

# *The Byword*



*February/March 2025*

## Magazine and Parish Information

A magazine published by Holy Cross Church, Byfield, for all the residents in the village. The magazines are issued in February, April, June, August, October and December. Contributions are always welcome: copy to the Editor by the first Sunday of the preceding month, please.

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Byfield Medical Centre	01327 265841
Urgent medical concerns 24/7	111
Rural Wheels	01327 263627/262153 Or 07791 438043
Byfield School	01327 260349
Byfield Nursery	01327 264230
Daventry Library	0300 1267000
Police (non-emergency)	03000 111222
Fire Headquarters	01604 797000
Ambulance Headquarters	01604 230555
Horton Hospital	01295 275500
N'pton Gen Hospital	01604 634700
Danetre Hospital	03000 272800
Rugby Hospital	01788 572831

Stagecoach (Banbury)	01865 772250
TRANSCO Gas	0800 111 999
Anglian Water	0800 771 881
Thames Water (sewers)	0845 9200 800
Environment Agency Floodline	0845 9881188
Powergen (general)	08455 191523
(emergencies)	0800 056 8090
E.ON	0904 545 0286
Western Power	0800 6783 105
Samaritans – free national	116123
Samaritans – Banbury	01295 270000
To report an abandoned vehicle: Call ELVIS on 08456 121 999	
Citizens Advice Bureau (Daventry)	0808 278 7899
West Northants Council	0300 126 7000
Richard Corbett (Village Hall)	01327 260180



We can help with :



**01327 227000**

**Shopping  
Collecting prescriptions  
Friendship and company**

We can get in touch with you regularly, or you can call us on 01327 227000.

**If you have a problem or issue, you can turn to us, and if we can't help, we'll find you someone who can.**

### **Open Meeting**

We're meeting in the Cross Tree on **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm**. Everyone interested in Good Neighbours is welcome to come and receive an update from the Committee, meet other volunteers, learn more on how to get involved, or find out what assistance is available. RSVP if possible, but you can just turn up as well.

### **Christmas Treats**

A lovely time was had by all at the Christmas Luncheon. Thanks to Chris Cross for a super quiz, and excellent carol-singing from everyone! Thank-you to all who made it happen, particularly those who cooked and hosted.

Plenty of dinners for Christmas were delivered on 24<sup>th</sup>, much thanks for FoodForHeroes charity who made the meals.

Thank-you too to all who donated to BGNS for a specific purpose, or in general – you're very kind. The QR codes aren't just for Christmas, and you can find more info on supporting our work on the website, or call us.

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& sign up on the Newsletter page



## Bishop Ed's London Marathon



If you have seen a slightly haggard, exhausted grey-haired man running around Byfield, possibly pulled by a German Shepherd guide dog, then I am sorry. That was me in training. I'm entered for the London Marathon at the end of April - all 26 miles of it. I'm running for Sense, the charity which has looked after our very disabled granddaughter. Training is going fairly well although it can be a struggle!

If you happened to be able to sponsor me that would be great. You can find my Justgiving page by typing in - [www.justgiving.com/page/edward-condry-trimarathon](http://www.justgiving.com/page/edward-condry-trimarathon)

Thank you

Ed Condry, Westhorpe Lane

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## Caring for our Community

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who donated food or funds to our Christmas appeal for the Food Bank. Your generous contributions made a significant impact, supporting 40 families across 7 local villages during December. The Food Bank's services are provided in direct response to referrals from social services, schools, medical professionals, and walk-ins.

In addition to the regular support, additional hampers were provided over the Christmas period for families facing hardship. The feedback we've received has been overwhelmingly positive, and your kindness was deeply appreciated by all. Thank you for helping make a difference in the lives of those in need during the festive season.



Monthly Support: Assists 2,500 individuals with food provisions.

Holiday Support: In December, delivered 200 cooked turkey dinners, 74 Christmas food hampers, and 64 Christmas gift bags for elderly residents.

