look forward to seeing you during 2027. We start the year with an adult panto, continuing our monthly lunchtime talks, quiz nights and a Music Night in April with Zoe Nicol, already organised.

## New Way To Keep in Touch and Updated: Luddington Village Hall WhatsApp Channel

There is a new way to keep up to date with future events at the Village Hall. We now have a WhatsApp channel that you can follow without having to share any of your contact details. Whenever new information is posted you will receive a notification. This is a "no reply" system – one way communication from us to you. The email and phone number are still available for you to contact the committee. If you would like to follow the channel then scan this QR code with your phone camera.

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UPDATE | **Folly Fields**

# Bio Diversity Project



**The project has suddenly come to a point where we can really see the fruits of the labours of the volunteers and contractors we have had working in the fields, pond and orchard.**

The summer was a tough one for the trees, both new and old and we were sad to have to have one of the huge walnut trees brought down to a living stump as it was dead inside and leaning at a precarious angle. The tree surgeons checked the other walnut trees and cut out all the dead wood, caused by both the age of the tree and the drought. Large branches came off the Pear tree and the Plum tree, as well as one of the older Apple trees collapsing completely. This was not unusual as we heard from other older orchards that they were experiencing the same problem.

We would like to thank Rupert Dale who is now regularly working in the fields and orchard. He will be starting on the pruning of the trees in the orchard soon and will be working on that right through the winter months.

# National Grid Volunteer Day

In September we were lucky enough to be selected by the National Grid Sustainability Department as a project where they could do a volunteer morning following their annual training meeting. 14 strong young people were divided into two teams – one in the orchard fixing a broken fence along the boundary and creating another space for a deadhedge. The other team were assigned to the pond near the Public Footpath to cut back the new growth and clear as much as possible around the pond. The results were incredible and we are very grateful to them for their help. They were rewarded with refreshments back at the Village Hall!

# Apple Day

We had a successful apple day at the end of September and, although the harvest was affected by the hot weather and lack of water, the juicing of the apples has produced over 200 bottles of very tasty apple juice. Thank you to everyone who came and picked apples on the day.

# Annual Village Wassail

## Saturday January 23 2027

Keep the date free, and email **follyfields2023@gmail.com** if you would like to come and join in the festivities. (See invitation advertising the event on the back page).

We are always grateful to our volunteers for the help and support they give us. Penny, Peter and David.

Update | **from Luddington Village Fund**

Thank you to those that managed to find entries for this years' Flower, Produce and Craft show, and supported us in so many ways over the weekend. It proved another sunny and enjoyable day.

**Join us for our popular annual event and start to Christmas with "Carols on the Green" on Christmas Eve, with Shipston Town Band playing us in, starting at 7.45pm. Mulled wine will be warming. Bring your torches. Carol sheets will be available and can be downloaded on the Luddington.org website. We look forward to seeing you there – or in the Church in the case of bad weather.**






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# Parish Councillor Vacancies – Get Involved!

**Are you passionate about; objecting to the proposed bypass, the environment, footpaths, improving our road safety or planning in the Parish?**

We have a vacancy for a Parish Councillor and are looking for someone who is enthusiastic about our parish and keen to help shape its future. No previous experience is necessary – just an interest in local issues and a willingness to get involved.

Interested? For more information, please contact the Parish Clerk at **clerk@luddingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk**




# Village Sign Proposal

**The Parish Council is considering putting a village sign on the green, here is an impression of how it might look, this is based on the sign at Salford Priors.**

We intend that our village logo is used in its place. The sign would be double sided and hand painted in durable coloured enamel paints. At this point we are not certain of exactly where on the green the sign would be located and we like the idea of including a flower bed. Your views would be welcomed, please email us at clerk@luddingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk



# Parish Local Development Plan

**Luddington Parish Council are considering whether a Local Development Plan for the Parish would be worth investing both time and finances into. The idea of a Local Development Plan is that it can give Parishes the opportunity to have a say in what they want to see in the local area and may offer some protection against inappropriate development.**

Currently Luddington has a Parish Plan that was adopted in 2006 and a Village Design Statement (VDS) that was adopted in 2019. These would now almost certainly be considered out of date and offer different levels of protection. A formally adopted Local Development Plan carries more weight in the decision making process than parish plans and VDS. It becomes a development plan document, forming part of the development plan.

