

SCOTHERN NEWS



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I think we are all thoroughly fed up with the rain and cold and long for the sun to shine which will hopefully bring some warmer weather which will mean we can get out in our gardens. The winter seems to have gone on for ever and even central heating is still on!

The daffodils have been and gone; there was a lovely display of wild daffodils in Grange Park did you see them? It is hoped that the late frosts have not damaged the blossom on the community apple trees which will mean harvests will be poor.

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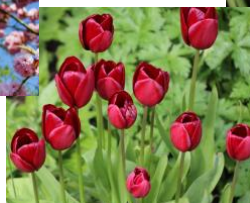
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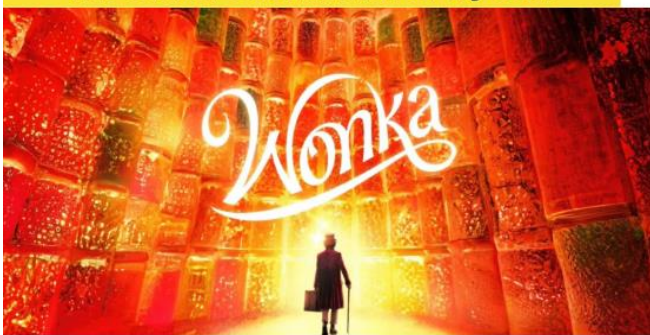
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Sunday 5th May
Celebration!
Sunday 12th May
Community Cafe
Sunday 19th May
Church Gathering
Sunday 2nd June
Celebration!
Sunday 9th June
Community Cafe
Sunday 16th June
Church Gathering

All 10am to noon in
Welton Village Hall

MAY SERVICES AT SCOTHERN CHAPEL

Sunday 5 May 10.30 at Scothern Chapel with Rev Richard

Sunday 12 May 10.30 at Scothern Chapel with Rev David Fidler

Sunday 19 May 10.30 We shall be at Nettleham where Andrew is organising a Musical Morning about Pentecost. He says : "I was not sure what Pentecost or the coming of the Holy Spirit was all about until I sang in a Roger Jones Musical. Today I hope I can pass this thrilling music on to you through songs and music".

Warning :This will be a bit different!

Sunday 26 May 10.30 at Scothern Chapel includes Communion with Rev Margaret Doughty

Sunday 2 June 10.30 at Scothern Chapel for an Own Arrangements service details coming soon

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

All welcome. Come and share your concerns about anyone you care about or for any situation in the World. We discuss these things and say some prayers here or later at home.

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

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(clear or cloudy)

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Turn onto floured board and roll out to 2 cm (3/4 inch) 'ish.

Cut into rounds and bake on lined tray at 220° C / 200 °C fan / Mark 7 for 12/15 minutes.

Cool on wire rack before enjoying with butter or clotted cream (or both) and jam..... mmmmmmm!



Saint George's Day Parade 2024

Sunday 21st April 2024 - The sun shone, the skies were blue and the historic part of Lincoln was filled with hundreds of young people from the Scouting and Guiding movement, who paraded en-masse for the St George's Day Service.



25th Lincoln (Scothern) Beavers, Cubs, Scouts along with their leaders were out in force as they paraded through the cobbled streets in uphill Lincoln, starting from the Castle and then into the Cathedral for a service. The parade was accompanied musically by the Lincoln District Scout Band and the Spalding Marching Band.

The various uniforms, colourful neckers and an army of flags were a joy to behold as the youngsters marched proudly from historic building to historic building, with the Scothern troop playing their part in the magnificent occasion as hundreds lined the streets witnessing the spectacle.

During the Service there was a special appearance of characters from the Toy Story films as the congregation sung along to "You've got a friend in me". All members then re-affirmed their scouting or guide promise.



After the Service finished, all members paraded back to the Castle, passing the saluting base where the Lord Lieutenant of Lincolnshire, Toby Dennis, Lincolnshire Scout County Commissioner, Amy Gilbert, Lincoln District Scout Commissioner, Lee Evans and other dignitaries took the salute.

