

SCOTHERN NEWS



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Easter has been and gone, the clocks have "sprung" forward and hopefully we can now look forward to some warmer, drier weather. Has there been too much indulgence in Easter eggs?

Gardens will soon be looking beautiful, and we shall all soon be out tittivating and planting new additions.

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Beautiful photographs of the recent rainbow clouds seen over Scothern (Alan Burgess)



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Church News April 2024

The good news is that the work on the ceiling in the Church is just about complete. We still have to wait for it to dry out thoroughly, so that it can be decorated, and we will need to give it a good spring clean, but hopefully we will be holding services again sometime in May. It will be good to turn our attention to other things that the quinquennial report stated need attention.

As you may know we were unable to appoint a new priest for the Benefice and we have had to readvertise the post. We are hoping we will be able to interview in June, but this will probably mean the position will not be filled until the Autumn.

The relocation of the War Memorial seems to have come to a halt again as the Diocesan Advisory Committee have suggested that the footpath from the existing path to the church door should be extended to the proposed new location of the War Memorial. This footpath is likely to incur considerable cost and therefore the feasibility of the installation of the path is being investigated.

Church Services in the Welton, Dunholme and Scothern Benefice - April 2024

Sunday	7th	10:30 am	Morning Worship, St Chad's Dunholme
		11:00 am	Holy Communion, St Mary's Welton
Sunday	14th	10:30 am	Holy Communion, St Chad's Dunholme
		11:00 am	Morning Worship, St Mary's Welton
Sunday	21st	10:30 am	Morning Worship, St Chad's Dunholme
		11:00 am	Holy Communion, St Mary's Welton
Sunday	28th	10:30 am	Holy Communion, St Chad's Dunholme
		11:00 am	Morning Worship, St Mary's Welton

Jean Drewery, Churchwarden

ST GERMAIN'S CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

It is coming up to the time of St Germain's Annual PCC meeting. If you wish to join the **Church Electoral Roll**, please give me a ring (01673 861345) and I will let you have an Electoral Roll form. This is only for **NEW MEMBERS**, we do not have to complete a new list this year, so, if you are already on the Roll you don't have to do anything.

Jan Kenworthy – Electoral Roll Officer

WHATS ON IN THE CHAPEL THIS MONTH

Sunday 7 April 10.30 in Scothern Chapel. This will be an Own Arrangements service where between us we read a sermon/talk written by an accredited preacher or Minister. This will include Prayers and Songs of course and although we haven't done this before we are told it's really informative, informal, enjoyable and refreshing!

Sunday 14 April 10.30 at Nettleham for an Own Arrangements Service with a Guest Speaker

Wednesday 17 April 7.30pm at Scothern Chapel with our own Rev Richard (Communion)

Sunday 21 April 10.30 at Scothern Chapel with Rev Canon Alan Robson (Communion)

Sunday 28 April 10.30 hopefully we will join our friends at Scothern Parish Church if repairs are completed.

Sunday 5 May 10.30 at Scothern Chapel with Rev Richard

Prayers and Coffee will be on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month and held at 10.30 in Scothern Chapel.

Come along, have a coffee and chat about anything that worries you - Health of yourself or others, the World situation, War, or Famine. We do say some prayers on the spot, but we mainly share what we want to pray about privately at home.

STAFF CHANGES

We are delighted to announce that the practice has two new GPs who became Partners at the practice on 1st March 2024. Dr Rowena Goalby who has been a salaried GP at the practice for the last 2 years and Dr David Watts who has been working at another practice locally for the last 4 years.

Dr Brian Okafor will be leaving the practice at the end of March as he is emigrating to Canada. He will be missed by staff and patients, but we wish him and his family well in their new life in Canada.

We have a new salaried GP joining the practice in July 2024, Dr Chris Graham who is relocating to Lincoln and Dr Sidra Maqsood will also be returning from maternity leave in October 2024.



CHERRY WILLINGHAM SURGERY

There have been several messages that we are aware of on social media recently in relation to the opening and staffing of Cherry Willingham Surgery. The surgery at Cherry Willingham is a branch site but we are pleased to say that it is open every weekday morning from 8:00am – 12:30pm and there is a GP and members of the nursing team working there each day. There are limited GP appointments at this site but if you can only attend the Cherry Willingham site, please make this clear in your AskMyGP request and we will try and accommodate this.

SPRING COVID VACCINATION BOOSTERS

It has recently been announced that there will be a Spring Covid Booster vaccination for the following three groups of patients:

- Patients aged 75 and over
- Residents in a care home for older adults
- Patients aged 6 months and over who are immunosuppressed

I am pleased to say that we shall be able to offer the vaccination at the practice for the patients aged 75 and over and for immunosuppressed patients aged 18 and over from late April 2024 until 30th June 2024 at the Nettleham site in conjunction with Imp PCN. If the practice holds a mobile telephone number for you on your medical records, texts containing unique booking links will be sent out nearer the time once we know the actual delivery dates of the vaccines. If you do not have a mobile telephone number, please contact the practice after 10:30am from 22nd April 2024 and our receptionists will be happy to book an appointment for you on one of the clinic days. If you are unable to attend the practice for your vaccine, the practice can add you to a home visit list for the vaccination but please note that at present we have no information as to when or who will be conducting the home visits as it is not something that the practice has been commissioned to undertake.



