

# SCOTHERN NEWS



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**The second month of the year is probably most notable for both Valentine's Day and Black History Month.** February is also the shortest month of the year, with only 28 days (unless it's a leap year – in which case there are 29 days).

St Valentine is the patron saint of **lovers, people with epilepsy, and beekeepers.** By some accounts, St. Valentine was a Roman priest and physician who

was martyred during the persecution of Christians by the emperor Claudius II Gothicus about 270.



February is named after a Roman purification festival called februa, which occurred around the fifteenth of this month. Februa literally means "month of cleansing" – a fitting title considering that February was once the last month of the year.

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

- 1865** President Abraham Lincoln signed the 13th Amendment to the United States Constitution, officially abolishing slavery.
- 1952** Queen Elizabeth II ascended to the throne of the United Kingdom. Though, her actual coronation took place on 2 June 1953.
- 1953** James Watson and Francis Crick discovered the structure of DNA. James Watson and Francis Crick's discovery of DNA's structure in the 1950s was a major scientific milestone. Their model showed that DNA is made up of two long chains of nucleotides going in opposite directions. The helical structure explains how genetic information can be copied and stored. Furthermore, DNA discovery led to progress in genetic tests, molecular biology, and medical discoveries.
- 2004** Mark Zuckerberg created the Facebook social media platform whilst he was a sophomore at Harvard. Zuckerberg had built Facebook to connect Harvard students with one another. By the next day, over a thousand people had registered, which was only the beginning. Today, Facebook has roughly 2.91 billion monthly users.

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Sunday 2nd February

**Church Gathering**

Sunday 9th February

**Community Cafe**

Sunday 16th February

**Church Gathering**

Sunday 23rd February

**Church Gathering**

Sunday 2nd March

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**Church Gathering**

All 10am to noon in  
Welton Village Hall

### Scothern Play Area

Unfortunately following the annual play area inspection, several pieces of equipment have been highlighted as requiring urgent repairs, but due to the age of the equipment and the manufacturers no longer in business, a decision on Safety grounds was made to remove these and to seek quotes & research for new equipment.

Scothern Parish Council would like your views regarding the current & future usage and what equipment you would like to see at the Play Park.

You can view the survey by using the QR code below and submitting your answers or from the Parish Council website or Facebook page by using the link provided.



If you could please complete this survey by Sunday 9th February so that the Parish Council can discuss the results at the meeting in February.

THANK YOU

### Church News February 2025

On 22nd December St Germain's held the annual Carol Service of nine carols and nine readings. The church was almost full and the service was enjoyed by all.

On 24 December there was Midnight Mass at 11.15 pm and the birth of our Lord was celebrated with communion at 12 midnight.

You may notice that the Christmas tree (without decorations) is still in church. Tradition is that it stays there until Candlemass on 2 February.

Looking forward, St Germain's is hosting the Lincoln Male Voice Choir on Saturday 15 February at 7pm. Tickets are now on sale from Jan Kenworthy, 01673 861345 (31 Sudbrooke Road) or Cathie Nicoll on 07776 240967. The price is £10 to include light refreshments. There will also be a raffle.

**From the register:**                      *29 December 2024: A wedding blessing for Sarah Shepherd and Elliott Morgan. We send them all good wishes as they begin their new journey in Singapore*

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

Sunday	2nd	10:30 am	Covenant Service at <b>Scothern Methodist Church</b> which the St Germain's congregation will join.
Sunday	9th	10:30 am	Holy Communion at St Chad's, Dunholme
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>16th</b>	<b>09:15 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion, St Germain's, Scothern</b>
Sunday	23rd	10:30 am	Holy Communion at St Chad's, Dunholme
Sunday	2nd (March)	09:15 am	<b>Morning Worship, St Germain's, Scothern</b>



**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)

## ST GERMAIN'S CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

Every six years we have to produce a completely new Electoral Roll and 2025 is that year! I will be delivering a new application form to all members who are currently on the list. If you wish to become a member of the Church Electoral Roll, please contact me on the number below and I will let you have a form.

