

# SCOTHERN NEWS



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Overall, the new format seems to have been a success with residents of Scothern and, I believe, nearby Sudbrooke.

**January** is the first month of the year in the Julian and Gregorian calendars. Its length is 31 days. The first day of the month is known as New Year's Day. It is, on average, the coldest month of the year within most of the Northern Hemisphere (where it is the second month of winter) and the warmest month of the year within most of the Southern Hemisphere (where it is the second month of summer). In the Southern hemisphere, January is the seasonal equivalent of July in the Northern hemisphere and vice versa.

There are several significant historical dates in January some of which changed the world forever: The following all happened on the **1 January** which is the most celebrated holiday around the world.

- 1660 Samuel Pepys began his famous diary in which he chronicled life in London including the Great Plague of 1664-65 and the Great Fire of 1666.
- 1801 Ireland was added to Great Britain by an Act of Union thus creating the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.
- 1877 Queen Victoria was proclaimed Empress of India.
- 1958 The European Economic Community (ECC) known as the Common Market was formed by Belgium, France, West Germany, Italy, Luxembourg and The Netherlands in order to remove trade barriers and co-ordinate trade policies. Britain, Ireland and Denmark became members in 1973.
- 1999 Eleven European nations began using a new single currency, the Euro for electronic financial and business transactions. *(Can you name them - answers on the back page!)*

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Everyone welcome!

Check out our website for more info:  
[www.thresholdchurch.co.uk](http://www.thresholdchurch.co.uk)

Sunday 5th January

**Church Gathering**

Sunday 12th January

**Community Cafe**

Sunday 19th January

**Church Gathering**

Sunday 26th January

**Church Gathering**

Sunday 2nd February

**Church Gathering**

Sunday 9th February

**Community Cafe**

Sunday 16th February

**Church Gathering**

Sunday 23rd February

**Church Gathering**

**All 10am to noon in  
 Welton Village Hall**

## *Thank You From Scothern Players*

*During the wet and windy weekend evenings at the end of November and the beginning of December, many intrepid theatre goers braved the elements to attend Scothern Village Hall. The event was to celebrate 30 years of the Scothern Players - a group of people with the collective interest of putting on a show.*



*To mark this landmark year, we had chosen the Yorkshire comedy "When We Are Married" by J.B. Priestley. A play that had been warmly received and fondly remembered when first performed in 2007. Several of the cast had been in the original production and were keen to prove that they still "had it in them".*

*It was a play that grew on the participants as rehearsals progressed. Once scripts were down and accents (sometimes dodgy!) were established, the story and the comedy emerged. The team designing and building the scenery were aware of the high standard expected of them and worked hard to produce a sitting room that would have made any Alderman proud - complete with period furniture, paintings, bell-pull and even a stuffed bird. Yorkshire circa 1908 had come to Scothern!*

*Casting of the play was nearly perfect with each actor growing into their role and flourishing. We were inspired by a number of new members, several who had done little acting before, who not only held their own, but often shone. Technical roles and front of house staff also saw additions of new personnel who lifted the whole production.*



*Audiences were appreciative and responsive. Comments after each show were very positive with many people not expecting the number of laughs that the script contained. Costumes, direction, set and even the acting came in for praise. The Players were delighted that the public were "thoroughly entertained".*

*So, thank you to all those intrepid residents of Scothern and the surrounding villages who supported our production and we hope that we did enough to encourage attendance at future shows. Without audience support we could not continue and it would be nice to achieve another 30 years!*

### **Scothern Play Area**

Many of you use the play area and those who have lived in the village for some time, will know that the swings and slide have been pieces of equipment for many, many years; giving children many hours of pleasure and enjoyment.

It is with sadness that everyone has to be advised that the swings and slide have unfortunately been highlighted as requiring repairs (noted in our annual RoSPA inspection) that will be costly as the manufacturer of both pieces went out of business about 25 years ago and therefore, any replacement parts would need to be custom made.

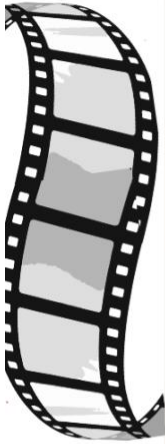
The decision has been made that for the safety and wellbeing of all users, these two pieces of play equipment are to be removed and this will take place over the next couple of months.

The Parish Council is aiming to replace the swings with a newer version that will meet the RoSPA regulations and research is ongoing for items of play equipment that we can replace the slide with (for example, a see saw).

The Parish Council will be putting a notice on the two pieces of equipment stating that neither should be used. We ask that you please abide with this request. We do understand that it will be difficult to explain this to the children, but safe use is paramount.