BANK HOLIDAYS

There are several bank holidays that fall at this time of year and the so the practice will be closed on the following dates:

- Friday 29th March 2024
- Monday 1st April 2024
- Monday 6th May 2024
- Monday 27th May 2024.



If you need medical assistance on any of those dates, please contact 111.

CONTACT DETAILS

Telephone - 01522 751717 (When the surgery is closed, please ring Freephone 111)
WEBSITE - www.nettlehammedical.co.uk

Lincolnshire Mobile Library Service

The mobile library will be at **Sudbrooke Village Hall** from **11:30am to 12:15pm** on the following **Fridays**

April 5	May 3	May 31	June 28	July 26
August 23	September 20	October 18	November 15	December 15

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LINDSEY u3a (Welton)

April 2024 Newsletter (lindseyu3a.org.uk)

All the colour supplements are full of advertisements such as "The Big Year of Adventure" or "Reach your Peak", enticing us to book an extremely expensive holiday. If "temple hopping by hot air balloon, sky diving or free climbing and kayaking" are your activities of choice then go ahead and have fun!

At Lindsey u3a we offer a more economical way to advance the education of middle aged and older people whilst providing facilities for leisure time and recreational activities. Just take a look at the list of interest groups on our website lindseyu3a.org.uk. Sorry no hot air balloons or kayaking and we haven't got a sky diving group yet but perhaps Walking, Bowls, Circle Dancing or Gardening might appeal. These are just some of our physical activity groups but there are also various Creative, Literary, Historical, Scientific, Discussion and Indoor Games groups - something for everyone!

You are invited with no obligation to one of our meetings on the first Thursday of every month. Doors open at 9.45am for tea/coffee followed by a speaker. If you decide to come along for a look, tell someone on reception you are new and one of our friendly greeters will show you round and answer any questions.

Our meeting on 4th April at 10.30am Paul Stafford will be telling us about "Real Life in North Korea" which should give us some interesting insights into a very mysterious and secretive part of the world.

Please note our meeting in May is always moved to the second Thursday to accommodate the Hall being used for local elections and the Farmers' Market. Therefore on 16th May our speaker will be Keith Hanson talking about "British Kings and Queens from 1066."

We offer a wide range of interest groups run by members for members. Check out our website lindseyu3a.org.uk to see if anything appeals to you.

u3a members can also join various online talks, workshops and courses. You can find out more from www.u3a.org.uk

If you can't come to one of our general meetings you could join us at the 'Gardeners' Retreat' tearoom at Scothern Nurseries for a cuppa and a chat at 10.15am on the fourth Thursday of the month. The next coffee morning will take place on 25th April 2024. Whether you're a newcomer wanting to know more about Lindsey u3a or if you're already a member and just fancy a cuppa, maybe a scone and a chat, do come along. Everyone is welcome.

Everything you need to know about Lindsey u3a can be found on our website lindseyu3a.org.uk. You will find a comprehensive list of our interest groups, where and when they meet plus news about visits of local interest or theatre visits and holidays arranged by members for members.

Should you require any further information about Lindsey u3a please contact Mandy Murphy Tel: 01673 565295

Email: mandy.murphy1396@gmail.com

Best Wishes

Sheila Nash

WDS Benefice letter

Writing this on a wet, windy March day, I wonder if everybody is as fed up as I am with short days, grey skies, muddy pavements and near-constant rain? Winter seems to have dragged on forever and I suspect I'm not the only one who's now officially bored with it and longing for spring, with the promise of blossom, warm sunshine and a lot more daylight.

The good news, though, is that you're probably reading this just after Easter Sunday, so first let me wish you a 'Happy Easter'. Serendipitously, the clocks went forward over the Easter weekend so we can now get up in daylight and the weather is starting to improve. Signs of new life are everywhere. Whilst the snowdrops, crocuses and daffs have mostly been and gone, the trees are starting to turn green and weekends are alive with the happy buzz of lawnmowers.

'Happy Easter'. Good news indeed and worth repeating: 'Happy Easter – Jesus Christ is risen. Alleluia!' For Christians the world over throughout the last 2000 years, the 'Good News' of our Saviour, death conquered and risen from the tomb; a sign of hope. Hope in the certainty of his resurrection and his promise of life everlasting.

Spring is the perfect metaphor for Easter, new life appearing once again out of the death of winter. No surprise then that the early Church chose to commemorate Christ's death and resurrection at this time of year. In John's Gospel, Christ himself uses nature to illustrate the cycle of life from death when he says,

²⁴ Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. (John 12.24-25)

Unlike the secular world, where Easter eggs disappear from supermarket shelves after Easter morning almost as fast as they arrived on Boxing Day, the Church continues to celebrate the Easter miracle for a whole 7 weeks. During that time, we commemorate Jesus' return to Heaven on Ascension Day (Thursday 9th May) and then, a few days later, conclude with Pentecost, or 'Whit Sunday', by celebrating the coming of the Holy Spirit (Sunday 19th May) to be our advocate with the Father and to remain with us for evermore, as Jesus promised before he left.