At the Castle the parade was dismissed after the playing of the Last Post from the Castle ramparts.



Nick Cornwell-Smith aka "Skip"
Group Lead Volunteer
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www.scothernplayers.org.uk

Church News May 2024

As you can see from the list of Benefice Services, we are due to reopen in May. The new ceiling has been finished and we have given the whole Church a spring clean. We are waiting for the Rural Dean to confirm a date for the reopening when we can invite people who have supported us during our closure to come and see the finished result.

The Annual Parochial Council Meeting will take place on Sunday 26th May immediately after the morning service. I know it is a Bank Holiday, but this is the latest date we can possibly hold it. As we have no paid Vicar it will be a very brief affair just to make necessary appointments, but all the usual reports will be available for you to inspect.

This year's Ascension Day Service on Thursday 9th May will be held at All Saints, Nettleham starting at 7pm.

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

Sunday	5th	10:30 am 11:00 am	Morning Worship, St Chad's Dunholme Holy Communion, St Mary's Welton
Sunday	12th	10:30 am 11:00 am	Holy Communion, St Chad's Dunholme Morning Worship, St Mary's Welton
Sunday	19th	10:30 am 11:00 am	Morning Worship, St Chad's Dunholme Holy Communion, St Mary's Welton
Sunday	26th	10:30 am 11:00 am	Holy Communion, St Chad's Dunholme Morning Worship, St Mary's Welton

St Germain's Church is due to reopen in May but at present we do not have a date. We will post it on the Church website as soon as we know.

Jean Drewery, Churchwarden

MAY BRAIN TEASER

(Answers on back page)

1. The Spanish Civil War started in 1936 and ended in which year
2. Larry Page and Sergey Brin were two students who founded which company in 1998?
3. Which US President had the middle name Milhous?
4. The horror of Guernica was portrayed in a painting by which artist?
5. How many notes are there in an octave?
6. What temperature centigrade does water boil at?
7. Which nationality is Liverpool Football Club men's team manager Jurgen Klopp?
8. What in the animal kingdom is a doe?
9. What is the highest mountain in the world?
10. Which city hosted COP26?

When life gives you a rainy day, just put on your wellies and play in the puddles!

Nothing that is worth knowing can be taught.

Oscar Wilde (1854 - 1900)

Knowing is not enough; we must apply. Willing is not enough; we must do.

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe (1749-1832)



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WDS Parish Letter for May 2024

I like May: it's probably my favourite month. It's a month full of promise: the days are getting longer and its light in the evenings. Fingers crossed, we should be past any risk of ice and snow (though our eldest, born on 6th May 1997, arrived in the midst of a blizzard, albeit we were living in the north-east Scotland back then). The sun gets higher in the sky every day and there's a welcome hint of warm days to come when I'm out in the garden – even in the rain!

Mind you, as I write this, I am acutely aware that May isn't such a blessing for some, particularly those in education. For many of our young people, May is the start of exam season, which can be a gruelling and stressful time as they are tested on their previous learning, given that the results of their labours may well ultimately shape their future lives. Spare a thought, too, for all the adults involved: the teachers, support staff, exam invigilators, examiners and of course, the parents, hoping for the best for their children whilst keeping everything crossed. To all of you, good luck: you will be in our thoughts and prayers as you face the oncoming challenges.

One of the best things about May though is that there are two – yes, two – Bank Holidays in the month. The first, the Early May Bank Holiday, will occur on Monday 6th May this year. May day celebrations are traditionally associated with the coming of summer and often involve flowers, music, Morris dancing, the crowning of a May Queen and dancing around a May Pole. Many countries of the world also celebrate their working populations on this day and it has been recognised as a public holiday in this country since 1978. Whatever the reason, the overall aim is for the community to come together and have a good time.

