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	10.30am	Morning Worship	Harvest	Norton
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Harvest	Doddington
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Harvest	Eastling
12th October <i>Trinity 17</i>	9.00am	Morning Prayer		via website & FB
	10.30am	All Together Now		Lynsted
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Harvest	Newnham
	10.30am	Holy Communion		Oare
	10.30am	Morning Worship	Harvest	Stalisfield
	10.30am	Morning Prayer		Throwley
15th October	11.00am	Holy Communion		Wychling
19th October <i>Trinity 18</i>	9.00am	Morning Prayer		via website & FB
	10.30am	Holy Communion		Teynham
	10.30am	Holy Communion		Norton
	10.30am	Morning Worship		Doddington
	10.30am	Morning Worship		Eastling
26th October <i>Trinity 15</i>	9.00am	Morning Prayer		via website & FB
	10.30am	Family Holy Communion		Lynsted
	10.30am	Morning Worship		Newnham
	10.30am	Morning Worship		Oare
	10.30am	Holy Communion		Throwley
	4.00pm	Evensong		Teynham

Together in Boots – Friday 24th October from Doddington Church 2.00pm

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Please check church notices and online for any potential change in services to those published above.

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Dear friends

I've been noticing lately the number of times I use the word 'hope'. My messages and emails are full of it! *'Hope you're well?' 'I hope you have a good holiday' 'I hope the weather holds' 'Hope to see you soon'* and so on. I use that word 'hope' so often; the same word for small things and also for enormous things *'I hope Russia stops bombing Ukraine', 'I hope we can reduce greenhouse gases'*

What do we actually mean when we say *'I hope?'* Is hope just wishful thinking which can feel rather pathetic, or is it a persistent cheery optimism which can be really irritating!? In the Bible, the writer Paul says: *'May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace by your faith in him, until by the power of the Holy Spirit, you overflow with hope'* (Romans 15:13)

And the spirituality writer Christopher Chapman says hope is 'the creative, purposeful presence of God within 'what is' It is inspired vision and imagination. It is a verb as much as a feeling - *'I hope'* as an action'

When we think of hope as action it can become something real and tangible. It is often borne out of great adversity and against the backdrop of a darkening world. Examples through history abound but here are a few: the beautiful playground and library built at the Southport Primary School whose two small girls were killed last year demonstrates hope in action. Another example is the orphaned children in World War 2 refugee camps who were traumatised by fear of starvation and were given a piece of bread to sleep with at night to remind them that they had eaten that day and would be able to eat again tomorrow - hope in action. Our own group of churches runs GrowBaby, a baby bank for children from 0-5 which is open monthly at Lynsted Church. The team of volunteers are able to gift, completely free of charge, clothing and nappies etc which have all been donated. Last month GrowBaby supported 30 families amongst whom there were some people in truly desperate need. Again, this is hope in action, looking at the needs of the most vulnerable people in our communities and bringing them good news.

Hope in action is often found on the margins of life, quietly bubbling away until it overflows into an unstoppable force for good. Hope in action formed the earthly ministry of Jesus and it remains Christ's call to every age. If we don't name ourselves as Christian or even as someone who is particularly hopeful, let's not forget that God has a history of using unlikely people and unlikely places to bring in the good news! The invitation and challenge to us in this darkening world is to nurture through faith, the flickering flame of hope in our hearts and to look for where we could share that light of hope as individuals and as communities of faith.

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Buddies Parent and Toddler Group: Friday morning (term-time) 9 to 10.30am. All children aged 0-4 and their carers are most welcome. New **Contact**: Amy – email: amykemp788@gmail.com

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Doddington Parish Council: 2nd Monday 7.30 pm. Local residents welcome to observe, and there is a section for questions and comments from the public.