We also remember that between Easter morning and Ascension Day, the risen Jesus was seen by many: first, by Mary Magdalene that morning, in the garden; later, by others on the Emmaus road; later still in an upstairs room, behind a locked door. John's Gospel features the wonderful account of a, very much alive, hungry Jesus, barbecuing fresh fish on the beach for his friends. Finally, Jesus meets with the disciples atop a mountain one last time before returning to the Father.

Easter season then is not just one, brief day each year. The 'Good News' of that momentous event has lasted for 2 millennia and hopefully will continue to shape our lives for ever more.

Revd Paul Maple, Associate Priest – Churches of Welton and Dunholme with Scothern

VINYL NIGHT

Music of 50's, 60's & 70's

St. Mary's Church, Welton

Thursday 4th April 2024

7.30pm

No records? No problem, just come along.

Please feel able to bring your own tipple and nibbles.

ALL WELCOME

We look forward to seeing you

Carol and Glyn 862358



Scothern Recreation Centre News:

There will be a Fashion Show later this year, the Scothern Players will be staging their latest production and Flix In The Stix continues to show a wide variety of films. We continue to host the Scothern Cricket Club, weekly Zumba classes, the various arms of the Scouting Movement as well as a wide variety of ad hoc bookings for events - please contact our Booking Secretary for details.

The refurbishment of the village hall continues. We have had some of the flooring replaced in the toilets, the soffits and fascias around the outside are going to be replaced and some more painting will be started in May. A new side door will be installed shortly. We are looking at ways to stop people driving on the grass at the side of the car park and may install some concrete bollards to keep cars off.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held in early May, keep an eye on the Notice Board.

Chris Shepherd, Chairman

Dunholme Camera Club

As we move into spring, we will hopefully see the summer round the corner and with it comes many photographic opportunities with the Spring flowers, trees beginning to blossom, green leaves and hopefully some blue sky rather than the rain we have been having. This time of the year gives many opportunities to get out and grab a few pictures, the sun isn't at its fullest yet, so the light is not too harsh and that enables us to get some great images. If you are having an early holiday this year don't forget to take your camera, yes, I know you can grab a picture on your phone but the majority of phone images are lost when the phone goes wrong so get some better pictures with your camera.

Right what are we doing at the club this month? We start on the 4th April with a talk by Bob one of the club members, entitled "Photography from 2023. Our second meeting of the month on the 18th April is our third competition of the year.

where the images are digital and projected for the judge to see which is "Fun" something that starts spring off with a bit of "Fun" finally for the month 25th of April the members will be having a Blue Hour walk around Lincoln grabbing some sunset shots over the Brayford (Hopefully) this is always a popular evening with the members.

If you want more information about the club then pop over to our website www.dunholmecameraclub.co.uk and get in touch via the contact form or just pop along one evening to one of our meetings.

*Grahame Dunkin 07501 259001
dunholmecc@outlook.co.uk*

Thank you very much, if you have a list of clubs in your publication please make sure that my mobile number is on the list NOT my home number as I no longer have a landline.

Grahame

He knows nothing; he thinks he knows everything - that clearly points to a political career.

George Bernard Shaw (1856 - 1950)

Brain Teaser

1. To the nearest 10 million miles, what is the distance from earth to the sun?
2. Which former star of the sitcom Friends wrote an autobiography called Friends, Lovers, and the Big Terrible Thing?
3. What is the second largest country in the world?
4. In what year did Tony Blair become British Prime Minister?
5. How many times has England won the men's football World Cup?
6. What is the capital of New Zealand?
7. According to Guinness World Records, what's the best-selling book of all time?
8. From what grain is the Japanese spirit Sake made?
9. The first successful vaccine was introduced by Edward Jenner in 1796. Which disease did it guard against?
10. What was the name of the baker in whose bakery the Great Fire of London of 1666 apparently started?

WELTON PDA

Our next event is the Spring lunch to be held on Friday 19th April in Welton Village Hall. Tickets are currently sold out with a waiting list for cancellations. The menu will be beef pie, potatoes, carrots and peas followed by trifle or homemade apple crumble and custard. Please note that there will be NO bar available but please feel free to bring your own drinks, alcoholic or not. We will provide the glasses and there will be orange juice and jugs of water on the table.

There will be a free quiz with a prize for the most correct answers.

If anyone can provide a raffle prize and /or a cake for the cake stall they would be gratefully received!

Several other 'willing volunteers' are now booking transport in addition to myself. The Health Centre know who is covering at any given time and therefore, although we know it is sometimes difficult to get through, please use the Health Centre number to request transport.

Can I explain once again the system in place for arranging transport to Health Centre only appointments?

I put together a rota of drivers for each working day of the month and this is sent to the Health Centre. When you book an appointment and you know that you will need transport, please mention it while at the reception desk or on the telephone. Your name will be added to the list for the day of your appointment and the driver is called the previous evening with a list of patients to pick up together with addresses and appointment times.