For Christians, more significant is the late May, or Spring Bank Holiday, known in Britain until 1972 as the Whitsun Bank Holiday and which this year will take place on Monday 27th May. Whitsun, or 'White Sunday' is associated with Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came down 'like tongues of fire' upon the heads of the gathered disciples and left them talking in different languages, enabling all around them to understand them, no matter where they came from. 'Pentecost', originally from a Greek word, means the 'fiftieth day of fifty days of celebration' and marks the end of Easter. Traditionally this was a popular time for baptism: one explanation of 'White Sunday' is that it represents the white robes worn by those coming to be baptised. This too, is also an ideal time for the community to come together in celebration and to have a good time.

Whatever you get up to this May, I hope that the month will be good to you and that you will find time to stop, to enjoy yourself and to look forward to Summer.

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

Lincolnshire Mobile Library Service

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

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

To access your Library account visit: <https://prism.librarymanagementcloud.co.uk/lincolnshire>
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Email: graham.owen@gll.org

It's not what we have in life, but who we have in our life that matters.

LINDSEY u3a (Welton)
May 2024 Newsletter (lindseyu3a.org.uk)



"Time flies" How often do we say that? It only seems like yesterday that we were wishing each other "Happy New Year" and now Easter has come and gone. According to the American cartoonist and author Bill Keane, "Yesterday's the past, tomorrow's the future but today is a gift. That's why it's called present." We're almost halfway through 2024 so, if you haven't already found out about Lindsey u3a, today is the day because "Time flies when you're having fun!" At Lindsey u3a we aim to do just that whilst we LEARN, LAUGH and LIVE.

We meet at Welton Village Hall usually on the first Thursday of the month. However, in May our meeting will be on the third Thursday, 16th May to accommodate the hall being used as an Election Centre and the following week the Farmers' Market

You are invited with no obligation to one of our meetings. Doors open at 9.45am for tea/coffee followed by a speaker at 10.30am. 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.

On 16th May our speaker will be Keith Hanson talking about "British Kings and Queens from 1066" and on 6th June Kenneth Moore will give a talk entitled "You'll fly laughing".

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 23rd May 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, lunches 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

VINYL NIGHT

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

St. Mary's Church, Welton

Thursday 2nd May 2024

7.30pm

ALL WELCOME

No records? Not a problem, just come along.

Please feel able to bring your own tippie, or hot drink and nibbles.

We look forward to seeing you!

Carol and Glyn 862358

Dunholme Camera Club

Here we are going into May and its getting busy at the camera club, we have now got well into the competitions and talks at the club with lots more to come so if you want to join in then either get in touch via the contact form on the website or drop me a line, email below.

Right, what do we have for May at the camera club? Well we start the month on the 9th with a practical evening where the members can bring along items to photograph on the table tops, we have a creative competition coming up later in the year so a good chance to have a go at something different. Following this on the

23rd we have a competition "A line from a song or a poem" this will be an interesting one, looking forward to seeing what the members come up with. Finally on the 30th we have a Zoom talk for the members on "Art Photography" by Cherry Larcombe, a lady who has given us a talk in the past.

Well, that's it for May, if you have any questions then please get in touch.

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Programme 2024

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

WELTON PDA

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.

I think this is worth repeating as I'm still getting calls about transport to the Health Centre.

We are getting several offers of plants for our plant sale at the Welton May Fair on Monday 6th May but we would still like some more please! 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 splitting a large plant in your garden, we are happy to take any surplus. We will be open for business when the fair opens at midday so please come along and have a look.

Ask my GP has recently been revised and I thought it might help patients to understand further what the benefits are the reasons behind making changes. I hope that you find this helpful.

Custom Action Buttons – A Patient Guide:

Sick/fit note request – For patients to be able to request a repeat sick note or fit note. This is for ongoing issues. If you have not yet spoken to a clinician regarding your illness you must do this first via the consult a clinician tab.

Blood test appointment – This is for patients that know they are due or have been asked to book a blood test appointment by the GP or hospital. If you use this request button, a link will be sent out for you to book your appointment. This is not for patients to request a blood test for a new medical problem or self-refer.

Appointment cancellation – to cancel any appointments at the practice only. Please note this must be done in a timely manner.

