

SERVICES FOR ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, MATTERSEY IN NOVEMBER 2011

Sun 06 Nov	9.30am	Family Service
Wed 09 Nov	9.30am	mid-month Holy Communion in Gringley Church
Sun 13 Nov	10.50am	Service of Remembrance
Sun 20 Nov	9.30am	Café Church , breakfast and worship – <i>come along for something different</i> – <i>join us for a light breakfast then</i> <i>worship from about 10am</i>
Sun 27 Nov	9.30am	Holy Communion
	<u>3.00pm</u>	Service for the Bereaved . <i>United service for all 4 parishes in</i> Everton Church <i>Preacher: Rev Irene Tissington</i>
Mon 28 Nov	<u>10.00am</u>	Christmas Coffee Morning in Mattersey Church Hall

CAFE CHURCH, SUNDAY 20 NOVEMBER

Come and join us in **Mattersey Church** for a light breakfast from **9.30am** followed by worship involving students from Mattersey Hall Bible College commencing at about 10am



YOUR CHURCH IS OPEN

The Parish Church is open on a daily basis, normally from sunrise to sunset. The building can be an oasis of peace in a busy world. Please feel welcome to make use of **your** church for prayer during these periods. Please also feel free to contact me on 01777-817364 if there are any concerns that you would like to discuss or pray about.

Jonathan Smithurst, Vicar

Idle Talk

The Village Magazine of
Mattersey & Mattersey Thorpe



West Burton Power Station

**November
2011**

Some useful telephone numbers:

Commercial Services:

Animal Hotel: Margaret A-Jones 01777-817379, www.animalhotelmattersey.co.uk
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Challenge Carpet Cleaning: Martin, Freephone 0800-3287941
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Mattersey Primary School Head Teacher: Mrs Sharon Patton 01777-817265
Vicar: Jonathan Smithurst, 01777-817364
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PCSO Catherine Phillips 07525-409789

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Editorial November 2011

Energy Edition

As many of you will know, I tried earlier in the year to stir up enough interest to justify the extension of mains gas pipelines to Mattersey. This failed only because of insufficient interest, particularly from neighbouring villages, to support the scheme. Despite the good response from Mattersey the costs would have been spread between too few households to make it individually affordable. Consequently we are now back on our own and left to make the best decisions we can as individuals.

Several things have happened in the last couple of months which seem to justify sharing with a wider audience and therefore the Energy Edition has been produced to highlight these for you.

This includes feedback following the installation of Solar Panels, changing electricity supplier, and an invitation to join of a bulk heating oil ordering system (for a small fee) similar to one proposed by a Mattersey Thorpe resident (without cost) a couple of months ago.

All these items are included this month which is particularly appropriate timing with the recently announced double digit percent electricity and gas prices now being applied. If anyone has any other energy related stories please send them in.

Second Meeting for 2012 Jubilee Celebration Planning

Good progress is being made for the June 2nd Jubilee Celebration with many events already pencilled in. Funding is being sought to support the event but as things stand we are operating at a deficit.

In order to help raise funds a Christmas Fair is being held at the Old School (next to Priory Garage) on Saturday, November 26th at 2.30pm. Advert in magazine

Please support this event as all funds raised will be ploughed back into supporting next year's celebration event.

Don't Forget—The 2012 Jubilee Celebration Planning 3rd Follow-up Meeting is being held in the upstairs room at the Church Hall on Wednesday 2nd November at 6.30pm.

Steve Digby (Editor)

Message Board

Mattersey Millennium Green

The Millennium Green Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday November 10th at 7.30pm in the Church Hall.

All Welcome

FOR SALE

GLASS TV STAND—AS NEW 42" Wide x 19" Deep - £30
Tel 01777-817692

Wanted

Christmas-themed donations for Tombola prizes for Christmas Fair on Saturday 26th November.
Please leave by 23rd November with either:
Eileen Walker, 2 Bader Rise Mattersey Thorpe or
Gaynor Digby, Nursery Cottage, Main Street

Belize Mail Scam

If a card is posted through your door from a company called PDS (Parcel Delivery Service) suggesting that they were unable to deliver a parcel and that you need to contact them on 0906 6611911

DO NOT CALL THIS NUMBER— IT IS A PREMIUM RATE NUMBER

This is a mail scam originating from Belize. If you call the number and start to hear a recorded message you will already have been billed £315 for the phone call. If you do receive a card with these details then please contact Royal Mail Fraud on 0207-2396655.

