

SCOTHERN NEWS



Issue 12 - December 2024

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December is the twelfth and final month of the year in the Julian and Gregorian calendars. Its length is 31 days.

December's name derives from the Latin word *decem* (meaning ten) because it was originally the tenth month of the year in the calendar of Romulus c. 750 BC, which began in March. The winter days following December were not included as part of any month. Later, the months of January and February were created out of the monthless period and added to the beginning of the calendar, but December retained its name.

There are several significant historical dates in December some of which changed the world forever:

1791 - Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart died a pauper at age 35 in Vienna, Austria. During his brief life, he created over 600 musical compositions and is widely considered one of the finest composers who ever lived.

1919 - Lady Nancy Astor became the first woman in the British House of Commons.

1942 - The Beveridge Report was published in Britain envisioning the welfare state including insurance for the entire population.

1990 - England was connected to mainland Europe for the first time since the Ice Age as engineers digging a railway tunnel under the English Channel broke through the last rock layer.

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 Celebration!**
**Sunday 8th December
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**Sunday 15th December
 Christmas Special**
**Sunday 5th January
 Celebration!**
**Sunday 12th January
 Community Cafe**
**Sunday 19th January
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**All 10am to noon in
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This amateur production of "When We Are Married" is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals Ltd. on behalf of Samuel French Ltd. www.concordtheatricals.co.uk

FESTIVE AFTERNOON TEA

Sandwiches - cakes - scones - tea.
with LIVE entertainment

Saturday 7th December
2pm - 4pm*
Scothern Village Hall

*afternoon tea served at approximately 2.30pm

Tickets **£10**

On Sale at
Spirit of Scothern Events,
scan the code or go to
www.scothernvillagehall.org

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NOVEMBER BRAIN TEASER

(Answers on back page)

1. What are the names of Santa's reindeers?
2. Père Noël is Santa in which language?
3. When was the first mass-produced Christmas card printed? 1823, 1843, 1863 or 1883
4. In which UK city were the Christmas crackers invented?
5. In which German city, famed for rallies and trials, was tinsel created?
6. Who created the ballet 'The Nutcracker'?
7. In which ocean is Christmas island located?
8. When is the Epiphany?
9. Which author wrote the book 'Christmas Shopaholic'?
10. From which alphabet does the letter X in Xmas come from?

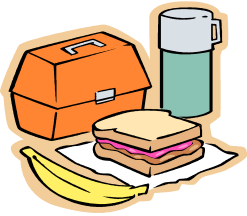
Saturday
7th Dec
11am - 3pm

Scothern Christmas Market

at The Bottle & Glass Inn

Join us for locally produced festive crafts,
gifts, food, drink and lots more!

Stall holders - please register at www.ScothernVillage.co.uk



ELLISON BOULTERS CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

We have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisor starting with immediate effect on Wednesdays, and Fridays, 1 hour per day 12:00-1.00pm for 38 weeks of the year during school term time. If you would like to work with children in a supportive team setting, please contact the school office. This post requires an Enhanced Disclosure check and references. Further adhoc work may also be available for a Midday Supervisor on other days if you are interested.

Application form and further details available from:

Ellison Boulter Church of England Academy, Sudbrooke Road, Scothern, Lincoln. LN2 2UZ

Tel: 01673 862392 Email: enquiries@ellison-boulter.lincs.sch.uk

Church News December 2024

I cannot believe we are round to the end of the year again. It does not seem a year ago that the magazine went online.

We started our Christmas events early in November when we held a Christmas Fayre which raised a total of £358.44 which will help to cover increased expenses for heating such an old building.

This year the children of Ellison Boulter Academy will be coming into Church to hold their own Christmas Service, during the last week of term. We are looking forward to this and for some of them it will be the first time they have been inside their village Church.

Now we are a Grade 3 Church we have less services, but we will still be having the Annual Candlelight Carol Service on Sunday 22nd December at 4pm followed by coffee and mince pies. We are hoping to be joined by Scothern Methodists to listen to some seasonal readings and sing some of our favourite carols. Please do come along and support us, you will be most welcome.

On Christmas Eve, Tuesday 24th December there will be a Midnight Eucharist starting at 11.15pm to welcome the birth of the Christ Child. There will be no service here Christmas Day but there is a Morning Worship Service at 10.30am at St. Mary's, Welton.


