

ETTINGTON AND FULREADY VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

October 2026

October arrives with its familiar shift, colder mornings, darker evenings, and that quiet reminder that we are moving deeper into the reflective half of the year. As the daylight shortens, keeping warm becomes essential, but just as important is keeping light around us. Light to see, light to be seen, and light to offer one another.

These months can feel heavy for many. Life is not easy for anyone, and the darker days often amplify what we carry. This is when our small self-help tools matter most: pausing, breathing, grounding ourselves, noticing the light within our own being. Yet perhaps the greatest warmth comes from being a light for someone else. Believing in one person, investing a little time and energy in them, and offering small acts of care and kindness can make an extraordinary difference. You might help someone feel visible again, remind them they matter, or support them in achieving something they once thought impossible.

As we step into October, let's keep each other warm, not only with coats and fires, but with presence, kindness, and the simple courage to brighten someone's day.

Be that light for someone. It may illuminate your own path more than you expect.

Rennie, the editor

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ALDERMINSTER, BUTLERS MARSTON, ETTINGTON, HALFORD, NEWBOLD-ON-STOUR WITH ARMSCOTE, PILLERTON HERSEY.

Dear Readers,

As you will probably have read here previously, the six Churches of Stourdene benefice (Alderminster, Butlers Marston, Ettington, Halford, Newbold and Pillertons) are currently without a Vicar. I am Revd David Jessett, and I have been helping out since Revd John Horton left. I am a retired 'Vicar' living in Kineton, and I offer you some thoughts for early autumn.

Many people still find that certain events mark new 'seasons' in their lives; moments to take stock and perhaps make a new start. Obviously, 1st January is one of those. For many people, it is the beginning of the new school year. For some, it may be just the change of season, e.g., from Winter to spring; for others, it may be a significant birthday or a big life event. These can be painful, challenging times, but they can also be exciting opportunities.

The departure of a Vicar can be a little like that for congregations. It can be painful, but the life of our churches cannot simply go on hold. It will be some time before a new Vicar is appointed, so we have decided that, meanwhile, we will move ahead with whatever we think will be best for the future of our Churches and the positive part they can play in the life of our villages.

We have confidence to do this because one of the things Christians believe about God is that God is good at new beginnings; that he cares enough about us always to want the best for us. Part of our prayer then is to ask God to guide us in times of change and newness and to give us the strength and courage to face up to new challenges.

So if you are facing new opportunities or challenges and are not sure of the next steps or a new direction, why not ask God to help. You can pray at home or you can drop in at your local church during the week or on a Sunday. Visit www.stourdene.com (our website, which is being updated) or go to www.achurchnearyou.com and enter your postcode to find out about your local Churches.

I wish you well with your new beginnings.

David (Revd David Jessett)

Services for the Stourdene Benefice - October 2026

Date	Time	Church	Service
04-Oct			
			18th Sunday after Trinity
	9.30am	Halford	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Alderminster	Harvest Service
	11.00am	Ettington	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Pillertons	Morning Worship
	6.00pm	Newbold	Harvest Evensong
	6.00pm	Butlers	Evensong
11-Oct			
			19th Sunday after Trinity
	9.30am	Butlers	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Ettington	Morning Worship
	11.00am	Halford	Harvest Service
	11.00am	Alderminster	Morning Worship
	11.00am	Pillertons	Holy Communion
18-Oct			
			Luke Apostle and Evangelist
	9.30am	Alderminster	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Halford	Morning Worship
	9.30am	Butlers	Family Service
	10.00am	Ettington	Morning Worship
	10.30am	Pillertons	Café Church/Songs of Praise
	11.00am	Newbold	Holy Communion
25-Oct			
			Last Sunday after Trinity/Bible Sunday
	9.30 am	Butlers	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Halford	Morning Worship
	10.00am	Ettington	Café Church
	10.00am	Alderminster	Morning Worship
	11.00am	Pillertons	Holy Communion



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STOURDENE

We Exist To Make Christ Known

The **Bible book club** will meet on **Tuesday 6th October at 1.30 pm in Ettington Church**, and the **Bible study group** continues to meet on Wednesday evenings at 7.30 pm in each other's homes. Contact Jane Evans on janealisonevans@gmail.com for more information.