School Support: Helps local schools with breakfast and after-school clubs, supplies winter coats and school shoes, and provides emergency food parcels to families identified by the schools.

Healthcare Collaboration: Partners with Byfield Medical Centre to support individuals referred for food assistance.

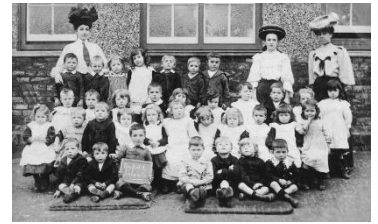
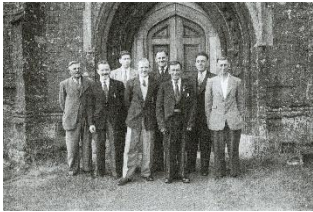
# Byfield Photo Museum

**Exhibition Day**

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>  
March**

**10am – 4pm**

**Refreshments available  
and soup and bacon  
rolls for lunch.**



**Come and look at the many, many photos of  
the people and places in the village  
from the 19<sup>th</sup> Century onwards.**

**What did your house look like all those  
years ago and are there pictures of the  
families who have lived in it?**

**There will be other things to look at which  
are all connected to Byfield and its history.**

## Letter from the Rectory

Coming at the end of winter, at what is usually the coldest time of year, even though the days are actually getting longer February always seems to be the coldest, darkest time of the year. The Christmas season when lights and decorations brighten the cold dark evenings seem a very long time ago and yet looking forward it seems to be a very long time until we can hope to enjoy the longer evenings and warmer days of springtime and summer. I'm sometimes glad that February is the shortest month, with only twenty-eight days to get through before the beginning of March. I know that occasionally early March can be as cold and dark as February but somehow at the beginning of March it does begin to feel as though spring is only just around the corner.

My interview for the position of Rector of the Fiveways benefice was towards the end of March so this time last year I was beginning to look around the benefice in preparation for my interview. As I looked round the villages I was amazed by the carpet of daffodils around Byfield church and as I write this letter I have already noticed that leaves and buds are beginning to appear in the churchyard in preparation for another spectacular display. I like daffodils, their vibrant colour breaks through into a cold wintery morning with the promise of warmth and springtime to come. One daffodil on its own is beautiful but a mass of daffodils growing together is spectacular. Daffodils have a fragile beauty and yet they seem able to withstand frost, gale force winds and driving rain with no ill effects. In some ways people are like daffodils. Human beings are often surprisingly resilient, each one of us is unique, special and beautiful in our own right but it is when we come together as a community, with room for everyone to grow and flourish, that we are seen at our best.



Daffodils seem to improve year on year as they are left to naturalise so I am looking forward to an even more spectacular display around the church this year. After I moved into the village someone told me that for many years members of the uniformed organisations in the village have planted a few daffodil bulbs each year. I think that is a lovely tradition allowing each young person to leave a beautiful reminder of themselves in the centre of the village for everyone to enjoy long after they have grown up and possibly moved away. I know that in October, continuing this tradition, the Byfield beavers spent an evening planting more bulbs to fill in some of the gaps and I'm sure their efforts will be much appreciated when the daffodils are in full bloom.

In looking forward to the springtime it is very easy to wish away time, to try and skip over the cold and depressing days of February in the hope of springtime flowers and warmth to come. Unfortunately, sometimes in looking forward we can fail to notice the good things happening around us today. It can be a good exercise sometimes to stop in the evening, think over the events of the day and notice the good things that have happened in it, however small. An ancient psalmist wrote "This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it" and I wonder if perhaps every day contains something, however small, that is worth being glad about, even the cold, dark and depressing days of February. It may be a bit late for New Year's resolutions but why not give it a go and see if perhaps you can find at least one good thing, whether kind words or actions from friends, family or strangers, something particularly beautiful or amusing in the natural world, an opportunity to do something enjoyable or the satisfaction of a task completed well, in every day.