I would like to thank the garden centre for the Christmas Tree and to wish you all a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

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

Saturday	1st	9:15am	Morning Worship, St Germain's, Scothern
Sunday	8th	10:30am	Holy Communion, St Chad's, Dunholme
Sunday	15th	9:15am	Holy Communion, St Germain's, Scothern
Sunday	22nd	10:30am	Holy Communion, St Chad's, Dunholme
Sunday	22nd	4:00pm	Carol Service, St Germain's, Scothern
Tuesday	24th	11:15pm	Midnight Eucharist, St Germain's, Scothern
Wednesday	25th	10:30am	Morning Worship, St Mary's, Welton
Sunday	29th	10:30 am	Joint Benefice Holy Communion, St Chad's, Dunholme

Jean Drewery, Churchwarden

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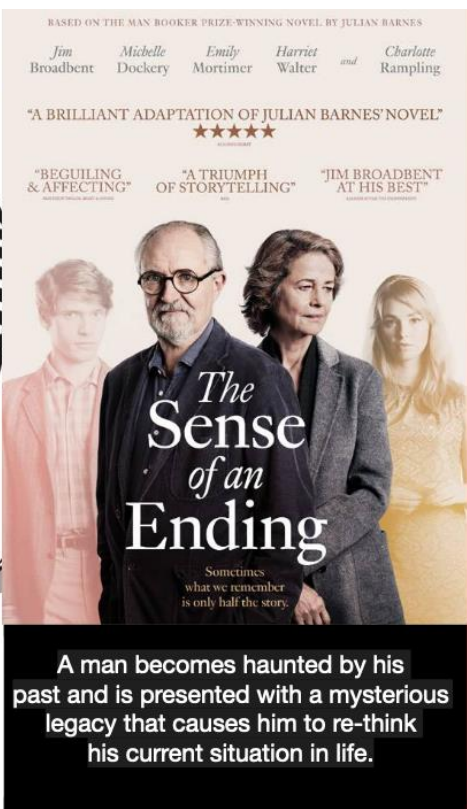


BASED ON THE MAN BOOKER PRIZE-WINNING NOVEL BY JULIAN BARNES

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"BEGUILING & AFFECTING"
"A TRIUMPH OF STORYTELLING"
"JIM BROADBENT AT HIS BEST"




STARRING: JIM BROADBENT

The Sense of an Ending

Sometimes what we remember is only half the story.

A man becomes haunted by his past and is presented with a mysterious legacy that causes him to re-think his current situation in life.




Scothern Parish Council would like to thank the Straw Family for the donation of the Village Christmas Tree located in front of the Ellison Boulters CofE School Academy. The lights were switched on the tree at the end of November. The School Fair will be held on Friday 6th December.

**£5
On the
Door**

**Friday 13th December
7 for 7.30pm
Scothern Village Hall**

Lincolnshire Words, Phrases and Folklore

Yellowbelly

a term for someone born and bred in Lincoln. There are many theories about the origin of the name, but one of the favourite explanations is that it derives from the bright yellow waistcoat which was worn by the 10th Regiment of Foot, later the Lincolnshire Regiment

Gimmer

a ewe (female sheep) which has never given birth

Frim folk

people from another area

Reasty

rancid

Chunter

to complain

Kelch

mud

Mumping day

or St Thomas's day 21st December - it was the custom in Lincolnshire for poor people to go around begging for Christmas fare.

How many did you know - more to come next month

From "Lincoln - a miscellany"

Liberty has never from Government. Liberty has always come from the subjects of it... The history of liberty is a history of limitations of governmental power, not the increase of it.

Woodrow T Wilson (1856-1924)

Reflect, Reset, Reconnect

So here we are in Advent once again! Advent is of course a time for reflecting and waiting with eager expectation for that great celebration of the birth of Jesus.

I don't know about you, but I get quite excited when I'm waiting for something special to happen. In our house we are huge 'Strictly Come Dancing' fans and in the last few weeks there have been many conversations about who our favourite couples are, which dances have inspired us and who we think is going to make it through to the next week. There is much anticipation in the run up to the show on a Saturday evening, we're all eagerly waiting to see the culmination of each couple's hard work during the week and the magic of each new dance is always worth waiting for.