The Electoral Register has to be completed by the Annual Parochial Church Council meeting which will be held on 16 March 2025 after the Sunday service.

Jan Kenworthy  
Electoral Roll Officer  
01673 861345

## Lincolnshire Mobile Library Service

The mobile library will be at **SCOTHERN** and **Sudbrooke Village Halls**

Fridays in 2025			
7 February	7 March	4 April	2 and 30 May
27 June	25 July	22 August	19 September
17 October	14 November		12 December
<b>Every effort is made to ensure the mobile library arrives at each stop on time</b>		<b>Scothern: 10:00 am to 10:30 am</b>	<b>Sudbrooke: 10:45 am to 11:30 am</b>

To access your Library account visit: [better.org.uk/library/lincolnshire](http://better.org.uk/library/lincolnshire)  
Reservation pick up branch is - Mobile Library North

**Books and more to your door** - If you or someone you know is unable to visit the library due to mobility, age or health related issues then the Library Access Service can arrange for books to be delivered straight to your door.

**For the latest news on the route, enquiries or renewals, please contact the Customer Service Centre**

**Tel: Lincoln 01522 782010**

**Email: [graham.owen@gll.org](mailto:graham.owen@gll.org)**

## ST MARY'S CHURCH, WELTON

### VINYL NIGHT

*Music of the 50's, 60's and 70's*

*Thursday 6 February 2025 - 7:30pm*

*No records? No problem, just come along.*

*Feel free to bring your own tipples and nibbles!*

*Do come along and enjoy a **free** night out!*

*Any questions contact Carol and Glyn on 01673 862358*

*Men of genius are meteors intended to burn to light their century.  
Napoleon Bonaparte (1769-1821)*



## A Lincolnshire Saint

The fourth of February is the commemoration of Gilbert of Sempringham, founder of the Order of Gilbertines. Gilbert was born between 1083 and 1089 at Sempringham in the Lincolnshire Fens between Bourne and Heckington. His father Jocelin was a wealthy Norman knight and his mother name unknown was an Anglo Saxon of humble origin. Gilbert suffered with a physical disability (possibly curvature of the spine) ruling out a military career so instead he was sent to France to study. After spending time abroad where he became a teacher, he returned to Lincolnshire where he was bestowed with the livings of Sempringham and Tirington by his father although he was not an ordained priest. Gilbert received the support of the Bishop of Lincoln Robert Bloet where he became a clerk in the bishop's household. In 1123 the new bishop Alexander ordained Gilbert deacon and priest retaining his services. The revenues Gilbert received from Tirington he devoted to the poor. In 1131 following the death of his father Gilbert returned to Sempringham as lord of the manor and owner of the estate.

The same year Gilbert founded the Gilbertine Order and had renewed his acquaintance with a group of seven women, whom he had met in his earlier teaching career. The women desired to live a life of devotion to God and Gilbert offered the women a 'rule of life' based on the Rule of St Benedict which required seclusion and solitude. The Order received the support of the Bishop of Lincoln and grew rapidly. Thirteen houses were founded during Gilbert's life, four of which were for men only.

Gilbert was a supporter of Thomas Becket, the Archbishop of Canterbury and in 1164 helped him to escape to France from King Henry the Second by disguising him as a Gilbertine monk spending time in their houses before crossing the sea.

In 1165 he was summoned before Henry the Second's justices at Westminster charged with having sent help to the exiled Thomas Becket. He was offered to take an oath that he hadn't done so, but Gilbert refused as an oath to that effect may make him appear an enemy to the archbishop. Gilbert was resigned to a sentence of exile but on hearing his explanation the King pardoned him, and he obtained immunity for himself and his order.

In 1170 when Gilbert was already an aging man some of his lay brothers revolted spreading false accusations about him.

Following fierce controversy, he was eventually vindicated by Pope Alexander the Third. Advancing years persuaded Gilbert to stand down from the supervision of his order and he appointed Roger, prior of Malton as his successor.

A special custom developed in the houses of the order called "the plate of the Lord Jesus". The best portions of the dinner were put on a special plate and shared with the poor, which reflected Gilbert's lifelong concern for less fortunate people.

Following his death over a hundred years old in 1189 some twelve years later following the request of Hubert Walter Archbishop of Canterbury, he was canonized by Pope Innocent the Third, his remains were moved to an honourable place in the church at Sempringham, his shrine becoming a place of pilgrimage.

Ted Willows-Chamberlin  
ALM-WDS Benefice

### **LESSONS IN LIFE THAT WRINKLIES SHOULD HAVE LEARNED BY NOW** (no offence meant!)

Never under any circumstances, take a sleeping pill and a laxative on the same night.

My father was a very wise old man. He once told me "Son, don't worry about trying to understand women. If you ever do manage to understand them, you won't believe it anyway."

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Staying safe during severe weather

We have continued to see news reports from across England and Wales, sharing accounts of severe weather events and the damage that they have caused in local communities over the past weekend, to homes, businesses, and individuals.

We urge everyone to stay safe during these extreme weather events, and to check on vulnerable neighbours or members of your community when possible. Please listen to updates and weather warnings from your local government services to remain informed of the situation in your local area

You can [check for flood warnings in England using this Government website](#), and you can [check for flood warnings in Wales using this website](#).

[This page from Age UK's website](#) offers advice on how to support elderly residents during a flood crisis, and [this UK Government website](#) offers advice on what to do after you've been affected by flooding.

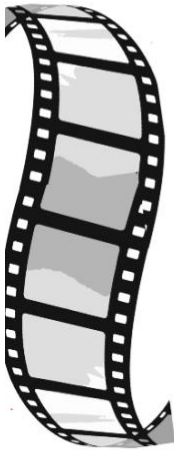
With best wishes,  
Neighbourhood Watch Network's Central Support Team.

**Message Sent By**

Ruby Smart

(Neighbourhood Watch Network, Head of Communications and Digital, National)

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**Friday 28th February  
7 for 7.30pm Scothern Village Hall**

**Lincoln Male Voice Choir**  
15 February 2025  
St Germain's Church  
Scothern

An evening of entertainment with performances by  
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*All proceeds towards the fabric and upkeep of St Germain's Church*

**FROM THE LITTLE BOOK OF LINCOLNSHIRE (LUCY WOOD)**

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

**2 February 1829** Robbers targeted Halstead Hall, near Stixwoud, bursting in on Mr and Mrs William Elsey as they dined and threatening them with a gun. The couple and their maid were tied up by the men, who stole property and money. Labourer Thomas Lister was caught and confessed to being at the hall but said no more. He was hanged on 27 March. Thomas Strong and Timothy Brammer were executed in 1830, while Richard Poucher was transported in 1831.

**15 February 1901** The steamship Homer was in collision with a Russian barque, 20 miles off the River Humber mouth. Homer was sailing between London and Newcastle, while the Russian ship headed for America. The foreign crew survived, and all but one seaman, McAllister perished on the Homer. Its wreck lies ion 26 feet of water; one of an estimated 50 in the river mouth.

**Ten Familiar Landmarks - 1**

One of the best-known sea marks of the Humber is the 309ft Dock Tower at Grimsby - taller than Lincoln Cathedral and made with about a million bricks. It was designed by J W Wild, who travelled widely in Egypt, Syria and southern Europe, gathering sketches of ideas, some of which he used ibn Grimsby. At its construction, it was the highest brick building in the country; its cast iron spiral staircase of 350 steps is the longest in the world. Although it looks ornamental, it was built as part of the hydraulic lock gates system. About 247 ft up is a 30,000-gallon capacity water tank. It was later used for washing down the fish markets and firefighting. On the northwest face is a plaque commemorating the men of the minesweepers who lost their lives in the Second World War. Unveiled in 1948, it is the only tribute of its kind to the minesweeping service, of which Grimsby was one of the largest bases.



# LINDSEY u3a (Welton)

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



The season of goodwill has come but hopefully not gone. We are bombarded with adverts for SALES of new kitchens, bathrooms, beds, holidays and much more all at KNOCKDOWN prices. Fear not, Lindsey u3a's sales pitch is that our BARGAIN annual membership fee of £17 has for the 3rd year running stayed the same. For £17 a year you can attend 12 monthly meetings including refreshments and a speaker plus the possibility of joining any interest group which might appeal to you. What's to lose?

