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From the editor



Hello Readers

Is it me, or does this time of year always seem to get people thinking about food? Maybe it's the onset of the colder weather and the need for more hearty meals and comfort food; I always seem to have a recipe in the October/November issue each year and this time I am grateful to Christine Stocks from Melton for sending in a tasty and seasonal paté (see below) for you to try.

The East Midlands Food & Drink Festival (1/2 October in Melton Cattle Market) could also have something to do with it. On page 9 Julie Duff of Church Farmhouse Cakes tells us about her preparation for the festival and Christmas. She also has some tips for the perfect Christmas cake.

It's great to get out walking and enjoy the beautiful colours in the autumn. See page 3 for some group walks you can join, one of them a real challenge at 16 miles!

For the more artistic among you, there's news of local art shows in October on page 4 and some craft workshops taking place in Sileby on page 6.

Now that outdoor village events are well and truly over, Centre Stage performances are back for a new season in village halls. Check out what's on at a hall near you on page 7.

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AUTUMN RECIPE

by local food enthusiast Christine Stocks

Pigeon and Pork Paté

With the game season in full swing, here is a simple recipe for a coarse paté. You can use any game but you need to include the pork to keep it soft.

What you'll need

- 1 lb /500g coarsely minced shoulder of pork
- 6 pigeon breasts, minced
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed
- 1/4 pt /150 ml white wine
- 2 tablespoons brandy
- 2 large bay leaves
- 4 rashers streaky bacon
- 4 juniper berries, crushed
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper

What to do

- Line the base of a rectangular Pyrex dish or loaf tin with half the bacon, saving the rest for the top.
- Mix together the meats, garlic, alcohol and seasonings.
- Press the mixture into the dish and lay the bacon and bay leaves on the top.
- Cover with a lid or double foil, place in a roasting tin half filled with hot water and bake for one and a quarter hours at 150°C or gas mark 4.
- Leave to cool overnight in its cooking dish in the fridge, then remove and slice as required.



© Christine Stocks

"My recipes are all well tried and tested by my pupils, their parents and probably by their grandparents. I have had requests for recipes from Australia, Spain, South Africa, the Falkland Islands and the USA. I know they work."

Christine grew up in the tiny village of Gumley in South Leicestershire. She has taught children and adults for many years at Roundhill Community College and more recently Ratcliffe College.



She now lives in Melton, where, she says: "I have come to appreciate the rich variety of local foods and always try to buy fresh local produce to cook with. I believe that if you start with good quality ingredients and cook them correctly you cannot fail. I have developed a variety of ways of using fresh ingredients and I have written down most of them in recipe form so that others may try them."

Christine's aim has always been to pass on her enthusiasm for good food to her students and to help them to provide themselves and their families with a healthy, interesting diet.

Autumn walking



Wycomb Lane near Goadby Marwood., © Andrew Tatlow

Around Scalford

Leicestershire County Council's guided walk on **15 October** is a pleasant stroll through arable and pasture fields from **Scalford** towards **Goadby Marwood** and **Wycomb** and back. The meeting point is Scalford Recreation Ground for a 10am start. Be prepared for mud and stiles and feel free to take your dog. The walk costs £2 per person which can be paid on the day (under 16s free). The full circuit (4 miles) takes around two hours and follows Walk 2 from the LCC Scalford Parish Walks leaflet.*

Booking essential. Call 0116 305 7655.

* If you'd rather do the walk in your own time, you can download the leaflet from www.leics.gov.uk/parish_walks_scalford.htm or order it by phone from 0116 305 8160.

Seagrave Challenge

This annual event, taking place this year on **Saturday 12 November**, is a 16 mile run or walk through rolling Leicestershire countryside, starting from **Seagrave Memorial Hall** at 9am.

The route has been chosen to include the highest ground possible (total ascent 860ft), so you can expect some great views along the way. Taking in the wold villages of **Walton, Burton, Wymeswold and Hoton**, it will follow footpaths, bridle ways, some private farm land and minor roads. It will also pass through the Prestwold Estate by kind permission of Edward Packe-Drury-Lowe.

