Lurgashall News

NOVEMBER 2026



The "30 acre" at Dial Green

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November is a cold, damp, splashy month, with long twilight evenings, and a good deal of smoke.

Susan Fenimore Cooper

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LURGASHALL OIL GROUP

Oil pricing remains high and extremely volatile, with quotes for our October order of 23,000 litres ranging from a high of 119ppl +VAT, to the best price of 107.52 from Certas.

With autumn upon us, I will now be placing orders on a monthly basis.

If you would like information about the Group, or would like to join, please let me know.

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Colin Robertson

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Church Services for November 2026

1 November *All Saints Day*	**10.00 am**	**Lurgashall**	**Holy Communion** ***Rev Jack Mulder***
8 November *3rd Sunday before Advent* 	**<u>10.45 am</u>** 9.30 am 10.50 am	**Lurgashall** Ebernoe Northchapel	**Remembrance Sunday** ***Canon Nigel Nicholson*** Remembrance Sunday Remembrance Sunday
15 November *2nd Sunday before Advent*	**10.00 am** 10.30 am	**Lurgashall** Northchapel	**Holy Communion** ***Ven. Philip Jones*** Holy Communion
22 November *Christ the King*	**10.00 am** 6.00 pm	**Lurgashall** Ebernoe	**Holy Communion** ***Canon Nigel Nicholson*** Service followed by a short film
29 November *Advent Sunday*	**10.00 am**	**Lurgashall**	**Holy Communion** ***Rev Jack Mulder***

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From the Churchwarden



"From All Hallows' Eve to Remembrance: Two Ways of Remembering"

By the time this newsletter reaches you, the village will already be dotted with pumpkins, costumes, and bags of sweets. Halloween - or rather **All Hallows' Eve**, as the church originally knew it arrives on **31 October** with all the usual noise, colour, and commercial enthusiasm.

It's worth remembering that Halloween began as the Christian vigil before **All Saints' Day**, a night of reflection for the departed, shaped by centuries of Christian practice and older Celtic customs. But over time, especially after the tradition travelled to North America, it was reinvented as a commercial festival of spooky fun, sugar, and plastic decorations. The reflective heart of All Hallows' Eve has been almost completely drowned out by marketing.

In other words: **Halloween is ours - or at least, it was - but the church lost the marketing battle.**

And this is not the first time. It won't be the last.
Modern culture is brilliant at **noise**, **novelty**, and **entertainment**. It is far less good at **memory**, **gratitude**, and **grief**.

Halloween is a perfect example of what happens when the church's quieter traditions collide with commercial opportunity. The reflective, prayerful meaning has been replaced by a retail season. The supermarkets win; the saints lose.

But in just over a week, something very different happens.

Remembrance Sunday - 8 November
On **Sunday 8 November**, we will gather for our Remembrance service, beginning **at 10.45am at the memorial in the churchyard**. We will lay a wreath, read the names of the fallen, and hold silence together before moving into the church for the second part of the service.

It is one of the few moments left in the year when the village pauses - properly pauses - without commercial interruption. Even the selling of poppies, which is essential for fundraising, is done with restraint and respect. No themed aisles. No marketing blitz. No "Remembrance merchandise." Just a simple symbol, offered quietly.

Remembrance remains untouched because it is too serious, too sacred, too human to be turned into a product.

And that contrast matters.

Halloween is loud; Remembrance is quiet. Halloween is commercial; Remembrance is communal. Halloween is about costumes; Remembrance is about names. Halloween is instant; Remembrance is enduring.

One is about fear and fun. The other is about gratitude and sacrifice. In a world where so much has been repackaged, rebranded, and resold, Remembrance is one of the few things that still belongs entirely to us.

A quiet invitation
So, this November, whether you come every week or only occasionally, I'd like to invite you to join us at **10.45am on 8 November** at the memorial in the churchyard.

Come for the silence. Come for the names. Come for the gratitude. Come for the part of village life that marketing cannot touch.

Rob
Churchwarden, St Laurence



REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

SUNDAY 8th NOVEMBER 2026
at 10.45 a.m.
taken by Canon Nigel Nicholson



VILLAGE HALL

🎉 *Join the Lurgashall Village Hall 50:50 Club!* 🎉

Support your Village Hall while having a chance to win a monthly **cash prize**!

Each month, half the subscription pot goes to two lucky winners, and half helps maintain and improve the Hall.