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Outdoor Gym Club- Start time changed from 11.15 am to 9.30 am every Wednesday

Monthly

Newnham Parish Council Meeting: 2nd Thursday each month at 7.30pm

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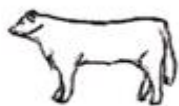
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This is a brief summary of the meeting held on 8 September 2025

PROPOSED HIGHSTED PARK UPDATE

Ref: 21/503914/EIOUT Location: Land South And East Of Sittingbourne Kent

Ref: 21/503906/EIOUT Location: Land To The West Of Teynham London Road Teynham

The public inquiry is currently in recess until October. Proceedings will continue to be streamed live on Swale Borough Council's YouTube channel- <https://news.swale.gov.uk/campaigns/highsted-park-planning-inquiry/watching-the-inquiry>. Recordings are also available to view shortly after each session has finished. The Council continues to work with other Parish Councils to support our legal representatives and subject experts as they represent our views to the Inspector. There is still time to donate to the "fighting fund" or to find out more go to <https://teynham-highsted.org/> The site also has regular updates.

LOOK OUT for details of local meetings to find out how the campaign is proceeding.

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This application has been permitted.

HIGHWAYS

A complaint had been received regarding large lorries using the Old Lenham Road. It had previously been agreed with KCC Highways that the Parish Council would monitor the situation and as a result of new evidence provided KCC has agreed to install additional "Unsuitable for HGV" signage.

PARKING ON PAVEMENTS

This continues to be an issue in the village and creates a hazard for pedestrians. The Parish Council would like to remind residents to park considerately and if you have visitors, please ask them not to park on the pavement. Thank you for helping to keep pedestrians safe.

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There is no such thing as a dog poo fairy! Dog fouling doesn't just look horrible, it is dangerous. Every gram of dog waste contains 23 million bacteria, many of which can be passed to humans, children are particularly at risk. Please clean up after your dog; consider our environment and use the bins provided or take the waste home.

**Date of next Parish Council Meeting: Monday 13 October 2025 at 7.30pm
at Doddington Village Hall**

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This is a brief summary of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11th Sept 2025

Full minutes can be found at www.newnham-pc.gov.uk

Open Session

Cllr Steve Coates, Chair of Doddington Parish Council, provided an update on Highsted Park inquiry, which had been in recess over the summer period but was due to restart in October. So far the 5 parishes had raised in excess of £34,000 but with a barrister costing £1,500 a day, further funding was still required. Several fundraising events had been scheduled.

Highsted Park

It was proposed by Cllr Fray, seconded by Cllr Crampton and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to donate a further £500 to the legal costs.***

Meeting Time

It was agreed to keep the time of meetings to 7.30pm.

Future Projects

Several items were considered in brief, including a toddler play park, bench and village shop. Further discussion is required.

Outstanding Payments

A number of outstanding payments were noted due to the difficulty in accessing Unity Trust Bank

Lloyds Bank

It was proposed by Cllr Crampton, seconded by Cllr Fray and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to open an account with Lloyds Bank***

Items for Report

Cllr Turner had attended a meeting on LGR hosted by Faversham Town Council, to consider the boundary of any future unitary and whether the village parishes felt more aligned with the east of the county, rather than the west.

Future Agenda Items

Social media

Next meeting: 9th October 2025

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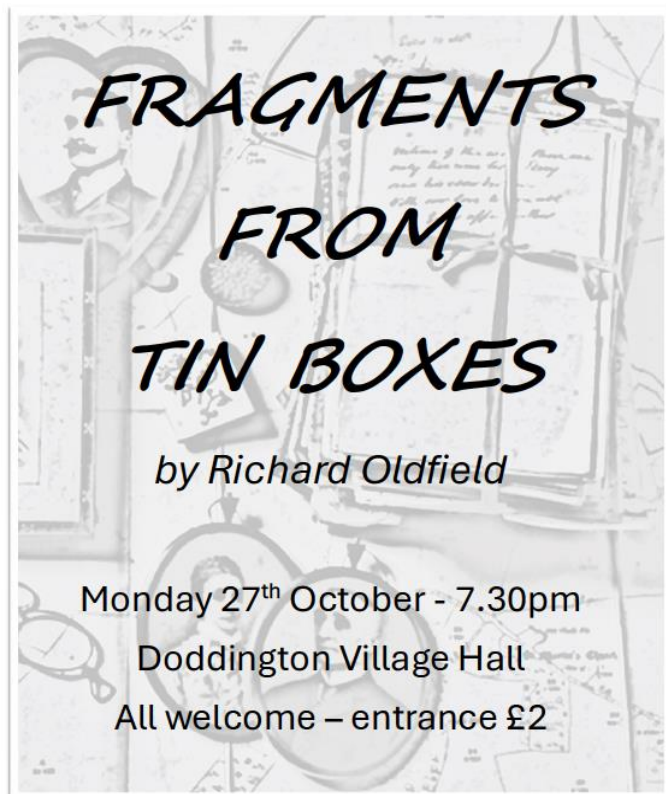
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Friday 24th October 7.30pm