It is so easy though to get carried away with that excitement and miss the awesomeness of the lead up. Many times we've said, "Oh I wish it was Saturday already, I can't wait any longer for Strictly this week!"

The same is true of Advent and it often gets lost in this rollercoaster worldly rush to do more, to see more and to buy more. The Christmas decorations have been up in the garden centres since the end of August and we are being encouraged to buy our gifts, plan for our Christmas dinner and get into the festive spirit earlier and earlier each year. I completely understand and can resonate with the eagerness to celebrate with our loved ones and having the opportunity to share these wonderful experiences is absolutely vital. But as Christians it is so important to jump off the rollercoaster ride and to take time to think; to reflect, reset and reconnect with God at this wonderful time of the year; and this in turn enables us to enter more deeply into the joyful mystery that lies at its heart of the Christmas season; God becoming human in the birth of Jesus Christ.

In Luke's gospel we hear of Mary's response to the news she received from the angel – "But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart." (Luke 2.19). I wonder how we might each take time in the lead up to Christmas to ponder about what Advent means to us and how it can deepen our relationship with a God who loves us so much that he sent his Son to live with us here on earth. It's so important to be able to reflect on what has gone before, to learn lessons from it and then reset our hearts and minds for what is to come, which in turn allows us to reconnect with God as we approach the most joyous and wonderful times of the year.

I wish you all peaceful ponderings during Advent and every blessing as we approach Christmas and the New Year.

Revd Lynne Hawkins
Vicar of Welton, Dunholme and Scothern

Extraordinary uses for ordinary things (thanks to Readers Digest)

Plug an ice cream cone: Ice-cream cones are fun to eat but can be a bit messy. For a delectable solution, plug up the bottom of an ice-cream cone with a bit of peanut butter. Now when munching through a scoop of double chocolate fudge, you will be protected from leaks and there will be a delicious surprise at the end of the treat.

Use oranges and lemon peels: *Dried orange and lemon peels are far superior kindling than newspaper. Not only do they smell better and produce less creosote, but the flammable oils in the peels enable them to burn much longer than paper.*

Who would have thought it!

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Lincoln LN1 3DZ

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Skellingthorpe
Lincoln LN6 5UU

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LINCOLNSHIRE ALERT

Please be aware that Lincolnshire Police have been receiving more reports of a doorstep scam in the area.

A group of persons in a white van with various decals and phone numbers written on, are cold calling at properties offering to pressure wash roof tops and carry out roofing/building work for extortionate amounts of money. They are described as being very insistent and are not offering a legitimate service. Follow these guidelines to stay safe:

1. Always check a caller's identity. If you are not happy about their identity, do not let them into your house under any circumstances.
2. Never leave your front door open/unlocked and unattended, so a second individual can enter without your knowledge.
3. Take time to consider your options and research costs from other providers. If in doubt contact your local Trading Standards.
4. If you feel pressured by any cold caller, have the confidence to be firm and say NO.
5. Legitimate businesses do not tend to call door to door.
6. Never pay for goods or services you have not received.
7. A legitimate company will give you a written quotation and allow for a cooling off period.
8. If you feel frightened or intimidated, contact the Police on 101, or in an emergency dial 999.

"NO COLD CALLER" stickers are available from your local Police Station to display in your doors/windows.

Message sent by: Kimberley Pickett
(Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lincolnshire,
Safer Together Team, Lincolnshire)

LINDSEY u3a (Welton)

December 2024 Newsletter (lindseyu3a.org.uk)

Lindsey u3a invites you to one of our monthly meetings and offers you the opportunity to join a wide variety of interest groups. Check out the interests available on the Group Guide page on our website lindseyu3a.org.uk



For months now the shops have been full of all things Christmassy. Singing penguins in a local garden centre delight toddlers and grandparents alike. Some of us love the glitz and excitement of Christmas whilst others prefer to be more reflective. Whatever your thoughts about Christmas Lindsey u3a will continue to offer opportunities for you to get together with other people to share an interest or listen to an entertaining speaker.

Lindsey u3a meets at Welton Village Hall usually on the first Thursday of the month. 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.

In the run up to Christmas, on 5th December Lincolnshire archaeologist and folk musician, Tom Lane, will give us a seasonal talk about "Christmas Customs", an interactive talk with music celebrating Lincolnshire customs and traditions.