Request Results – For patients to request results that they would usually ring for. For example, bloods, urine, stool. You are also able to enquire about x-rays and scans. Please note these are also available for patients to view on the online access to records.

Annual Medication Review – These are for patients to be able to request an appointment for a medication review. Patients should ensure they have booked in for their bloods and BP before the review appointment.

Medication Query – This is to be used to contact the dispensary if you have any queries regarding to your current medication or acute medication. This cannot be used for repeat medication queries. *Not yet live but will be very shortly.

Referral Queries – For any queries relating to an outstanding referral that you have. These requests will go directly to the secretary. This is not to be used for any new referral requests or to advise of new symptoms relating to an on-going referral. New symptoms or requests must go to a clinician.

The custom tabs will be open for patients from 8am-1pm each day and hopefully this will help in the long term increase the clinical capacity and lengthen the opening times on AskmyGP. This new system will hopefully reduce the phone calls into the practice and therefore decrease the telephone waiting times.

Dates for our events in 2024 are:

Plant Sale at Welton May Fayre	Monday 6 th May
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**

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

We recently had a wonderful morning with many local children making their own dragonfly during one of our free events for children. The next date is Saturday 25th May and we start at 10:30 with a storytime followed by crafts at 10:45. This will feature that ever lovable patchwork elephant called Elmer and we will be happy to welcome all accompanied children aged up to 10 years.

We welcome back popular speaker Ken Moore who will give a presentation on the local people and places that shaped the development of the World War One tank, giving an insight into the true meaning of turning ploughshares into swords. The talk is entitled 'Mother and Little Willie' and is taking place on Tuesday 21st May at 2pm, all

welcome. At the end of each talk we do have a retiring collection, sometimes for the Library and Community Hub and at other times for charitable speakers. I am pleased to report that due to the generosity of those attending the collection for our March talk amounted to £115.90 all for the benefit of Lincs and Notts Air Ambulance.

Please note that there are two Monday Bank Holidays in May, 6th and 27th and whilst we will be closed on those days we will be pleased to see you on either the Saturday before or the Tuesday after to help you find your holiday reading.

Mike
Library Volunteer

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:

**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

10th May 14th June 12th July

No Quiz in August

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

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What's in a word - Pedigree

In its origins, pedigree is associated not with graceful blue-blooded racehorses, but with those ungainly birds, the cranes. The Old French phrase *pie de grue*, literally "crane's foot" was a splayed three-line mark used to indicate succession in a genealogical tree. This mark resembled the shape of a crane's foot; hence the name. It was only in Middle English, as *pedegru*, that the three-word phrase fused into a single word. The ending changed from *-gru* to *-gree* as a result of the influence of the word *degree*.

Lincolnshire Dragons

Tales of Old Lincolnshire
Adrian Gray

Of course, many so-called sophisticated people nowadays believe there was never any such thing as a dragon, but those dedicated to the folklore of Lincolnshire know that this is wrong. There were dragons in Lincolnshire and no less a person than King Henry I granted a coat of arms to a Lincolnshire man in recognition of that fact!

Many hundreds of years ago a dragon lived near Castle Carlton, a few miles outside Louth, It was a particularly ferocious beast, with a very nasty and forbidding appearance. It had a long, scaly body in the usual dragon colour scheme of grey and green. It had short legs, which were clad in iron, and a long, lashing tail that it could use as a powerful weapon. The dragon's head had only one eye, the size of a pudding basin, which blazed out like a raging fire.

The dragon was well-protected by both its natural scales and the iron armour that it wore, making it virtually impossible to kill. Indeed it only had one weak spot, a small wart on its right thigh; if this was pierced by a lance or a sword, the dragon would die - but it was protected by three layers of brass armour.