The Parish Council are looking for volunteers to join a working group to;

**a.** Review and recommend whether a Parish Plan, Village Design Statement or Local Development Plan is most suitable for Luddington Parish and

**b.** Work with the Parish Council to update and or produce the chosen option.

It is very important that there is local input into the production of a plan – it cannot be adopted without that. In practical terms the Parish Council currently has only four members (we are looking for three more Councillors!). We NEED a robust working group, with representatives from Luddington Village, Luddington Road and Dodwell in order to produce any kind of plan.

If anyone is interested in being involved in this working group, or would like more information then please contact the Parish Clerk – **clerk@luddingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk**



## DECEMBER

**Christmas Carol Service**
Sun 20 Dec
3.30pm @ All Saints Church

**Village Fund hosting Carols on the Green**
Christmas Eve 7.45pm
on the Village Green
Join Shipston Town Band for our annual event
Everyone welcome
Mulled wine available
Donations welcome to pay for the band

**Christmas Day Service**
Fri 25 Dec 9.30am
@ All Saints Church

**NO COFFEE MORNING ON WED 30 DEC**

## JANUARY

**Village Hall Committee Meeting**
Wed 6 Jan
7.30pm @ Village Hall

**Adult Panto – Jack and his Beanstalk Stratford Theatre Company**
Fri 8 Jan
7.30pm @ Village Hall
Bottle bar and raffle
For tickets see advert

**Parish Council Meeting**
Wed 13 Jan
7pm @ Village Hall

**Lunchtime Talk – Rosalind Winter "Anglo Saxons"**
Fri 15 Jan
Lunch from 12.15pm
Talk at 1pm
@ Village Hall
Please email luddingtonvh@gmail.com to let us know you're coming for catering

**Village Wassail**
Sat 23 Jan
Village Hall & Folly Fields Orchard
5pm-9pm
See information in this newsletter

**Make It Cafe**
Wed 27 Jan
2-4pm @ Village Hall

**Looking Ahead Together with ALL SAINTS CHURCH**
Sun 31 January
12.30–3pm @ Village Hall
Lunch included. Everyone welcome
See advert for more details

UPDATE | **From Manuela Perteghella, MP**

# Manuela Perteghella



**Dear Residents**

Thank you for the petition presented by the Residents Association on the Local Plan Reg. 19 consultation. I have submitted my objections to the South Warwickshire Local Plan. Many of you are concerned about the huge number of homes being planned in my constituency to meet Labour's target of 1.5M homes by the next parliament. I have raised the mandatory housing targets with the Secretary of State Angela Rayner directly and ask her to review these.

The Children's Parliament met in Westminster last week. It's a fantastic initiative to get young people excited about democracy and politics. We need to do so much more to educate children on the workings of Government. I'm a big supporter of UK Parliament week and in a few weeks' time I shall be visiting schools across my constituency to talk to them about how I serve them as their MP.

I continue to help families navigating the SEND system. Parents, carers and children are facing serious difficulties not helped by Reform led Warwickshire County Council who are spending time looking at library displays after getting a grand total of 0 written complaints, instead of focusing on things that make a big difference to people's lives e.g. processing home to school transport on time, and issuing EHCPs within the legal timescale.

Warmest wishes, Manuela.
Manuela.perteghella.mp@parliament.uk

# Looking Ahead Together

**A Vision for Our Church in Luddington**
**Sunday 31 January 2027 12.30–3.00pm at Luddington Village Hall**
**What could our church mean for Luddington in the years ahead?**

Come and join us for a relaxed, open afternoon to **share ideas, hopes and questions** about the future of All Saints Church.

**Everyone in the parish and village is warmly invited.**

**We'll be talking about...**

**OUR SPIRITUAL LIFE:** How can All Saints continue to be a place of prayer, worship, welcome and Christian life?

**OUR COMMUNITY:** How can our church serve and connect with the people of Luddington, now and in the future?

**OUR CHURCH BUILDING:** What needs to be cared for, improved or developed so that it remains a welcoming and useful space for generations to come?

