



At All Saints Church we were delighted to welcome many villagers to our special autumn services, Harvest and Remembrance.

The highlight of Harvest was Clare Leggott talking about the past year at Rectory Farm and all the ups and downs of present day farming. She told us about the crops she is growing in the fields to the south of the village, with the successes and failures, and about her own cows and the pigs she looks after for another farmer.

Our Carol Service will be on Sunday 21st December at 6.00pm and we hope that many will attend. As we have no heating in church (wrap up well and bring your hot water bottles!), we are hoping to serve hot mulled (non-alcoholic) wine with warm mince pies as people arrive, and afterwards the Club will be open for drinks and more mince pies. As usual we will be collecting toiletries for the Newark Emmaus Trust, to give to new young residents, some of whom will have left home and come to the Trust with just a few belongings in a plastic carrier bag. For Harvest, Remembrance, and for the Carol Service we will be hearing our new pipe organ, played by Brian West, who found and helped to procure this organ for us, as a gift from another church. If you haven't yet done so, why not pop into church (usually open from approx 10 am to 4pm) to see it?

In January we will have our Annual Service for 'Plough Sunday' at Rectory Farm. We have a service in their (large!) kitchen cum dining room, then go out to see and bless the ploughs and cows, and Clare will give some explanations. Please join us, wrapping up well and with suitable footwear, especially if it is icy.

There is no news about a replacement for Rev Sara for our group of 10 parishes with 13 church buildings, and we are carrying on as best as we can. If you would like to have a baptism, wedding or funeral in church, please contact the Rural Dean, Canon Geraldine Pond on 07930 353316 or at geraldine@geraldinepond.com.

Blessings to you all! Love, joy, peace ----

Canon Valerie (01636 626 665 and valerie.rampton64@gmail.com)

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North Kesteven
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Christmas Collections

Waste collections will change for everyone so please check

Normal collection days:	Collection day CHANGED to:
Monday 22nd December	Saturday 20th December
Tuesday 23rd December	Monday 22nd December
Wednesday 24th December	Tuesday 23rd December
Thursday 25th December	Wednesday 24th December
Friday 26th December	Saturday 27th December
Monday 29th December	NO CHANGE
Tuesday 30th December	NO CHANGE
Wednesday 31st December	NO CHANGE
Thursday 1st January	Friday 2nd January
Friday 2nd January	Saturday 3rd January

Find your bin day anytime at www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/findmybinday

Any extra waste or recycling that won't fit in your bin should be taken to a Household Waste Recycling Centre. Opening times are at www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/recycling-waste

FOOD WASTE RECYCLING IS COMING FROM MARCH 2026



Caddies will be delivered to your doorstep from late January - information about delivery will be available on our website www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/foodwaste

Find out more about how your food waste can have a second life

Lincolnshire **recycles**

RIGHT THING, RIGHT BIN

BioteCH4
Transforming food waste for good

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Solar on Roofs, not farmland! Open Letter to Sir Keir Starmer

Dear Prime Minister,

The policies you claim are not what we see happening on the ground. There is no effective energy plan or regulation. We need a pause, a stop, to industrial solar sprawl on farmland.

You wrote to us: "...planning guidance makes clear that, wherever possible, developers should utilise brownfield, industrial, contaminated, or previously developed land."

This is not happening. Energy developers say they have no requirement to consider alternatives. Instead they target farmland, not for suitability, but for profit, directly displacing food production.

There is no control of the scale of development. The true extent is hidden as the TEC register is opaque, and cumulative impacts unknown. You claim only a small percent of farmland is affected, but there is no limitation, no cap, no plan. If all go ahead, we risk vast oversupply.

Navenby village has no link to the grid. Yet within 10km, a city-sized 10,000 acres of best farmland in the world is being taken - along with a huge sub-station, four battery storage sites, each up to 1,324 shipping containers full of Lithium batteries, near homes and schools, with pitiful regulation.

These projects are mainly fronted by shell companies set up to profit from the planning permission, with debts, but

minimal assets, no staff, no bonds, no parent company guarantees - leaving communities at risk and tax-payers to cover the consequences.

We cannot hold them to environmental conditions, nor fire safety. That leaves citizens to suffer and the public purse to pick up the pieces for failed legislation.

Meanwhile electricity prices remain high to keep these foreign or global companies in business, draining money from the pockets of our citizens overseas and no opportunity left to build British resilience.

Better energy options already exist. Solar on fields is outclassed by offshore wind and flexible solar panels thin and light as cloth.

Energy is best produced close to where it is needed. There are some 2,500 sq.km of commercial roof, lying vacant, plus private roofs, car parks and any built structure.

This headlong rush to hand over our farmland to overseas companies, under long, costly contracts is wrong. Prime Minister, only you can stop this. Our food security and future energy is at risk. Please act now.

Yours sincerely,

Signed

Name

Address



All Saints Church, Beckingham is cleaned once a month, prior to the Service being held on the following Sunday.

We really are in need of another person (female or male) to help us with the cleaning of the Church.

It takes us 2 hours for the general Services and up to 4 hours for the special Services: Easter, Harvest Festival, Remembrance Day and Christmas.

These special Services usually require the Church to be decorated, which can take some time to complete. It is not a huge amount of time spent cleaning, but it is a huge amount of effort which is why we are now asking for help.

Please contact me at: jcmartin0448@gmail.com with your response.

Thank you so much.'

Thanks, Jean



Winter News November from Marianne Overton MBE

Welcome to my monthly personal newsletter to let you know what I am doing on your behalf and to keep in touch with you.

.....found on our website
beckinghamvillage.co.uk

November 19th 2025
Latest News



posted 9th November 2025
Marianne Overton December newsletter is [here](#)

posted 27th September 2025
the latest September 2025 Bugle is [here](#)

at

For more village news and to stay up to date with the latest Parish Council business visit the Village website at: www.beckinghamvillage.co.uk

News Release

17/11/25

North Kesteven District Council, District Council Offices,
Kesteven Street, Sleaford, Lincolnshire, NG34 7EF
www.n-kesteven.gov.uk



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Food waste recycling brings benefits

Lincolnshire is to benefit from a new weekly food waste collection service from Spring 2026, with North Kesteven District Council collecting it in our District.

As part of national 'Simpler Recycling' changes introduced by the Government (under the Environment Act 2021), all households in Lincolnshire will be able to recycle their food waste separately from general waste.

Instead of going to our Energy from Waste facility (along with all other black bin waste), your separately-collected food waste will be taken to an anaerobic digestion plant north of Lincoln. This will maximise the potential within our food waste, generating clean energy and creating fertiliser for local farms.

To help residents get started, all households will receive (from late January):

- A small 5-litre kitchen caddy to collect food waste in
- An initial roll of liners to line the kitchen caddy
- A 23-litre outdoor food waste caddy
- An instruction leaflet explaining what goes in and how to use the service

How it works:

Just use the kitchen caddy to collect your food waste, like peelings, plate scrapings, and tea bags. When it's full, tie the liner and place it into your outdoor caddy, which you should then put out for collection every week. It will be collected on the same day that your usual bin goes out, but in a different vehicle.

This service will collect any kind of food, including that which you wouldn't normally compost at home – including raw and cooked meat, vegetables and fruit; bread, cakes and pastries; tea bags and coffee grounds; pet food and expired or mouldy foods. There's a full list on the council website at <https://www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/foodwaste>.

Some frequently asked questions include:

- *Do I need to buy special bags?* No, you can use any bags and there's no need to buy special compostable or biodegradable ones. We encourage you to use recycled bags such as bread bags, carrier bags, or even online shopping delivery bags!
- *Won't it smell?* Lined and emptied regularly, there's little smell from your kitchen caddy. And being collected every week, there's less time for smells or pests to develop.
- *I don't have room for another wheelie bin.* There's no wheelie bin, it's a much smaller caddy.

For further information visit: www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/foodwaste, email: customer_services@n-kesteven.gov.uk or call: 01529 414155

Pipe Organ for All Saints Church, Beckingham

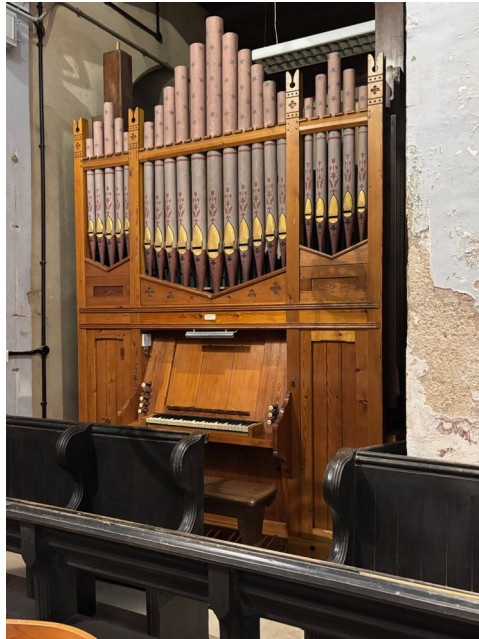
Round about the millennium the church closed for 7 years. Pigeons infested the church and when it reopened we had to get rid of organ as pigeon poo was in all the pipes, so the organ was condemned as a health hazard and was removed. We had a series of electronic organs that didn't last long in the cold and damp conditions in church and have had to rely on organists bringing portable keyboards to play at our Services.

One of these organists, Brian West earlier this year spotted that the church of St Helens Burgh on Bain, in the north of the diocese, wanted to get rid of their pipe organ. They were turning the church into a community centre for the village and needed the organ space. They will use an electronic organ instead. They wanted to give away their pipe organ to a church in Lincolnshire, as it was built by a well-known Lincolnshire organ builder, Cousans of Lincoln, established in 1877. This means it is an organ which was built to cope with the Lincolnshire weather. (And Beckingham weather in a church with no heating!).

Brian immediately thought of Beckingham as a church with an organ space, but no pipe organ, and investigated. It was found to fit into the existing organ space in our church. St Helen's were prepared to GIVE it to us, for the cost of moving it. If we, or no other Lincolnshire church wanted it, it would be sold overseas. We applied for permission from the diocese to put in the organ and this was granted. The very reasonable cost of moving it has been met by donations (notably from the late Vic Rampton), so the very tight budget that the church has to work to has not been affected.

Currently (mid October) the organ builder is installing it, and expects it to be in place for our Remembrance Day service on Sunday 9 November.

This means that we will have a good organ in place and hope that this will help when people are thinking of using the church for baptisms, weddings, or funerals or other events. We will have a wider choice of organists as we will no longer be dependent on having an organist with a portable keyboard. We're hoping to have a Songs of Praise in memory of Vic, at a date to be arranged, with Brian West giving the concert.



Pothole Pro trials have begun!

A year-long LCC assessment of the latest pothole-battling machine is underway in Lincolnshire.

Lincolnshire County Council has begun live-trialling the latest JCB Pothole Pro machine to see if the specific bit of kit can help improve the county's road network.

Able to work on issues like potholes with a high degree of accuracy, the Pothole Pro is being put through its paces on a variety of roads in Lincolnshire as part of the year-long trial programme.

Visit our [website](#) to see what Cllr Sean Matthews, Leader of the County Council and Jonathan Evans, Head of Highways Client have said about the trials.

Remembrance Day

Each year on the 11th of November, millions pause in silence to mark the moment when the First World War ended in 1918. At 11 a.m., the guns finally fell silent across the Western Front after four years of unimaginable destruction. This single moment has become one of the most solemn and significant observances in the Commonwealth and beyond—known today as **Remembrance Day**.

A Flower That Grew From Devastation

After some of the bloodiest battles of the war—particularly in Flanders, Belgium—the churned earth, ash, and rubble created the perfect conditions for red poppies to bloom. These flowers were often the first signs of life to emerge on the devastated frontlines. Canadian doctor Lieutenant Colonel **John McCrae**, moved by the sight of poppies growing among soldiers’ graves, wrote the famous poem *In Flanders Fields* (1915). It became one of the most powerful literary symbols of the war. His words inspired the poppy as a lasting emblem of remembrance.

Different Poppies and Their Meanings

While the red poppy is the best known, several variations exist—each with its own message of remembrance:

Red Poppy Honours military personnel who have died in war. Symbolises **sacrifice, remembrance, and hope**.

White Poppy Created by the Peace Pledge Union in 1933. Represents **peace, non-violence, and remembrance for all victims of war**—military and civilian.

Purple Poppy Honours the **animals** who served and died in war. This includes horses, mules, donkeys, dogs, pigeons, camels, and even elephants. They carried ammunition, delivered messages, provided transport, comfort, and lifesaving assistance.

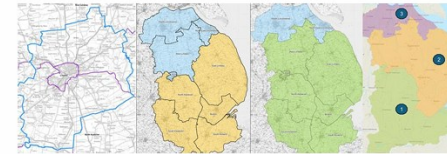


“Lest we forget does not mean lest we remember—it means we must remember.”

For those who serve—whether in the military, fire service, ambulance, police, or RNLI—there is a bond forged that cannot be easily described. It is a sense of unity, trust, and loyalty that grows stronger under pressure. It is a feeling of belonging, of standing for something greater than oneself.

What is Local Government Reorganisation (LGR)?

Local Government Reorganisation refers to the process of restructuring local government authorities or councils.



The Government wants to simplify how councils work by **replacing the current two-tier system** with a new, streamlined approach.

Who does what today?

County Councils: These are responsible for services across the whole county




District Councils: These provide services to their individual district



Town & Parish Councils: These manage various local services



All contributions for the next Beckingham Bugle welcome. The deadline for the next March 2026 issue is March 11th 2026



~ BECKINGHAM VILLAGE HALL SOCIAL CLUB EVENTS ~
CHRISTMAS MONTH EVENTS 2025 – Dates for your Diary [v2.2]

DECEMBER

❖ **Mon 01 Dec ~ Wreath Making**

Starts at 6:30pm prompt & entry is £35.00 per person. Everything is provided and you go home with your own beautiful Christmas wreath 😊

All Enquiries to Wendy Williams via email at:

Wend68@btinternet.com

❖ **Sun 07 Dec ~ Christmas Tree light up**

Starts at 4pm, with wine, pies and Santa

❖ **Sat 13 Dec ~ Christmas Quiz**

Starts at 7:30pm & entry is £2.00 per person with pizza provided

❖ **Wed. 17 Dec ~ Christmas Dinner**

Starts at 7pm at The Black Swan, Hillside

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NOW FULLY BOOKED

❖ **Friday 19 Dec ~ Squares Draw**

DECEMBER

❖ **Sat 20 Dec ~ Members Draw (£100 Prize)**

❖ **Sun. 21 Dec ~ Christmas Carols**

Starts at 6pm at Beckingham All Saints Church, followed by Christmas fun at the Social Club

❖ **Sun 21 Dec ~ Loyalty Draw**

❖ **Mon. 22 Dec ~ NEW Festive Florals**

Starts at 7pm in the village hall - With prosecco and cocktail Bellinis & entry is £30.00 per person. Everything is provided and you will go home with a wonderful seasonal table decoration 😊

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❖ **Wed 31 Dec ~ New Year Eve's Party**

Come and welcome the New Year in with friends & neighbours – great music (Silent Disco), food and bubbles.

Starts at 7:30pm & entry is £5.00 per person.