It was said that the dragon lived at "Wormesgay", worm being an old word for dragon. This place, which was certainly near Louth, may have been the same as modern-day Walmsgate, where a long barrow is said to contain the body of a dragon. Ignorant people often think that dragons killed men and beasts by breathing fire on them, but in fact this Lincolnshire dragon wreaked havoc on the neighbourhood by using its poisonous breath. The dragon only had to exhale a blast of its foul odours and all living creatures would die, while trees and plants withered and shrivelled away.

Obviously the existence of a dragon in the neighbourhood did no good for property values, for the dragon killed all the animals and crops so that landowners could hardly demand rent from their peasants. South Ormsby, in particular was devastated. Eventually one of the landowners, Sir Hugh Barde, decided that he must tackle the foul creature once and for all.

Sir Hugh chose to fight the creature on a wedding day, for such days were said to have special powers for good. Although the dragon lived several miles inland, Sir Hugh chose to stand his ground at a point several miles further east, beside the sea. Being a knight, he prepared himself carefully, and spent a long time with a priest praying for divine help.

As soon as the dragon saw Sir Hugh it flew at him in a fury enraged that one man should dare to challenge it. Just as the dragon was about to strike, there was an instantaneous and dramatic change in the weather - a torrent of rain burst from the sky, the sun was blotted out by black clouds, a mighty thunderclap rolled across the heavens and a flash of lightning struck the ground close by.

For a moment, the mighty dragon was frightened by the storm and hesitated in its attack. Sir Hugh, concentrating with all his might, saw the dragon perfectly silhouetted against the lightning flash. The lightning was reflected off the brass guard covering the dragon's wart, and in an instant Sir Hugh struck out at the dragon's one weakness. His sword cut clean through the brass armour and plunged deep into the dragon's flesh.

The dragon screamed so loudly that the sound was heard twelve miles away on the Wolds, but though it was dying it did not give up the battle. It threw itself around and began a second attack on the knight. Just as it seemed that Sir Hugh would be killed, there was another flash of lightning and a great echoing clap of thunder. The dragon veered off in horror and fear, then collapsed dying on the beach.

Sir Hugh watched as the great beast died, then advanced and cut off its head to make sure the deed was complete. He then took the head to King Henry, who was mightily pleased at such an unusual present. He gave Sir Hugh permission to change his name to Bardolfe or Bardolph, granted him the right to bear a coat of arms featuring a dragon and gave him a number of other rights too by way of financial reward. These included being able to take a tax of a horn of salt from every cart of salt that came up from the sea and crossed his lands on its way along the old salt road to the inland towns.

There is another dragon story associated with Anwick near Sleaford. One day a man was ploughing his field, just as he had done year by year for as long as he could remember. Suddenly, though the ground beneath his feet began to sink away and his horses and plough began to disappear into a quicksand.

Well, the man was astonished, for he had ploughed the field many times before and nothing like this had ever happened. His first thought was for self-preservation and he leapt away from the treacherous ground. He tried to

reach out for the reins, to pull his horse and plough to safety, but it was too late. He could only watch in despair as the horse was swallowed up by the ground with a horrible sucking sound.

Just as the horse and plough disappeared from view, there was a great roar and a dragon came bursting out of the quicksand. It flashed overhead, circled the field, then flew away at great speed.

The man ran home as fast as he could, but it is doubtful if many in the village believed his story, though there was certainly a puzzle over where his horse and plough had gone to. They probably reckoned that he had supped too greedily at his lunchtime beer, but the next day he was able to persuade a few friends to return to the field with him.

Imagine his misery when there was no sign of a quicksand in the field at all! His friends laughed and joked, jumping up and down on the supposed spot to show that the ground was solid

and firm. And yet, they all agreed, there did seem to be something of a hollow there, which none of them could remember having noticed before. Also, and to the ploughman this seemed to prove his case, in the middle of the hollow lay a large boulder which bore an uncanny resemblance to a dragon's head.

The boulder convinced those who had doubted the story, and it soon became the subject of much local interest. It was called the Drake Stone, "drake" being a simplified version of the word dragon. Wise local people would tell you that treasure was buried beneath the stone, but if anyone tried to move the stone to get the treasure the dragon would reappear to scare them away or even kill them.