Lots of delicious home-cooked food is included in the entry price and everyone completing the challenge will get a certificate. Entry costs £15 (£7.50 concessions).

For more information and to register online, visit www.seagravewoldschallenge.co.uk or email john_mcdermott@tiscali.co.uk.

Walks for Health

The Active Together Melton team helps to organise weekly walks in Melton parks. The sessions are very popular and a great way to keep fit and meet new people. There are Beginners Health Walks every Wednesday and Senior Walks every Thursday in **Melton Country Park**, and Buggy Walks every Friday in **Wilton Park**.

For more information, call 01664 502502 or email sports@melton.gov.uk.

Bottesford Health Walks are on offer every second Wednesday in the month. The meeting place is Walford Close, Bottesford at 12.45pm (for a 1pm start). The walk planned on **12 October** is a circular route from **Redmile to Barketstone** and on **9 November** the route will be from **Bottesford to Normanton**.

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Now taking Christmas orders

Artist Michaela Kelly (from [Thorpe Satchville](#)), loves painting 'to order' and is now taking commissions from customers who want pictures in time for Christmas. She has many years' experience creating people's pets, horses, cars and favourite views on canvas. Trains and planes are also in her repertoire; in fact she can turn her hand to more or less any subject. She also produces trompe l'oeil (see inset picture and her explanation below it).

Michaela describes her style as "old fashioned, that is to say you can see what it is" and has been painting since she was four. She studied at Southampton Art College and has exhibited her work in many venues, including in London.



"Trompe l'oeil is a form of painting where the scene is painted directly onto an interior wall and due to use of perspective and light and shade, gives the impression of reality. It is something very unusual and stylish to have in your home. No-one else will have a scene like yours anywhere in the world."

To contact Michaela, telephone 01664 840731. To view examples of her work, visit: www.art-by-kelly.co. (yes co. not co.uk!)

Painting at the Abbey



5-day course, 7–11 November 2011
led by Martin Cottam
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You'll get a thorough introduction into the basics of painting with watercolours on this painting holiday at Launde Abbey.

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November at Launde Abbey is a particularly beautiful time of year and the timing of the holiday will take full advantage of the magnificent autumn colours available at this time of year.

There are numerous other retreats, quiet days and special events being held at Launde Abbey during October and November.

For full details, telephone 01572 71725 or visit www.launde.org.uk.

Art exhibitions in October

Twyford

Twyford Guild of Artists will be showing their work at their annual exhibition on **22 & 23 October in Twyford Village Hall**. As well as the works on show, there will be artists' cards, prints and silk necklaces for sale together with various arts and crafts produced in Twyford.

The exhibition is open from 12pm to 5pm each day and admission is free. Refreshments will be available.



Batik on Silk by Frances Lowe

Participating members

Frances Lowe – Batik on Silk (see picture)
Gay Mayes – Watercolour/printing
Graeme Frost – Watercolour
Jean Baker – Stitched Textiles

Lesley Harris – Silver Jewellery
Richard Hancey – Stoneware Pottery
Paula Chapman – Silk Paintings
Ron Chapman – Photography

For more information, contact Gay Mayes: 01664 840631 / 07875910874

Upper Broughton

The 29th Upper Broughton Art Show will be held in **Upper Broughton Village Hall** (Main Road, A606) on **8 and 9 October**, with a ticket-only preview on the evening of **7 October**. Two rooms of work in a variety of media, including 3-D exhibits. Refreshments will be available all day. The times for each day are:

- Preview Evening **Friday 7 October**: 7.30pm. Tickets £5
- Art Show **Saturday 8 October**: 10am - 5pm. Entry free
- Art Show **Sunday 9 October**: 10am - 4pm. Entry free

For more information, visit www.upperbroughtartshow.org.uk or call 01664 822444

Rearsby

Rearsby Art Club's annual art and crafts exhibition will be held in **Rearsby Village Hall** on **Sunday 9 October** from 11am to 5pm. Admission is £1, which will include a cup of tea or coffee.

