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# Tingewick Historical Society



## Christmas social accompanied by Launton Handbell Ringers

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Christmas Raffle



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# **St Mary Magdalene Church Tingewick**

## **December Services**

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Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Benefice Carol Service with choir – 6.00pm

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Family Communion – 10.30am

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December (Christmas Eve) – Crib Service – 5.30pm  
Midnight Mass – 11.30pm

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## **CHRISTMAS TREES**

On Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November, the first Sunday of Advent, we lit our Christmas Trees, sang carols and enjoyed refreshments. David Partridge and family have very kindly donated 10 Christmas Trees again this year, and anyone who saw the church over the Christmas period last year will know what a wonderful display they made. The church will once again be open throughout the holiday season, so do try to pop in and see them at your leisure.

Our porch Christmas Tree will be there for you to add any decorations of your choice, in exchange for a Christmas Story sheet.

## **CRAFTY CHURCH**

Crafty Church now takes place on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month, from 2.30pm to 4.00pm. We will not be holding a session in December, so January 25<sup>th</sup> will be the next one.

This is for the whole benefice and beyond – taking place in Tingewick Church because we have plenty of space, lots and lots of craft supplies, a toilet and a little kitchen – perfect! We have a monthly theme, but this is just a suggestion. You can make other things too. If you have ideas, please come and share them.

# FOOD BANK

The kindness of villagers continues to amaze us. Our boxes are still in the church porch and all donations of non-perishable goods are always extremely welcome, especially as we head into the Christmas period. Please help us to help those around us who rely on this valuable resource.  
Every donation really does help local families.

# TOY CORNER AND PUZZLE TABLE

Our toy corner is well stocked with toys, books and drawing supplies. We also have a jigsaw table and a selection of puzzles, so feel free to have a go at one. Don't feel you have to complete it, as there's always someone else willing to do that. This is for the use of everyone in the village, so please come along and try it.

The church is open at weekends from 10.00am to 5.00pm so please feel free to come inside, just for a look or for quiet prayer and reflection.

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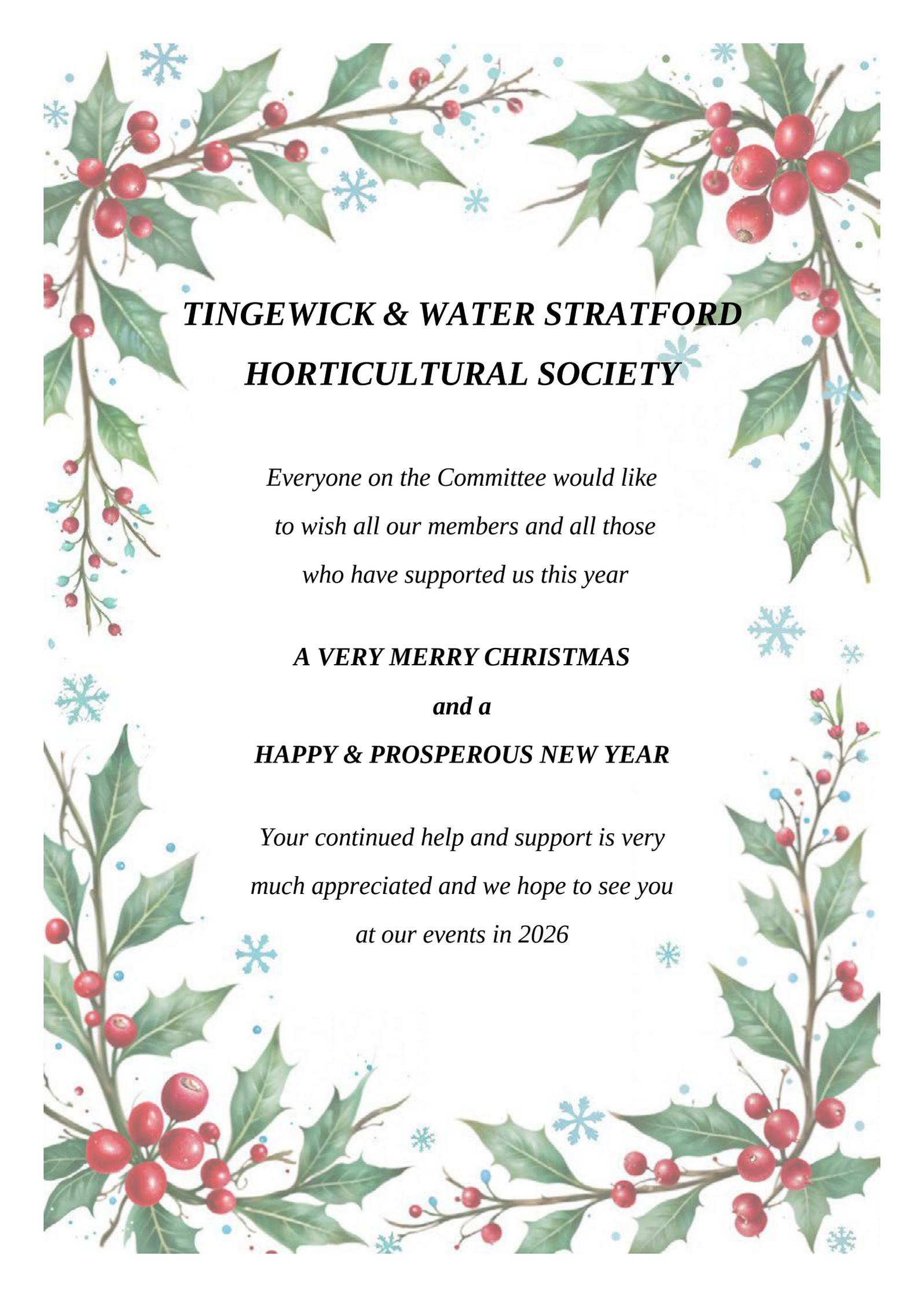
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## **St. Giles Water Stratford**