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MONDAY CLUB

The October meeting will be held on **Monday October 5th at 2pm** in the small hall of the Community Centre when our speaker will be **Anne Harrison**. Her talk will be entitled **"Call me Auntie"**. A story of her childhood in care and the search for her mother.

Visitors will be most welcome at a cost of £3 to include refreshments.

For further details, please contact Jackie Collins on 07811579273 or Pat Beatty on 07759820763.



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Tickets for all of our next concerts can be purchased from our [Ticketsource](#) page (there's a small admin fee). Search for Ryepiece Concerts. We also have tickets for sale in **Ettington Village Stores** for the next concert coming up.

Or we can take BACs payments to secure your tickets. (No admin fee for this route) just email us at ryepiecebarn@gmail.com



Annie Dressner

Ryepiece Concerts at Holy Trinity Ettington

Fri 16 Oct 2026,
7:15PM - 10:00PM



Rachel Davis & Darren McMullen

Ryepiece Concerts at Holy Trinity Ettington

Fri 13 Nov 2026,
7:15PM - 10:00PM

ETTINGTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

Ettington Community Centre is a perfect venue for parties, business meetings, workshops and self-catering christening/baptism parties, weddings and wakes. With three differently sized rooms available, space can be configured to suit your needs flexibly. The centre is served by superfast broadband, which is available throughout the building.



Regular classes include:

*Cheeky Chimps Toddler Group *Keep Fit/Fit Steps/Zumba/Pilates/Bounce Fit classes *Ladies' badminton *Mosaic classes *Tai chi classes *Brownies *Monday Club *Snooker Club *Slimming World *Rock Church

For Ettington Community Centre bookings and enquiries, please contact Eva Lowe on 07975 682775 or email booking@ettingtoncommunitycentre.co.uk.

Ettington Village Party - Rain, Scarecrows & Community Spirit *Steve Lowe*

There are some things you simply cannot plan for when organising a village summer party. The weather, apparently, is one of them.

After **weeks and weeks of glorious sunshine**, warm temperatures, blue skies and record-breaking sunshine figures, the date of our Village Party arrived. And, rather impressively, the weather gods managed to save **the entire day's rain** especially for us.

It rained. And rained. And then, just in case we hadn't quite got the message, it rained some more. But did that stop Ettington? **Not a bit of it!**

The party went ahead, albeit with rather more gazebos than originally planned, as we did our best to keep stallholders and their wares somewhere vaguely resembling dry. And despite the distinctly un-summerlike conditions, it was wonderful to see so many people turning up to support the event. Coats and umbrellas were very much in evidence, but so were smiles, laughter and an impressive determination to have a good time.



And there was plenty to enjoy.

Our collection of traditional village fete games provided something for everyone - **coconut shy, hook-a-duck, skittles, mini golf, axe throwing** (expertly marshalled by qualified experts, we hasten to add!) **and, new for this year, football darts**. This involved kicking footballs at a giant inflatable darts board. It sounds simple. It wasn't necessarily simple. But it was enormous fun.

The **dog show** was another huge success, with plenty of four-legged competitors entering the various categories and providing their owners with the opportunity to demonstrate that, when it comes to village competition, there is no such thing as an overly ambitious claim about your dog's abilities!

Inside the Community Centre, we were treated to some fantastic live music from the **Sax Pistols** and the **Shipston Band**, providing a wonderful soundtrack to the afternoon. Meanwhile, the cake stalls, crepes, bakery treats and BBQ ensured that nobody was going home hungry - or, indeed, particularly short of calories.