To start off the New Year, on 9th January we have a well known speaker, Nancy Appleyard. With a background in teaching Communication Studies and Personal Development at Lincoln College and Grantham College Nancy gives presentations to organisations throughout the East Midlands and also to cruise ship audiences. Her presentation entitled "Art or Artful" should prove to be both interesting and entertaining.

We offer various 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. However there will be no coffee morning on Boxing Day so the next one after that will take place on Thursday, 23rd January 2025. 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

WATCH THIS SPACE

**LINCOLN ORPHEUS CHOIR ARE COMING TO PERFORM IN ST GERMAINS IN THE SPRING
QUITE A COUP TO GET THEM AND A CHANCE TO HEAR SOME WONDERFUL MUSIC
MORE DETAIL NEXT MONTH**

*Community Coffee Morning
Every Tuesday in St Germain's Church
10:00 am*

WHAT'S ON AT SCOTHERN CHAPEL THIS DECEMBER

- Sunday 1 December 10.30am** We shall be at **Scothern Chapel** with Duncan Franks
- Sunday 8 December 10.45am** We are at Nettleham with Rev Alan M Barker for Communion
- Sunday 15 December 3:00pm** We are at **Scothern Chapel** to sing carols and celebrate Christmas with Rev Richard
- Sunday 22 December 4:00pm** We are joining our friends at **St Germain's Parish Church** for a Candlelight Carol Service
- Sunday 29 December 10.30pm** We are at **Scothern Chapel** with Rev Margaret Doughty

CHAPEL, CHAT & COFFEE

2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month - 10.30 am

Come and Share in these very relevant informal discussions

(Note you don't have to say anything just come and listen and drink coffee!)



Scothern Players have been entertaining villagers for over 30 years, with regular plays put on at the Recreation Centre.

To find out more, to buy tickets, or get in touch, please click:

www.scothernplayers.org.uk

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 am. Admission is £1.50, refreshments included.

Last date for 2024:

13th December

Come and catch up with old friends and make new ones

Christmas
with the
Cabra Singers
Saturday 14th December 7.00pm
St Hilary's Church, Spridlington

IN AID OF St HILARY'S CHURCH & CABRA SINGERS

Mulled wine & Mince pies Raffle

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Clare Wallis 01673 861698 clarewallis@btinternet.com



ST GERMAIN'S CHURCH
SCOTHERN
CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE
Sunday 22 December 2024

at
4:00 pm

Light refreshments will be served
after the service





25th Lincoln (Scothern) Scout Group pay their respects.

Sunday 10th November 2024 saw Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and their leaders attend two Services of Remembrance. The first one was held in the morning at Scothern where, with flags on display, the group attended the wreath laying at St. Germain's Church war memorial followed by a service in the church.

In the afternoon group members attended a second service at the Millennium Stone in Sudbrooke. Flags were lowered during the two minutes silence after the wreath laying.



Scothern War Memorial



Sudbrooke Millennium Stone

Nick Cornwell-Smith
Group Lead Volunteer
25th Lincoln (Scothern) Scout Group

Knowing others is wisdom, knowing yourself is enlightenment
Lao Tzu 600-531 BC

ST MARY'S CHURCH, WELTON

VINYL NIGHT

WITH A SPRINKLE OF CHRISTMAS!

*If you enjoy the music of the 50s, 60s and 70s
then dig out your vinyl and head to St Mary's Church on*

Thursday 5 December from 7:30 pm

to share good tunes, conversation and community.

*Christmas music from those decades is welcome but please bring along all the other
good stuff we have been enjoying.*

*If you don't have any vinyl - no worries - just bring yourself and don't forget to bring
your festive refreshments and favourite tippie (soft or not).*

Everyone is welcome!

This is the last vinyl night of 2024.

*The record player will be cranked up again on **6 February 2025.***

Why not make it one of your new year resolutions to come along.