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 7pm  
Water Stratford Carol Service**



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**TINGEWICK PARISH COUNCIL**

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON 22<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER 2025 AT 7.00 PM

PRESENT: Cllr Hornsey (Chaiman)  
Cllr Newman  
Cllr Rennie  
Cllr Maxwell  
Cllr Pearson  
Cllr Grant  
Cllr Sullivan  
Dawn Rogers (Parish Clerk)

IN ATTENDANCE: 0 Members of the public

**136. Apologies**

None received.

**137. Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of Interest.

*Open Forum – No members of the public were in attendance.*

**138. To approve minutes of the meeting held on 24.09.25**

It was proposed that the minutes be approved as a true and accurate record.

Proposed: Cllr Pearson      Seconded: Cllr Rennie      Approved

**139. Matters arising for information and reports only**

- **Item 100 – Bench at Stockley’s Lane** – The bench has been replaced
- **Item 129 - Cemetery Gate Repair** – Messages have been left and will be followed up. It was questioned whether livestock is to be kept in the field, if not is a gate required. This will be investigated.
- **Item 130 - School Playground Re Surface** – After further negotiations, the contractor confirmed that they will add additional colour at no extra cost. The quotation has been accepted, and a date is awaited for the work to commence.

**140. Buckinghamshire Councilors’ Reports**

No Councillors were in attendance.

**141. Planning**

1. Travellers Site at top of Sandpit Hill –Request from Finmere Parish Council regarding potential breach of planning conditions at the site. The Clerk will obtain the letter that Finmere are submitting for further consideration. **Action: Clerk**

2. Land to West of Barton Road, Tingewick - Correspondence from the landowner's Land Agent.

- The Parish Council would like to understand from the County Councillors how the County Council will consider the application in light of national government policy regarding development.
- It was agreed that the Land Agent will be requested to provide further details of the plans prior to a meeting. **Action: Clerk**
- Further information will be obtained from a local planning specialist.

**Action: Cllr Pearson**

#### 142. Accounts

See Appendix for details of transactions requiring approval and Budget report.

In addition to the transactions listed in the report it was agreed that the following would also be paid.