Perhaps most importantly, the event demonstrated once again what can happen when the different organisations within our village come together. The party was a joint community effort involving **the school, pre-school, church, community centre and scouts**, and funds raised will be shared between these organisations.



And then there was the **Scarecrow Trail**.



Taking place during the week leading up to the party, the trail saw **more than 20 scarecrows** appear around the village, all following this year's sporting theme. We had racing drivers, horse riders, circus trapeze artists, footballers and plenty of other imaginative creations. It was wonderful to see so many people getting involved and transforming their gardens, doorways and village spaces into a rather unusual sporting arena.

So, perhaps the weather wasn't quite what we had ordered. But in a way, it made the day even more memorable.

A summer party without rain would probably have been perfectly nice. **A summer party where the whole village turns out despite the rain, gets involved, laughs, eats, sings, dances, competes and generally has a brilliant time? That's rather special.**

A huge thank you to everyone who helped organise the events, created scarecrows, ran stalls and games, provided food and entertainment, put up gazebos, cleared up afterwards, or simply came along and supported us.

Ettington may not be able to guarantee sunshine. **But we seem to have community spirit in rather plentiful supply.**

And, for the record, we are already working on the weather arrangements for next year...

ETTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL From the September meeting

Roads and safety

County Councillor Curtis updated the Council on highways. The four warning signs on the Banbury Road approach to the staggered crossroads are still hidden by vegetation, and clearance has been promised for September. The 20mph scheme and new chicane are going through design and safety checks, and the school zig-zags will be renewed as part of a county-wide programme, with no date yet. The Council is chasing all of these.

Defibrillators

Red Horse Vale First Responders advised that the Fulready and shop defibs need to be replaced with newer models. The Council agreed in principle to replace Fulready this year and to include the shop defibrillator in next year's budget.

Re-Gen funding

Re-Gen Waste had donated £600 to the summer fete and will fund a new kit for Ettington Rovers. Up to £10,000 a year is available for the village. Councillors will bring costed ideas to the next meeting, including Community Centre repairs and Christmas lights.

Planning

The Council agreed to support Re-Gen Waste's application for landscaping and environmental improvements at the Warwick Road site. Councillors raised concerns about lorry traffic, lighting, noise and operating hours, and will ask Re-Gen for its operating conditions.

Neighbourhood Plan

Councillors Harvey and Eccles found the plan sound but needing updates. Funding is being applied for.

Finances and auditors

The external auditor's report for 2025/26 raised no issues, and Per Pro Services was appointed internal auditor for 2026/27.

Community Centre and playing fields

The Community Centre is being refreshed, and the summer fete raised about £750 despite the rain. Councillors ***gave their thanks*** to everyone who helped. The Banbury Road/playing field access footpath resurfacing is nearly complete. The Council is seeking to secure the football pitch for the longer term and has opened conversations with the landowners.

Next meeting

Wednesday 7 October 2026, 7.30 p.m., in the Lounge at Ettington Community Centre. Residents are welcome and can speak during the Open Forum. Agendas and minutes are on the Parish Council website.

Jane Carter, Clerk to Ettington Parish Council - clerk@ettingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk



Mobile Library in Ettington

The van will continue to visit on Wednesdays and stop at Ettington Community Centre from 11:05 to 11:25. The date in October is 21st. For all enquiries or to renew books, telephone **01926 851031** or renew online at Warwickshire.gov.uk/libraries.



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10k FUN RUN / WALK WALTON HALL

Sunday 18th October

Walton Hall, CV35 9HG

Adult advance entry: £20 (run), £10 (walk)

Child advance entry: £5 (age 16 and under)

Pre-registered runners will be electronically timed

Adult on the day entry: £25 (run), £10 (walk)

Child on the day entry: £5 (age 16 and under)

Medal included and hot roll at the finish line!

Registration: 8.45am Start: 10am

To enter, create your own fundraising page
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www.shipstonhomenursing.co.uk/events.