As I have no access to the diary I can't book transport for Health Centre appointments.

The PDA will be holding a plant sale at the Welton May Fair on Monday 6th May. If anyone has any plants, indoor or outdoor, which they are willing to donate please get in touch. Collection can be arranged. If you are planting seeds, please plant a few extra or if you are splitting a large plant in your garden, we are happy to take any surplus. Please also come along and support us on the day.

Dates for our events in 2024 are:

Spring lunch	Friday 19 th April
Autumn Fayre	Saturday 26 th October
Christmas Lunch	Friday 6 th December

Any further information on any of the above don't hesitate to give me a call (01673 862570) Janet Goddard

PLEASE DO NOT USE THIS NUMBER TO BOOK TRANSPORT

Scouting in Scothern and Sudbrooke

According to record, the first 25th Lincoln Scout Group was founded around 1945 but not based in Scothern. It was based in Moorland Park, Lincoln meeting on Friday evenings at 7.00 pm possibly at Skellingthorpe Road School. The Scout Master (as they were called in those days!) was The Rev. Hugh Bailey.



From our own records, the 25th Lincoln (Scothern) Scout Group was first registered in August 1972 with Jacqueline Holman as Cub Scout Leader and Sheila Brooks as her Assistant. Unfortunately it folded in around 1985, but unfortunately very little is known about its activities during that period.

The Group was re-registered in 1995, when Karen Savage got the Beaver Colony started with 12 members. Since that date, a Cub Pack and a Scout Troop have both been formed and continue to flourish.

Though based at the Scothern Recreation Hall for historical reasons, there are a number of Beavers, Cubs and Scouts from other villages including Sudbrooke, Langworth, Dunholme and Welton. All three sections meet on Tuesday evenings. The Beavers meeting from 17:30 to 18:30, Cubs 18:30 to 19:45, Scouts 19:45 to 21:00.

The sections continue to do the traditional types of activities such as camping, hikes, fire lighting, pioneering, knots, crafts and emergency aid. A wider range of activities, and associated badges, are now included such as money matters, environmental conservation, local history, recycling, personal safety, digital tools and disability awareness. In addition to Tuesday evening meetings, the group takes part in the Remembrance Sunday services in Scothern and Sudbrooke, as well as the annual St George's Day Parade held at Lincoln Cathedral.

Scouting is open to any young person, of any creed or colour, mental or physical capabilities and of any gender. The age ranges of the sections are as follows:

Beavers – Age 6 to 8 years Cubs – Age 8 to 10½ years Scouts – Age 10½ to 14 years.

The aims of scouting can be summarised as providing an opportunity for young people to develop, to learn and to enjoy themselves. Scouting can offer a wide range of skills and services. Scouting is not just about schemes, awards and badges. The games and adventurous activities are very important to Scouting, not just because they are enjoyable, but also because they are important in the young persons' development.

Like many organisations, Scouting is a voluntary organisation and relies on support from adults for occasional help on a meeting night to a more active role as a warranted Leader or Assistant Leader. If you are interested please get in touch. We aim to be flexible on the opportunities offered. You do not even to have children in the group to help us.

I would also be interested in hearing from anyone who has been involved in the 25th Lincoln Group in the past. Any stories, memorabilia, photos, badges, etc. Who were your leaders, what camps did you attend, where did you meet, how did scouting help you?

Please get in touch.

Nick Cornwell-Smith aka "Skip"

07824 995070

Nick.cornwell-smith@lincolnscouts.org.uk

Trivia

Stationery

In medieval times, a stationer or stacioner was a bookseller rather than a supplier of writing materials as today, and in Medieval Latin, stationarius referred to any shopkeeper at all. The Latin word *statio*, literally "a standing still, or a standstill" from (*stare*, "to stand"), came to mean "a fixed stall in a market" - as distinct from a pedlar who moved from place to place. So our modern *stationery* shop is the direct descendent of a market-stall. The word *stationary* "standing still" - which is often confused with *stationery* in spelling - also derives from the Latin *statio*.

Welton, Dunholme, Scothern and Nettleham Methodist Churches

I recently started to do a 1,000 piece jigsaw. I got so far and decided to call it a day. I'd got the sides done and a few parts of the picture put together, but then I decided to stop. I reasoned that I ought to finish having invested so much time in it, but decided that was not a valid reason to continue: to continue would be enacting the *sunk cost fallacy* which I didn't want to do.

What is the sunk cost fallacy? A sunk cost is money or effort that has already been spent and cannot be recovered. An example might be splashing out for a show at the theatre only to find it's so bad that by the interval you want to go home. The money for the show has been spent whether you watch the full show or not. The fallacy is that you justify watching the second half in order to "get your money's worth".

Other examples include such things as Concorde, the American war in Vietnam, overeating due to buying too much or watching a TV series to the end because you've endured it so far! Well, my jigsaw was becoming one of these phenomena . . . I could have done with some help! So if you enjoy doing jigsaws just let me know and I'll deliver this one to you – as long as you let me see the finished picture.