Please direct any questions to the Clerk of Parish Council.

FLIX  
IN THE  
STIX



London, 1934. Jimmy Erskine (McKellen) is the most feared theatre critic of the age. He lives as flamboyantly as he writes and takes pleasure in savagely taking down any actor who fails to meet his standards. Soon however, Jimmy quickly finds himself at odds with his new boss and his position under threat - so he strikes a Faustian pact with struggling actress Nina Land (Arterton), entangling them and his new boss in a thrilling but deadly web of desire, blackmail and betrayal.

£5  
On the  
Door

**Friday 31st January**  
**7 for 7.30pm Scothern Village Hall**



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](http://www.scothernplayers.org.uk)

My grandma bet me I couldn't build a motorbike out of spaghetti.

You should have seen her face when I drove pasta.

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### Lincolnshire Words, Phrases and Folklore

- Starnil** - a starling
- Kecks** - trousers
- Mardy** - bad tempered, sulky
- Wick** - lively
- Wassack or Gump** - a fool

It was an old Lincolnshire belief that when a baby was born with noticeably large ears, it was a sign that he or she would be successful.

How many did you know - more to come next month .....

From "Lincoln - a miscellany"

*Democracy means simply the bludgeoning of the people by the people for the people.*

*Oscar Wilde (1854-1900)*

*One cannot simultaneously prevent and prepare for war.*

*Albert Einstein (1879-1955)*

*In a word, I was too cowardly to do what I knew to be right, as I had been too cowardly to avoid doing what I knew to be wrong.*

*Charles Dickens (1812-2870)*

Another year has passed by. I hope you all have had a good Christmas, with some thought perhaps about the true meaning of Christmas. A few years ago I came across the following article in a parish magazine, I feel it delivers quite a powerful message and would like to share it with you, the author is unknown,

### THE CRACKED POT

A water-bearer in India had two large pots, hung on each end of a pole which he carried across his neck. One of the pots had a crack in it, and while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water at the end of the long walk from the stream to the master's house, the cracked pot arrived only half full. For a whole two years this went on daily, with the bearer delivering only one and a half pots full of water in his master's house.

Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments, but the cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfections, and miserable that it was able to accomplish only half of what it had been made to do. After two years of what it perceived to be a bitter failure, it spoke to the water-bearer one day by the stream.

"I am ashamed of myself, and I want to apologise to you."

"Why?" asked the bearer, "what are you ashamed of?"

"I have been able, for these past two years, to deliver only half my load because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your master's house. Because of my flaws, you have to do all of this work and you don't get full value for your efforts," the pot said.

The water-bearer felt sorry for the old cracked pot and in his compassion, he said, "As we return to the master's house, I want you to notice the beautiful flowers along the path". Indeed, as they went up the hill, the old cracked pot took notice of the sun warming the beautiful wild flowers on the side of the path, and this cheered it somewhat. But at the end of the trail, it still felt bad because it had leaked out half its load, and so again it apologised to the bearer for its failure.

The bearer said to the pot, "Did you notice that there were flowers only on your side of the path but not on the other pot's side? That's because I have always known about your flaw, and I took advantage of it. I sowed flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day when we walked back from the stream you've watered them. For two years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate my master's table. Without you being just the way you are, he would not have this beauty to grace his house."

A thought provoking story about imperfections and compassion. I feel this demonstrates beautifully that we imperfect human beings can still serve God to good effect, and we can make a real difference both to other members of the Church and to the wider community as we go about our work in a quiet and unassuming way.

I wish you all a happy and healthy 2025.

Don Chapman  
ALM

Two cricket teammates were having a pint. One said to the other, "You're looking glum." The other replied, "I am. My doctor told me I can't play cricket." His friend took a sip of his drink. "I could have told you that."

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## LINCOLNSHIRE ALERT

Scams can be difficult to recognise, but there are things you can look out for.

### If you've seen something online or in an email or text

You can use our online tool to get advice.

<https://www.lincolnshirealert.co.uk/Content/Pages/Latest-Alerts>

Our tool will ask you questions and use your answers to give you advice on:

### Recognising a scam

*It might be a scam if:*

- it seems too good to be true – for example, a holiday that's much cheaper than you'd expect
- someone you don't know contacts you unexpectedly
- you suspect you're not dealing with a real company – for example, if there's no postal address
- you've been asked to transfer money quickly
- you've been asked to pay in an unusual way – for example, by iTunes vouchers or through a transfer service like MoneyGram or Western Union
- you've been asked to give away personal information like passwords or PINs
- you haven't had written confirmation of what's been agreed
- If you get a message that asks you to pay to get the parcel or reschedule the delivery, it's usually a scam. Don't click any links in the text or email. Delivery companies won't ask you to pay them through a link in an email or text.