Online entry closes midnight 9th October



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For more information please email fundraising@shipstonhomenursing.co.uk

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Daniel Hale



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Halford Road, Ettington

Open 11:00am - 1:00pm on Sunday 27th September
from 1:00pm - 2:00pm Monday to Saturday
12:00-1:00pm Sunday 4th October

The photo on page 13 in the September issue was from Grasmere in Cumbria.
Well done if you identified it correctly.

ETTINGTON PANTOMIME 2027

Oh, Yes It Is!

Save the Dates:

11th - 13th February 2027

Rehearsals begin **late October 2026** - so warm up those vocal cords, dust off your costumes, and get ready for some classic pantomime magic.

Get Involved!

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Stour Health and Wellbeing Partnership Unveils a Packed Autumn Programme

From a fast-growing racket sport to family sessions and friendly community cafés, residents in and around Shipston-on-Stour have plenty of opportunities to get active, connect with others and access local support this autumn.

Free Pickleball Sessions Launch in Shipston and Ettington

The Stour Health and Wellbeing Partnership is introducing new weekly pickleball sessions at [Townsend Hall, Shipston-on-Stour](#), and [Ettington Community Centre](#). Whether you're picking up a paddle for the first time or already know the game, everyone is welcome.

Shipston: Tuesdays, 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm (starting 6 October)

Ettington: Fridays, 10.30 am to 12.30 pm

The sessions will be free during the first few months, allowing residents to try this increasingly popular sport in a friendly community setting. A small charge will be introduced later to help cover hall hire costs.

Toy Library Welcomes More Families

The Stour Toy Library continues to attract young families and grandparents keen to borrow toys for children under four. The service provides children with new opportunities to play while helping families save money and reduce waste.

Sessions take place: **Tuesdays:** 9.30 am to 11.00 am & **Thursdays:** 11.00 am to 12 noon

There is no membership requirement to attend sessions, while an annual borrowing membership costs just **£5**.

A special session for older siblings will also take place during the October half-term at the Ellen Badger Community Hub, from **9.30 am to 11.00 am**, creating an inclusive morning for the whole family.

Regular Activities at the Ellen Badger Community Hub

The programme at the Ellen Badger Community Hub combines affordable activities, practical support and opportunities to meet others.

Community Hub

Open every **Monday and Thursday from 10.00 am to 12 noon**, the Community Hub offers a welcoming space for refreshments, conversation and information about local services and support.

New Seated Exercise Class

An additional seated exercise class now runs every **Monday at 9.30 am**.

The class focuses on **strength, balance and falls prevention** and includes a combination of seated and standing exercises. It is designed to help participants maintain mobility, confidence and independence in a supportive environment.

Places must be booked in advance. To book, contact **Rowena** at rowena@shwp.org.uk.

Dickleball



is coming to Ettington!

Fridays: 11.00 am – 12.30 pm

Ettington Community Centre

Rogers Lane, Ettington CV37 7SX



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Parent Carers Support Group

Held on the **last Tuesday of each month**, from **9.30 am to 11.00 am**, this informal group offers parents and carers of children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) the opportunity to share experiences, make connections and access support.

Singing Down Memory Lane

Taking place on the **last Friday of each month**, from **11.00 am to 12 noon**, this friendly session brings people together through music, memories and conversation. No singing experience is required.

Repair Café Back in Action

Following its summer break, the Repair Café has returned and continues to attract strong community interest.

The next session will take place on **Saturday 10 October**, from **10.00 am to 2.00 pm**, with final repair bookings accepted until **1.00 pm**.

Developing New Activities in Local Communities

SHWP is keen to work with parish councils, community groups and residents to develop new health and wellbeing opportunities across the communities surrounding Shipston-on-Stour.

If your village has ideas for physical activity, social connection, learning or wellbeing initiatives, SHWP can help explore opportunities, build partnerships and support local action.