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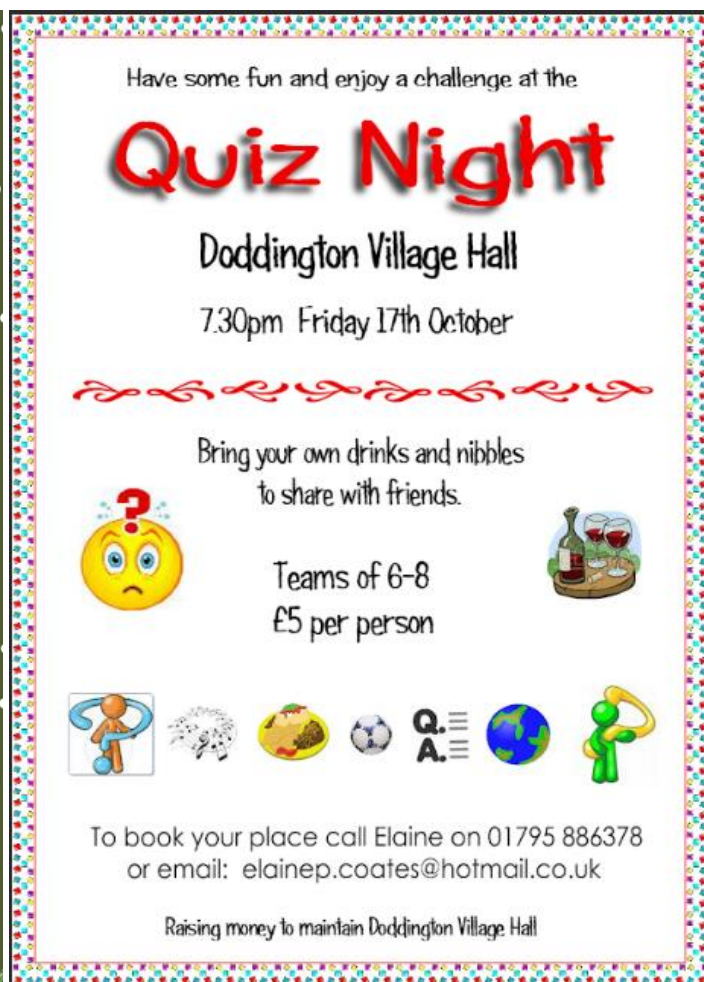
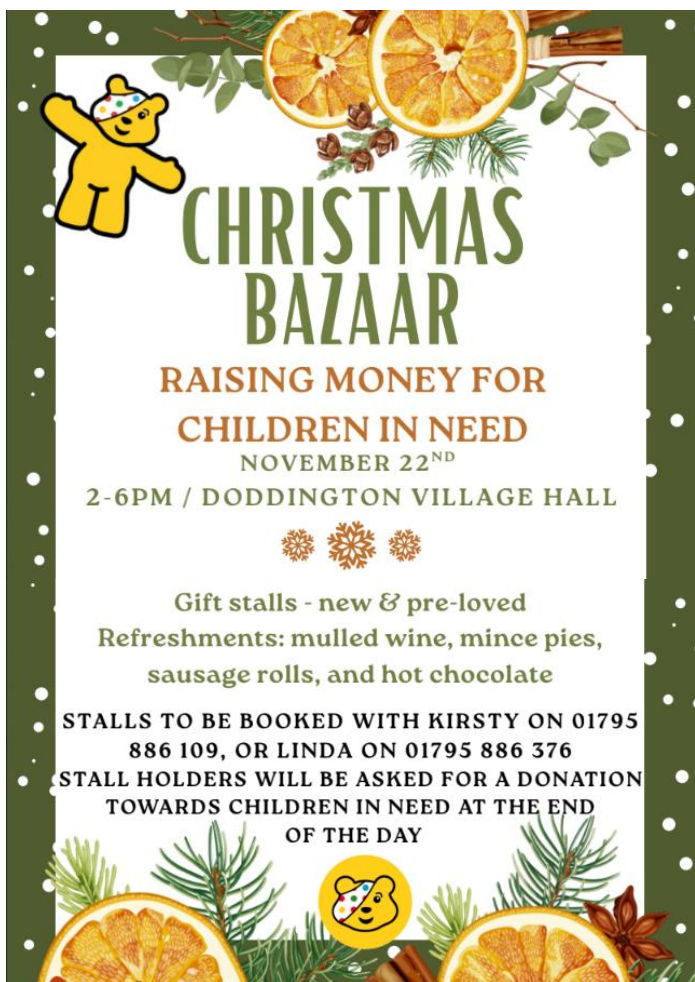
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He is mobile with the use of sticks but needs some supervision.