*If you think you've paid too much for something*

Paying more for something than you think it's worth isn't the same as being scammed. Usually, a scam will involve theft or fraud.

You have other rights contact the Citizen's Advice Bureau (CAB) ([www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk))

If you've given away money or information because of a scam, there are things you should do. Contact CAB as above.

If you think someone is calling to trick you into giving them money or your personal details, hang up and call 159. This is a secure service that connects you directly with your bank.

Calls to 159 are usually charged at the national rate - it depends on your provider.

[Check if your bank uses 159 on the Stop Scams UK website](https://stopscamsuk.org.uk) (<https://stopscamsuk.org.uk>)

## Church News January 2025

I hope you have all had an enjoyable Christmas.

The highlight at St. Germain's was the return of the candlelit Carol Service. As you may know we have not been able to host this for a few years now and it was lovely to see it back in all its glory. Many thanks to all who attended and took part.

Keep a note in your diaries that Lincoln Male Voice Choir will be performing a concert in the Church on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February. We have not agreed a time yet but as soon as we do tickets will go on sale at £10 each. The money raised going towards keeping the Church weatherproof.

### **Church Services in the Welton, Dunholme and Scothern Benefice - January 2025**

Sunday	5th	11:00am	Holy Communion, St Mary's Welton
Sunday	12th	10:30am	Holy Communion, St Chad's, Dunholme
Sunday	19th	9:15am	Holy Communion, St Germain's, Scothern
Sunday	26th	10:30am	Holy Communion, St Chad's, Dunholme

Jean Drewery, Churchwarden

### **SCOTHERN FESTIVE TEA**

A good time was had by all! What a brilliant way to spend a wet and windy Saturday afternoon in a warm village hall. Sumptuous decorations around the walls, Christmas tablecloths and of course a colourful Christmas tree.

Lots of mouthwatering sandwiches, cakes and pastries as well as gallons of tea or coffee and friendly company. After lots of chat we were treated to the saxophone, guitar and vocals of Dick Ryman our entertainer for the afternoon. We all joined in to various Christmas classics and a few singalong favourites.

Thank you to all those who organised the event and also to those who helped on the day. It was a wonderful afternoon so perhaps look out for this event in 2025!

Andrew Cullum



### **On this day in Lincolnshire.....**

(The Little Book of Lincolnshire - Lucy Wood)

**5 January 1945** Beachcomber Marshall Haley discovered the "Mablethorpe Find", a haul of bronze Roman coins in an earthenware bowl. The coins were dated by the British Museum as from varying reigns of emperors, from Augustus in 27BC to Constantinius in AD361. It wasn't Marshall's only success in discovery; in 1935 he found the remains of an Anglo-Saxon village in Mablethorpe.

**15 January 1943** Lincoln endured its worst air raid of the Second World War. A lone Dornier dropped incendiary and phosphorous bombs, killing four people and wounding thirty. A bomb dropped in Thomas Street exploded two days later and destroyed seventeen homes.

**26 January 1899** Skegness's first motor car made its debut. It was purchased by garage owner Bill Berry, Lion Hotel landlord Freddy Kirkby, Whale Museum owner Joe Wingate and Richard Lloyd to provide tourist rides. Their journey from London to Lincolnshire to bring home the Daimler - which had a top speed of 12mph - took three and a half days! (*Imagine that journey these days!*)

## LINDSEY u3a (Welton)

January 2025 Newsletter ([lindseyu3a.org.uk](http://lindseyu3a.org.uk))



Happy New Year! Traditionally now is the time to make life enhancing resolutions so, if you haven't already done so, why don't you consider finding out about Lindsey u3a. It is part of a worldwide organisation for anyone no longer in full-time employment. For an annual fee of £17 you can attend a monthly meeting and listen to a variety of entertaining and enlightening speakers plus you can join any of the A-Z of Interest groups listed on our website [lindseyu3a.org.uk](http://lindseyu3a.org.uk)

Lindsey u3a meets at Welton Village Hall usually on the first Thursday of the month. However this month our first meeting of 2025 will be on 9th January. 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 9th January our speaker, Nancy Appleyard, will give a talk entitled "Art or Artful". With a career in Communication Studies at Lincoln College and Grantham College Nancy is well qualified in communication and personal development and has lectured to cruise ship audiences and various organisations throughout the East Midlands.