Any questions contact Carol and Glyn on 01673 862358

Jane's December Recipe



Easy Mince Pies



METHOD

For the pear and cranberry mincemeat

300g/10½oz mincemeat
25g/1oz dried cranberries
1 large orange, zest only
½ pear, cored and finely diced, no need to peel

For the sloe apple mincemeat

1 eating apple, peeled, cored and grated
300g/10½oz mincemeat, sieved to remove most of the syrup
1 tbsp sloe gin

For the spiced nut mincemeat

300g/10½oz mincemeat
25g/1oz walnuts, finely chopped
½ tsp ground cinnamon
1 tsp almond liqueur, such as amaretto

For the mince pies

plain flour, for dusting
500g/1lb 2oz pack ready-made puff pastry
1 large free-range egg, beaten
350g/12oz mincemeat (choose your favourite flavour from the suggestions above)
golden granulated or demerara sugar, for sprinkling

1. First choose which mincemeat flavour you'd like, then simply mix the ingredients together and set aside.
2. For the mince pies, dust work surface and a rolling pin with a little flour, and roll out the pastry to £1 coin thickness. Stamp out the twelve lids first using a 7cm/2¾in round cutter. Now stamp out twelve bases using a 9cm/3½in cutter – you will need to re-roll the trimmings to get all twelve bases.
3. Push the pastry bases into the holes of a 12-hole fairy cake tin, then press the excess pastry flat around the rim to make a border. Brush some of the egg around the rims of the pastry, then spoon the mincemeat into the cases – you'll want about 1½ tablespoons in each. Lay the pastry lids on top and press firmly around the edges to seal to the base. Use the 7cm/2¾in cutter to re-stamp the tops, neatening the edges and sealing at the same time. Brush the tops with the rest of the beaten egg, then sprinkle with the sugar. Use a small, sharp knife to poke a small hole in the top of each pie. Chill the pies for 15 minutes while you heat the oven to 200C/180C Fan/Gas 6.
4. Bake in the middle of the oven for 20 minutes, or until risen and pale golden-brown – don't overcook or your pies might pop! Allow to cool for 5 minutes before carefully lifting from the tin, then serve warm or cold.



Christmas Decoration
Help make Scothern look festive!
Decorate your **House, Garden or Window** to celebrate the Season.
No entries required, all decorations around Scothern will be judged.
A Scothern Nursery Voucher will be awarded to the winner, to be announced on Friday 20th December.

SCOTHERN SPEED WATCH

Below are the figures for the vehicles (and speeds) for vehicles passing through Scothern from 5 October 2024 to 3 November 2024 a total of 29 days.

Sign 1 on Dunholme Road

A total of 48,900 came into the village (average 1686 per day) 98% less than 40mph and 51215 left the village (average 1,766 per day) 97% less than 40 mph. The maximum speeds recorded were incoming 77 mph and outgoing **109 mph (11 October 2024 17:36)**.

Sign 2 on Sudbrooke Road

A total of 51,383 came into the village (average 1,772 per day) 91% less than 40mph and 38692 left the village (average 1,334 per day) 88% less than 40mph. The maximum speeds recorded were incoming **122mph (11 October 2024 11:12) / 116 mph (24 October 2024 06:45) / 97 mph (18 October 2024 12:02)** and outgoing 82mph.

Sign 3 on Main Street

A total of 12,136 came into the village (average 418per day) 99% less than 40mph and 13,880 left the village (average 479 per day) 99% less than 40&. The maximum speeds recorded were incoming 62mph and outgoing 54mph.

Do some of the speeds above horrify you?

If you would like to help to reduce the speeding and you can spare a few hours a month, why not join the speed watch group? Volunteers are fully trained and go out in groups of three.

Cllr Derek Canton would be pleased to give more information (derek.canton@scothern-pc.gov.uk) or the Clerk, contact details below.

Welton, Dunholme, Scothern and Nettleham Methodist Churches

'It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas' goes the song by Michael Bublé. But it all depends on what you understand by the word 'Christmas'. The word itself is condensed from two words, Christ's Mass, where Christ is Jesus and Mass is the Communion service celebrated in churches.

As the song unfolds the artist refers to the items he imagines Christmas to be about - the candy canes, dolls that talk, hopalong boots and a pistol that shoots. It ties in with all the adverts which are on overdrive at the moment as retailers compete for the increased sales that occur each Christmas. Retailers pressurise us to buy this year's goods which experience tells us, may get little or no use, but might make us feel happy in the short term.