# Coffee & Chat

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**Every Wednesday  
10am to 12 noon**



**Byfield Village Hall  
Side Annexe  
£2.00 per hot drink**

**Open to all**

**Run by Byfield 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday Group**



# Byfield Parish Council

There are several ways to keep up to date with Parish Council matters; via Facebook, the website, attending the monthly meetings or speaking to individual members.

We volunteer to help make Byfield a great place to live, and your feedback is invaluable.

- Facebook – please follow @byfieldparishcouncil
- Website – please go to our website [www.byfield-pc.gov.uk](http://www.byfield-pc.gov.uk) where all agendas, minutes and useful documents can be found.

The Parish Council normally meets on the second Thursday of each month in the village hall, starting at 19:30. Members of the press and public are always welcome to attend.

Contact details for the Parish Clerk are:

## Alex George

Byfield Parish Council  
c/o Byfield Village Hall  
The Green  
Byfield  
Northants  
NN11 6UT

Email [clerk@byfield-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@byfield-pc.gov.uk)

## Chairman's report

I mentioned last time that there are going to be Parish Council elections in the spring of 2025, West Northants Council will run the election process and should be contacted for details of who is eligible to stand and nomination papers. This could be your chance to make a difference to our village! There is useful guidance available from The Electoral Commission on this link -

<https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/guidance-candidates-parish-council-elections-england>



The notice of election will be published on Friday 14th March 2025 and you will have until Friday 11th April 2025 to submit application papers to stand as a candidate.

In the meantime, the work of the Parish Council continues. There are all sorts of ideas and projects being explored, why not attend a council meeting to observe all that's going on?

November / December saw torrential rain and, very sadly, the flooding of several homes in the village and quite a number of people unable to return home because of impassable roads. Some residents came to the December Parish Council meeting and although our powers are very limited, we did agree to write to various landowners regarding their obligations and also WNC to explore the possibility to having the bridge over the brook near the Brightwell car park widened. A plan was already agreed to replace the fence around the Scout HQ and this was to include a shallow bank that we hope will contain any flood water inside the car park area and not into the building.

Thank you to all those villagers who helped their neighbours, monitored water levels, kept culverts clear of debris and many other small acts of help and kindness.

If you are moving away then goodbye and good luck, thank you for being part of our community. If you are new to Byfield then you are very welcome, we are sure this will become a happy and fulfilling place for you to have your home.



## Parish Council report

The Parish Council is a group of volunteers from the village who focus on a variety of areas. It often acts as a liaison with West Northants Council (WNC) and relevant organisations, such as those working on HS2.

A list of councillors and their areas of responsibility is available on the website. We encourage you to provide feedback on areas of the village you'd like to see improved, developed, or addressed. Each request is carefully considered, and we aim to respond promptly.

## Dog fouling



In November's meeting, villagers expressed concerns about persistent dog fouling on the Brightwell Recreation Ground and elsewhere in Byfield. This issue is particularly problematic for sports teams using the pitches, including youth teams. Coaches are having to regularly scan and clear the pitches, which is unreasonable. While it's likely only a small minority causing the problem, we highlight this issue to raise awareness of its impact.

## The environment

The Parish Council is keen to receive suggestions and to support individuals or groups looking to improve the village. The process is simple: you can email the Clerk with your suggestion or attend a meeting to discuss it.

We are grateful to residents who maintain public areas near their properties, but we stress that no one should place themselves at any risk while doing so.

In December, one resident shared a cautionary tale. They had planted some small natural shrubs on the verge outside their property, only to receive correspondence from West Northants Highways (WNH) stating that verge planting was not permitted and requiring the shrubs to be removed.

Their following discussion with WNH resulted in them being allowed to retain the planting on two conditions:

1. A license fee of £260 (which they eventually waived) and
2. Provision £5m public liability insurance.

Ultimately, this resulted in the shrubs being removed. The Parish Council has raised this issue and hopes to provide further guidance in the coming months.