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Festival ticket winners

Congratulations to the winners of the draw we ran in the last issue for tickets to this year's East Midlands Food & Drink Festival. They are:

Kathie Christie-Smith, Rearsby
Sue Bloor, Waltham on the Wolds
Heidi Langford, South Croxton
Elaine Hastings, Queniborough
Bob Hobbs, Great Dalby

The point of acupuncture

by Julie Devlin

Imagine having pain that leaves you unable to move or stops you in your tracks. Over 20 years ago, I turned to acupuncture to help with a back problem that had failed to respond to other treatment – it worked. Impressed with the improvements to my health, I decided to change career and retrain as an acupuncturist, qualifying in 1996 and becoming a Member of the British Acupuncture Council (BACc), the UK's largest regulatory body for practitioners of traditional acupuncture.

What is acupuncture?

Acupuncture originated in China and other far eastern cultures, where it still features in mainstream healthcare. It has been used for thousands of years to restore, promote and maintain good health, identifying the root cause of a problem and addressing it by balancing the body's internal energy, or 'Qi'. The philosophy behind it is simply to 'treat the person not the illness' and improve the overall wellbeing of the patient.

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More and more people in the UK are now turning to acupuncture – some for help with specific symptoms such as back pain, osteoarthritis and migraine, others because they feel generally unwell but have no obvious diagnosis, or have a problem that has failed to respond to conventional medicine.



To learn more about what acupuncture can do for you, call Julie on 07711 637012. Her acupuncture practice is based at Syston Health Centre.

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Creative recycling



The Green Place in Sileby runs regular craft workshops where you can learn how to turn used materials into something new and often practical. They have a number of sessions coming up in October and November.

Wizard Day

Saturday 29 October, 10am-4pm

Make broomsticks, wands and lanterns at this fun activity day for kids and adults.*



Christmas Crafts

Saturday 26 November, 10am-4pm

In this workshop you will make a range of Christmas gifts and decorations from recycled and natural materials.*

* Entry to the Green Place is free, but there will be a small charge for taking part in the Wizard Day and Christmas Craft workshops. Refreshments and snacks will be available in the cafe.

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Willow Weaving

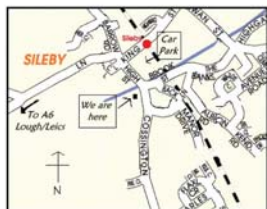
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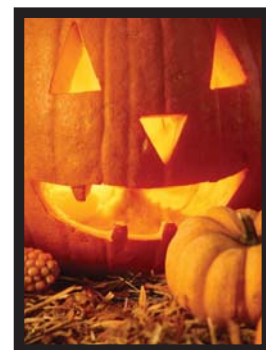
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On **Sunday 30 October (11am-4pm)** you can take your little witches and wizards along for an afternoon of family entertainment in the lovely grounds of **Scalford Hall**.

This fun-for-all-the-family day is a **free** event in support of the Mayor's Appeal. It will include free hot dogs and toffee apples for the children as well as a Halloween Fancy Dress Competition with lots of prizes.

Other attractions include a hog roast, kid's disco, bouncy castle and Punch & Judy show.



Scalford Hall is three miles north of Melton (postcode: LE14 4UB).

For more information, telephone 01664 444654.

Let them entertain you!

A round up of the Centre Stage live performances taking place in local village halls this autumn. Why not catch a show near you! See the diary on page 10 for times and contact numbers.



Wymondham Village Hall, 6 October; Quorn Church Rooms, 7 October

Holmes & Watson: The farewell tour (drama). Before slipping into well-earned retirement Sherlock Holmes sets out on a farewell tour of Great Britain with Dr Watson, his landlady Mrs Hudson and Inspector Lestrade. En route there's inevitably a case to solve

Hoby & District Village Hall, 13 October

BJ Cole & Emily Burridge in Concert. A unique combination of cello (Emily Burridge) and pedal steel guitar (BJ Cole) create orchestral sounds in a new and refreshing context. Their concert will include works by Erik Satie, Debussy, Purcell and Copland.