To discuss community development opportunities, contact **Claudine Pearson, Community Builder**, at hello@shwp.org.uk.

Stour Health and Wellbeing Partnership

Stronger Communities, Healthier Lives. Find out more at www.shwp.org.uk.

Dial a Ride UBUS Service in Ettington

UBUS dial a ride community transport service operates in Ettington and surrounding villages on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays between 9.30 am-2.30 pm.

Travel locally and into Stratford-upon-Avon to go shopping, visit friends or attend social groups. To register with UBUS or for more information, please **call 01789 264491** between 8.30 am-6 pm Monday-Friday. Return journey fare from £6.00.





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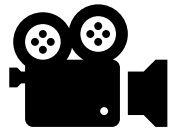
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ALDERMINSTER GARDENING CLUB

We welcome a new speaker to the club for our meeting on **TUESDAY Oct 13th** in the village hall; Emma Bowers, her subject: Folklore of Herbs and their use as dyes. Members' competition: Produce from the garden. Meetings start at 7.30 p.m.; visitors welcome at £3.00 pp. (includes refreshments). Our December meeting will be a Christmas meal at the White Hart in Newbold on the evening of **TUESDAY 8th**; menu and details will be available at the October meeting. Ring Gill with any queries on 01789 621053



ALDERMINSTER CINEMA



Our village cinema is held on the 3rd Saturday of each month in the village hall. The **October 17th** show is "The Devil Wears Prada 2" (12), starring Meryl Streep and Stanley Tucci, and featuring a struggle between 2 rival magazine executives. **Doors open at 7:00 p.m.**; refreshments are served before **the film starts at 7.30**. We have a cafe-style seating layout; cash is required. You are welcome to bring your own drinks and snacks



Carers4Carers - your local support group for family carers. We usually meet on the fourth Friday of the month (except December when it's the second Friday) from **10:30 to 12 noon at Kineton Village Hall**. Loved ones are welcome too - they can join our Companionship Group during the meeting.

Friday 23rd October. Our speakers this month will be from Talking Therapies, a free local NHS service to help people with symptoms of depression, anxiety, worry and low mood. Please join us to find out about this important service and how to access their help.

For further details about our group or help with transport arrangements to/from our meetings, please contact Gillian on 07947 893504, send an email to kcarers4carers@gmail.com, or explore our website www.carers4carersonthefosse.org.uk (new website under construction).

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Lions at the Wellesbourne Village Summer Fayre

The Lions enjoyed a very successful, busy and community day. We supported the Village Fayre committee to help manage the event.

We also had fun and games for everyone: *The Lions' "Skittles Alley" *"Splat the Rat" - this was enjoyed by both children and adults and created a huge amount of excitement

Our raffle was as popular as ever, and the lucky winners were extremely happy with their prize.



Our thanks go to the Charlecote Garden Centre, who kindly donated a bumper-size hamper and to Warwick Garden centre, who kindly donated a voucher for the lucky winner to choose their own prize.

You can find out more about the Lions charity at facebook.com/wdlionsclub

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Astronomical Society News *by Adrian Wakeham and Dave Benton*