For more information see the Crimestoppers web site at www.crimestoppers-uk.org

Jason Crofts (Police, PC 1146, West Bassetlaw, East Bassetlaw & Sherwood)

Bassetlaw Dyslexia Support Group

Dyslexia Road Show & Learning Information Day

For one day only - fantastic event, stalls, information, informal help, professional advice.

Free

Saturday 12th November 2011
10.00-3.00

The Well,
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POPPY APPEAL 2011

This year sees the 90th anniversary of the Royal British Legion, but unlike many 90 year olds we get busier and busier. Over 10.5 million ex servicemen and their Dependants can seek help from the Legion and it is not generally known that we are there for the families as well as the veterans. Sadly the last few years have seen a rise in the numbers seeking our help with the Afghanistan and Iraq conflicts as well as all those who have served us so faithfully during previous conflicts. How many people remember those who have served in Korea, Malaya and Northern Ireland, we are there for them too - there has only been one year since 1945 when our troops have not been involved in a conflict.

Some of the things we can provide are activity holidays for older children of those serving abroad, the bereaved and the injured. We have trained personnel to accompany bereaved families to inquests, very distressing for all those involved. Holiday homes, nursing homes, help for those leaving the forces, the elderly, the injured, the list is endless.

So please when you buy your poppy remember how many people you will be helping. Wear it with pride, encourage everyone you know to do the same - we need your support. If you would like to help by having a box on your business premises, collecting house to house in your neighbourhood or helping in a supermarket, please contact Ann Hickman 01777 818993 - we really need your help and support.

ANN HICKMAN - Poppy Appeal Organiser - Retford area

Christmas Fair

In aid of funding for Diamond Jubilee Celebration



Stalls
Cakes
Tombola
Sherry and mince pies
Home-made preserves
Female vocalist

Where

**Old School, Main Street, Mathersey
(Next to Priory Garage)**

When

Saturday 26th November 2.30 pm

Admission

£1.00 - to include Tea/Coffee and biscuits

All welcome

Autumn At Mattersey Primary School

I can't believe that it's nearly half term already - in fact by the time you read this we will be on our half term break. Things as always are very busy at school and already we've done so many things that it would be impossible to tell you about them all! Our numbers are increasing which is wonderful news and although we now have two classes instead of three, the children have settled really well and there is a real buzz about learning. At the end of last year we said a fond farewell to our departing Year 6 children, who achieved excellent results in their SATs - 100% of our children achieved level four or better. Our new Year 6 children have a lot to live up to but we are sure they'll do just as well if not better. Congratulations have to be said to Linus and Dylan who recently passed their 11+ exam with flying colours.

This term we celebrated Book Week and during this time had a number of local neighbours and parents come in to school to share a favourite book with the children. The children have been very interested in the wide selection of stories they have been told. In fact, one of our Governors - Cllr Terry Yates, continues to come into school to read the latest instalment of his chosen book to our oldest children! Many thanks to everyone who came in to read - Mrs Hutchinson, Mrs Mills, Mr Hopper, Mr Yates, Mrs Digby and Cllr Brown (who didn't quite make it to the classroom!) It has also been wonderful to see so many people want to interact with school and offer their services on a volunteer basis - anyone who feels they could give us a little time would be more than welcome.

Huntriss class recently visited Mattersey Hall. An interesting experience was had by all as many of the children had never been before, although they live so close by. They enjoyed meeting the students and touring the building itself, especially when they found out about the Huntriss family and strangely the 'Butler's Pantry!' We would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all of the students who gave up some of their valuable study time to 'entertain' our children. It would be great if we could return the gesture and have some of the students come to visit us. We hope to be able to work together more in the future.