And yet, the items in the song are not the first thing I think of when I hear the word *Christmas*. As a minister I think of Christmas as God making himself known to us. The birth of a baby in Bethlehem provides us with a story for understanding humanity. Due to the town being overcrowded, the unmarried mother Mary gives birth in a smelly stable. The baby is given the name Jesus (which means *the Lord Saves*) and Immanuel (meaning *God with us*).

As we know well, there is a bleaker aspect to Christmas. Debt, illness, homelessness and bereavement feel harder to bear when we are told "tis the season to be jolly". Likewise, war and conflict rage on regardless.

The deeper meaning of this Baby, born into poverty far from home, is that God is with us whatever our circumstances, throughout the full range of life's experiences. To know the One who also experienced the ups and downs of life in this world, is the message of hope this Christmas season: God with us.

May this Christmas be a blessing to you,

Rev Richard

Dunholme Camera Club

Here we are coming into the final month of the year and what a year it has been at the camera club, the members have increased making Dunholme Camera club one of the largest in Lincolnshire. We have had some great events, competitions, talks and much, much more. We now start looking towards 2025 and what we have to come, our calendar is almost done and will be on the Home Page of our website

www.dunholmecameraclub.co.uk and will let you all know what we will be doing next year, it should be on the website in the next couple of weeks so make sure that you log on and check out what we are doing in 2025.

As some of you know I carry out photographic training over the year where people can buy vouchers for Christmas/New Year presents, quite a lot of people think this is a great idea because loved ones have got new cameras or updated and old one and if any of you are interested then I could do you a voucher for a Christmas present for the Camera Club Membership which would give a loved one a years' worth of entertainment. The cost for a year's membership for the Camera Club is £35.00 and we have roughly 25 meetings a year plus other odd extra meetings as well, the membership also covers

a Day Group during the year where the members can join in

with an outing once every month to different locations, and of course these are all practical days out with our cameras. So if you know someone who may be interested and you don't know what to get them for Christmas then get in touch via the email or contact number below and I can get a voucher sorted for you ready for Christmas.

Our meetings at The Old School come to an end on the 12th December when we have our Christmas Buffet and Awards night, it's a great social night where everyone can have a chat with other members and then of course the lucky recipients of the awards will receive their cups or shields. We do have one other meeting on the 19th December but this is a Zoom meeting which is our AGM, members are brought up to speed with how we have done over the year and what we will be doing in 2025 which differs from this year.

Anyway, all that is left for me to do is to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and I hope to see some of you in 2025.

*Grahame / 07501 259001
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SCOTHERN METHODIST CHAPEL CAROLS AT CHRISTMAS



SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER 2024
AT 3PM
EVERYBODY WELCOME

WELTON PDA

The Christmas lunch will be held on 6th December and all 98 tickets are now sold. We will aim to open the doors at 11.00am and ask that anyone attending is seated by 11.30 at the latest as the choir from St Marys school are going to sing for us again. This is something we know the diners enjoy and I'm told that the children enjoy themselves as well! The meal will be the usual Christmas fare followed by a choice of Christmas pudding with brandy sauce or trifle. There will be a raffle, cake stall and books/cards for sale.

Prizes for the Christmas raffle are being donated and, at the time of writing this on 12th November, we have 28 prizes promised and around 8 others to collect. Tickets are selling well but if anyone would like some and can't get out, let me know and we will deliver. They are £1 a ticket or £5 a book. They are available from all PDA drivers and from the Welton paper shop, and Pet food shop.

The PDA AGM was held on Thursday 7th November starting at 7pm in the Health Centre waiting room. Brief reports were given, covering the last 12 months, by the Chairman, Treasurer, Transport Coordinator, Fund Raising coordinator and the Practice Manager. The only change to the committee was that Jan Sims stood down as Treasurer. Jan has been on the Committee for the past 20 years starting out as a driver, which she still is, and then as treasurer and more recently as a member of the catering and fund raising sub-committees. She was also a member of the transport sub-committee. She will be missed for all her hard work but I personally am delighted to say, she is continuing as a driver! Mike Lynch has taken on the role of treasurer from the start of the financial year.

For anyone lucky enough to have their magazine delivered before 1st December, The PDA will have a table at the Welton Christmas Market and switching on of the Christmas lights. This is on Sunday 1st December 3pm – 6pm We will be bringing games suitable for children.