**YOUR IDEAS & HOPES:** What matters to you? What would you like to see? How can we shape the future together?

**LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED:** There will be plenty of time to **talk, listen, share ideas and get to know one another.**

You don't need to be a regular churchgoer to come along. **Everyone is welcome.** If you wish you can then join us in All Saints Church for **Evensong at 3.30pm**

## FEBRUARY

**Village Hall Committee Meeting**
Wed 3 Feb. 7.30pm @ Village Hall
All welcome

**Lunchtime Talk**
Speaker tbc – see luddington.org or join our email list or WhatsApp Channel
Fri 5 Feb
12.15pm arrival @ Village Hall for refreshments then talk at 1pm
Donations welcome to cover costs and support Luddington Village Hall
Please email luddingtonvh@gmail.com to let us know you're coming for catering

**Mothering Sunday Service**
Sun 7 Feb
9.30am @ All Saints Church

**Luddington Parish Council Meeting**
Wed 10 Feb. 7pm @ Village Hall

**Quiz Night**
Sat 20 Feb
Quiz master Mark Hughes
Joint with All Saints Church
7.30pm, doors open at 7pm @ Village Hall
£12 inc fish and chips
Licensed bottle bar (cash or card)
Teams of up to 6. Booking essential

**Make It Cafe**
Wed 24 Feb. 2pm-4pm @ Village Hall

## MARCH

**Village Hall Committee Meeting**
Wed 3 Mar. 7.30pm @ Village Hall
All welcome

**Lunchtime Talk**
**"Warwickshire Search & Rescue"**
**by Nick Cole**
Fri 5 Mar @ Village Hall
12.15pm arrival for refreshments then talk at 1pm. Donations welcome to cover costs and support Luddington Village Hall
Please email luddingtonvh@gmail.com to let us know you're coming for catering

**Luddington Parish Council Meeting**
Wed 10 Mar
7pm @ Village Hall

**Easter Events by All Saints**
26 March – Good Friday Service
27 March – Easter Fun
28 March – Easter Day Service

**Make it Cafe**
Wed 31 Mar. 2-4pm @ Village Hall

## APRIL

**Music Night with Zoe Nicol**
Saturday 10 April
Doors open 7pm @ Village Hall

## UPDATE | From All Saints Church, Luddington

**During Harvest Festival we were encouraged to think about land usage locally and the legacy we leave for future generations. We sent a healthy donation to the foodbank and enjoyed the singing from Holy Trinity Choir and the stunning displays from our flower team. If you didn't get to see them please don't miss the Christmas singing and displays.**

By the time this newsletter goes out we will have celebrated the church's Patronal Festival with the All Souls Service remembering those we have loved but are no longer with us. We shall also have paid tribute to the fallen on Remembrance Sunday.

**Christmas Season – Carol Service 20 December 3.30pm**

Whilst we are not holding a Christingle Service at All Saints this year, one will be held at Holy Trinity, look out for details.

Our Annual Carol Service at 3.30pm on Sunday 20 December is a great way to feel Christmassy, come and sing carols, listen to the choir, see the flower displays and hear the timeless Christmas message. On Christmas Day our service will be held at 9:30am but please note there is no service on Sunday 27 December.

**You Are All Invited To Lunch on 31 January 2027 from 12.30-3.00pm**

*(Donations of salads or puddings welcome!)*

Come and join us for lunch and discussions around the future of our village church, the building, grounds, services and its contribution to the local community. The church was erected by past members of the Luddington Parish community to meet its needs both then and in the future; we would love to hear from as many folk as possible as to the role it can play now and on into the future. *(See our Advert for details)*



**Future 2027 diary events**

- **7th February Mothering Sunday**, we give thanks to those who have cared for us past and present with posies of flowers given out.
- **20th February – Mark's Quiz Night at the Village Hall**, raffle donations to support church funds.
- **26th March – Good Friday service**, a quiet contemplative service to prepare for the Easter weekend.
- **27th March, Easter fun**, look out for more details.
- **28th Easter Day**, come and celebrate the real good news of Easter with us but don't forget the clocks moving forward!

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# Stratford Beekeepers' Taster Day



Are you interested in Beekeeping but not sure what is involved? Why not join our **Taster Day at Luddington Village Hall on Saturday 28 January 2023 10-4pm.**

An informal and low-cost opportunity to find out more. Practical demonstrations (no live bees)! £20 including light refreshments.