Ref	Supplier	Description	Total Cost
BP529	David Wilcox Construction	Shelter at Recreation Field (ref 134/25)	£4,975.00
BP530	Cllr Hornsey (Reimbursement)	Bench at Stockley's Lane	£310.00
BP531	Cllr Hornsey (Reimbursement)	16.10.25 Compost for village planters	£7.20
BP532	Cllr Hornsey (Reimbursement)	13.10.25 Compost for village planters	£8.40
BP533	Cllr Hornsey (Reimbursement)	03.10.25 Compost for village planters	£84.00
BP534	Cllr Hornsey (Reimbursement)	Bulbs (Narcissi) for village planters	£27.98
BP535	Cllr Hornsey (Reimbursement)	Bulbs (Bedding) for village planters	£27.00

a. It was proposed that the Transactions be paid.

Proposed: Cllr Hornsey      Seconded: Cllr Newman      Approved

b. It was proposed that the Budget Report be accepted.

Proposed: Cllr Hornsey      Seconded: Cllr Newman      Approved

It was agreed that the January 2026 meeting will be brought forward to the third **Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> January 2026** to facilitate budgeting and to meet the precept submission requirements.

#### 143. Insurance

Cllr Pearson researched the renewal options and after detailed discussions with the broker achieved a reduction on the initial premium and provided the Councillors with all relevant information, via email prior to the meeting.

It was proposed that the Parish Council remain with the current broker and take out insurance with Ecclesiastical. The annual premium being £1,972 including IPT.

Proposed: Cllr Pearson      Seconded: Cllr Rennie      Approved

#### 144. Councilors Reports and Items for Future Agenda

#### Lighting and Defibrillator-Cllr Hornsey

One defective light at Stowe View has been reported for repair  
Cllr Newman will take over responsibility for the defibrillator

#### Footways, Highways and Street Furniture-Cllr Maxwell

Pothole on Gawcott Road was reported along with the footpaths on Buckingham Road and Sandpit Hill. Buckingham Street will be repaired within 6/8 weeks; the remaining work will be added to a package of future works.

It was confirmed that the road signs will be repaired in 6-12 months.

The footpath wall opposite the primary school has still not been repaired and will be re reported

The bus stop glass has been replaced and paid for by CGM as it was caused by them when cutting the grass.

The Village Gates have been reported to the Local Area Technician, and a repair is awaited. It is noted that this could be dangerous and will be re reported.

#### Footpaths (rural) – Cllr Sullivan

Sara Fordy has kindly agreed to liaise with footpaths.

#### Pond and Special Projects-Cllr Newman

Pond – Bulbs have been planted.

Christmas Tree Lighting – There will be a meeting on 04.11.25 to discuss arrangements.

The Christmas tree will be put up on 27.11.25 at 10.00am

HS2 have agreed to fund the Christmas Tree.

#### Recreation Ground Grasscutting – Cllr Rennie

A cut took place on 25.09.25 and the last cut will take place early November.

#### Devolved Powers (Grasscutting)-Cllr Rennie

Cut 6 took place 25.09.25, 1 more cut schedule which will take place early November.

#### School Playground - Cllr Pearson

Equipment in good order.

#### Recreation Ground Play Equipment – Cllr Grant

Trim Trail – CGM will be asked to tidy the trim trail.

**Action: Cllr Rennie**

The builder has been asked to complete the paving in front of changing rooms and reinstate the trim trail around it.

Swing – The brackets are awaiting repair.

The equipment is in good order.

#### Cemetery - Cllr Newman

All in good order.

#### Recreation Ground-Cllr Hornsey

The annual rent for the recreation field was discussed.

Clerk to check the dates that the football club use the field so that it is known when it can be hired to other users. **Action: Clerk**

Playground Equipment – Clerk obtained a third quotation, but it was rejected by HS2. The Clerk has made further enquiries and will pursue this.

Insurance-Cllr Pearson

As above at item 143

**145. Christmas Lunch - 13.12.25**

Discussion as to the wording of the flyer and how to reach residents that would like to attend, noting that numbers that have expressed an interest in attending to date are very low.

Cllr Newman will re word the flyer, it will then be printed and a leaflet drop arranged.