Steve Barclay will entertain us on 6th February with his talk "Comedy Heroes". Steve is a comic entertainer who has performed his act at many theatres across the country. Most recently he played various pantomime dames for seven seasons at Lincoln's Theatre Royal.

We offer various interest groups run by members for members. Check out our website [lindseyu3a.org.uk](http://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](http://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 January. 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](http://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](mailto:mandy.murphy1396@gmail.com)

Best Wishes  
Sheila Nash

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**CHINESE NEW YEAR!**

**Year of the Snake - Storytime & Craft**

Make Your Own Snake Craft  
Saturday, 25th January  
at 10:30 AM

Accompanied children aged 4-11

Join us for an exciting morning of stories, creativity, and celebration as we welcome the Year of the Snake! All materials are provided.

Manor Park, Sports Club, Hackthorn Road, Welton, LN2 3PA

**Adventure Awaits at the Library**

We had great fun at the library for our final event of the year! The children had a fantastic time crafting adorable rockin' robins.

Here are a few snapshots from the day to share the joy!

We can't wait to welcome 2025 with even more exciting crafting sessions and to continue engaging with our amazing community. Thank you for making 2024 so memorable!

Stay tuned for updates on upcoming events - we've got lots of creative fun in store!

**WE RE-OPEN FOR 2025 ON SATURDAY 4TH JANUARY**

**Opening Hours**

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Every Tuesday 9.30 - 10am  
WELTON VILLAGE LIBRARY LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY HUB

Manor Park, Sports Club, Hackthorn Road, Welton, LN2 3PA

## 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

A Happy New Year from the library volunteers! We open again on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> January and we will be pleased to see borrowers both old and new. If your new years resolution is to join the library we will be pleased to set up a new library card for you, we just require some identification such as a driving licence or an official document showing your address. For the under 16s wanting to be a new member we ask they call in with an adult who has identification and who will registered as their responsible person on the account. Of course being a member is free as are the majority of our services apart from a small fee should you require photocopies or printing of documents.

Just a reminder that our free popular weekly story time suitable for children from birth recommences on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January for half

an hour at 9:30am when the youngsters will enjoy

magical storytelling and be encouraged to join in if they wish.

We also have a Children's story time and craft event on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January at 10:30am when we will be celebrating the Chinese Year of the Snake by making snakes! A free event suitable for accompanied children aged 4 to 11.

Neither children or their accompanying adult need to be members to attend these events, we just hope it will encourage children to use the library either now or in the future.

Mike

Library Volunteer

Facebook page @Welton Village Library and Community Hub

### Community Coffee Morning.

*The Community Coffee Morning continues to thrive.*

*In December we held a Christmas Lunch at the George in Langworth which was excellent, and we are already hoping to book again for next year.*

*We have been on several outings this year including Bransby Horse Rescue and Bomber Command and we will no doubt be going somewhere as soon as the weather improves.*

*Do come and join us for a coffee and chat. At present we are meeting in the Methodist Chapel (as it is easier to heat) on a Tuesday morning from 10am - 12noon.*

### **WHAT'S ON AT SCOTHERN CHAPEL THIS JANUARY**

<b>Sunday 5 January 10.30am</b>	We shall be at <b>Scothern Chapel</b> with Rev Roy Jackson
<b>Sunday 12 January 10:30am</b>	We are at <b>Scothern Chapel</b> again with Chris Matthews
<b>Sunday 19 January 09:15 am</b>	We join our friends at <b>St Germain's Parish Church</b> in Scothern
<b>Sunday 26 January 10:30 am</b>	We shall be at <b>Scothern Chapel</b> with Rev Canon Alan Robson
<b>Sunday 2 February 10.30pm</b>	We are at <b>Scothern Chapel</b> with Rev Richard for our Covenant Service

### **CHAPEL, CHAT & COFFEE**

**2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of each month - 10.30 am**  
**Some friendly easy-going chat and discussion**

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

### 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.**

**2025 dates:**

**10 January / 14 February / 14 March / 11 April / 9 May / 13 June / 11 July / 8 August / 12 September / 10 October / 14 November / 12 December**