The jigsaw is an interesting puzzle, trying to appreciate where all the pieces go. You can glean some wisdom from doing a jigsaw: patience, endurance and excitement in seeing the picture materialise.

I think life can be a bit like a jigsaw, trying to work out what the big picture is and how the pieces fit together.

God bless,

Rev. Richard

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We're Going For The Hat Trick!!

After last year's highly successful "Calendar Girls", this April we bring you not one, not two, but three plays all in one night! We present a jocular triptych, a titillating trio, three one-act playlets centred firmly on comedy.

The script archives have been searched and scoured for the funniest 30-minute plays available. It took weeks of work, but we feel we have achieved our goal.

Have A Nice Day by Lynn Britney. Picture a morning TV breakfast show. See a not-too-bright presenter about to be fired. Light the touch-paper and stand back! Can the ex-Children's TV presenter save her career or will it be a future of desolation and herrings? Will she have to endure a lifetime of pastels or will she be saved by an ageing knight?

Zoo by Terry Adlam. Join our troubled zoo manager Richard for a day of total disaster. If anything could go wrong, with Richard around, it will! From escaped animals, stolen cars, hungry crocodiles, screaming keepers, visiting dignitaries and belligerent secretaries, to an unwanted mouse. This calamity rivalling Basil Fawlty at his best, features a day best forgotten - oh, and a penguin!

The Quintessential Quintet by Frances Bartrum. The Famous Five will never be the same again. Jeremy, Jack, Jules, Penelope and Jimmy the dog are off on an adventure! They meet the very poor Jen whilst battling smugglers with magnifying glasses, helping scientists invent time travel and saving countless people from getting blown up, all before tea! Hurrah!

So, this April, a £10 golden ticket will reward you with a fun-filled evening out at Scothern Village Hall. With a licenced bar, an exuberant raffle and enough laughter to set you up for Spring. (Please see poster for full details).

'A HAT-TRICK OF HILARITY'
3 One act plays to get you giggling



By Lynn Britney



By Terry Adlam



By Frances Bartrum

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SUNDAY 21ST APRIL
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CELEBRATION!

SUNDAY 12TH MAY
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SUNDAY 19TH MAY
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NETTLEHAM HERITAGE ASSOCIATION

Programme 2024

April 24th - Rev John Wilford - Life at Bardney Abbey before the Dissolution

May 22nd - Kenneth Moore - Lincoln Castle William 1st Castle has a long and colourful history

June 26th - Eric Grigg - Home Guard - The Story of the Home Guard in WW2

July Visit Grey Friars Date not fixed.

September 25th - Brian Porter - The Historic Graffiti Survey of Lincolnshire Churches

October 23rd - Horace Liberty - Lincoln then and now

November 27th - Nigel Horner - The strange and fantastic story of Lincoln

All meetings are held at 7-30pm at The Old School in Nettleham.

Free to members and £3-00 to non-members.

More information - Tel 01522 595114

Sudbrooke Coffee Club

Come and join us at Sudbrooke Coffee Club, held on the second Friday of the month at Sudbrooke Village Hall, starts at 10.30. Admission is £1.50, refreshments included.

Dates for 2024:

**April 12th, May 10th, June 14th, July 12th, August 9th,
September 13th, October 11th, November 8th, December 13th.**

Come and catch up with old friends and make new ones

Sudbrooke Village Hall Quiz Nights - 2024

QUIZ NIGHT Every 2nd Friday in the month.

Doors Open 7-30pm Quiz Starts 8.00 – 10.00pm

Bar and Prizes

Entry £1 per person, maximum of 6 people in a team.

Come and enjoy testing your general knowledge in a pleasant and convivial atmosphere!

Dates for 2024

12th April 10th May 14th June 12th July

No Quiz in August

13th September 11th October 8th November 13th December

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The Merry Ploughman

As I was a-wand'ring ae morning in spring,
I heard a young ploughman sae sweetly to sing;
And as he was singin', thir words he did say -
There's nae life like the ploughman's in the month o'
sweet May.

The lav'rock in the morning she'll rise frae her nest,
And mount i' the air wi' the dew on her breast;
And wi' the merry ploughman she'll whistle and sing,
And at night she'll return to her nest back again.

Robert Burns

PARISH COUNCIL CLIPS

The following is a summary of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13th March 2024.

7 councillors present, the clerk, 3 residents & LCC Cllr S Rawlins

Parish Council meeting Agendas & Minutes are displayed on the council website and village notice boards.

Cllr Nicoll provided written confirmation of her resignation as Chair to Scothern PC prior to the meeting.

The residents present voiced their concerns of a recent planning application and the lack of the local bus service.

Flooding

Lincolnshire County Council is currently undertaking investigative works into the recent flooding issues that have been experienced by residents in the area following storms Babet and Henk and have contracted and authorised flood risk consultants to undertake this work on behalf of the council. Continuing for several months, consultants will be out in the affected locations to engage with residents who have reported internal flooding during the recent storms, and to determine potential mechanisms for the floods for the section 19 reports. (*See below [Ed]*) Any access to properties, whether internal or external, or documenting of evidence such as photographs will only be undertaken by express permission of the homeowner in question beforehand.