**Action: Cllr Newman**

**146. Correspondence.**

None received.

**147. Village Defibrillator**

Cllr Newman has taken responsibility for the defibrillator and is arranging registration.

**148. Royal Oak Car Park**

Discussion as to whether the Parish Council should make enquiries regarding the purchase of the pub car park adjacent to the Village Hall.

It was agreed that the Clerk will make a preliminary approach to the land agent.

**Action: Clerk**

**149. Date of Next Meeting**

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm** in the Village Hall, Tingewick.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

Chairman’s Signature.....

Date .....

# Parish Council Transaction Report

Ref	Date	Net	VAT	Total	Descriptions	Supplier
BP519	17.10.2025	£25.37	£1.27	£26.64	Electric supply to changing rooms	E.on Next
BP520	22.10.2025	£65.00	£13.00	£78.00	Monthly website care plan	Spacefive Creativ
BP521	22.10.2025	£6.00	£0.00	£6.00	Bank Charges	Unity Bank
BP522	03.10.2025	£454.46	£0.00	£454.46	Village Planters	Stuart Rennie
BP523	22.10.2025	£125.00	£25.00	£150.00	Recreation field cut 26.09.25	Complete Groun
BP524	22.10.2025	£650.00	£130.00	£780.00	Devolved Functions Verges Cut-26.09.25	Complete Groun
BP525	22.10.2025	£650.00	£0.00	£650.00	Grass - Pond, Church & Cemetery	Bannycom Ltd
BP526	22.10.2025	£32.00	£0.00	£32.00	Compost for village planters	Edwin Maxwell
BP527	22.10.2025	£146.00	£0.00	£146.00	PAYE	HMRC
BP528	22.10.2025	£219.20	£0.00	£219.20	Clerk's Salary	Dawn Rogers