**Come and catch up with old friends and make new ones**

***Why does someone believe when you say there are 400 billion stars, but check when you say the paint is wet.***

***A bus is a vehicle that travels twice as fast when you are running after it as it does when you're on it.***

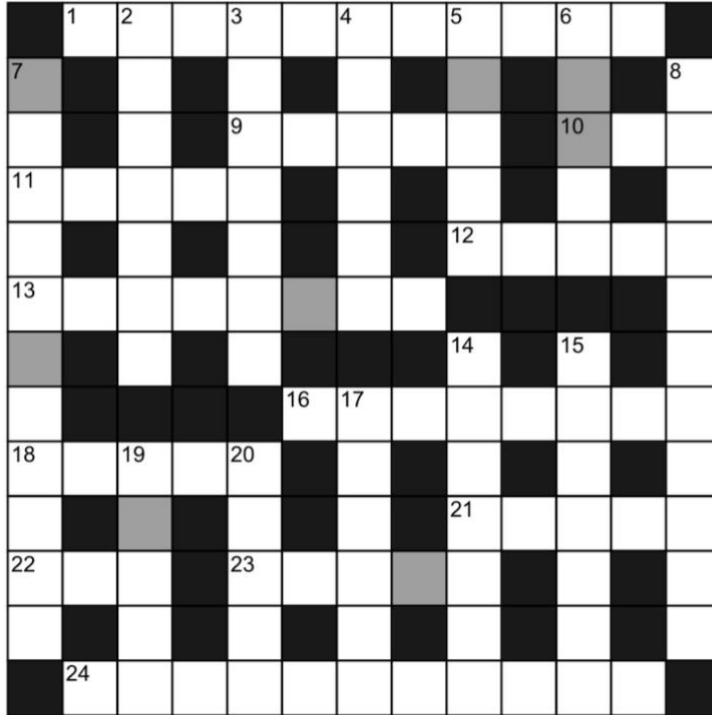
# ST MARY'S CHURCH, WELTON

## VINYL NIGHT

There is NO vinyl night in January 2025 - the record player will be cranked up again on 6 February 2025.

Any questions contact Carol and Glyn on 01673 862358

### Quick Crossword 1



- | Across                                      | Down                               |
|---|------------------------------------|
| 1 Landmark in Paris (6,5)                   | 2 Annoying (7)                     |
| 9 Academy award (5)                         | 3 Daft (7)                         |
| 10 Pair of people (3)                       | 4 Migratory grasshopper (6)        |
| 11 Frame for holding an artist's work (5)   | 5 Unpleasant giants (5)            |
| 12 Stitched (5)                             | 6 Equip (5)                        |
| 13 Where tents are pitched (8)              | 7 Traitorous (11)                  |
| 16 Dweller (8)                              | 8 Correct to the last detail (4-7) |
| 18 Send someone to a medical specialist (5) | 14 Bison (7)                       |
| 21 Brief burst of bright light (5)          | 15 Widened (7)                     |
| 22 Type of vase (3)                         | 17 Silkworm covering (6)           |
| 23 Tiny pore on a leaf (5)                  | 19 Last (5)                        |
| 24 Double entendre (4,2,5)                  | 20 Stiff with age (5)              |

Unscramble the letters in the shaded squares to reveal a themed word:



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### HOW LINCOLNSHIRE SHEEP SHEARERS COUNT THEIR FLOCK

one	-	Yan	six	-	Sethera
two	-	Tan	seven	-	Lethera
three	-	Tethera	eight	-	Overa
four	-	Pethera	nine	-	Covera
five	-	Pimp	ten	-	Dic

Wonder how this would go down in the classroom!

Little Book of Lincolnshire - Lucy Wood

## January Recipe

### Wold Carrot Cake (courtesy of Bette Vickers Bread 'n' if it.....)

#### INGREDIENTS

8 oz plain flour  
2 teaspoons baking powder  
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
Pinch mace  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
4 oz grated carrot  
Grated rind half orange  
2 tablespoons orange juice  
4 oz softened butter  
5 oz castor sugar  
2 eggs  
2 oz chopped hazelnuts  
Lemon or orange icing made with 12 oz  
icing sugar and juice

#### METHOD

1. Pre-heat oven to 180oC/300oF/Gas mark 4
2. Grease two small loaf tins and line with greaseproof paper
3. Sift flour with baking powder, cinnamon, a pinch of mace and salt
4. Mix the grated carrots with the orange rind and juice and set aside
5. Cream the butter. Gradually beat in the sugar until the mixture is white and fluffy. Beat in the eggs one at a time.
6. With a wooden spoon, beat in the carrot and orange mixture
7. Mix in the flour, spices and chopped nuts.
8. Divide the mixture between the two tins, smoothing the top
9. Bake for 30 minutes or until well risen, firm to the touch and pulling away from the sides
10. While still warm, pour over the icing and allow to soak in.

Sounds delicious .....

When Britain stood along and the food supplies were scarce, the cries were "Dig for Victory" and "Save For All You're Worth".