Walton on the Wolds Village Hall, 14 October

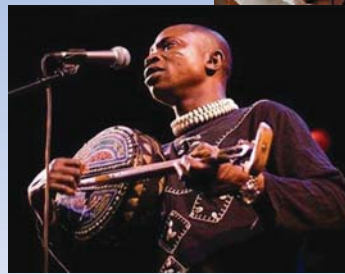
The Tom McConville Trio in Concert (Tom on fiddle and David Newey and Phill Murray on guitar and bass guitar) A rollercoaster of music from fast rhythmic dance tunes to beautiful slow airs, accompanied by terrific vocals.

Burton on the Wolds Village Hall, 15 October

The Atonga Zimba Trio in Concert, featuring Ghanaian performer Atonga Zimba who plays the mol, a two-stringed calebash banjo and sings in his native Fra Fra, Hausa, Ga, English and Twi. His band delivers a mix of traditional Ghanaian music, Afrobeat, jazz and funk.

Hungarton Village Hall, 18 November

Sun Stations. John Dipper and Luke Daniels provide an entertaining exploration of our forgotten traditional calendar and annual festivals.



Top: John Dipper & Luke Daniels (Hungarton)

Middle: Atonga Zimba (Burton on the Wolds)

Bottom: Pete Morgan, Chris Parkinson, Maggie Boyle (Long Clawson)

Queniborough Village Hall, 23 November

For One Night Only. Puppetry, song and smart one-liners are used by Eddie and Bode as they mistakenly find themselves on a tour of the Home Counties, having set out to find their fame and fortune at Covent Garden.

Asfordby Parish Hall, 24 November

The classic tale of **The Jungle Book** performed by the Oxfordshire Theatre Company is a blend of theatre songs and puppetry.

Long Clawson Village Hall, 30 November

Magical Christmas Tree Tour: Pete Morgan, Maggie Boyle and Chris Parkinson deliver a collection of new and vibrant seasonal songs, beautiful old carols to get the audience in the festive spirit.

Scalford revisited

In 1986, the BBC launched Domesday Revisited, an ambitious project to record a snapshot of everyday life across the UK for future generations. A million volunteers took part.

Now, 25 years later you can explore the archive online at www.bbc.co.uk/history/domesday, see the pictures and (in some cases) update the information to make your mark on this record of our collective history.

Although not every community got involved in the project, a number in this area did. Scalford is one of them. Its contribution amounts to 20 written accounts of life in and around the village in 1986. The accounts were written by children from the village school, with help from staff and parents. You can read one of their accounts [here](#). We have also reproduced two of the three photographs submitted.

The photographs, both by Chris Fox-Mapletoft, show:

Left: View over Scalford 1986

Right: Cheesemaking in Scalford, 1986



Scalford (1986)

Scalford is a busy, but pretty conservation village some 7 kilometres from Melton Mowbray. St Egelwin's is the only church dedicated to him in England.

The name Scalford shows there was once a ford here. There is still an underground stream, which is now channelled to a tap by the road called The Spout. This was restored in 1977 for Queen Elizabeth's Silver Jubilee. People now use the water for cars and gardens.

The village has four shops, two general food stores, a bakery shop and the post office which also sells newspapers and groceries. There are two pubs, the Plough and several small businesses, including a creamery. Many of the houses are quite old and built of ironstone or Scalford brick, now no longer made, but there are some modern brick built houses.

New kitchen for village hall

Hoby & District Village Hall has been awarded a grant of £10,000 for its kitchen renewal project from the Big Lottery Fund 'Awards for All' scheme. Funding for the £21,000 project will be completed by a Leicestershire County Council Shire Grant of £4,000, a Parish Council contribution of £1,000, and £6,000 from the Village Hall's own fund-raising.

A small extension will be built onto the existing kitchen and the project will be completed by the end of February.