Planning

All planning applications may be viewed on WLDC Planning Portal – west-lindsey.gov.uk

Ref:147800 for single storey extension Stonefield House 10 Main Street Scothern - WLDC 20/2/24 Granted time limit plus conditions

Meeting Dates 2024/25

The council meetings will continue to be the 2nd Wednesday of each month, no meeting in August with the exception of Tuesday 9th April 2024, held in Scothern Methodist Church.

Scothern Neighbourhood Plan

The final report has been received from the examiners and approved with no comments. The next stage is a date for the Neighbourhood Plan Referendum.

Speed Awareness

Current data taken from the speed cameras can be found on the Parish Council website- Speed Awareness Scheme.

If you are interested in training to be part of the speed awareness team, please contact Cllr Derek Canton on derek.canton@scothern-pc.gov.uk or the clerk (details below) for more information.

Parish Council Contact – Lisa Brooks-Sleight, 07549 137538 - clerk@scothern-pc.gov.uk

Next Meeting – Tuesday 9th April 7.30pm in the Methodist Church. The agenda & minutes will be displayed on the website & notice boards.

Taken from Lincolnshire County Council website where more information can be found:

<https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/flood-risk-management/flood-investigations>

Flood investigations:

We investigate flooding where we consider it necessary or desirable and publish the results.

The purpose of investigations is to determine:

- which risk management authorities have relevant flood risk management functions
- whether each of those has exercised, or is proposing to exercise, those functions in response to a flood event
- The reports do not blame or hold any authority or individual to account nor legally enforce any recommendations made.

We may undertake a section 19 flood investigation when:

- one or more properties are internally flooded
- one or more [critical service](#) is internally flooded
- one or more critical service can't operate due to lack of access
- one or more flooded critical installation results in the loss of a service impacting on a local community, or causes pollution to internal property
- at least two hectares [of grade 3+ agricultural land](#) is flooded for more than two days
- any [national 3+ category road](#) is made impassable due to flooding
- flooding to a minor road occurs cutting off access to a village, hamlet or blocks a bus route
- flooding occurs to a railway/ station adversely impacting on normal timetables or cuts of a rail link

Section 19 flood investigations may also be undertaken for events which impact upon the local environment and/or cultural heritage, or upon the receipt of a request by a member of parliament.

Priority is given to floods which affect one or more properties.

THE LEGEND OF THE LINCOLN IMP

The devil was in a good humour one day,
And let out his sprightly young demons to play.
One dived in the sea, and was not at all wet,
One jumped in a furnace; no scorch did he get;
One rode on a rainbow; one delved in the dirt;
One handled fork lightning, not got any hurt;
One strode on the wind as he would on a steed,
And thus to old Lindum was carried with speed,
Where aldermen heard him conceitedly say
"There'll be, ere I leave it, the devil to pay."

"And now," says the Imp, "take me back into the church;
"His lordship of Lindum I'll knock off his perch;
"I'll blow up the chapter, and blow up the dean;
"The canons I'll cannon right over the screen;
"I'll blow up the singers, bass, tenor and boy;
"And the blower himself shall a blowing enjoy;
"The organist, too, shall right speedily find
"That I'll go one better in raising the wind;
I'll blow out the windows, and blow out the lights
"Tear vestments to tatters, put ritual to rights!
"And e'en the poor verger who comes in my road
"Will find" - vulgar Imp! - "he may likewise be blow'd."

Now the wind has his faults, but you'll find on the whole
if somewhat uncouth he's an orthodox soul;
He wouldn't blow hard on a monarch, I ween,
Nor ruffle the robes of a bishop or dean;
And if for dissenters he cares not the least,
You won't catch him blowing up deacon or priest;
The man in the street he may rudely unrig,
But he snatches not judge's or barrister's wig.
When he enters a church, as the musical know,
'Tis only to make the sweet organ-pipes blow;
The toot on the "choir" or the "swell" or the "great,"
And hence at the Imp he was justly irate;
So in sorrowful anger he said to the elf,
"No! here I shall stop, you may go by yourself."

The impudent elf in derision replied,
"Such half-hearted folks are much better outside;
"To force you to enter I cannot, but see,
"Till I've finished my fun, you must wait here for me"

Then he entered the port in an impious way,
Declaring the nave should be spelt with a K;
he roamed through each transept, he strolled in each aisle,
Then he thought in the choir he would romp for a while.
As he passed 'neath the rood no obseisance he made;
No rev'rence at all to the altar he paid;
He thumbed all the canons' and choiristers' books,
And cast on the saints his most insolent looks;
The chalice and patens were safe in a box,
He was stopped in the act of unpicking the locks.
He hacked at the lectern and chopped at the stalls;
The tapestry tore from the sanctified walls;
Incensed against incense, the thuribles he
Demolished; the candlesticks broke on his knee.