I have been asked to mention that I am collecting blister packs, from medication, for the Lindsey u3a at Welton. If anyone has any which they would like me to pass on, please put them through my letterbox at 17, Sudbrooke Rd, Scothern.

Wishing all the readers a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Dates for our events in 2024 are:

Children's games	Sunday 1 st Dec 3pm – 6pm
Christmas Lunch	Friday 6 th December
Christmas Raffle Draw	Monday 16 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

On this day in Lincolnshire

(The Little Book of Lincolnshire - Lucy Wood)

13 December 1286 - Overnight, a great flood affected the east coast from Lincolnshire to Essex. The Church of St Peter's in Mablethorpe was destroyed. There was another flood on 13 January 1287 that claimed many lives and another the following year on 4 February 1288.

16 December 1943 - An RAF attack on Berlin became known as Black Thursday when 25 Lancasters were lost and others crashed on their way home in fog. Overall, 483 Lancasters and 10 Mosquito bombers took part in the attack, including 17 Lancasters from 100 Squadron and 15 from 550 Squadron, both based at RAF Waltham near Grimsby. As the crews neared the airfield on their return visibility was poor. At 11pm, Lancaster HW-H crashed at Ratcliffe Top, less than 4 miles from home. The pilot and three crew members perished and three injured. Around the same time, 100 Squadron commander David Halford crashed while trying to land at RAF Kelstern. He and four crew members were killed. Two were thrown clear of the explosion but badly injured. At 11:19pm the first Lancaster successfully landed at RAF Waltham, while others continued circling. At 12:40am on 17 December, two 100 Squadron Lancasters crashed in fog over Waithe. One aircraft hit the ground on fire and six crew members died but a resident bravely rescued rear gunner Sergeant Wallace. Tragically, he died in hospital in January 1944. The other aircraft fell near Grainsby Church and all crew perished.

Welton Village Library and Community Hub

To quote Albert Einstein 'The only thing at you absolutely have to know, is the location of the library' so here are the details:

Based at Manor Park, Hackthorn Road Welton LN2 3PA

December Opening Details:

Monday 12noon to 5pm, Tuesday 9:30am to 2:30pm

Wednesday & Saturday 10am to 12 noon up to and including Wednesday 18th December.

We are then closed and will re-open on Saturday 4th January 2025 and resume normal hours.

It may be that a number of you are hoping for a much anticipated book as a present on 25th December, if so we do hope you receive your wish. If you are a keen reader you may also want to stock up with a few other books as Santa's budget may not run to more than one. Also, sadly, some people may be facing a situation where they know that their circumstances dictate there will be no book as a present. The answer to both situations is to pop along to the library and take a few books out, hopefully you will have the time to read them but no worries if not as it will cost you nothing. As you can see above our hours are restricted this month due to the holidays but there is no need to be concerned as lending times will be extended. In addition if you have any worries about a return date and you have a library card PIN you can always log on to Lincolnshire Libraries or onto the app if you have one installed on a smart phone to get a lending extension.

December is of course an exciting time for children and on Saturday 7th December at 10:30am we have a storytime and craft event for accompanied 4 to 11

year olds which will include the opportunity to make a festive 'rockin robin'. We will also be continuing our weekly storytimes for pre-school children at 9:30am each Tuesday, 3rd, 10th, 17th December.

Our storytime and craft events are always popular and recently we had some enthusiastic youngsters celebrating Diwali by making paper lanterns. We have more exciting events planned in 2025 that we will start to outline next month.

As we head into the festive season let us finish with a very relevant quote:

"When I discovered libraries, it was like having Christmas every day." (Jean Fritz - Children's Author). Do take the time to discover us if you haven't already, a library card makes a fantastic free gift and hopefully one to start a lifetime of reading enjoyment for a child.

Best wishes for an enjoyable festive season from all the Library Volunteer team and we look forward to seeing readers old and new in the New Year.