In school the older children have been learning all about the Ancient Egyptians while our younger class have been finding out about Castles. Later this term they will be visiting Lincoln Castle and are very excited about the prospect of this visit. Lots of work linked to these two topics has been undertaken and some of this shared at the Poetry Café we held at the beginning of October.

Finally, I would just like to update everyone about our Zumba class. This has had to be postponed until after Christmas as Lizzie, our instructor, is taking part in a show over the Christmas period.

Sharon Patton, Head Teacher

Seasonal Recipe Ginger Sponge Cake



Ingredients

1 lb tin of Golden Syrup	$\frac{1}{2}$ pint of milk
8 oz (225 g) soft margarine	1 lb (450 g) self raising flour
8 oz (225 g) caster sugar	3 medium eggs
2 teaspoons ground ginger	$\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon Bicarbonate of Soda

Preparation method

1. Pre-heat the oven to 175C (fan 155) 325F / Gas 3
2. Line a large meat roasting tin or 5 x 1 lb loaf tins
3. In a microwave proof bowl put the syrup, milk and margarine and microwave for 2 to 3 minutes until the mixture is blended.
4. Add all the other ingredients and mix with an electric hand blender or beat well with a wooded spoon until a smooth batter is obtained.
5. Pour into the prepared tin/ tins and cook for 30 to 35 minutes until golden brown and the cake is springy to touch and a skewer inserted comes out clean.
6. Allow to cool in the tin.

This cake "keeps well" and for a quick pudding heat a portion in the microwave for 10 to 15 seconds the serve with custard - great "comfort eating"

Thanks to Lyndis for the recipe

The Solar P.V. Experience

As passers by will know, I have recently installed Solar Panels on my house roof and perhaps, not surprisingly, I have been asked by many people about them. It seems appropriate to write about my specific experience to assist others should they wish to install Solar Photo Voltaic (PV) panels themselves.

Why bother?

Well that depends on what you want to achieve from the facility. For some it is an investment opportunity with the subsidiary environmental benefit. For others it will be driven solely by environmental concerns. The investment returns are made by something called the "Feed In Tariff" (FIT). This is paid by the energy companies to people who supply them with green Solar PV energy. The tariff currently stands at 43.3p/KWh for **EVERY KWh** of solar energy generated irrespective of what you do with it - either use it yourself or send back to the grid. Additionally it is assumed you will only use 50% of what you generate and so a further 3.1p/KWh is paid for this 50% of the total you generate. Finally and not least you have free electricity to use up to the amount you generate. However this must be used **AS YOU GENERATE IT** - there is no energy storage facility and what is not immediately used is not available to you later. That is one of the drawbacks I foresee in that P.V. generation peaks in the summer and only happens during the day. My main electricity usage is in the winter and after dark. So we will now use the washing machine/tumble dryer/dishwasher during the day to utilise this power rather, than as previously, at night on the Economy 7 tariff. To date on the good days in September the system has generated a maximum 16KWh, while on a very rainy day only 2.7KWhr. Bear in mind the system runs on light and not temperature so bright cool days are not necessarily worse than warm overcast days. (A single bar electric fire typically uses 1KWh electricity in 1 hour)

Is my house suitable for Solar Power?

That depends on which direction the roof faces, roof size, pitch of roof, any light interference through shadow effect of neighbouring properties / overhanging trees etc, suitability of roof to carry the weight— which is borne on the roof trusses - not the tiles. Different size systems can be built and water can be heated and stored as well as / instead of electricity being generated, if thermal panels are chosen instead of PV panels.

What do they cost? Do some companies install panels free of charge?

Prices continue to fall for installations but will eventually plateau. Expect to pay £7,000 even for small systems. Prices increase as generation capacity increases (ie more panels) - but twice the size will not be twice the price! I had 7 companies visit and quote (too many - 3 is enough). The highest quote I received was 50% more than lowest so you must look around. Some companies will install panels free of charge - but do it to keep the FIT financial benefit themselves and will obviously only pick properties that will give them the best payback. What you get with a free install is the opportunity for some free electricity - however you may need to change habit to use it!