Then seeing some angels he cried, "Pretty things,
"A sackful of feathers, I'll pluck from your wings
"To make me a couch when I'm tired of this joke,"
Ah! Soon he was sorry that rudely he spoke;
For the tiniest angel, with amethyst eyes
And hair like spun gold, fore the altar did rise,
Pronouncing these words in a dignified tone
"O impious Imp, be ye turned into stone!"
So he way, asl you'll see when to Lincoln you stray;
And the wind has been waiting outside till this day.
You can't see the wind, but no matter for that
Believe, or he'll rob you of cloak or of hat.

MORAL

This moral, I trust, you'll deduce from my lay -
If ever you're minded the mischief to play.
Be sure that you're able the "needful" to find,
In order words, certain of "raising the wind";
And then when you're bent upon "going the pace,
Don't count on the wind, or I pity your case.
There are bikes at your service, and motors galore,
Steam, gas and electric machines by the score;
Again, if for skittish amusement you search,
Don't meddle, I pray, with affairs of the church.
The puppets of politics - all will admit -
Are legitimate sport for exuberant wit;
But if ever a trick on the clergy you play, You'll
speedily find there's the "dickens to pay."

To angels - when met - be extremely polite,
Attentions too forward they'll keenly requite;
Don't ruffle their feathers; just let them alone,
Else, if you're converted, 'twill be into stone;
Don't be far too clever; but seek to be good,
And when you're at Lincoln behave as you should;
Step into the Minster the Imp to behold,
Who points to the truth of the tale that I've told.
So visit old Lindum, a city most rare;
Of course take a ticket, and pay the due fare!

H J Kesson (Ursus)



THE LINCOLN IMP

Hidden among the angelic faces of the sacred images carved above the columns of Lincoln Cathedral is this figure of a kindly but impertinent devil or imp - symbol perhaps of the intrusion of humour into even the serious moments of English life.

JANE'S MONTHLY RECIPE

Easy Rhubarb Cake

200g/7oz softened butter, plus extra for greasing
200g/7oz caster sugar, plus 3 tbsp for the topping
3 large free-range eggs
1 tsp vanilla extract or almond extract
200g/7oz ground almonds
200g/7oz self-raising flour
1 tsp baking powder
300g/10½oz slender young rhubarb, trimmed and cut into roughly 2cm/¾in lengths

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 180C/160C Fan/Gas 4. Grease a 23cm/9in springform cake tin with butter and line the base with baking paper.
2. Put the butter, sugar, eggs, vanilla or almond extract, almonds, flour and baking powder in a food mixer or food processor. Beat until smooth and thick.
3. Spoon the cake batter into the prepared tin. Top with the rhubarb, pressing it down gently. Sprinkle with the reserved 3 tablespoons of sugar.
4. Bake for 1 hour 15 minutes, or until a skewer inserted into the centre of the cake comes out clean. Cover with foil if the cake starts to overbrown before it is cooked in the centre.
5. Cool in the tin for 20 minutes, then turn out onto a wire rack. Serve warm or cold. Lovely with yoghurt or crème fraiche.

Do you have a favourite recipe you would like to share - please forward your contribution to scothernpm@btinternet.com for inclusion.

Welton Village Library and Community Hub

Based at Manor Park, Hackthorn Road Welton LN2 3PA

Monday 12noon to 5pm, Tuesday 9:30am to 2:30pm, Wednesday & Saturday 10am to 12 noon

Dragonflies! What better way to encourage children to start thinking about all nature has to offer in the spring and summer months than bringing them along to one of our popular craft sessions that involves creating one of their own colourful insects. We are organising a Saturday morning event on 13th April starting at 10:30am with a storytime and 10:45am crafts for accompanied children up to the age of 10, it is all free and is open to anyone, library membership not required.

On Tuesday 16th April at 2pm we have a Community Hub talk by local resident Alan Barnes MBE who spent 32 years as an RNLI volunteer including 15 as coxswain of Falmouth boat. His talk is entitled confessions and memories of a retired RNLI coxswain, this promises to be a very interesting and informative afternoon particularly as there is

currently much interest with the Lifeboat Institute celebrating its 200th anniversary. As always we will be pleased to welcome you and the event is open to all.

Just a reminder that our free fun World Challenge to read one book from every continent remains open to readers of all ages. Just call in at the library for your reading passport to fill with stamps which then lead to a lovely certificate for those completing the journey!

We continue to attract many new members as local residents take advantage of the free reading and electronic resources, if you are already a member please tell others, if you are not a member please call in to see what we offer.

Mike

Library Volunteer

What your bedtime drink says about you

Hot chocolate	Choco-holic
Glass of scotch	Alco-holic
Cup of tea	Tea-aholic
Horlicks	Horlic-aholic
Ovaltine	You are likely to burst into the Olvaltiney song at any moment. "We are the Olvaltineys, Little girls and boys " See! You've started already!
Hot milk	You've forgotten to buy any cocoa powder, haven't you?
Hot water	Not only did you forget the cocoa powder, you forgot the milk and sugar as well - or did you get a bit mixed up and pour your mug full of hot chocolate into your hot water bottle by mistake?
Cold water	The electricity's gone off now.
Triple espresso	If you can get to sleep after drinking this, you must be worn out.
Several large scotches	You have such an excess of energy; you need to be completely sedated last thing every night in order to stop you careering around the place. So, it's either this or your spouse has to shoot you with a tranquiliser dart.
Can of energy drink	Unless you consume 800 x your daily recommended allowance of caffeine, you can't muster the energy to get up the stairs to bed!