NETTLEHAM HERITAGE ASSOCIATION

2025

January 22nd	Ken Redmore	Burringham Church- very special in Lincolnshire
February 26th	Neil Wright	Lincoln Theatre Royal, a complete story
March 26th	Stephen Brown	It's Hell on Wheels – the learning to drive industry (with abundance of amusing stories).
April 23rd	Chris Hewis	Pictorial walk down the hill in Lincoln from an enormous collection of historic postcards.
May 28th	Stephen Betteridge	The story of Dunham Bridge, the truths about stopping to pay the toll.
June 25th	Adrian Gray	Why did they come from here? The story of the Mayflower Pilgrims

All are welcome to meetings which 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

SCOTHERN PARISH COUNCIL

Prior to the meeting, PC Coaches Managing Director Steve Bryce came to speak to the council & residents about the history of the bus service for Scothern, the cost of running a bus service and a couple of options for a future service. Residents put their views, questions, concerns and ideas to Steve. Any future service would need financial support. Steve is working with LCC with the hope of financial help of S106 funding from any future developments within Scothern and he asked the council & residents to make their voices heard. Below is the link to the Enhanced Partnership Board and all residents are encouraged to get involved.

<https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/directory-record/67704/lincolnshire-enhanced-partnership>

The following is a summary of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 6th November 2024
6 councillors present, Cllr Sue Rawlins and the clerk.

Cllr Sue Rawlins – Spoke regarding the Devolution of Lincolnshire going ahead; the S19 Flooding investigations are very slow and a reduction in speed has been requested for the A158 Sudbrooke junction following a survey in the area in the summer.

Flooding prevention updates – The beck was cleared by 3rd Witham Drainage Board end of October and in November, Anglian Water has scheduled repairs to the cracked pipes and intruding connections on Craypool Lane to Main Street

Grant Funding 2025 – requests were received from the Scothern Recreation Centre to cut the playing field grass and also from St Germain's Church to cut the churchyard. Both these were approved by the council.

Planning

WLDC has a new planning portal - <https://www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/planning-building-control/planning/view-search-planning-applications>

Ref: WL/2024/00726, first floor garage conversion and alterations. 9 Saxon Fields **WLDC granted with conditions**

Speed Awareness

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 or email: clerk@scothern-pc.gov.uk

Scothern Parish Council website - <https://scothern.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk>

The next Scothern Parish Council Meeting – Wednesday 11th December at 7.30pm in the Methodist Church.

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

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 six people in a team.

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

Dates for 2024

13th December

Sudbrooke Village Hall is a Registered Charity No.504153

Marriage is like a cage; one sees the birds outside desperate to get in, and those inside equally desperate to get out.

Michel de Montaigne (1533-92)

I bought two litres of correction fluid yesterday - huge mistake!

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 03452 343344
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

Sothern Recreation Centre committee meetings
1st Monday of each month 19:45 Scothern Village Hall
Secretary - Gill Radley

scothernvh@hotmail.co.uk

Sothern 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

Scothern Parish Council:	Clerk - Lisa Brooks-Sleight Councillors are listed on the noticeboard by the Village Hall or on the website.	T: 07549 137538 E: clerk@scothern-pc.gov.uk W: scothern.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk
County Councillor:	Sue Rawlins	E: cllrs.rawlins@lincolnshire.gov.uk
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: scothernvh@hotmail.co.uk W: www.scothernvillagehall.org
St Germain's Church	Parish Office - for funerals, weddings and baptisms Vicar - Revd Lynne Hawkins Churchwarden - Jean Drewery Secretary - Cathryn Nicoll Treasurer - Jane Burgess Illness/hospital visits - Jean Drewery (Churchwarden)	T: 07468 149695 E: lawreslmp@gmail.com T: 01673 565022 T: 01522 752489 E: m.drewery48@btinternet.com T: 07776 240967 E: pcc.stgermains@gmail.com T: 07774 737194 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	T: 07824 995070 E: nick.cornwell-smith@lincolnscouts.org.uk
Scothern Players	Lynne Ballantine	E: donorfairy@aol.com

**Is there anything you would like to see included in Scothern News?
If so, please do email scothernpm@btinternet.com. Suggestions, comments and letters are very welcome.**

BRAIN TEASER ANSWERS
1. Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen and Rudolph
2. French
3. 1843
4. London
5. Nuremberg
6. Tchaikovsky
7. Indian Ocean
8. 6th of January
9. Sophie Kinsella
10. Greek alphabet

CHRISTMAS IS GETTING CLOSER - ALL READERS ARE WISHED A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS