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Contact details: johawkins_uk@yahoo.com

Tel: 0782 446 0052



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We are looking for someone to join our small team, working in the Office at Doddington Service Station. You would be dealing with the day-to-day accounts, answering the telephone and booking customers' vehicles in.

A knowledge of Sage would be an advantage, but not essential, as all necessary training will be given.

If you are interested or would like more information regarding hours pay, etc. please dodding.doe@btconnect.com, or give me a call Heather Bell Reeves - 01795 886235

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Friday 5th December - 7.30pm

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Adults £10 Under 16 £3



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Sunnyside, Doddington.

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1st Oct 15th Oct 29th Oct

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN READING?

WHICH BOOK? – MY BOOK OF STARS AND PLANETS by Parshati Patel (2021)

WHAT'S IT ABOUT? – Space! I love learning about stars and planets and about exploring space. Did you know that Jupiter has 79 moons? One moon called Ganymede is bigger than the planet Mercury and another, Europa, may have sub surface water and the right chemicals for life to exist. I read that the sun is about halfway through its life. It's now in the YELLOW DWARF STAR main sequence phase before cooling to a RED Giant and then a WHITE DWARF which becomes dimmer and dimmer. Did you know that a quail chick was the first animal born in space? It was hatched on the Mir space station in 1990. There are lots of non-fiction, fiction and picture books in the mobile library children's section. Also, a teenage book section. There have been libraries for young readers since 1882 when the first children's public lending library was opened in Nottingham. The local MP, Samuel Morely, funded it when he learnt that Nottingham's Central Library was only open to those aged 15 and over.

Save the Date – Thursday October 23rd – another Newnham Village community event!!

Join us for a race night on the big screen at The George Inn!

Recorded races, make bets on the night or increase your chance of winning by "buying" a horse in advance.

Ticket only event with dinner included in your ticket price.

All the family welcome – lots of competitive fun!

The recent Leaflet Drop has more details.

Tally Ho Chaps!



DODDINGTON & DISTRICT VILLAGE SHOW – SEPTEMBER 2025

A big thank you to everyone who supported the Show this year.

Thank you to our local businesses and villagers for donating raffle prizes and to any of you who helped by baking cakes for the teas and helping in the kitchen, donating items for the sales table, setting up and clearing away, putting an entry in the Show or coming to look round in the afternoon. It was a fabulous community event, enjoyed by many.

Special thanks go to the organising committee - gifts were made to Robert & Jenny Breakell and Isobel Evans who all retired from the committee this year.

We are pleased to welcome Keith Jarrett and Rhonda Bailey to the committee.

In November we'll start organising next year's Show with the setting of the Craft Classes. These will be published in the December or January newsletter and on the village websites for those of you who like to make an early start!!! Many of us leave it till the week before the show!

This year's Award Winners are:

BIRTLES CUP Lady gaining most points in the Show	Jean Price
CUTHBERT CUP Gentleman gaining most points in the Show	Robert Breakell
VILLAGE SHOW CUP Fruit & Vegetables	Robert Breakell
BILL JARVIS AWARD Best tray of vegetables	Jan West
IRENE GAZE MEMORIAL CUP Flowers	Jean Price
BEST IN SHOW AWARD Fruit and Vegetables	Tomatoes, Jan West
BEST IN SHOW AWARD Flowers	Orchid, Chris Thompson
HAYLEY JENNINGS MEMORIAL CUP Judges' choice in the flower arrangement classes with an arrangement to depict a craft or hobby	Ali Parsons
MARY CHASTNEY MEMORIAL CUP Most points in Classes 32 and 33 (flower arranging)	Ali Parsons
JOAN GRIFFITHS MEMORIAL CUP Judges choice in the Craft Classes	Ali Parsons – a hand-knitted jumper
MARY CHARLTON MEMORIAL CUP Preserves	Jean Price
TINY CUP Men's Cookery	Wayne Hickmott – Victoria sponge
MAY CUP Cookery	Isabel Cheesman
FILKINS CUP Gentleman gaining most points in Craft, Cookery & Photography	Wayne Hickmott
SAVILL CUP Most points gained in Craft & Photography	Stephanie Lloyd
IAN WOODHOUSE FRONT GARDEN AWARD	Linda Law & Liz Grant, for their courtyard garden

NEWNHAM VILLAGE HALL LOTTERY

The winning numbers of the
August draw were –

1st Prize 72
2nd Prize 51
3rd Prize 101

The Hall Committee would like to
thank all our members for
their continued support.

New members are welcome –
numbers cost
£2 per month.
Contact Julie on
01795 890205
or julied103@hotmail.com
for more information

Newnham Tingle Mingle

22nd November 2025

11am – 2pm

(Save the date)

Raising money for Children In Need

A festive event in the Village Hall
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Mince pies, Tea, Coffee and Hot Chocolate

Crafts, Raffle, Xmas White Elephant
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Nature Notes

In the August newsletter, I wrote about the party of **Crossbills** that visited our Doddington garden. I have since learnt that there was a large movement of Crossbills into Britain this summer – what birders call an ‘irruption’. Irruptions usually occur because of a lack of food in the species’ usual range, and it is likely that a lack of Norway Spruce seeds (Crossbills’ favourite food) in Northern Europe drove the mass movement of birds seen this summer.

Movement in the natural world is a constant, as species spread or retreat in response to environmental changes, or as a result of genetic or behavioural change. Often, people are involved in accidentally or deliberately moving species from one place to another. Sometimes, newly arrived species cause problems, and it is their stories that hit the headlines – such as the **Yellow-legged (or Asian) Hornet** that we read so much about. But such species are a tiny minority. There are no headlines for the **Southern Oak Bush-cricket** that came to Britain in 2001 and is now widespread and settled – I see it commonly around the village – or the large (7 to 8mm long) and colourful bug *Rhyparochromus vulgaris* (pictured right) that first arrived in 2010 and which I’ve seen on more than one occasion here this summer, or even for the beautiful **Willow Emerald Damselflies** (pictured below), first found in Britain in 1992 and now widespread and visiting garden ponds around our villages.



For the overwhelming majority of species that arrive here, the truth is that they settle in and become part of the scenery. Yes, they may have some impact, but in most cases they just add to natural diversity and – if they are noticed at all – often become a valued asset. Where would towns be without **Buddleia** (or **Butterfly-bush**) to attract butterflies? And look at how we mourn the loss of **Common Poppies**, **Cornflowers**, **Corn Margiold** and other cornfield weeds – all of these come from the Middle East and arrived as farming people migrated westward through Europe centuries ago.



Now, as climate change accelerates, we need species to move more than ever. Human action has led to the fastest warming of the planet for 10,000 years (and the evidence that humans are the driver of this heating is overwhelming). This means species must move or die. For us, here in Kent, it means that we need species to colonise from the near continent to replace those species that we are already losing as the weather gets hotter and drier – otherwise, we will just watch as the natural environment gets less and less diverse, interesting, and valuable.

Richard Moyse



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(a consortium made up of Doddington, Newnham, Teynham, Lynsted with Kingsdown and Tonge Parish Councils)

Whether you came to sell, buy, or to help out, **YOU** helped us raise over **£1,100.00.**

WEDNESDAY MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDIES FROM 10th SEPTEMBER

After the popularity of the Lent Studies, and responses by those who took part, we are continuing to offer shorter studies of five weekly sessions, on Wednesday evenings at Doddington Vicarage from 7.30pm -9pm.

We will be studying "Acts for Everyone" by Tom Wright, one of the world's leading Bible Scholars.

The study says: "The mysterious presence of Jesus haunts the whole story of Acts. Jesus is announced as King and Lord, not as an increasingly distant memory but as a living and powerful reality, a person who can be known and loved, obeyed and followed, a person who continues to act within the real world. We call the book "The Acts of the Apostles" but we should think of it as "The Acts of Jesus: Part two". These studies help us to do so and to see how Jesus acts through the apostles to inform and empower our acts today.

Please emails me jim.pye@kc-hd.org.uk or ring 01795 890726 if you would like to attend.

Every blessing,
Rev'd Jim Pye

Doddington Fete 2025

Doddington Fete 2025 was a huge success. Sunday 24th August was a warm, dry date with a light breeze, perfect conditions for a village fete. The fete was formally opened by the High Sheriff of Kent, Jonathan Neame, who was escorted into the event by the Queen's Regiment Association Corps of Drums.

There was an excellent attendance from villagers, friends and visitors who were able to enjoy a selection of music from local groups, plenty of refreshments from the well-stocked Tea Tent, the BBQ, the mobile bar from The Paper Mill and the ice cream van.

The adult & child wheelbarrow and relay races proved to be great fun. Other entertainment included archery, the bouncy castle, kids' games, art and craft demonstrations and caricatures by Wayne.

There was a superb selection of vehicles courtesy of residents and motorcycles from the Queen's Regiment Riders Association, plus Robbie and Fergus brought along Dumpy, the enormous steam traction engine - sadly it was too big to fit into the field, so it was parked next door on the garage forecourt.

Other stall holders included plants and local produce, Northdowns Honeybees, Buddies pre-school, MNDA and Rubie's Recovery. The raffle had an excellent set of prizes donated by Sam Early, Doughty's Butchers, The Chequers Inn, Doddington Place, Doddington Service Station, Belmont House and Sheperd Neame Brewery and was very popular.

A huge Thank You from the organising committee to those people who helped with the set up and clearing away, (a special mention for Josh Gough, our newest recruit, who helped out all day (we need more like him) and those who helped running the raffle, the tea tent and the games during the afternoon. The fete would not be possible without your help. We hope everyone had a great afternoon and we look forward to seeing you next year.

Newnham Church Ground Force Saturday 1st November at 9am

The Church Wardens would like to invite you to an Autumn fall clean-up of the grounds of Newnham Church and the Newnham Lane Cemetery from 9am to 12 noon.

We hope you will be able to join us if only for an hour or so. Because of the efforts of David, Zoe & Jo around the church and Richard in the cemetery, much of the work will be leaf raking, weeding and pruning. However, the inside of the church needs some cleaning and tidying, especially in those less accessible areas, so please bring some cleaning materials and your portable vacuum if you have one. There will be some gardening equipment available to use but please feel free to bring your own gear.

Robert will be bringing his pick-up truck to cart the prunings away, no village bonfires!

DIARY OF EVENTS – 2025

17 th October 7.30 pm	Quiz Night (see page 15 for more details) Raising money for Children in Need	Doddington Village Hall
23 rd October	Race Night (more info to come through your door)	The George Inn Newnham
24 th October 7.30pm	Film Club: Mrs Warren's profession (National Theatre Live – see page 13)	Doddington Village Hall
27 th October 7.30pm	'Fragments from Tin Boxes', Talk by Richard Oldfield. (see page 13) All welcome. £2 entry.	Doddington Village Hall
22 nd November 2–6pm	Christmas Tingle Mingle (see page 18)	Newnham Village Hall
22 nd November 2–6pm	Christmas Bazaar (see page 15)	Doddington Village Hall
5 th , 6 th & 7 th December 7.30pm plus 2pm on Sunday	The Valley Player's Cinderella (see page 16 for details)	Doddington Village Hall

Eastling Event

4th & 5th October 11am–5pm Flower Festival, Harvest arrangements St. Mary Church, Eastling
Artwork by the children from Easting Primary School



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Other regular activities are listed on Page 7.



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