How do I find a good company to use?

I used the internet to find basic information out about solar. However innocent sounding names like "Which Solar" turns out to be a solar "broker" - ie a company which takes your details and passes it on to three possible suppliers - each of which contact you and offer to come and quote. The "broker" gets paid a "finder's fee" if you use any of their recommended suppliers. The only truly independent website I found was the Energy Saving Trust in Sheffield but they didn't give any supplier company recommendations. Ring them on 0800-512012 or visit their website for further info. www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/Generate-your-own-energy/Solar-electricity

Finally, I found a company name from someone locally who had used them and found them very satisfactory. On meeting this company, they seemed very straightforward and didn't pressurise me in any way. They were also financially very competitive, so I decided to go with them and that trust has proven well placed since then.

What is essential to understand for investment purposes is that these FIT rates are guaranteed for 25 years, index linked to RPI and tax free. There is a government review of FITs taking place in April 2012 which may alter these rates and the feeling in the industry is these rates will get worse - so don't delay if you are interested! However, once your money is invested you can't withdraw it after a couple of years, so be sure you are prepared to be into Solar PV for the long haul.

Another objection is that panels are ugly - well beauty is in the eye of the beholder especially when, for a change, the Energy Companies are paying me! Ring me on 816694 if you want more details.

Steve Digby

Switching Electricity Supplier

All of you will have faced the inexorable rise in electricity prices recently and, like me, be feeling very sore about it. What all of us should do is check we have the best deal available for our particular energy use circumstances. This may not always be the case especially if you have been loyal and stayed with the same energy provider for a number of years. Unfortunately such blind loyalty is never rewarded as it should be and to be frank all the big 6 companies are probably as bad as each other when it comes to confusing customers and taking every opportunity to squeeze more out - most recently with early change penalties.

Changing supplier is very easy especially if you are "on-line". There are many comparison sites to choose from - my personal favourite is www.energylinx.co.uk because it is very simple to use and claims to be totally independent. They also give phone numbers to contact them, so for anyone not on line, ring freephone 0800-849-7077. Option 1 takes you to someone who will do the comparison for you so be prepared with usage pattern and current supplier tariff information.

After having used N. Power, Atlantic Energy and British Gas (twice) over the years, all of whom eventually become uncompetitive, I have made yet another change. This time I have decided to use one of the smaller players (OVO Energy) who were slightly cheaper than my current deal, which is in any case scheduled to escalate on 1st November. There are other less well known suppliers available to choose from as well as OVO (Good Energy, Spark, Utilita, Utility Warehouse) but they weren't highlighted as being cheaper, for my circumstances, by the comparison website.

Fortunately, I am clear of any early change penalty by 1st November, and will be moving over as soon as they can arrange the switching. For those who are concerned at what this means in practice e.g. new cables? new meter? - the answer is "none of these". It's purely a change of billing with no physical interference at your home - although you will have to provide a meter reading on the requested date to your chosen new supplier.

Why OVO? Well why not? The fact they are much smaller doesn't necessarily mean they are worse and hopefully they will live up to their advert of being more customer focussed. Their pricing, while slightly cheaper, is certainly simpler - there is only 1 tariff for standard meters and 1 tariff for Economy 7. They offer 12 month fixed prices and will only trade with direct debit mandated customers. Internet billing preferred but paper bills available at a £20/year surcharge. Those of you who have a fixed monthly Direct Debit will get 3% interest on any credit balance. Energy companies giving interest on overcharges - That's different!

Any way if it doesn't work out - I'll be back on the web comparison site next October!

Steve Digby



Bulk Oil Buying Scheme

Want to save money on the cost of your heating oil?
So do we!



Join our new community-based countywide oil buying syndicate and see how easy it is.

RCAN Community Oil Buying Scheme
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www.rcan.org.uk

RCAN

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Registered in England as a company limited by shares (no. 7367260)

Annual membership fees

Domestic: £20 * Community Building £30 * Business: £100
which will cover your oil deliveries for a year.