Please visit our website for more details: **www.stratfordbeekeepers.org.uk**

# Live Music on 10 April 2027

We are delighted to be welcoming **Zoe Nicol** to the Village Hall on Saturday 10 April 2027. Zoe Nicol is a singer-songwriter raised in Kent with Liverpudlian and Irish roots, and is best known for her work with Worry Dolls, the acclaimed duo who performed alongside artists including Robert Plant and Mumford & Sons, were nominated for Single of the Year at the AMA Awards, and received The Drake YolanDa Award. Career highlights include Bob Harris' Under The Apple Tree sessions, Glastonbury Festival and performances on the main stage at Cambridge Folk Festival.

Whether through songs, stories, therapy, conversation or the quiet practices that shape everyday life, Zoë's work is guided by the same question: how can we care more deeply for the world around us, and for the worlds within us?

Tickets £12 on the door and in advance via our website www.Luddington.org, doors open 7pm.



# Luddington Village Hall and Folly Fields Orchard

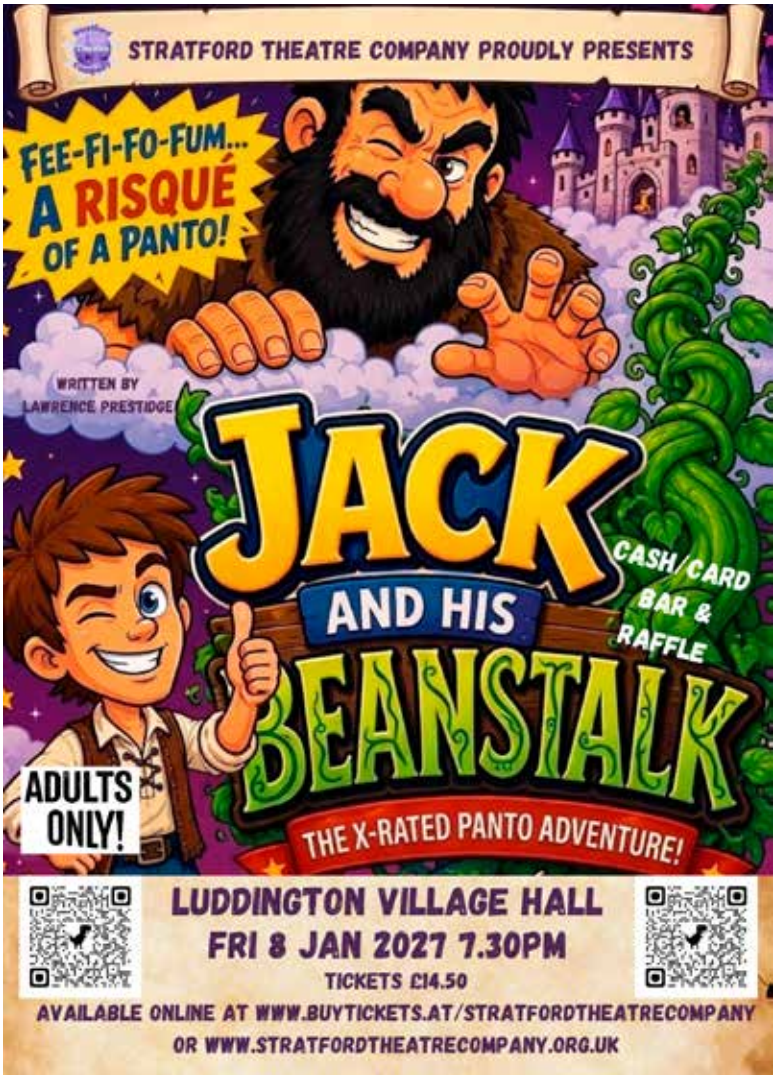
invite you to the **Annual Wassail** to be held on **Sat Jan 23rd 2027**

- Bar and music at the Village Hall from 5pm
- Children's crafts creating noisy instruments!
- Luca Loves Pizza from 5pm
- Procession to the Orchard 6.30pm
- Wassail celebrations in the Orchard with Morris Dancers, Cider and Apple Juice
- Bar and music at the Village Hall until 9pm



You need wellies/walking boots, lights to decorate yourselves, noisy saucepans and wooden spoons to drive away any evil spirits who would ruin the year's apple harvest!

We have a limit on the amount of people we can have in the hall, so please email Penny on FollyFields2023@gmail.com so we get an idea of numbers.

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