From Wrinkles Wit and Wisdom (with thanks)

***Nothing happens until something moves.
Albert Einstein (1879-1955)***

USEFUL INFORMATION

DOCTORS

Nettleham Medical Practice, Lodge Lane, Nettleham 01522 751717
Welton Health Centre, 4 Cliff Road, Welton LN2 3JH 01673 862232

POLICE

Emergencies **999** **Non-emergencies** 101
Website <https://www.lincs.police.uk/>
Contact <https://www.lincs.police.uk/contact/af/contact-us-beta/contact-us/>
Police Station Linwood Road, Market Rasen, LN8 3QE
Open 09:00/17:00 Monday to Friday

BUSES

P C Coaches 01522 533605
CallConnect 0345 234 3344
Lincoln Bus Station 01522 873655

Bus timetables are posted on the village notice boards by the Village Hall, opposite St Germain's Church and at the bus stops on Dunholme Road and Nettleham Road. There are usually copies in the Church and Methodist Church.

PC Coaches 43 to Lincoln City Centre and return (via Carlton Centre and Lincoln County Hospital).
CallConnect via to Lincoln City Centre and return via (Nettleham, Park and Ride adjacent Waitrose, Lincoln Hotel)

CallConnect "On demand" - to register for the "On demand" service call 0345 234 3344 or online <https://lincsbus.info/callconnectapp>

MILK DELIVERIES

East Anglian Dairy Ltd 01636 614760

NEWSAGENTS

Beckside Newsagents, Nettleham 01522 751331
Nettleham Convenience Stores, Lodge Lane, Nettleham 01522 753345

SCHOOLS

Ellison Boulters CofE Academy, Sudbrooke Road, Scothern 01673 862392
William Farr CofE Comprehensive School, Lincoln Road, Welton 01673 866900

SHOPPING

Sudbrooke Village Store Ltd, 1/2 Holme Drive, Sudbrooke 01522 754234
Lincoln Co-op, The Green, Nettleham 01522 751826
Lincoln Co-op, Market Rasen Road, Dunholme 01673 862937

POST OFFICES

Sudbrooke Village Store, 1/2 Holme Drive, Sudbrooke 01522 751438
Nettleham Co-Op, The Green, Nettleham 01522 751551

PHARMACY

Lincoln Co-op, Church Street, Nettleham 01522 751702

HOSPITAL

Lincoln County Hospital, Greetwell Road, Lincoln 01522 512512

Witham u3a - 3rd Thursday of each month
Reepham and Cherry Willingham Village Hall
Contact - Gerry Wiswould 01673 866718

Lindsey u3a -1st Thursday of each month
Welton Village Hall
Member Secretary - Jane Miller 01522 688977

Scothern Recreation Centre committee meetings
1st Monday of each month 19:45 Scothern Village Hall
Secretary - Gill Radley scothernvh@hotmail.co.uk

Scothern Parish Council meetings - second Wednesday of each month (except August).
Methodist Church, Main Street - 19:30. Details posted on notice board adjacent to Village Hall.

WHO'S WHO

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District Councillor:	Baptiste Velan	T: 07551 722022/01427 676606 E: cllr.b.velan@west-lindsey.gov.uk
Scothern Recreation Centre (Village Hall)	Bookings Secretary - 16 Weir Farm Paddock, Scothern	E: scothernhv@hotmail.co.uk W: www.scothernvillagehall.org
St Germain's Church	Parish Office - for funerals, weddings and baptisms Vicar Churchwarden - Jean Drewery 36 All Saints Lane, Nettleham Treasurer Secretary - Jane Burgess Illness/hospital visits - Jean Drewery	T: 07468 149695 E: lawresImp@gmail.com Vacant T: 01522 752489 E: m.drewery48@btinternet.com Vacant T: 01522 752489
Methodist Minister	Revd Richard Mottershead	T: 07771 624885 E: rpm2000.sp@gmail.com
Scothern Cricket Club	Colin Holman	T: 01673 866285
Ellison Boulters After School Club	Club mobile	T: 07736 575155
25th Lincoln Scout Group (Scothern)	Lead Scouter - Nick Cornwell-Smith	07824 995070 E: nick.cornwell-smith@lincolnscouts.org.uk
Scothern Players	Lynne Taylor	E: donorfairy@aol.com

Is there anything you would like to see included in the next edition of Scothern News? If so, do email scothernpm@btinternet.com. Suggestions are very welcome.

Brain Teaser Answers

1. 90 million (exact answer is 93 million)
2. Matthew Perry
3. Canada
4. 1997
5. Once (1966)
6. Wellington
7. The bible
8. Rice
9. Smallpox
10. Thomas Farnier (or Farnor)



Some beautiful photographs of our Scothern bird community.
Thank you, Alan (our local photographer!),