5 easy steps to cheaper heating oil

Step 1: Join the RCAN Scheme

Request a membership form from RCAN or apply via the RCAN website www.rcan.org.uk

Step 2: Wait to hear from your local co-ordinator

We will let your local co-ordinator know that you have joined the scheme. Each month they will email you to ask whether you want to place an order. The minimum order is 500 litres.

Step 3: Place an order

Let your local co-ordinator know you want to buy oil. Each month they submit a total village order to us. Your order increases our negotiating power, so once submitted we regard it as binding.

Step 4: Sit back whilst we negotiate the price

We negotiate the best price from a whole range of suppliers. Your local co-ordinator will advise you who the supplier is, the price per litre (exclusive of VAT, currently at 5%) and the approximate date of delivery.

Step 5: Take delivery of the oil and pay the company

The oil will be delivered as soon as possible and you pay the company supplying the oil direct.

What's the scheme about?

RCAN has set up a new social enterprise that will reduce the cost of your domestic heating oil each time you place an order.

All you need to do to take advantage of the scheme is to pay an annual membership fee, which will cover as many oil orders as you need during the course of the year.

What's the snag?

There isn't one. The scheme is being promoted by Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire, a long established and well respected Nottinghamshire charity (see overleaf for more details).

By bringing communities throughout Nottinghamshire together and making the most of joint buying power, we can make savings and pass them directly to people like you whose fuel costs are high simply because you use oil-fired central heating.

The environment benefits too

Every time a tanker comes out to make a delivery, it is using a lot of diesel - a full tanker can get as little as a horrifying 8 miles per gallon. If deliveries are organised so that one tanker delivers to several customers in a village instead of making lots of individual deliveries, the fuel consumption is reduced and so is traffic in the village.

How do I join? Go to www.rcan.org.uk and follow the links to Bulk Oil Purchasing Scheme - or just fill in this form and send it to:

RCAN
Newstead Centre, Tilford Road, Newstead Village,
Nottingham, NG15 0BS
Tel: 01623 727600 Email: oil@rcan.org.uk

We will tell you how to place your orders.

Your contact details:

Name
Address
Post Code
Tel (Home / Mob)
Email.....

How do I pay?

Annual membership categories (Please indicate.)

Domestic: £20 Community Building: £30 Business: £100

By cheque made payable to 'Notts RCC Ltd'

By BACS: NatWest, 9 Church Street, Southwell, Notts
Acc. No: 36007390 Sort code: 60-20-15
(Please quote 'Oil Buying/your surname' as the reference.)

Delivery Details:

Where is your tank?
Any problems the oil supplier needs to know about, e.g. steps, narrow lanes, fierce dogs?
Do you need to be there when the delivery is made?

Energy Fayre with RCAN at Everton Nov 19th 10.30—14.30

MATTERSEY PARISH COUNCIL

www.matterseypc.co.uk

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email: clerk@matterseypc.co.uk

*Meetings are held 1st Wednesday of each month (except August)
in the Church Hall commencing at 7.30pm*

Street Lighting

The experimental scheme to switch off certain street lights is continuing and, once the clocks have been adjusted for GMT they will be switched off at 12am and come back on at 5.30am. This is a trial and the crime figures will be reviewed at the end of the period. Don't forget that your comments can be made on-line on the County Council website.

Police Report

At the last Parish Council meeting the Police requested assistance from residents regarding a couple of issues in particular. One of them is nuisance from noisy motorbikes. Whilst a certain level of noise is not necessarily an offence it would help our local PCSO if residents who experience problems contact the Control Room on 0300 300 99 99 as the problem occurs.

The other major problem at the moment is the theft of scrap metal. Some thieves are lifting manhole covers and cutting wiring along some stretches of roads. If you are at all suspicious of anyone who appears to be carrying out work underground or who is loitering with a van please do not hesitate to call the control room.

A warning was also given about a fraudster pretending to be from the Red Cross trying to obtain bank account details. Please always ask for anyone's identity cards and check with the organisation before giving any bank details to cold callers.