✨ Why join?

- Monthly cash prizes (totalling over £100)
- Bumper Christmas draw (£200 last year)
- Help keep our Village Hall thriving

Good news!!

From Jan. 2027, monthly prize money will go up to £120, and we will be awarding *three* prizes each month – a first prize of £70 and two second prizes, each worth £25.

Subscriptions: You can subscribe for as little as £1 a month and contribute as much as you like to a maximum of £20 a month.
If you already subscribe and feel able to increase your existing subscription (to max. £20 a month), we would be very grateful.

📩 To join or learn more:

Contact Steve Corr (07778 357272) or Cathy Nicholes (catherine.nicholes@hotmail.co.uk)

October's prizewinners:

!st prize	David Godfrey
2nd prize	P & J Eaton

VILLAGE LUNCH

The next village lunch will be on the 9th November. Just put your name on the list in the Shop. . This closes on the Thursday before the lunch. Please contact Sally Stainton on 07810634063 by Friday morning if you need to cancel so she can buy the correct amount of food. Many thanks.

VILLAGE HALL

A date for your diary!

Kick off the festive season with our Christmas Tea Party at the Village Hall on Wed. 9th December, 3-5pm

Christmas Wreath-Making Workshop



Back by popular demand… Learn the art of festive wreaths from our very own fabulous florist, **Diggy Rodber!**

When: Friday 11th December 10:00am – 12:00pm

Where: Lurgashall Village Hall

Includes: Teas, coffees and delicious brownies

Tickets: £40 each

All proceeds to **The Friends of St Laurence.**

Tickets are available at the **Village Shop**, but hurry – we can only accommodate 20 people!

Please bring an apron and secateurs.

Anthea Martin-Jenkins

It is with great sadness that we remember Anthea, who died on 10th October at the Royal Surrey County Hospital, where she had been for a few days. Her funeral will be held at St Laurence Church, Lurgashall, on Wednesday 28th October at 11.30 am.

Anthea and her husband David moved to Jobsons Lane in the early 1970s and lived there throughout their married lives. David died in 2017. That same year, her dog May had a litter of puppies, one of which, Siskin, was to become her last dog.

A stalwart of village life, Anthea generously gave her time to so many local activities. She served on the Parish Council for over 35 years, having first been elected in May 1991. She was Chairman for 12 years and returned to the role in 2020, finally resigning only recently because of her failing eyesight. She was also a Governor of Northchapel Village School and continued to volunteer there until a couple of years ago. She organised the church flower rota, sang in the church choir and was heavily involved in the village fete, where David ran the dog races for many years.



She started work for Dexham in 1970 and remained there for about 35 years. She was also involved for several years with the flower festival at Chichester Cathedral and was an expert flower arranger.

A keen tennis player who played several times a week, her real passion was for her gundogs. For 50 years she was associated with the Rotherbridge Shoot, where she served as treasurer for many years and enjoyed picking up with a succession of much-loved dogs.

Fete distributes £12,500 to local good causes

The Fete Committee are pleased to confirm that distributions totalling £12,500—in line with last year—were approved at the September 22nd Distribution Meeting. In accordance with the Fete constitution, £7,500 goes to the Village Shop, Cricket Club, Recreation Association, Parochial Church Council, Horticultural Society and Village Hall. A further £5,000 was awarded in support of the following special projects:

Recipient	Amount	Purpose
Cricket Club	£1,600	Pavilion clock turret repairs
Northchapel School PTA	£1,600	Improving outdoor play area facilities
Village Shop	£1,200	Replacement fridge
Village Archive	£200	Annual running expenses
Woodcraft Folk	£200	Playground inspection fees
Sussex Snowdrop Trust	£200	Supporting families of children with terminal illness

Once again, our heartfelt thanks go to everyone who gave their time, energy and support. Together, you have helped the Fete make a real difference in and around our village.

Would you like to be part of next year's Fete on **Saturday 5th June 2027**? Whether you can volunteer, run a stall or lend a hand on the day, we would love to hear from you at lurgashallfete@gmail.com.

Neil Harding
Chairman, Lurgashall Fete Committee

P A C T NEWS

Petworth Area Churches Together

working together in harmony

NEWS FOR NOVEMBER

PETWORTH FOOD BANK

Food Bank Vacancies: -

a) Phone Support Volunteer – "Sign poster" and will be done from home. You will be the friendly voice who checks in with people, talks through their food needs, and has caring conversations and helps identify local support services that could make a real difference.

b) Delivery Driver volunteer for the Petworth area.
You will play a vital role in getting food parcels to clients in Petworth and surrounding areas. This role is fully flexible. We deliver in pairs so this is a great opportunity to volunteer with a friend/partner.

All enquiries to Emily Seex at petworthfoodbank@gmail.com please.

The Food Bank is running low on: -

Cheese Biscuits	Instant whips
Hand Soaps	Surface cleaners
Crisps	Washing detergents
Ketchup	Bleach
Mayonnaise	Detergents
Cereal bars	Cereal

Donation points are: -
Sacred Heart Church, Angel Street, Petworth
CO-OP, Market Square, Petworth.
Fittleworth Stores
Southdown Chiropractic, The Old Bakery Petworth
GeraldGreshamcooke@gmail.com

Lurgashall Archive

The Archive is open at the Village Hall on request. Please contact:
archive@lurgashallvillagehall.org

Our heritage matters

Ellen Matilda Potter (1884 – 1919)

One woman's name appears twice in our churchyard. The inscription on her grave reads:

In memory of our dear sister
ELLEN MATILDA POTTER Q.M.A.A.C.
Who died Feb 21st 1919, aged 35 years

Ellen's name also appears on the War Memorial, the only woman along with 29 men commemorated for their service and sacrifice in the First World War.

Former Lurgashall resident Mike Oakland has written about Ellen in his wonderful book on the War Memorial, 'A Richer Dust', and the Archive is indebted to him for his invaluable research.

Ellen was born in Framfield, Sussex in early 1884, the third of six children. Her father, then a brickmaker, was… Harry Potter! No, not the wizard, although he did work a bit of magic for his daughter later – read on!

In c.1890 the Potter family moved to Hartfield, near East Grinstead, and Harry's occupation was now a railway porter. There followed another move just a few years later, to Faygate, near Horsham, but by 1900 the Potter family were living in Lurgashall, at Shopp Farm (now Shopp Hill) where Harry was employed as farm bailiff.

By this time, Ellen was in service as a housemaid to an Australian-born Lloyds underwriter in Roffey, near Horsham. By 1911 Ellen was back living with her parents in Lurgashall, where she continued in domestic service locally.



War started in 1914. Ellen was 30 years old, at home and unmarried. It was not until 1917 – three years into the war – that the British Army officially opened its ranks (in a limited way) to women.

The Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (W.A.A.C.) was formed in July 1917 to free up more men for the front lines. By taking over non-combatant roles, everything

from cooks and waitresses to clerks, telephonists, drivers and gardeners, women could 'do their bit' for the war effort behind the lines.

Thousands of women stepped forward. By April 1918 nearly 40,000 had enrolled in the W.A.A.C., and around 7,000 of them served in France on the Western Front. In April 1918, in recognition of their services and conduct, and with Queen Mary as their patron, the corps was re-named Queen Mary's Army Auxiliary Corps (Q.M.A.A.C.). It was the first time in British history that women served in the army other than as nurses.



March-past of Q.M.A.A.C. members in front of Queen Mary – 1918

Ellen Potter enlisted in the W.A.A.C. sometime in early 1918. Her service number was 24556, and she was given the rank of Forewoman which was equivalent to an NCO (non-commissioned officer) in the men's army. Sadly, Ellen's service records have not survived. Many of the Q.M.A.A.C. records were destroyed by WW2 German bombing, so the records of only 7,500 women, of the estimated total 57,000 who served in WW1, have survived, and Ellen's were not among them.

However, we do know that, in February 1919, Ellen was admitted to the newly-opened Q.M.A.A.C. hospital in Isleworth where she died, after only five days, of influenza – the pandemic that killed millions worldwide during late 1918 and early 1919 and particularly struck the young. Ellen's family had her body brought home to Lurgashall where she was buried in the churchyard on 24th February.

Ellen's medical record states that her location before coming to the hospital was 'Q.M.A.A.C. Connaught Club'. London's Connaught Club was commandeered by the War Office during the First World War and utilised as a dispersal hostel and transit centre for members of Q.M.A.A.C. returning from France and overseas service for demobilisation. From this perhaps we can deduce that Ellen had served abroad, most likely in France.

And Harry Potter's bit of magic? In early 1921, as one of our churchwardens, Harry Potter petitioned for the erection of the War Memorial, to include the name of his deceased daughter, Ellen. His wish was granted.

In memory of Ellen Potter and all those women who served in WW1.

Harry Potter and the Lurgashall War Memorial

(Extracted from 'A Richer Dust' by Mike Oakland)

At the end of the First World War memorials to those who had given their lives were erected throughout Britain. Usually, a memorial committee would be formed for the purpose of raising funds for the design and construction of a monument. The committee would also deal with the approval of the names to be inscribed, these being subject to the agreement of the next-of-kin.

In late January 1921 the Reverend Aubrey Pain wrote to the Diocesan Registry in Chichester with a proposal "to erect a Cross in the churchyard to the memory of the fallen". The cross was to be of blue pennant stone and would cost £280 to build and erect. The petition was also signed by the two churchwardens – (Lady) Florence Philipson Stow (of Blackdown House) and Harry Potter. The latter had a personal interest in the matter as his daughter, Ellen Matilda, was to be the only woman recorded on the memorial.

Tragically, Rev. Pain was killed on 9th February whilst cycling back to Lurgashall from Petworth, so it fell to Harry Potter, writing from Shopp Farm on 16th February, to send off the Petition document to the Registry.

Permission was granted, and the work of designing and producing the memorial was carried out by Harry Hems and Sons of Exeter. The memorial was unveiled on Sunday 27th November 1921 by Charles Henry, the 3rd Baron Leconfield. It is interesting to note that, on the order of service, the only lady commemorated, Ellen Potter, is also the only one whose unit is mentioned – that of the Q.M.A.A.C.

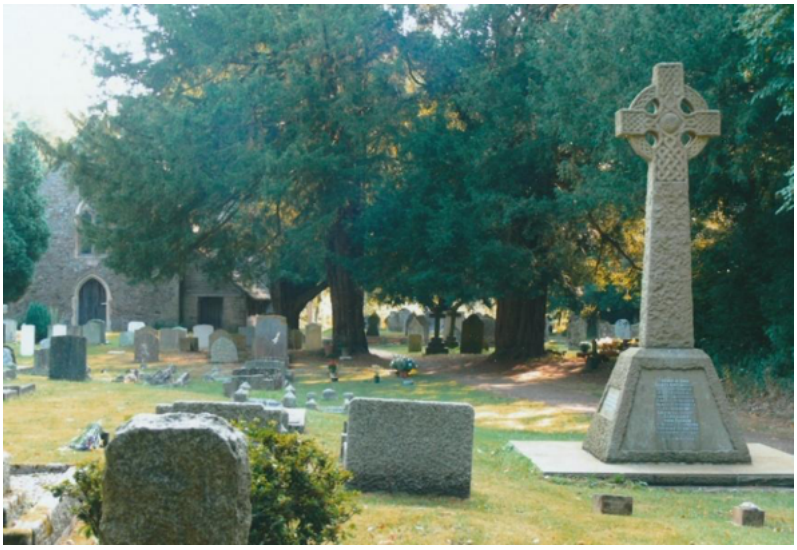


Photo courtesy of Mike Oakland

LURGASHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Anthea Martin-Jenkins

Lurgashall Parish Council is deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Anthea Martin-Jenkins.

We have lost an exceptionally dedicated and professional Chair, whose commitment to both the Parish Council and the village will be long remembered. Anthea served on Lurgashall Parish Council for more than 30 years and, for much of that time, held the position of Chairman. Her knowledge, experience and thoughtful approach to council matters were greatly valued by fellow councillors and residents alike. She was exceptionally generous with her time and attention, always willing to listen, offer support and work tirelessly on behalf of the community.

Anthea was respected for her considered and fair approach to decision-making, carrying out her role with professionalism, integrity and a genuine desire to serve the best interests of the parish. Her contribution to village life over so many years leaves a lasting legacy.

She will be greatly missed by the Parish Council and by the wider community she served with such dedication and distinction.

On behalf of Lurgashall Parish Council, we extend our heartfelt condolences to Anthea's family and friends at this very difficult time.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2026
AT 7.30PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL

All members of the public are welcome to attend and as usual there will be time set aside for anyone to raise any concerns they may have in the parish.

REPORTING ISSUES

Please contact **OPERATION CRACKDOWN** for anti-social driving (i.e., speeding, careless and aggressive driving and driving whilst on a mobile phone) Either via the website www.operationcrackdown.org or 01243 642222. Abandoned cars are now reported to Chichester District Council.

To report all non-emergency **POLICE** matters, call 101 or visit www.sussex.police.uk/contact/af/contact-us/

Want to report a pothole or flooding? www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/make-an-enquiry-or-report-a-problem-with-a-road-or-pavement/

To report a problem with a right of way directly then either report online https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/land-waste-and-housing/public-paths-and-the-countryside/public-rights-of-way/report-a-problem-with-a-right-of-way/ or email prow@westsussex.gov.uk or phone 01243 777620 or inform the Parish Council

Keep up to date with local road closures: www.one.network/uk/westsussex

BONFIRES Please be mindful of others when having bonfires. Guidelines and how to report them if they are a nuisance, can be found on Chichester District Council's website
www.chichester.gov.uk/reportbonfireproblem

PLANNING BREACH
Please report any planning breach to the Chichester District Council Enforcement team via the website
www.chichester.gov.uk/report-a-planning-breach

POWER CUTS
Call 105 to report or download the Power Track app.
Do you, or someone you know, need extra help if there's a power cut? Join SSE's free Priority Services Register today
Phone 0800 294 3259 or online www.ssen.co.uk/psr

WSCC RECYCLING CENTRES: BOOK TO RECYCLE
To book to visit a Recycling Centre in West Sussex. Phone 01243 642106 or www.westsussex.gov.uk/BookToRecycle

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https://lurgashall-pc.gov.uk/

THE AULD FOOL ON MATTERS ON WHICH TO NOT DWELL !

The Auld Fool does not remember thinking that his Grandparents old age was a bit of a nuisance – too busy learning about catching rabbits for the pot and nefariously acquiring fruits for Grandmother Daisy Harris's various alcoholic beverages – but then that would be 1945ish and the Auld Fool would be about 5 years of age……



This maudlin turn of thought was prompted by a recent television interview with a young lady who went to great lengths to explain that our generation should – in precis - hurry up and pop off as we were preventing her generation from getting on in the world – and this was obviously causing her much stress (and that's another matter…).

'Busty' Harris – my Grandfather, died in the same bedroom in which I slept when I was 11yrs old – I went to school and when I came home he had gone……I wish I'd had more time to learn from him…..



The Badger and The Auld Fool live on the edge of Whites Green – they moved there when The Badger was a Primary School Teacher and The Auld Fool an itinerant photographer breaking into Fleet Street. Now they spend much time gently bickering and gardening – or perhaps gently gardening and bickering !

The pair enjoy the company of two, middle-to-late-age sister Labradors – Tess and Molly – and the rest of the wildlife that regularly pops over from the Green to help with their gardening – Roe, Fallow and Muntjac deer admire

the roses and Brock and Charlie pay the odd visit – birds are always well-fed and watered.

It is a gentle slow life, and on the whole we get on pretty well…..
However this maudlin thought track was compounded by The Auld Fool's annual visit to the Surgery for the dreaded 'Blood Pressure, Blood Tests and BMI' where Vicky - kind, efficient and completely professional revealed the bad news – Blood Pressure – 'Good' but Weight – **a matter to be discussed with Dr Knight** – and then the really worrying bit – The Auld Fool now measures just 5ft 7inches in height – he has shrunk an inch in the last year.

He is slowly disappearing…..

STOP PRESS: As The Auld Fool penned this missive his desk-top computer bleeped and the great NHS has revealed in a matter of just a few hours that his Blood Test Results are in !

You may be relieved to learn that most items including: Cholesterol, Cholesterol HDL ratio, Creatinine, EPIeGFR, HDLCholesterol, LDLCholesterol, Non-HDLCholesterol, Potassium, Sodium, Triglyceride, and Urea are all within range – (for some I suspect this will be a severe disappointment……)

Nonetheless that inch is very worrying……



Haslemere Library November Events 2026



CROCHET FOR ALL

Learn how to crochet a pair of fingerless gloves using upcycled granny squares. Join us on

Saturday 7th November
2.00 - 4.00 pm

Cost £8.50 per person
Recommended age 12yrs+
Booking essential



CHESS CLUB

Come and join us at our new monthly Chess Club.
Whether a beginner or a Chess Master, you will find a warm welcome for all ages at Haslemere Library.

Saturday 21at November

3.00 - 4.00pm

Free

EARLY DECEMBER NOTICE

Haslemere Library will be a hub of activity in December with events such as adult lino printing, calligraphy, Christmas themed book folding, Panto and more all planned. So follow us on social media or ask a member of staff when you're next in to keep up to date and never miss out!

The Noah's Ark
Country Pub



We look forward to welcoming you to the Noah's Ark. Join us for a drink at the bar, or for lunch or supper in our restaurant, bar and spacious Ark room.

To book your table, see our current menu, or for opening hours, what's on, and more information, please visit our website.

reservations@noahsarkinn.co.uk | 01428 707346 | noahsarkinn.co.uk

CREAMY COURGETTE & BEANS WITH LEMON

A delicious mid-week supper or lunch,
quick and easy to prepare and suitable for vegetarians,
all ingredients available to buy in the Village Shop

INGREDIENTS

1 jar of Queen Butter Beans from Bold Bean Company with own stock
2 tbsp of olive oil
2 medium-size courgettes, sliced in 0.5 cm rounds
2 garlic cloves
zest and juice of ½ lemon
1 tbsp of Greek yoghurt or crème fraiche
45g of parmesan cheese finely grated
15g of chopped parsley
handful of freshly toasted pinenuts
optional extras: spinach, kale or broccoli florets

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1 Slice courgettes into 0.5 cm rounds.
2 Heat 2 tbsp of olive oil in a pan over a medium heat. Add the sliced courgettes with a pinch of salt and cook for 10-12 minutes, stirring occasionally, until they start to brown.
3 Add crushed garlic and cook for a further 3-4 minutes. Add the grated zest of ½ lemon.
4 Pour in the beans with their bean stock. Swill the jar ¼ filled with water and add to the pan. Stir to combine.
5 Season with black pepper. The Queen Beans are well seasoned, recommend tasting before adding salt.
6 Reduce the heat to low and stir in the yoghurt and parmesan carefully stirring to combine and prevent the yoghurt splitting.
7 Stir in the chopped parsley. Add the juice of ½ lemon and stir.
8 Serve the beans into bowls, grate over a little more lemon zest and some parmesan, scatter over toasted pinenuts. Enjoy!

Gifts for everyone & all occasions

Whether to thank a neighbour for helping out at short notice, or a lovely present to give a friend hosting lunch or supper, here are some of the new gift items available at Lurgashall Village Shop.

The shop now offers **£10 GIFT VOUCHERS,** a perfect thank you for a friend, kind neighbour, birthday or Christmas gift. Purchasing a gift voucher supports the community shop and lets the recipient choose exactly what they would like, a win-win! Vouchers are presented in an attractive card and envelope.

Fragrant **KEW GARDENS** botanical toiletries have just arrived and are flying off the shelves. Soap, hand wash and hand cream in four gorgeous fragrances, all premium gifts at affordable prices. On request, we can gift wrap in our colourful tissue paper.



By popular demand the **LVS JUTE BAGS** are back. Perfect for everyday shopping or filling with seasonal goodies, such as food or gifts to create a personalised Christmas hamper gift bag.

OPENING HOURS	**VILLAGE SHOP**		**POST OFFICE**	
	OPEN	**CLOSE**	**OPEN**	**CLOSE**
MONDAY	9.00 AM	5.00 PM	9.30 AM	12.30 PM
TUESDAY	9.00 AM	5.00 PM	9.30 AM	12.30 PM
WEDNESDAY	9.00 AM	5.00 PM	9.30 AM	12.30 PM
THURSDAY	9.00 AM	5.00 PM	9.30 AM	12.30 PM
FRIDAY	9.00 AM	5.00 PM	9.30 AM	12.30 PM
SATURDAY	9.00 AM	5.00 PM	CLOSED	
SUNDAY	10.00 AM	1.00 PM	CLOSED	

TEL	01428 707277
EMAIL	shop@lvshop.org.uk
WEBSITE	www.lurgashallvillageshop.uk

LURGASHALL CRICKET CLUB

Founded 1840



The Green has recovered well after a thirsty summer, and, although it still looks a little parched in places, grass is tough old stuff, and all will no doubt be green and lush again by Spring.

In this day and age, cricket on a village green is becoming more and more of a rarity. Too many local clubs much larger than ours have closed down, and every so often we hear that yet another has gone.

So, although we no longer have our own home Lurgashall XI, we know how very lucky we are still to have so many loyal teams who love to play here. And they *do* love to play here, not just for the gorgeous setting of pretty cottages, the Pub, the Shop, Blackdown, etc., but also because we keep our outfield and our Square in the best possible condition - all year round.

Thus, 2026 season over, **Rob Dale** and his crew at **Groundcare** spent a fine October week-end preparing the Square for winter. Here is what they did:



- Cut down to 5mm
- Solid tine aerated to 100mm
- Scarified at 11mm - 15mm
- Cleared off all debris from scarifying
- Whole area seeded
- Ends levelled and seeded again
- Whole area top-dressed with loam
- Whole area fertilised
- Debris picked up and removed
- Brushed level to finish



Aerated



Scarified



Debris



Seeding



Top-dressing



Fertilising



Finished!

As one season closes, we are already starting to get enquiries for the next. Whilst we don't take bookings for Saturdays until next February, we are happy to start dusting off the 2027 calendar for Sundays and weekdays.

All enquiries to:
Al Sword 07983 699650
lurgashallcricketclub@gmail.com



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LURGASHALL HORTICULTURAL CLUB Established 1983

"November comes and November goes, with the last red berries and the first white snows." *– Clyde Watson*

NOVEMBER is all about overwintering, and any **hardy annuals** and **perennials** that you have the space for can be sown now and kept over winter, growing strong roots ready to explode into growth early next spring.



Before the first frosts, the cool, damp soil gives roots the environment they need to develop, and November is the prime time to plant **tulip bulbs** as the colder soil helps prevent viral diseases.

Sweet peas can be sown for later potting on in an unheated greenhouse. They won't put on much top growth, but will make a strong root system.



< Garlic and **Autumn onion** sets can be planted before the frosts come, and then benefit from winter cold to develop good bulbs.



Hardy broad beans like **Aquadulce Claudia >** can be planted direct into the ground or into pots, and will overwinter as small plants to provide a harvest weeks ahead of a spring sown crop.

Happy sowing!

Mark

INSIDE  JOBS…

If you haven't already done so, now's the time to give **sheds** and **greenhouses** a good 'spring-clean' for winter!



- Did you know that **dirty glass** can block up to 40% of light, thereby reducing interior warmth, plant growth, and slowing down seed germination? A good clean of window glass with **Jeyes Fluid diluted at 35 ml per 5 litres of water** (inside and outside) will also help to destroy algae and moss as well as pests like red spider mites, whitefly and scale insects.
- Brush down **shelving** with a stiff brush, and sweep **floors.**
- Clean up and sharpen those hard-working **tools**!
- **Plant pots**: Soak empty pots in the above solution of **Jeyes Fluid** for 30 minutes, then **rinse thoroughly** in clean water.
- **Compost bags:** If you have any bags of unused compost left over, it's a good idea to bring them into a shed or greenhouse for the winter to prevent them from getting sodden or frozen.
- **Greenhouse shading:** Remove shading to let in maximum light.



- **Thermometer:** Winter temperatures fluctuate dramatically, so a **maximum/minimum thermometer** is a must for the greenhouse if you're overwintering plants. Most can be bought for under £10. Showing both Fahrenheit and Centigrade, as well as the current temperature, they record the highest and the lowest temperatures over any period of time - a day, a week, a year – all easily reset at the press of a button. This information can help you decide whether you need to install *(or adjust existing)* heating to maintain more constant temperatures…
- **Heating:** If you are overwintering plants in your greenhouse, it's vital to keep it **frost-free**. Paraffin heaters are efficient - and probably the cheapest to run, but need daily checking for (a) safety and (b) ventilation to prevent build-up of fumes. If your greenhouse has power, an electric tubular radiator or a fan heater with thermostat set to turn on automatically when the interior temperature drops to, say, 50°F (10°C) are the most hassle free – but can be expensive to run!
- **Insulation:** Lining out with **horticultural bubble plastic** gives great insulation - and can save up to 50% of heating costs.

…and OUTSIDE COLOUR



Widely available from garden centres and online, in lots of colours and ready to plant out, **Cyclamen**, **Winter Pansies and Violas** will give gorgeous splashes of colour in baskets and pots throughout winter. Dead-head regularly to encourage flowering, and start to feed fortnightly after about 5 weeks.