Another dragon is said to have lived at Buslingthorpe, between Lincoln and Market Rasen. It was slain by a knight called Sir John Buslingthorpe, who was awarded 400 acres of local land for his trouble. The land became known as Lissington Pasture.



JANE'S RECIPE FOR MAY

Ingredients

6 eggs, whisked
200g new potatoes, cut in to quarters
100g asparagus
1 onion, finely chopped
1tbsp olive oil
Rocket, to serve



Method

1. Heat grill to high. Put the potatoes in a pan of cold salted water and bring to the boil. Once boiling, cook for 4-5 mins until nearly tender, then add in the asparagus for around 30 seconds - 1 minute at the end. Drain and leave to stand.
2. Meanwhile, heat the oil in a large frying pan and add the onion. Cook this off until softened.
3. Pour mixed eggs over the onion in the pan, then add the asparagus and potatoes. Place under the grill for 5 mins or until golden and cooked through. Cut into wedges and serve from the pan with salad.

If you have a favourite recipe you would like to share please email scothernpm@btinternet.com

PARISH COUNCIL CLIPS

The following is a summary of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 9th April 2024.

7 councillors present, the clerk, 2 residents & WLDC Cllr B Velan

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

Cllr N Reyner was elected as Chair.

Report from WLDC Cllr B Velan

All emails and phone calls I received from Scothern residents who have been affected by Flooding have been reported to WLDC officers and discussed with LCC. WLDC officers hold regular meetings with officers from the LCC Lead Local Flood Authority & Highways teams and the work in the area is ongoing.

A meeting with the Emergency Planning and Business Continuity Officer at LCC, discussed the benefits of setting up a Community Emergency Plan for Scothern. The plan requires a minimum of three volunteers, who would have direct access to emergency contacts 24/7, the ability to identify vulnerable residents who require specific support. Volunteers would receive free training, emergency exercises, and a kit worth £300 (including radios, hi-vis vests, and other equipment). An emergency plan needs to be completed and reviewed annually, hopefully volunteers can be found as it would be a great benefit to the Parish Council and its residents in the event of emergencies, such as flooding.

Bus Survey

Scothern Parish Council has been working collaboratively with Lincolnshire County Council to review the provision of Public Transport to and from Scothern, to identify the current demand for services. If residents could complete the survey when delivered and this information will help to plan for future provision.

Planning

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

Ref:147978 Application for non-material amendment to planning permission 147640 granted 19 January 2024 – relocation of window, Land Adjacent to, Stonefield House, Main Street, Scothern, **WLDC Granted without conditions 8/3/24**

Ref:147988 Hybrid planning application comprising of: Outline planning application for the erection of up to 53no. dwellings with access to be considered and not reserved for subsequent applications; and, fullplanning application for erection of boundary wall and new driveway associated with No.36 St Germain's Way. Land southwest of, Dunholme Road, Scothern.

Ref:148087 Outline planning application to erect 2no. dwellings, Land adjacent 7 Main Street Scothern.

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.

The council was made aware of anti-social behaviour on Grange Park; a vehicle driving on the cricket pitch and parking issues on Sudbrooke Rd. These were all reported to PC S Keys who will patrol the areas.

A letter received from LIVES, thanking the council for the £100 donation following the CPR Training Sessions held in February 2024.

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

Next Meetings

Wednesday 8th May, Annual Meeting of the Council at 7.30pm followed by the May meeting in the Methodist Church.

Wednesday 22nd May, Annual Parish Meeting, 7.30pm in the Methodist Church

The agendas & minutes will be displayed on the website & notice boards.

USEFUL INFORMATION

DOCTORS

Nettleham Medical Practice, Lodge Lane, Nettleham 01522 751717
www.nettlehammedical.co.uk (for access to AskmyGP and other online services)

Welton Health Centre, 4 Cliff Road, Welton LN2 3JH 01673 862232
www.weltonsurgery.co.uk (for access to AskyGP and other online services)

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://lincsbuses.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.

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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.

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