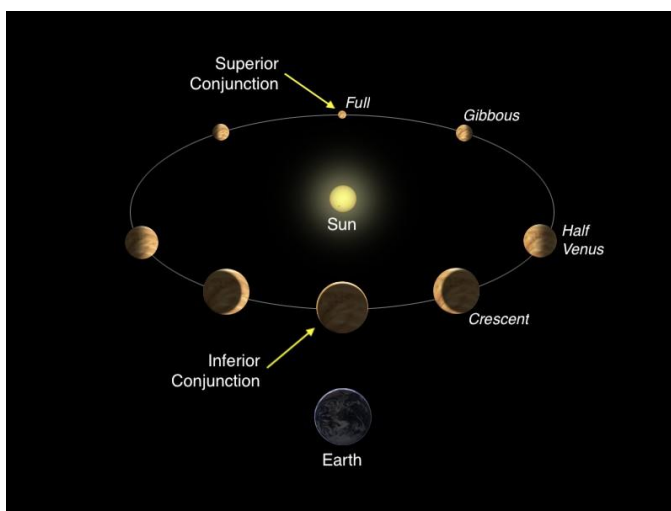
The Stratford-upon-Avon Astronomical Society **meets every first and third Tuesday at 8pm (doors open at 7.30 pm) at Alderminster Village Hall**. Everyone is welcome, especially beginners and those wanting to learn more. The first Tuesday is a Club Night; **in October, Club Night will be on 6th October and on the third Tuesday, 20th October**, the speaker will be Chris Woodhouse, who has written several books on astrophotography, with a talk called 'Overcoming Light Pollution in Astrophotography'. Please note that the speakers usually start quite promptly at 8pm.

Each month one of our members, Adrian Wakeham, writes an article on aspects of astronomical observation. *Earthsky.org*

Venus and Saturn and a Meteor Shower

As the nights lengthen, an old favourite returns to our skies and the 'star' of the summer takes a bow.

All summer long, the 'star' of the show has been Venus, in the west. Outshining all other night sky objects (except the Moon). Even Jupiter was put in the shade in their close encounter in June. Now having reached eastern elongation (furthest from the Sun from our point of view on Earth) last month, it is rapidly descending, but this time in the morning. It will be lost in the glare of the Sun from around the 14th of October until it reaches inferior conjunction on the 24th of October. What has happened is that Venus has overtaken us and gone between the Sun and us. It is not directly in front of the Sun (that would be a transit); instead, it is just below the Sun, but too close to observe without special equipment.



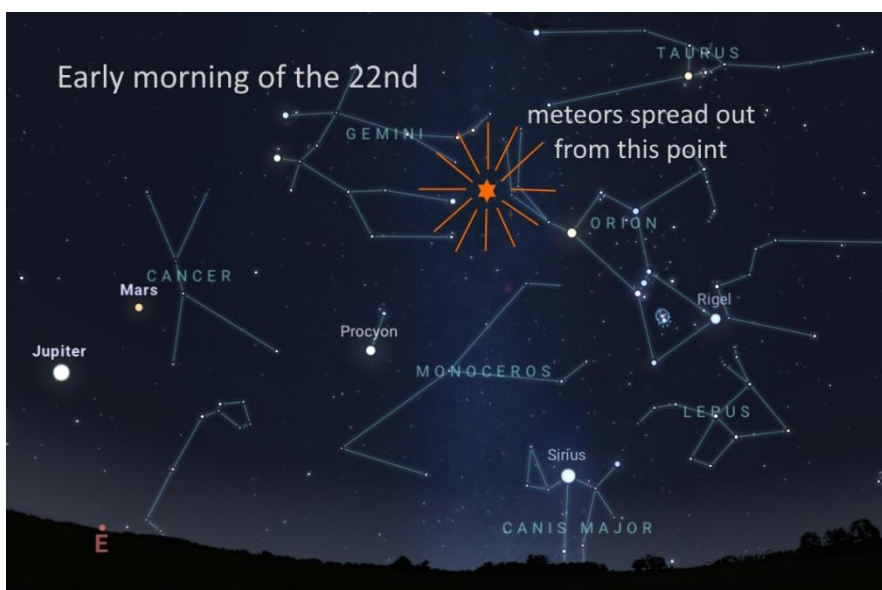
So, I must strongly warn: do not try to observe Venus until the Sun is fully set, as serious and permanent damage can be done to your eyesight!!! When the Sun has set, then with binoculars and/or good eyesight, the crescent of Venus (like the crescent of the Moon) can be seen. It is on the right early in the month, and will be on the left when it re-emerges later in the month. Venus, at this time, will be at its biggest and brightest even though it may be a little faded by the twilight. It's always a lovely sight.