Primulas also provide great winter colour. BUT… a word of warning - my resident Robin loves the **blue** ones, and picks off the buds as soon as they begin to open! ***Jax***

PLANTS OF THE MONTH



Nandina domestica 'Fire Power' > (**Sacred Bamboo)** Compact evergreen shrub whose leaves turn brilliant red as temperatures drop in November. Year round interest with flowers, berries and foliage.



< Ceratostigma plumbaginoides (**Leadwort)** Combines electric-blue flowers into late autumn with foliage turning scarlet and bronze. Perfect ground cover evergreen plant with year round interest, but really livening up the garden in late autumn.

Jen's Tips & Ideas:

- Raise mower height for the last cuts of the year.
- Keep collecting leaves off lawns & drives and store for leaf mould, but leave deciduous leaves in borders.
- Roses & wall shrubs – remove long, whippy growth to prevent winter wind-rock disturbing the roots. Full rose pruning can be done in late winter.
- As the dormant season starts, pruning some deciduous trees can begin, and hedge cutting continued. Leave some cover for wildlife, without tidying borders too much, and leave ripened berries for birds as food for them starts to dwindle.
- Hard wood cuttings such as **cornus, buddleia, sambucus** and **hydrangea** can be taken now, and ripened tree and shrub seeds can be collected and sown in a cool frame.

An Autumn Pond Restoration

Jacquie's garden pond had become completely overgrown, mainly with **Glyceria** and **Bog Bean**. Both great aquatic plants – in moderation!

Much muttering about this had been made throughout the year by Jax and the gardeners…but somehow, we never got round to it, and so the plants grew and grew until there was barely a square foot of water visible…..

Although the pond is only about 12 inches deep, it's around 14 feet square, so it was deemed necessary to hire a skip to dispose of all the growth.

And so, one warm, sunny October day, waders were donned - and in went Luca and Jen - with Gary in charge of emptying wheelbarrows into the skip.


Luca starts to clear...

As it turned out, the timing was perfect: most invertebrates, including dragonflies and damselflies, had already hatched and dispersed. A few frogs slipped to safety among the rocks and crevices; and, although there were no signs of newts, we were very pleasantly surprised to spot four small goldfish hiding under a clump of waterlilies! The lilies were divided up and distributed around the pond.


Jen... nearly there...



Everyone got very dirty - and rather smelly, too!

But the result was dramatic, and Jacquie's pond is now restored to a place of quiet reflection.

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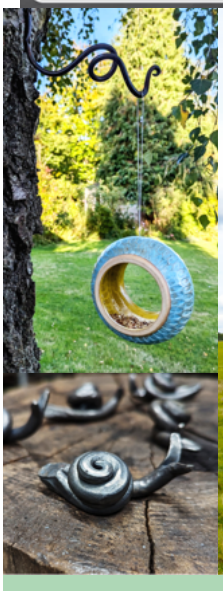




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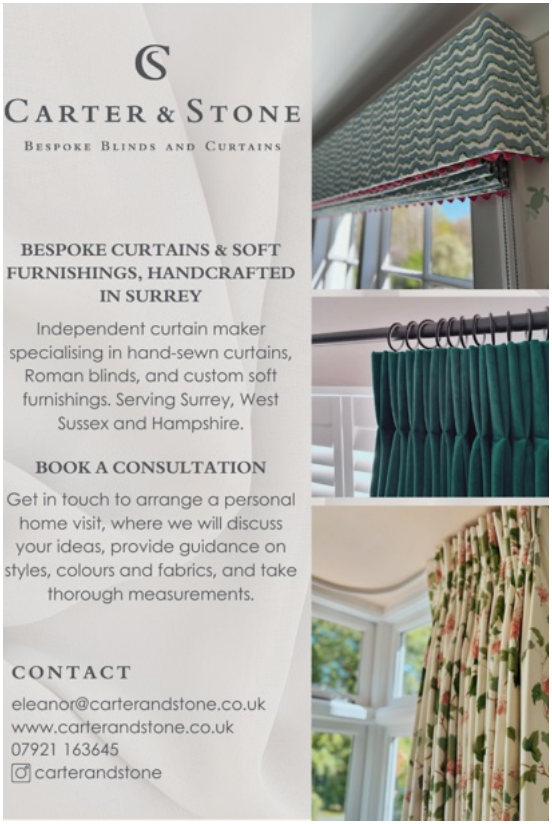
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