WNC recommends reporting road and verge issues on FixMyStreet.com, including potholes, fly-tipping, and other concerns. The more people who engage and report problems, the more attention they will receive from WNC, which posts updates online.

## Storm Bert

The heavy rainfall during Storm Bert caused significant flooding in parts of the village. To mitigate the risks of future flooding, villagers can:

- Keep an eye on blocked drains around the village, which slow or prevent water drainage. Blocked drains can be reported on FixMyStreet.com for WNC or Highways to address.
- Attend a seminar hosted by WNC's flood prevention officer (we have requested this to take place, with date to be confirmed) at the village hall to learn more about flood prevention strategies.

Repairs to the Brightwell Recreation Ground car park have been completed.

## Closed Churchyard and Burial Ground

The contractor who cares for the closed churchyard on behalf of the Parish Council does an excellent job and his efforts are often complimented by parishioners.

In the Burial Ground can we ask that glass containers such as vases or jam jars are not placed on or near graves. They represent a real hazard and can easily be broken creating a dangerous environment both for those visiting the area and also those maintaining it.

As usual we will carry out a tidy up in early March removing any remaining Christmas wreaths, Remembrance crosses etc.

### **Other updates**

- Maintenance work on several trees around the parish has been approved. Chippings from the work will be stored at the allotments for allotment holders to use.
- Two potholes in the Village Hall car park will be fixed. These fall on land outside of Highways control, please report any other potholes around the village on [fixmystreet.com](http://fixmystreet.com).
- The pocket park walkway will be renovated.
- We have decided to cease work on the outdoor gym project. While we appreciated the community engagement with this idea, it highlighted other projects that are a higher priority for funding. We plan to conduct a "Voice of the Village" survey to gather ideas from residents.

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## **Byfield 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday Group**

By the time you read this the Group will have had another talk from Tim Boddington – this time on his experiences of visiting Iran for work. A country which has changed greatly since it was known as Persia and headed by the Shah.

Moving on – on 11<sup>th</sup> February Sarah Condry will tell the Group about being a 'Guide Dog 'Mum''. As some will know Sarah and Ed care for a brood bitch for Guide Dogs – and look after the puppies when a litter arrives.

11<sup>th</sup> March – John Wood will return for another of his talks – this time on Radio Comedy in the 1950s and 1960s. But possibly not too much on The Goons.

8<sup>th</sup> April – an illustrated talk by Andy Harding on The Wildlife of Transylvania.

Some Byfield residents may recall that 30+ years ago the village 'adopted' a village in Romania with the aim of trying to persuade the then President from moving all those living in villages into urban areas – where they could be kept under closer control. There was a Europe wide campaign to try to stop this mass clearance of the countryside. Byfield Parish Council decided to be involved and was allocated a small remote village on the edge of Transylvania. The President was overthrown in late 1989 and then Byfield set about helping our adopted village – Malaia. We sent a lorry full of donated goods to the village with 3 parishioners tackling the journey. In due course another load of goods was taken and later still some Byfield families visited with their children, staying with local families. So Byfield has a gentle connection with Transylvania and some know how beautiful it is.

Meetings are held in the side annexe of the village hall – 2pm for a 2.30 start. The Group is open to all – not just those who are retired.

If anyone only wishes to come along for one or two meetings they will be most welcome. There will be a visitor fee of £4.00. Or become a member for £12 for the year and £2 per meeting.

For more information please contact either Rosemay Johnson on (01327) 261327 or Angela Weller on (01327) 260022. Or just come along to the next meeting.

**CALLING ALL QUIZ ENTHUSIASTS!**



The poster features a blue background with a pattern of golden-brown bowls. On the left, a cartoon man with a beard, wearing a blue long-sleeved shirt and black pants, stands with his right arm raised. Above him are two large red question marks. On the right, the text is arranged in a vertical column. At the bottom right, there is a cartoon man in a white shirt and tie with his arms crossed, and a yellow starburst containing a purple question mark.