A lot of information, including Patch Walks, can be found on the Police Website or by speaking to our local PCSOs.

Possible sites for future housing developments

As part of the ongoing local planning policy work, the District Council have been compiling details of any land which may become available for future housing. A representative from the Planning Department will be in the Village Hall at 7pm on Wednesday December to show residents any possible sites and to explain what will happen next, so if you are interested in whether you could have new houses built near to you please come along so that you can receive answers to your questions.

Within the Local Plan there is an expectation of about 2 new homes per year on average in each of the rural centres like Mattersey so it is extremely unlikely that there will be any significant developments on the land put forward between now and 2028.

Christmas

Just an early date to pencil in your diary. Another Christmas will be upon us before we know it and arrangements are coming together for the lighting of the Christmas tree. This is planned to take place on Friday 9th December. Further details will be announced in the next edition of Idle Talk.

Next Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Wednesday 2nd November.

Retford Ramblers

If you enjoy walking and would like to meet some like minded people, then come and try one of our walks. We are a friendly bunch and are always happy to see new faces. Our usual Sunday morning meeting place is Chapelgate Car Park, Retford at 9.30am & we operate car sharing from there if needed. Hope to meet you soon.

Sun, 6th Nov	@ 9.00 am	10 miles	Binbrook
Sun 20th Nov	@ 9.30 am	8.5 miles	Timberland & Billingham
Sun 4th Dec	@ 9.30 am	8 miles	Thurnscoe
Sun 11th Dec	@ 9.30 am	5.5 miles	Rufford C'try Park & Robin Hood Way

**For further information contact 01777-818055
or 01777-838763**

**or e-mail to reford.ramblers1@btinternet.com
Sally Fraser — Chairman — Retford Ramblers Group**



November Occasions



All Saints Day—1st November

All Saints' Day (also known as All Hallows' Day or Hallowmas) is the day after All Hallows' Eve (Hallowe'en). It is a feast day celebrated on November 1st by Anglicans and Roman Catholics alike.

It is an opportunity for followers to remember all saints and martyrs, known and unknown, throughout Christian history. As part of this day of obligation, followers are required to attend church and try not to do any servile work. Remembering saints and martyrs has been a Christian tradition since the 4th century AD, but it wasn't until 837AD that Pope Gregory IV extended the festival to remember all the saints, changed its name to Feast of All Saints and changed the date to November 1st.

2nd November — All Soul's Day

All Souls' Day is marked on 2nd November (or the 3rd if the 2nd is a Sunday), directly following All Saints' Day, and is an opportunity for all churches to commemorate the faithful departed. They remember and pray for the souls of people who are in Purgatory - the place (or state) in which those who have died atone for their less grave sins before being granted eternal sublime happiness.



Remembrance Sunday — 2nd Sunday in November (13th Nov 2011)

Remembrance Sunday is held on the second Sunday in November, the Sunday nearest to 11 November to commemorate Armistice Day, the anniversary of the end of the hostilities of the First World War at 11 a.m. in 1918, We commemorate the contribution and sacrifice of British and Commonwealth military and civilian servicemen and women in the two World Wars and later conflicts.

Remembrance Sunday is marked by ceremonies at local war memorials in most cities, towns and villages, attended by civic dignitaries, ex-servicemen and -women, members of the Royal British Legion, current members of local armed forces regular and reserve units

Rambling Rose

Crimebeat

A monthly look at ways to Combat Crime
With East Bassetlaw's Neighbourhood
Policing Inspector, Jenny Madin



Light up NOW for winter – and avoid a break in.

Clocks gone back... it's dark by 5pm before you get home from work...your house is in darkness. They are just the kind of conditions a burglar loves

So NOW is the time to get lit up for the dark winter nights ahead.

By making sure your home is well lit, you could avoid the nasty experience of coming home to a break in.

Burglaries in Nottinghamshire have been reduced in recent months, but we must not become complacent

Most burglars are opportunists just looking for a weakness in your security, and a house in darkness is a weakness.

It tells a thief that there is no one at home and they won't be seen committing the crime. And they never take a day off.