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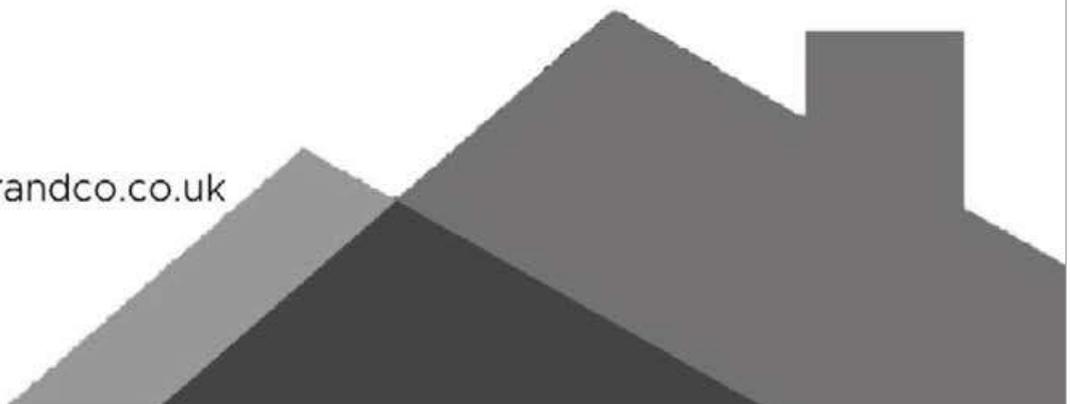
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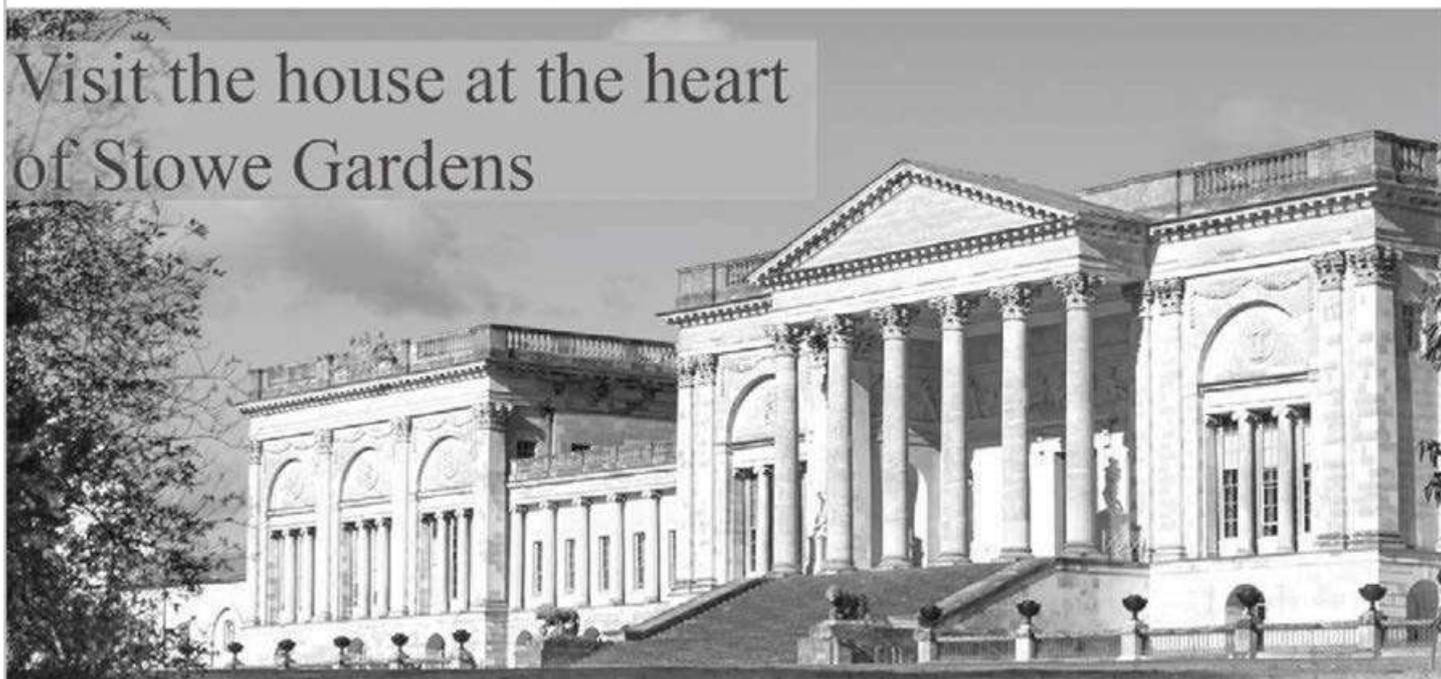
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# Village Diary - December 2025