**BYFIELD BOWLS CLUB**  
warmly invites you  
to a  
**QUIZ NIGHT**  
on  
**FRIDAY 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**February**

Venue: Bowls club  
(Russell Pavilion)  
Time: 7pm; 7:30pm start

Only £5 per person to include light refreshments - bar available!

Up to 4 people in a team

Only 12 tables available so please book early with Chris Cross:  
01327 260764  
chrisxx43@gmail.com

**SEE YOU THERE!**



## Little Angels

Little Angels is a time of simple worship for families with babies and pre-school children, held in Holy Cross Church. We have a short interactive story, one or two action songs and a short prayer. There are then activities and toys for the children - and time for a cup of tea and a chat. In November our hero was Daniel. He was a refugee who had been captured by the King of Babylon: he discovered how clever Daniel was and gave him important work to do. This made the other men very jealous and they tricked the king into punishing Daniel by putting him into the Lion's den. Pippa made a very fierce lion and I'm sure she would have gobbled Daniel up if he had not trusted God to protect him. Instead she fell asleep and Daniel was saved!

In December we discovered how busy the angel Gabriel had been taking messages to Zechariah, telling him that he and Elizabeth would have a baby son, John; to Mary, telling her that she was going to be the mother of God's son, Jesus and to Joseph, telling him that he was to stand by Mary even though this was not his baby, but more importantly, a baby sent from God. Pippa made a lovely angel to take home and Jane made one for our display board. We will be meeting at 2pm in Holy Cross church on 17<sup>th</sup> February and 17<sup>th</sup> March. Lesley, Lyn and Rev Clare.



## Rising Stars!

### A Junior Church youth group for those aged 7 – 11 years

In November we took Friendship as our theme and started the evening with small groups working co-operating together to complete a jigsaw. We then thought about all the characteristics required to be a good friend and followed that up with writing something that we liked about each person present at Rising Stars, putting the slips in personalized jars ready for each person to take home to read. We read the story of Jesus choosing his friends, the disciples – they were so impressed by him that they left everything to follow him – so we played 'Simon says..' or rather 'Jesus says...'

Unfortunately, our December date clashed with the School Nativity in which many of our families were involved.

Come and join us in Holy Cross Church from 6 – 7.30 on Thursdays 13<sup>th</sup> February and 20<sup>th</sup> March. Our evening is based on a Bible story but will include games, puzzles, crafts and **FOOD!** Do come along – we'd love to welcome you.

Any questions? Email [lep23a@gmail.com](mailto:lep23a@gmail.com) or text 07941 328535

Rev Clare, LP, LG



## Youth Church



### **FOOD, FUN and FAITH**

**For young people of Secondary school age from across the Fiveways Benefice**

**AT:** St Mary's Church, Woodford Halse

**TIME:** Saturdays 5-7pm

**DATES:** 25<sup>th</sup> January, 8<sup>th</sup> February, 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> March.

An opportunity to make friends and to explore faith through fun activities and informal discussions.

Last term our themes were Harvest – including a vegetable relay race! – justice, light – including pumpkin carving and a walk around the graveyard in the dark looking at the stories in the stained glass windows – peace, when we made origami doves - friendship, when we made bracelets and CHRISTMAS – when we played the handbells and made a Christmas heart. We had several games of hide and seek in the dark with a torch!

For more information talk to: Lesley Palmer 07941 328535 lep23a@gmail.com

Rev Clare 01327 260204

## Children and families in church

Christmas is a wonderful time to welcome families into church!