Hoby & District Village Hall is in regular use for classes, societies, meetings, parties, dances, wedding receptions etc. It also puts on stage shows and films under the County's Centre Stage and Centre Screen schemes.

For further information about the kitchen project, contact John Coleman (Chairman, Hoby & District Village Hall Committee) on 01664 434120, or email jam.coleman@mypostoffice.co.uk. For enquiries about booking the hall, contact Miranda Turner-Pope (Booking Secretary) on 01664 434259 or email hobyanddvh@hotmail.com.

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Courses scheduled for October and November

Coppice Management, 22 October, Ratby

£25 per person. £15 reduced rate

Hurdle Making, 5 and 6 November, Ratby

£50 per person. £25 reduced rate

Hedge laying level 1, 12 and 13 November, Oadby

£50 per person. £25 reduced rate



Full details of these and other courses are available from the Stepping Stones Project. Tel: 0116 3057221. Web: www.leics.gov.uk/stepping_stones.

The Stepping Stones Project is a partnership of the five local authorities within the project area and Leicestershire County Council. It aims to work with and for people and the environment through the enhancement and protection of existing countryside within the project area.

IN YOUR GARDEN

by Helen Osborne of Church View Nursery



After a very dry summer, a lot of my perennials in my garden have finished flowering a lot earlier, and my hanging baskets are looking rather sorry for themselves. I am still dead heading my Cosmos, which has coped very well with the dry conditions and has been flowering continuously since May. In the vegetable garden, you may still be picking any late raspberries, apples and pears, but for the summer crops that have finished, now is a good time to clear the plot, turn the soil over and leave it through the winter. When we have had plenty of rain, apply a generous amount of well rotted manure to the soil, provided it is not frozen; this will help to maintain the moisture and improve the yield of crop next year.

It's very tempting to cut back all the later flowering perennials, but now is a good time to collect the seeds to produce more free plants for next year. If you have a favourite plant that has finished flowering, why not collect the seed to propagate. It is better to let the seed dry on the plant, but if it rains and the seed is ready you might miss the opportunity. Collect the seed just before it has dried, place in a paper bag and label. Then leave in a room that has a constant temperature; when the seed is ready it will fall in the bag. It will be ready to sow in the spring. Otherwise, leave the seed heads on for the birds.

If your summer baskets have finished flowering, replace the compost with free-draining multi-purpose compost and plant up with pansies, polyanthus, violas and bellis, to give you colour through winter and spring. Don't forget to put bulbs in your baskets and pots, as they extend the time of flowering. For me this is the most satisfying job, because when they start to flower I know that spring is on its way.

Plants of seasonal interest

Sedum Autumn Joy; Large pink flowers, attracting bees and butterflies, height 55cm.

Schizostylis; Pale pink / rich pink lily like flowers, height 30cm.

Cakes from the farmhouse

Church Farmhouse Cakes is a family business run by **Julie Duff**, her husband **Malcolm** and their daughter **Si** from their home in **Croxton Kerrial**.

Although busy most of the year, from September to December the Duffs and their ovens work harder than ever to make sure there are enough cakes to take to the **East Midlands Food & Drink Festival (Melton Cattle Market, 1/2 October)** and to satisfy the Christmas demand that follows.

"We attended the first Food Festival in 2004 and have been going ever since" said Julie. "We think about it well in advance, visualising the layout of the stand and making decisions about which cakes to take."

"We generally have to replenish the stock after the first day, and keep a variety of cakes at home to ensure we have more of any that are selling particularly well. One year we actually ran out of cakes!"

Julie loves taking to the shows' visitors about cakes. "Many want to ask questions about problems they have with their fruitcake baking."

Aching feet aside, Julie loves attending shows; her fondest memory of all being when Marguerite Patten gave her a hug, "because she could see how nervous I was before giving a talk."