Flower beds and treasured shrubs were dug up and replaced by vegetables and fruit trees.

Older men and women, whose husbands were at war, produced a harvest that was used in all manner of recipes.

In Lincolnshire, the carrots grew in abundance. Many neighbours joined forces and formed a communal base which also supplied those without gardens.

One year, the small Lincolnshire Wolds village had more than they could cope with. Finally, they left heaps of carrots at the gates with a notice saying "Please help yourself". Even that couldn't move them.

Then one day in 1944, the village was invaded by a convoy of soldiers from the Royal Army Service Corps who made full use of the carrots.

Before the war the chef had been at a leading London hotel, and he made the carrots into thick soup and tasty salads. The women watched with interest as he worked in the field kitchen. "Seems you can make owt out of carrots," smiled Patsy Yates. "I could make you an excellent cake if I had an oven" he said.

Within seconds he was offered the use of at least a dozen! He made a plain but very tasty cake with the ingredients available. It became known as "Wold Carrot Cake" and won many prizes at agricultural and horticultural shows.

#### **Bread 'n' if it .....**

*When I was a child, at a time of great hardship in the countryside. I recall asking: "What's for tea, Mam." She used to say "Bread 'n' if it - if yer get it you'll be lucky."*

*Often 'it' consisted of bread and bacon fat or dripping.*

*Now I am a magpie and hoard everything; old letters envelopes, exercise books and especially cookery books for which I have a great passion.*

*I was having a clear out when I found a box full of what appeared to be bits of paper.*

*They were recipes, written on backs of envelopes, letters and writing pads. There was also a collection of old magazines and cookery books with recipes, which took me back to those bread 'n' if it days: Ada's Vinegar Cake, Nan-nan's toffee, Cut And Come Again Cake, Sid's Beef Stew and many more. As far as I am concerned, they are a gold mine.*

*My imagination went to work and I began to recall many of the stories I had heard from family and friends, so I decided to write a cookery book with a difference, blending recipes and stories.*

*The tales are based on fact and as with all country stories, have a moral.*

*Some of the recipes are more than 150 years old.*

*Bette Vickers*

*Bette lived in Ingham and died in 2007 aged 74 after a long career in journalism.*

# SCOTHERN SPEED WATCH

Below are the figures for the vehicles (and speeds) for vehicles passing through Scothern from 4 November 2024 to 6 December 2024 a total of 33 days.

## **Sign 1 on Dunholme Road**

A total of 52,891 came into the village (average 1,603 per day) 99% less than 40mph and 64,793 left the village (average 1,963 per day) 97% less than 40 mph. The maximum speeds recorded: incoming 66 mph and outgoing **83 mph (18 November 2024 11:51)**.

## **Sign 2 on Sudbrooke Road**

A total of 49,218 came into the village (average 1,419 per day) 91% less than 40mph and 36,683 left the village (average 1,112 per day) 89% less than 40mph. The maximum speeds recorded were incoming **116mph (8 November 2024 14:33)** and outgoing **86 mph (15 November 2024)**.

## **Sign 3 on Main Street**

A total of 23,049 came into the village (average 698 per day) 99% less than 40mph and 24,730 left the village (average 749 per day) 99% less than 40&. The maximum speeds recorded were incoming 52mph and outgoing **88 mph (29 November 2024 / 10:47)**.

## **Do these speeds 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](mailto:derek.canton@scothern-pc.gov.uk)) or the Clerk, contact details below.*

## **Welton, Dunholme, Scothern and Nettleham Methodist Churches**

At a recent quiz night, the question was asked, ‘what has December got that other months don’t have?’ The answer is the letter ‘D’. You might have got it instantly, but we on our table came up with a lot of other answers, except the right one for the quiz!

Sometimes there is more than one right answer to the question, other times there is only the one. On our quiz night it was all a bit of fun, so we didn’t worry about it, we all laughed and groaned in the right places. But what if the question had been more serious? How would we have received the answer then?

We’re faced with questions every day of the week and answer them differently depending on their nature. Christmas is traditionally a period where some of the deeper questions often get asked as people relax and unwind with family and friends. As a minister I get asked questions all the time and more often than not I’m also challenged by them. In the new year, the church will be running an Alpha Course. It’s an opportunity to come along and meet new people as we explore the basics of the Christian faith in a friendly and open environment.

The evening starts with a meal followed by a video that introduces the topic of faith for the night. Then there will be a chance to share your thoughts and hear what others think. You can say anything you like, or nothing at all.

Everyone is welcome, no matter what your background or belief. It is free and the course lasts 11 weeks, but if you find it’s not right for you that’s fine as there is no pressure to come back. It starts on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January at 7.00 pm with a meal, just let me know you’re coming.