**We had an inspirational Christingle service with about 100 children, staff, children and many parents in Holy Cross Church during the last week of term. When the candles in the Christingle oranges were lit as the children stood in a circle round the church it was truly magical.**

On Christmas eve more than 90 gathered to welcome back the travelling Posadas and 'construct' our crib, telling the story of Jesus' birth. The Posadas had visited the School Nursery and 16 families in and around Byfield during Advent.





# Come and join us!!

WE MEET ON THE 3<sup>RD</sup> WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT BYFIELD SCHOOL HALL, 7.30PM.

Next meetings, 19<sup>th</sup> February and 19<sup>th</sup> March.

We finished last year with a Wreath-Making evening attended by 32 people, W.I. members and guests, just in time for Christmas. A great meeting was enjoyed by everyone.



And in December we had our Christmas lunch at the **Hare and Hounds** in Wardington which gave us a little challenge in getting there with the A361 closed, but the longer journey was well worth it with 19 enjoying the sumptuous meal at the pub.



Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> meeting was food and games.  
Feb 19<sup>th</sup> will be a glass fusion workshop.  
March 19<sup>th</sup> A.G.M. ++

The boxes on the road continue to thrive regardless of what the weather throws at them.



The walking group continues to meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month at the village hall at 10am, all are welcome!

Contact Anne Linsey (07809 281622) for more details

For more details about the W.I. contact Sally Doran:

Tel 07866 701666

Email [sally.doran@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sally.doran@hotmail.co.uk)

# Woodford Halse Community Library

## @ WOODFORD HALSE COMMUNITY LIBRARY IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH

**RHYMETIME** - Every Tuesday during **Term Time**, 2.30 - 3.00pm. Musical fun for under 5s and their carers.

**A Nostalgia Coffee morning** is held at the Library on the first Monday of the month 10.30am-12 noon (**February 3<sup>rd</sup> and March 3<sup>rd</sup>**). This is a social get together for those experiencing memory loss or diagnosed with Dementia, and their carers. For more info contact Robyn on 07855 245665

**Craft Group** TUESDAY February 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, March 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> 10.00...12 midday

**Art Group** THURSDAY Feb 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, March 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> 10.00.....12 midday

**Book group** THURSDAY February 20<sup>th</sup> and March 20<sup>th</sup> 10am -11.00 am

**Choir** Thursdays 7-8pm. A chance to have fun singing in our relaxed choir.

**Book Sale** The Library has a Book Sale on the first Saturday of the month (February 1<sup>st</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup>) 10am-12 midday. Lots of bargain adult and children's books available.

**Craft table** A craft table is always available for the children during library opening hours.

All activities take place in WH Community Library and are provided **FREE** by The Friends of Woodford Halse Library. New members are always welcome.

Our Volunteers can help with bus pass renewal and blue badge applications, please check the documents required before attending the library.

If you have a few hours to spare each month and would like to join our happy band of library volunteers we would love to hear from you. Please contact **Robyn** on **07855 245665**. Hours are flexible and we have lots of different roles to suit.

**LIBRARY OPENING HOURS**, Wednesday 10am -2pm, Thursday and Friday 2-5pm,  
Saturday 10am-12 midday  
WH Community Library 01327 263054



# BYFIELD CHARITIES APPLICATION

NEED A CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS AN UNEXPECTED FINANCIAL NEED  
FOR YOURSELF OR A GROUP?

Then you fill in the form on this page and give it to one of the Trustees listed. It would help if you can give a copy of a receipt or quote. We try to help by giving at least some of the money you are asking for and it comes in cheque form. Applications need to be in by 28<sup>th</sup> February.

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## Application Form for Funding

**Do you wish to apply for funding for yourself?**

Name .....

Address ..... Phone .....

**Someone else?**

Name .....

Address .....

**A Byfield organisation?**

Name of group .....

Applicant ..... Phone .....