Saturn has been getting brighter since late summer and is to be found in Pisces, as a yellowy-brownish star. On the 4th of October it reaches opposition; this means that on one side of Earth you have the Sun, and on the opposite side is Saturn. It is as close as Saturn gets to us at a mere 1,262 million km, and is at its brightest, and the rings are very reflective too. With binoculars, it will look misshapen and flattened, but with a telescope those iconic rings appear. Everyone's reaction when they see the rings for the first time is usually 'WOW!' There is a chance you'll be able to see Titan, the largest of over 250 moons that orbit Saturn. Titan is larger than the planet

Mercury, and it appears as a small star close to Saturn. To confirm it is Titan you are looking at, you would need to look another night or two to see if it has moved in relation to Saturn and the background stars.

Credit to Julia Waller

The other main attraction of October, for astronomers, is the Orionid meteor shower. These reach a peak overnight on the 21st to 22nd October, and the meteors emanate from near the constellation of Orion, which will rise in the east during the evening, before moving to the southern horizon during the night. The meteors will be at their best after midnight. Don't expect a firework display, but it may be around 15 meteors an hour.



The shower is created when the Earth crosses the debris trail left by the most famous comet, Halley's Comet, during its 76-year orbit of the Sun.

The best way to observe a meteor shower is on a sun lounger, looking overhead or to one side of the constellation Orion. But remember to have enough layers of clothing to keep you warm, as it gets cold on the October nights.

Club Nights offer more information on what to look out for each month. If it is clear, we do some observing just outside the Village Hall, so please join us. There is no charge initially to come along and find out more, but if you do want to become a member, then the fee is just £20 a year and it's free if you are in full-time education. For more details, go to the website <http://www.astro.org.uk> or contact the Chair, John Waller, john.waller@astro.org.uk or on 07703 192188.

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Emily's Blog October 2026

With October comes Flu vaccine season! Our vaccines are due to be delivered the week beginning the 12th of October, and we have allocated you one if you are eligible. We are also hoping that COVID vaccines will be available for you to have at the same time, but we are awaiting guidance for this.

On **Saturday the 17th October**, we will be holding our **first clinic at the surgery, from 9 am - 3 pm**, for everyone eligible. Text messages with booking information will be sent out. You will be able to book via the NHS App or contact the surgery, selecting option 1 on our telephone system.

Those eligible for the flu vaccine include:

- pregnant women
- all children aged 2 or 3 years on 31 August 2026
- *primary school and secondary school-aged children (from reception to year 11) **Given at school** (individuals 17 years and over attending a special education needs (SEN) school and who are in a clinical risk group may also be vaccinated alongside their peers) **Given at school***
- all children in clinical risk groups aged from 6 months to less than 18 years
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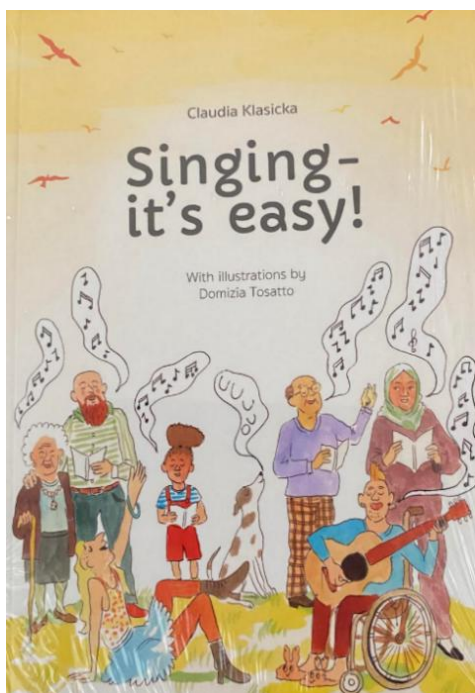


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