We all have questions and the church will not be able to answer all of them. I was pleasantly surprised that the most commonly asked cooking question over the last 30 days was, “how long to boil an egg?” I assumed everyone (but me) knew the answer to that one! I embarrassingly Googled it, thinking I was the only one asking it. Turns out 77,000 others asked the same question. I now don’t feel so silly for asking it.

Every blessing for the new year,

Rev Richard

07771 624 885 / [rpm2000.sp@gmail.com](mailto:rpm2000.sp@gmail.com)

## Dunholme Camera Club

*Christmas and New Year always comes and goes so quickly and here we are starting a fresh year and with New Years comes new challenges and our thoughts drift off to what we could do in a new year to change our lives! Lots of us get presents for Christmas and sometimes don't have any idea how to use the items, so what am I getting at? Well did you get a camera or something photographic for Christmas? If so, why not come along to the Camera Club and learn a little more about photography to help you get the most out of that recent present. The Camera Club is not only for those who know about photography and want to enter competitions, it is for anyone who likes talking too and meeting with like-minded people who has an interest in photography, so don't wait any longer, come on down to The Old School at Dunholme on one of our meeting nights or get in touch via the website [www.dunholmecameraclub.co.uk](http://www.dunholmecameraclub.co.uk) from the "Contact" Page.*

*So with a New Year comes new meetings and we start the year at the camera club with our usual "All Things DCC" on the 9<sup>th</sup> January, this meeting is to get all of our members up to speed with what's going on during the year and any new rules etc, it is also a good evening for anyone interested in the club to come along and ask any questions they may have before making a decision to join us. Our second meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> January will be a "Critique and Judging" evening when I will be helping members make the most of their images. Finally, the club will be having a Zoom Talk "Street and Architecture" photography which should be a great evening.*

*As previously mentioned, the club is always open for new members so make that decision and come and join us.*

*Grahame Dunkin 07501259001 email me [dunholmecc@gmail.com](mailto:dunholmecc@gmail.com)*

### Do You Want An Improved Bus Service For Scothern?



The Transport Secretary has given £11.8 million to improve bus services in Lincolnshire stating "The value of regular and reliable bus services cannot be underestimated."

At present we have Call Connect service 11A at 9.05 to Lincoln returning at 12.10 and 15.00

PC Coaches Service 43 runs via the Pub to Lincoln at 7.30 and 9.30 returning at 13.00 and 17.00

PC Coaches will consider extending its Nettleham to Lincoln bus every 2 hours, 6 days a week provided that Lincolnshire County Council allocates suitable funding.

It is important that you write or email to one or all of the following:

Executive Councillor for Highways and Transport [CllrR.Davies@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:CllrR.Davies@lincolnshire.gov.uk)

Head of Transport Mike Reed [Mike.Reed@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:Mike.Reed@lincolnshire.gov.uk)

Senior Public Transport Officer Stuart Eccles [stuart.eccles@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:stuart.eccles@lincolnshire.gov.uk)

If you prefer to write, the address for all of these is County Offices, Newland, Lincoln LN1 1YL

Also contact a Parish Councillor or your County Councillor.

It is no use moaning about our Bus Service, **YOU ALL** need to act! Don't just leave it to someone else!

Andrew Cullum

# WELTON PDA

## **NEW YEAR – NEW CHALLENGE** **(Basically a volunteer driver appeal)**

Is anyone reading this or does anyone reading this know someone who might be willing to be a PDA volunteer driver. I currently have 24 volunteers who provide a much - needed service for the patients of Welton Health Centre. I'm not sure whether everyone knows but the practice currently covers 22 villages many of which have no transport links to get them to medical appointments. Just to give you an idea, in the 12 months October 2023 to September 2024 the drivers travelled 20,994 miles transporting 1,546 patients. Volunteers are DBS checked which is a painless free of charge process and drivers can choose how much or how little they would like to commit to. Some drivers commit to a day or two every month just to take patients to the health centre, others will also take patients to local hospitals- Lincoln Louth, Boston, Grimsby etc and there are also drivers who prefer the longer journeys which could be pretty much anywhere in the country but Nottingham, Sheffield, Barlborough and Hull are the ones we visit most often.

What about payment I hear you ask! Drivers receive 45p per mile funded partly by the patient and partly through the PDA fund raising efforts. If anyone would like to consider this as a way of giving back to the community, please give me a call on the number below with any questions you might have. I look forward to hearing from you!!