**What is the funding for?**

**Signature ..... (Give or post to a trustee listed)**

**Byfield Combined Charities Trustees:**

Chris Cross (Chairman), 28 Bell Lane ... Christl Davis, 20 Westhorpe Lane ... Lyn Grennan, 35 The Twistle ... Pam Hicks (Treasurer), 1 Edwards Close ... Rosemary Johnson (Secretary), The Corner House, 34 Bell Lane ... Angela Weller, 18 Church St... Lesley Palmer, 23 Banbury Road... Revd. Clare Glover, The Rectory, 55 Church St.



# Byfield Big Breakfast

Come and join us for a delicious full English breakfast.

## Dates for 2025:

February 1st  
March 1st  
April 5th



**10am – 1pm with last orders at 12.30pm**

We are looking for helpers to join the Team.  
If you are interested, please contact Lyn on 01327 261596.

## Priors Cinema Films

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February

**The Apprentice**

**Year of Release:**

**2024 Certificate 15**

**Running Time: 1 hr 58 mins**

**Doors Open at 7:00pm**

**Film Starts at 7:30pm**

What did the policeman say to his tummy? You're under a vest!

What kind of room doesn't have windows or a door? A mushroom.

What do get when you mix a cow with an earthquake? Milkshake.

## Did you buy a Byfield Calendar?

**For those of you struggling to name names....**

### January

Back row: Eric Williams (Pub Landlord), Arthur Shenton (Football Club Hon. Sec.), George Henning (Trainer), Rex Sanders, Bob Wilkinson, John Russell, Tom Smith, Frank Brough, Ron Rogers, Ron Bristoe, Fred Tuckey (Committee Member).

Front row: Les Henning, Bill Henning, Albert Worrall, Dr. W.H.Parkinson (President), Tony Lowe, Bill Reckle, Brian Kirk.

### February

Back row: Eric Bates, Les Russell, Fred Hutt, Mike Ridley, Roger Waterfield.

Second row: Laura Ridley, Catherine Kemp, Helen deacon, unknown, Alana Speer, unknown, Ellen Hutt, Florrie Lewis.

Front row: xxx Wilson, Janet Waterfield, Sean Speer, sarah Waterfield, Patrick Waterfield, Alan Kemp.

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## FEBRUARY

### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February

9.30am Holy Communion at Boddington  
10am BCP Morning Prayer at Eydon  
10am Café Church at Woodford Halse  
11am Holy Communion at Byfield

### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February

9.30am Holy Communion at Eydon  
10am Morning Prayer at Boddington  
11am Holy Communion at Aston le Walls  
11am Café Church at Byfield

### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February

9.30am BCP Holy Communion at Aston le Walls  
10.30am Café Church at Eydon  
11am Holy Communion at Woodford Halse  
6pm Evening Prayer at Boddington

### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

8.30am BCP Holy Communion at Byfield  
10am Benefice Holy Communion at Aston le Walls

#### Every Wednesday

9.45am Holy Communion/Morning Prayer at Byfield.

#### Bereavements

We offer our condolences to the family and friends of:



Christine Bowell RIP

The deadline for the next Byword (April/May) is Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

## MARCH

### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

9.30am Holy Communion at Boddington  
10am BCP Morning Prayer at Eydon  
10am Café Church at Woodford Halse  
11am Holy Communion at Byfield



### Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March

9.45am Ash Wednesday Communion at Byfield  
7pm Ash Wednesday Communion at Woodford Halse

### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March

9.30am Holy Communion at Eydon  
10am Morning Prayer at Boddington  
11am Holy Communion at Aston le Walls  
11am Café Church at Byfield

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11am Holy Communion at Woodford Halse  
6pm Evening Prayer at Boddington

### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

8.30am BCP Holy Communion at Byfield  
10am Benefice Holy Communion at Boddington

### Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Mothering Sunday

9.30am Mothering Sunday Service at Boddington  
9.30am Mothering Sunday Service at Eydon  
11am Mothering Sunday Café Church at Byfield  
11am Mothering Sunday with Communion at Woodford Halse  
5pm Mothering Sunday Service at Aston le Walls