Date	Time	Event	Venue	Contact
<p><b>PLEASE NOTE: Brown bin collection is suspended between Monday 15 December 2025 &amp; Friday 23 January 2026</b>  <b>Buckingham Recycling Centre is closed from the 1st December for up to 14 weeks for essential maintenance.</b>  <a href="#">Alternative centres and more information can be found here.</a></p>				
Mon 01	10:00	Fun 60+ Table Tennis	Village Hall	Anne: 07784 079759
	13:00	Gawcott Soup Lunch	Gawcott Church	
	19:30	Line Dancing	Village Hall	Beverley Maggs: 07724 121790
	19:30	Fish & Chip Van	The Royal Oak/New St./The Maltings	VAN 3: 07753 256 929 <a href="https://www.tingewicknews.co.uk/FishVan">https://www.tingewicknews.co.uk/FishVan</a>
Tue 02		Brown Bin (Certain Postcodes)		<a href="https://www.tingewicknews.co.uk/binday">https://www.tingewicknews.co.uk/binday</a>
		Food Bin & Recycling Bin		
	18:30	Cubs	Village Hall	Elton Norris: 07368 181290
Wed 03	09:30	Pilates	Finmere Village Hall	Gaynor: 07442 791 445
	10:00	Fun 60+ Table Tennis	Village Hall	Anne: 07784 079759
	19:30	Historical Society - Christmas Social & Launton Handbell Ringers	Village Hall	Jane Bradford: 01280 848392 / 07495 529196 / j.bradford834@btinternet.com
Thu 04	10:00	Gawcott Coffee Cafe	Methodist Chapel, Gawcott	
	13:30	Bingo & Fitsteps	Village Hall	
	13:45	Fish & Chip Van	Buckingham Street/New St./Gorrell Cl./Wood Lane/Stowe View	Van 5: 07753 223 959 <a href="https://www.tingewicknews.co.uk/FishVan">https://www.tingewicknews.co.uk/FishVan</a>
	18:15	Fitsteps	Village Hall	Sharon: 07702 063900
	19:00	Westbury Cinema - The Ballard of Wallis Island	Westbury Community Centre	
Fri 05	09:00	Community Café	Village Hall	
	09:10	Pilates	Finmere Village Hall	Gaynor: 07442 791 445
	12:00	Private Booking	Village Hall	
	19:30	Horticultural: Wreath Making	Village Hall	
Sat 06	09:00	Private Booking	Village Hall	
	17:00	Gawcott Latern Parade & Tree Lights Switch On	Holy Trinity Church Gawcott	
	19:30	Film Place: The Roses	The Film Place	<a href="https://www.thefilmplace.org.uk">https://www.thefilmplace.org.uk</a>
Sun 07	09:00	Private Booking	Village Hall	
	10:00	Christmas Craft & Gift Fayre	Buckingham Community Centre	
Mon 08	10:00	Fun 60+ Table Tennis	Village Hall	Anne: 07784 079759
	12:00	Roundwood School	Village Hall	
	13:00	Gawcott Soup Lunch	Gawcott Church	
	19:30	Line Dancing	Village Hall	Beverley Maggs: 07724 121790
	19:30	Fish & Chip Van	The Royal Oak/New St./The Maltings	VAN 3: 07753 256 929 <a href="https://www.tingewicknews.co.uk/FishVan">https://www.tingewicknews.co.uk/FishVan</a>
Tue 09		Brown Bin (Certain Postcodes)		<a href="https://www.tingewicknews.co.uk/binday">https://www.tingewicknews.co.uk/binday</a>
		Food Bin & Waste Bin		
	09:00	Roundwood School	Village Hall	
	18:30	Cubs	Village Hall	Elton Norris: 07368 181290
Wed 10	09:30	Pilates	Finmere Village Hall	Gaynor: 07442 791 445
	10:00	Fun 60+ Table Tennis	Village Hall	Anne: 07784 079759
	10:00	Midweek Communion	St Mary Magdalene	
	12:00	Roundwood School	Village Hall	