Christmas baking gets underway in October. "Our Brandy, Almond and Orange Cakes (all winners of a Gold 2 Star Food Lovers Award) are probably the most ordered cakes, so we prepare plenty of these. Then of course there are the actual Christmas cakes, which tend to be ordered by mail. My own favourite is the Robin Christmas cake, the first cake designed and sold in Fortnum & Mason. It is fully iced and decorated with a hand-cut and painted Robin. I only allow it to be sold to good homes!"

Julie's tips for a great Christmas cake

- Use the very best ingredients: fresh butter, muscovado sugar, free range eggs, quality flour and the best quality fruits you can buy.
- Wash your fruit the day before, drain but don't dry.
- Cover and leave overnight. This allows the fruit to absorb the moisture and plump up nicely.



Clockwise from top left: Julie, Robin Christmas cake, Malcolm and Si

"Each Christmas we give 10% of the profits from our Purple Ribbioned Snowflake cake to a charity. Last year it was Farms for City Children, and we raised enough to sponsor two children from a Leicester school to spend a week at one of the charity's farms. This year our chosen charity is the Epilepsy Society," (Julie herself has epilepsy)

Julie has written two award-winning books, 'Cakes Regional & Traditional' and 'Cakes from around the World'.

For more about the books and to see the full range of Church Farmhouse Cakes, visit www.churchfarmhousecakes.co.uk.

New look for old pub

Following major renovation work, The 'Star Inn 1744' in **Thrussington** opened for business again at the end of August. "We now have a beautifully refurbished bar and restaurant along with a private dining area and seven luxurious ensuite bedrooms", explained Manager Kevin Preston, who is happy for people to call in and have a look round.

"An unspoilt village location, plus lovely countryside on the doorstep, makes The Star an ideal place to come and enjoy a relaxing meal, or even stay a few days and explore the area", he added.

The pub is on the green in the heart of the village. It was built in 1744 when King George II was on the throne of England and Louis XV of France had just declared war and planned an invasion of England in cahoots with the Jacobyte pretender Charles Edward Stuart, otherwise known as 'Bonnie Prince Charlie'.

Thrussington itself was settled around the 9th Century by the Danish Vikings who arrived by navigating the River Trent, Soar and finally on to the River Wreake at the edge of the village .

Left: The Star Inn in the late 20s/early 30s



The fully refurbished

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Diary



OCTOBER

- 1/2 **The Cattle Market, Melton Mowbray**, 10am-5pm on 1st, 10am-4pm on 2nd. East Midlands Food & Drink Festival. Live demonstrations and activities plus 100s of stalls offering food & drink. www.eastmidlandsfoodfestival.co.uk.
- 6 **Wymondham Village Hall**, 7.30pm. Holmes & Watson: The farewell tour. Tel: 01572 787247. See page 7.
- 7 **The Barn @ Manor Farm, Rearsby**, 8pm. The Poozies in Concert. Tickets £12 in advance only. Phone 01664 424239 to book.
- 7 **Quorn Church Rooms**, 7.30pm. Holmes & Watson: The farewell tour Tel: 01509 414287. See page 7.
- 8/9 **Upper Broughton Village Hall**, Art exhibition. See page 6.
- 9 **Rearsby Village Hall**, 11am-5pm. Art & Crafts Exhibition. See page 6.
- 10 **United Reform Church Hall, Melton**, 7.30pm. Meeting of the Leicestershire & Rutland Wildlife Trust Melton Mowbray Group. Talk by Phil Rudkin - Wildlife throughout the Year. Tel: 01664 568791 (Annabelle Meek)
- 12 **Melton Library**, 7-8pm. Best-selling author Lesley Pearse talks about her life and books, including her latest novel, Belle. £2.50 (advance booking only.) Tel: 0116 305 3646.
- 13 **Hoby & District Village Hall**, 7.30pm. BJ Cole & Emily Burrige in concert. Tel: 01664 434120. See page 7.
- 14 **Walton on the Wolds Village Hall**, 7.30pm. Tom McConville Trio in concert. Tel: 01509 880411. See page 7.
- 15 **Scalford Recreation Ground** (far end of Sandy Lane), 10am. County Walk to Wycomb. See page 3.
- 15 **Burton on the Wolds Village Hall**, 7.30pm. Atonga Zimba Trio in concert. Tel: 07930 317245. See page 7.
- 22/23 **Twyford Village Hall**, 12-5pm. Twyford Art Exhibition. See page 6.
- 22 **St Guthlac's Church, Stathern**, 7.30pm A joint concert with the Bingham Barbers (singing group), and The Rector's Revels (ensemble led by Richard King past Principal Bassoon in the Hallé Orchestra); light-hearted instrumental playing, singing and verse. Tickets £10, incl. glass of wine/nibbles, from Stathern Stores, Main Street, Stathern or phone 01949 869 448.
- 23 **Market Place, Loughborough**, 10am-4pm English Food and Drink Festival . A tasty range of food and drink stalls. from delicious breads and cakes to mouth-watering curry sauces and sausages.
- 29 **The Green Place, Sileby**, LE12 7RS. 10am-4pm. Wizard Day. See page 6.
- 30 **Scalford Hall**, nr Scalford. 12-4pm. Family fun day. See page 6.