The Christmas lunch was held on 6<sup>th</sup> December when we catered for 100 diners. The choir from St Marys School, Welton entertained us prior to the meal with a selection of Christmas songs which was enjoyed by everyone. The raffle and cake stall were very well supported and the final profit for PDA funds was £734 after deduction for food, turkey and village hall hire. The crackers were kindly donated by SCIS and the potatoes by Welton Chippy.

At the Welton Christmas Market and turning on of the tree on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December, Jane and David ran a stall with children's games. It was a cold 3 hours not helped by the gazebo which had a mind of it's own and refused to stay up. They raised £40 for PDA funds, thanks to everyone who supported them.

As the news has to be submitted early due to printing restraints I will report on the Christmas Raffle next month.

I am still 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.

### Dates for our events in 2025 are:

Spring Lunch	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> April
Autumn Fayre	Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> October
Christmas Lunch	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> 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**

## **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

The following is a summary of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> December 2024

6 councillors present, Cllr Baptiste Velan and the clerk.

**New Chair** - Following the resignation of Neville Reyner as Councillor & Chair, Scothern Parish Council elected Cllr Jane Johnson as Chair at the start of the meeting & Cllr Barnaby Patchett elected as Vice-Chair.

Once elected Cllr Johnson said "We now need to move forward in accordance with our correct procedures and code of conduct. We must listen to our residents, take appropriate action and produce results."

**Councillor Co-option** - Scothern PC have been notified by WLDC that we may co-opt a new member, details can be found on the website or contact the clerk for more details.

Application forms to be submitted to the clerk by Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January and will be considered by the council, at the meeting on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 7.30pm

**Village Christmas Tree** – Thank you to The Straw Family for providing the beautiful Christmas Tree for all the residents and thank you to Jonathan Backhouse, PlugSafeLinCs Ltd for providing his services free of charge – PAT testing the lights & making them safe

**Flooding prevention updates** – Anglian water update on Craypool Lane – confirmed that following the repairs and checks, all the issues have now been resolved with no further faults on this section of sewer. The sewer is now a grade 2 (with grade 1 being the highest) and no further action is needed.

**Budget & Precept 2025/26** – the Budget has been set at £30,745 and the Precept at £30,000.

**Planning** – any planning application can be viewed at WLDC planning portal  
- <https://www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/planning-building-control/planning/view-search-planning-applications>

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:clerk@scothern-pc.gov.uk)

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

**The next Scothern Parish Council Meeting – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025, at 7.30pm in the Methodist Church.**

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

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### Extraordinary uses for Ordinary things (thanks to Reader's Digest)

**Strip paint or varnish** - for an easy way to remove paint or varnish from wooden or metal furniture, try using a can of **OVEN CLEANER**; it costs less than commercial paint strippers and is easier to apply (that is if you spray rather than brush it on). After applying scrub off the old paint with a wire brush. Neutralise the stripped surface by coating it with vinegar and then wash it off with clean water. Allow the wood or metal to thoroughly dry before repainting.

**WARNING:** never use oven cleaner to strip antiques or expensive furnishings it may seriously darken the wood or discolour the metal.

**Regenerate a car battery** - if a car battery is starting to sound as if it won't turn over, and you are worried that you'll be stuck the next time you try to start your car, give the battery a little more life with this potion. Dissolve about 30g of **EPSOM SALTS** in warm water and add it to each battery cell.

**Remove hair-spray residue** - dried on hair spray can be tough to remove from walls and mirrors, but even a build-up of residue is no match for a solution of 1 part **LIQUID FABRIC SOFTENER** to 2 parts water. Stir to blend, pour into a spray bottle, squirt the surface and polish with a dry cloth.

**Clean artificial flowers** - silk flowers are actually quite rare these days, but regardless of whether they're made of silk or other fabric, you can easily freshen them up by placing them in a paper bag with 50g **SALT**. Give the bag a few gentle shakes and your flowers will emerge as clean as the day you bought them



## 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://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

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**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

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<b>District Councillor:</b>	Baptiste Velan	T: 07551 722022 / 01427 676606 E: cllr.b.velan@west-lindsey.gov.uk
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<b>St Germain's Church</b>	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
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<b>Ellison Boulters After School Club</b>	Club mobile	T: 07736 575155
<b>25th Lincoln Scout Group (Scothern)</b>	Lead Scouter - Nick Cornwell-Smith	T: 07824 995070 E: nick.cornwell-smith@lincolnscouts.org.uk
<b>Scothern Players</b>	Lynne Ballantine	E: donorfairy@aol.com

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If so, please do email scothernpm@btinternet.com. Suggestions, comments and letters are very welcome.**

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