# Village Diary - December 2025

Date	Time	Event	Venue	Contact
Wed 10	20:00	Village Hall Committee Meeting	Village Hall	
Thu 11	10:00	Gawcott Coffee Cafe	Methodist Chapel, Gawcott	
	13:30	Bingo & Fitsteps	Village Hall	
	13:45	Fish & Chip Van	Buckingham Street/New St./Gorrell Cl./Wood Lane/Stowe View	Van 5: 07753 223 959 <a href="https://www.tingewicknews.co.uk/FishVan">https://www.tingewicknews.co.uk/FishVan</a>
	18:15	Fitsteps	Village Hall	Sharon: 07702 063900
Fri 12	09:00	Community Café	Village Hall	
	09:10	Pilates	Finmere Village Hall	Gaynor: 07442 791 445
	18:00	Village Arms Pop Up Pub	Village Hall	
Sat 13		Private Booking	Village Hall	
	19:30	Film Place: White Christmas	The Film Place	Introductory talk & wine <a href="https://www.thefilmplace.org.uk">https://www.thefilmplace.org.uk</a>
Sun 14	09:00	Private Booking	Village Hall	
	18:00	Benefice Carol Service With Choir	St. Mary Magdalene	
Mon 15	10:00	Fun 60+ Table Tennis	Village Hall	Anne: 07784 079759
	13:00	Gawcott Soup Lunch	Gawcott Church	
	19:30	Line Dancing	Village Hall	Beverley Maggs: 07724 121790
	19:30	Fish & Chip Van	The Royal Oak/New St./The Maltings	VAN 3: 07753 256 929 <a href="https://www.tingewicknews.co.uk/FishVan">https://www.tingewicknews.co.uk/FishVan</a>
Tue 16		19:00 Private Booking	Village Hall	
		Food Bin & Recycling Bin		
Wed 17	09:30	Pilates	Finmere Village Hall	Gaynor: 07442 791 445
	10:00	Fun 60+ Table Tennis	Village Hall	Anne: 07784 079759
Thu 18	10:00	Gawcott Coffee Cafe	Methodist Chapel, Gawcott	
	13:30	Bingo & Fitsteps	Village Hall	
	13:45	Fish & Chip Van	Buckingham Street/New St./Gorrell Cl./Wood Lane/Stowe View	Van 5: 07753 223 959 <a href="https://www.tingewicknews.co.uk/FishVan">https://www.tingewicknews.co.uk/FishVan</a>
	18:15	Fitsteps	Village Hall	Sharon: 07702 063900
Fri 19	09:00	Community Café	Village Hall	
	09:10	Pilates	Finmere Village Hall	Gaynor: 07442 791 445
	10:00	Christmas Party - Santa, Crafts & Snacks!	Buckingham Community Centre	<a href="#">Tickets £5 From Here</a> (Limited tickets on the door)
	18:00	Village Arms Pop Up Pub	Village Hall	
	19:00	Water Stratford Carol Service	St. Giles	
Sat 20	19:30	Film Place: Cinema Paradiso	The Film Place	Introductory talk & wine <a href="https://www.thefilmplace.org.uk">https://www.thefilmplace.org.uk</a>
Sun 21	10:30	Family Communion	St. Mary Magdalene	
Mon 22	10:00	Fun 60+ Table Tennis	Village Hall	Anne: 07784 079759
	13:00	Gawcott Soup Lunch	Gawcott Church	
	19:30	Line Dancing	Village Hall	Beverley Maggs: 07724 121790
	19:30	Fish & Chip Van	The Royal Oak/New St./The Maltings	VAN 3: 07753 256 929 <a href="https://www.tingewicknews.co.uk/FishVan">https://www.tingewicknews.co.uk/FishVan</a>
Tue 23		Food Bin & Waste Bin		<a href="https://www.tingewicknews.co.uk/binday">https://www.tingewicknews.co.uk/binday</a>
Wed 24		Christmas Eve		
	17:30	Crib Service	St. Mary Magdalene	

# Village Diary - December 2025 / January 2026

Date	Time	Event	Venue	Contact
	23:30	Midnight Mass	St. Mary Magdalene	
Thu 25		Christmas Day		
Fri 26		Boxing Day		
Wed 31		Food Bin & Recycling Bin		<a href="https://www.tingewicknews.co.uk/binday">https://www.tingewicknews.co.uk/binday</a>
		New Year's Eve		
<b>JANUARY 2026</b>				
Thu 01		New Year's Day		
Sun 04	09:00	Church Service	Village Hall	
Mon 05	10:00	Fun 60+ Table Tennis	Village Hall	Anne: 07784 079759
	13:00	Gawcott Soup Lunch	Gawcott Church	
	13:30	Patchers	Village Hall	Brenda Smith: 01280 860225
	19:30	Line Dancing	Village Hall	Beverley Maggs: 07724 121790
	19:30	Fish & Chip Van	The Royal Oak/New St./The Maltings	VAN 3: 07753 256 929 <a href="https://www.tingewicknews.co.uk/FishVan">https://www.tingewicknews.co.uk/FishVan</a>
Tue 06	18:30	Cubs	Village Hall	Elton Norris: 07368 181290
Wed 07		Food Bin & Waste Bin		<a href="https://www.tingewicknews.co.uk/binday">https://www.tingewicknews.co.uk/binday</a>
	09:30	Pilates	Finmere Village Hall	Gaynor: 07442 791 445
	10:00	Fun 60+ Table Tennis	Village Hall	Anne: 07784 079759
Thu 08	10:00	Gawcott Coffee Cafe	Methodist Chapel, Gawcott	
	13:30	Bingo & Fitsteps	Village Hall	
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	18:15	Fitsteps	Village Hall	Sharon: 07702 063900