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NOVEMBER

- 5 **Rearsby Village Hall**, 11am-4pm. Gift Fair. Lots of Xmas gift ideas. Refreshments all day. To book a table, call 01664 424696.
- 5 **Twyford Recreation Ground**. 7pm. Twyford Bon-Fire-Works. Tel: 01664 840454.
- 5 **Devon Lane, Bottesford**, 7pm (gates open 6.15pm). Bonfire Night & Firework Display. £3/£1. Refreshments.
- 5 **South Croxton Village Hall** Bonfire Celebrations. Bonfire 6pm, Fireworks 6.30pm. Food available.
- 5 **King George's Field, Queniborough**, 6.45pm (Gates open 6pm). Bonfire/Firework Display.
- 12 **Rearsby Village Hall**, 9am-12 noon. Table top sale. To book a table, call 01664 424385 or 424696.
- 12 **Seagrave Memorial Hall**, 9am. Start point for Seagrave Wolds Challenge. See page 3.
- 14 **United Reform Church Hall, Melton**, 7.30pm. Meeting of the Leicestershire & Rutland Wildlife Trust Melton Mowbray Group. Talk by Peter Williams: Diversity of the French Countryside Tel: 01664 568791.
- 17 **Rearsby Village Hall**, 7pm. Down to Earth (BBC Radio Leicester's gardening roadshow). Free. No admission after 7.15pm (because of recording).
- 18 **Hungarton Village Hall**, 7.30pm. Sun Stations with John Dipper & Luke Daniels. Tel: 0116 259 5669. See page 7
- 19 **52 Station Road, Rearsby**, 11am-3pm. Christmas Shopping Experience. See advert this page.
- 19 **Queniborough Village Hall**, 11am-3pm. Craft Fair. Wide variety of quality hand-crafted gifts. Refreshments available. Proceeds to Queniborough Village Hall Fund.
- 23 **Queniborough Village Hall**, 7.30pm. For One Night Only. Tel: 0116 269 7431. See page 7.
- 24 **Asfordby Parish Hall**, 6.30pm. Oxfordshire Theatre Co presents The Jungle Book. Tel: 01664 812177. See page 7.
- 26 **52 Station Road, Rearsby**, 11am-3pm. Christmas Shopping Experience. See advert this page.
- 26 **The Green Place, Sileby**, LE12 7RS, 10am-4pm. Workshop. See page 6.
- 26 **St Leonard's Church, Swithland**, An Angel's Fayre. A Christmas event for all the family. Contact Jayne Cranage: 01509 211567.
- 30 **Long Clawson Village Hall**, 7pm. The Magical Christmas Tree Tour. Tel: 01664 822247. See page 7.

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DECEMBER

- 3 & 10 **52 Station Road, Rearsby**, 11am-3pm. Christmas Shopping Experience. See advert this page.

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