So, with the onset of the darker nights get switched on to crime prevention.

- Automatic time switches are cheap to buy and easy to use. They will turn your indoor lights on BEFORE you get home, but just make sure you change the times regularly as the days get shorter.
- Outdoor security lighting is a good deterrent. It can be set to come on automatically when it gets dark or to come on when anyone approaches.
- Ensure that gates giving access to the rear of your property are locked, particularly after dark, and don't leave tools or ladders that can be useful to a thief lying around. Lock them in your shed or garage.
- Keep your garden shed locked. Sheds are a favourite easy target for thieves.

Just think how much it would cost to replace all the items stored in the average garden shed.

- And use a good, strong lock. If your shed has a window, put up a curtain so a thief cannot see what is inside.
- Fit bars to the window. It's also a good idea to chain all the larger items together (it makes them much more difficult to carry away) and then fasten the chain to the floor.
- Cut back any overgrown shrubs and bushes. Thieves don't like being seen and overgrown bushes provide a welcome hiding place.
- Make sure all your windows are closed and, preferably, locked, especially all the downstairs windows and windows above a flat roof.
- Don't leave car keys and handbags on hall tables. They are the first things an opportunist will take. Car keys can also be hooked through the letter box and your car stolen.
- Property mark all your valuables using a UV marker pen. It is difficult to sell property marked in this way and if it is stolen it makes it easier for police to return it to its rightful owner if recovered. The pens only cost a few pence.

It's simple advice, but it's advice that can dramatically reduce your chances of becoming the victim of a very upsetting burglary.

For more information on combating crime, you can contact your Safer Neighbourhood Team Beat Officer, PCSO Cath Phillips on 07525 409789 or contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111

Villages Together

The 'Villages Together' forthcoming programme of events is published below. Do come and join us in Mattersey Church Hall at 1.45pm.

Tuesday 1st November - Corn Dollies - Janet Goddard
Tuesday 15th November - Social - TBD
Tuesday 29th November - Christmas Cancelled - Sam Glasswell

All are welcome to 'Villages Together' meetings which we hold every other Tuesday and if you have friends in other villages, please bring them along. See 'Idle Talk' for the programme or call Sue on 01777 818880 for further information.

Villages Together is supported by Blue Skies Community Initiative Tel: Sue for further information on 01777-818880 or 07921-132889



2011 PROGRAMME AT EVERTON VILLAGE HALL

November 21st Colour of Bangladesh

December 19th Christmas Party (Christmas Memories)

Jan 16th Who do you Think you Are (Skeletons in the Cupboard!)

We are **not** ageist, we **are** friendly. Come and join us on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7-30pm in the Village Hall.

For more information ring:

Rosa Wright - 01777 816073 or Ann Hickman - 01777 818993

A letter from our Vicar

Dear Friends

As I write, the television programme 'Downton Abbey' is proving very popular. In the current series the action is set against the backdrop of the First World War with many scenes depicting the horror of life in the trenches. It is approaching 100 years since the First World War broke out but sadly the spectre of war remains with us. We read about some of the dreadful things happening today in the Middle East in places such as Libya and Syria.

I believe that the great majority of people long for a peaceful world. Our forebears prayed that the conflict of 1914-1918 would be 'the war to end all wars'. Let us pray for wisdom and guidance for national and international leaders. As St Paul put it in one of his letters:

'I urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be offered for all people; for sovereigns and all in high office, that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in full observance of religion and high standards of morality.'

((First Letter to Timothy chapter 2, verses 1-7))

We will have an opportunity to offer our prayers at our Remembrance Sunday service in the parish church at 10.50am on Sunday 13 November - do please come if you can on this special occasion, as we remember past conflicts as well as those who serve us in the armed forces today.

Yours in Christ

Jonathan

Contact details for our Vicar:

For all queries about weddings, baptisms, funerals or other pastoral needs please contact: the Reverend Jonathan Smithurst, The Rectory, Abbey Road, Mattersey, Doncaster, DN10 5DX. Telephone 01777-817364. His day off is Friday.