

"February is the border between Winter and Spring". Thank you all for your care and attention to your safety and the safety of neighbours. We are into the shortest month and hope to have a reasonable journey into March!

It was lovely to see everyone who supported the musical films day and enjoyed their lunch, a genial gathering on a cold day.

A Celebration of Life Service for Bill Wake will be held at Longhirst Church on Saturday, 15th February at 2pm with refreshments in the village hall afterwards. All welcome.

## **UVA AGM 2025**

A good meeting that reviewed the work of 2024: six special events, five particular tasks in the village we regularly support, as well as all of the activities that are available through the village groups and clubs. A huge Thank you to everyone who plays their part in making our community interesting, helpful and a pleasant place to be. It is noteworthy that there are now four regular evening clubs in the WI Hall, hopefully attracting residents who cannot attend the day time offering.

This year we hope to have the usual programme of events as well as continuing with the tasks to enhance the environment! The main effort of the association will be celebrating the Parish's ownership of the Playing field, which has its 40th birthday this year! It is an amazing facility in our small community which we share with

our neighbouring villages. We hope to improve the play/activity equipment and have a free party in the park in the Summer. Everyone is welcome to try all the activities and it is always tremendous when help is offered and given!

St John's Church is planning a village event on August Bank Holiday Weekend 'A Scarecrow Stroll' (23rd, 24th and 25th August). Would you like to create a Scarecrow and/or display in your garden? A theme of your own choice. Please contact Pauline for more details <a href="mailto:pmartin0553@gmail.com">pmartin0553@gmail.com</a>, 01670 790721, 07752 334052.



## **Woodlands and Meadows**

We are just deciding on our work plan for this year, anyone who has any views on improvements they would like to see should feel free to get in touch. Unfortunately, we are losing two of our stalwart volunteers soon due to a house move (Grateful thanks to Julie and Paul), so are going to be in need of more help with grass cutting and strimming. If you feel you could help then get in touch, you might only want to do a small amount and all you need is a strimmer or portable mower that doesn't need an electricity supply. Contact dparkin@btinternet.com

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