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.

On 6th February our speaker is Steve Barclay, a comic entertainer, who has performed at many theatres across the country including seasons at Swansea Grand, the Bristol Hippodrome, Leeds City Varieties, the London Palladium and most recently played pantomime dames for 7 seasons at Lincoln's Theatre Royal. His talk entitled "Comedy Heroes" should be very entertaining.

On 6th March our short Annual General Meeting will begin at 10.15a.m. followed by a speaker, Malcolm Ross whose talk about the "Lucy Tower Graves" should be fascinating. Lincoln Castle's Lucy Tower originally built over a thousand years ago became a burial ground in the early 19th century. Graves of prisoners who were hanged at the castle still lie within Lucy Tower. Who were they? What had they done? Malcolm will reveal the stories behind those graves.

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 February. 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 or Email: [mandy.murphy1396@gmail.com](mailto:mandy.murphy1396@gmail.com)

Best Wishes  
Sheila Nash

## SUDBROOKE VILLAGE HALL QUIZ NIGHTS

Every second Friday in the month (except November).

Doors open 7:30pm and Quiz will start at 8:00pm.

Bar and Prizes

Entry £1 per person, maximum of six people per team

Come and test your general knowledge in a friendly convivial atmosphere

### Dates for 2025

14 February	14 March	11 April	9 May	Summer Break
7 November (1st Friday)		10 October		12 December



## 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 have some exciting events this coming month in addition to our library sessions which as always offer you the chance to borrow books from the full Lincolnshire Library Catalogue as well as those on our shelves.

First, a reminder that every Tuesday morning from 9:30 to 10:00am we have storytime for children from birth, and parents, grandparents or carers are welcome along with the children of course!

Then an exciting new event, a Board Games Club, this will run on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February from 10:15 to 11:45am and again on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February at the same times. We have been gifted a fantastic set of new games for a variety of age groups and we will also be bringing some old favourites along, you can also bring your own. So come and enjoy board games with family and friends or perhaps make new friends, it's for ages from 4 to 104 in fact anyone who is ready to play! Players can drop in at any time during these events all we ask is that any 11 years and under are accompanied by a responsible adult.

On Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February we have a double attraction; Dr. Frances DaSilva will read from his beautiful book 'A Fairytale Star Called You' with copies available for purchase afterwards. Then we have one of our ever popular craft events where accompanied children aged 4 to 11 can make their own dreamcatcher. The fun starts at 10:30am and the event and materials are all provided free.

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm sees the welcome return of our Community Hub talks, this year we start with a chance to meet both a local guide dog user and her dog Chandler. Discover how the dogs are trained, their amazing abilities and how they are transformed from cute little bundles to qualified dogs and beyond. Admission free with a donation for Guide Dogs at the end.

A forward date for your diaries, in quite a coup for us we have AJ Campbell successful crime and thriller writer giving a talk on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 10:30am.

Adventure awaits at the library!  
Mike - Library Volunteer  
Facebook page @WeltonVillageLibrary

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

<b>Sunday 2 February 10.30am</b>	We shall be at <b>Scothern Chapel</b> for the Covenant Service with Rev Richard
<b>Sunday 9 February 10:30am</b>	We are at <b>Scothern Chapel</b> again with Rev Margaret Doughty
<b>Sunday 16 February 09:15am</b>	We join our friends at <b>St Germain's Parish Church</b> in Scothern
<b>Sunday 23 February 10:30 am</b>	We shall be at <b>Scothern Chapel</b> with Deacon Helen Gardner
<b>Sunday 2 March. 10.30pm</b>	We shall make our own arrangements perhaps at Nettleham with Moss Takavarasha or at Welton with Duncan Franks

### 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!)**

I'd just like to shout out to all my friends who don't know the opposite of "in".

## SUPPORT ST. GERMAINS WITH REGULAR GIVING

Now a little plea on behalf of St Germain's church.

Regular giving can be a prayerful expression of faith in action, and it is vital to sustain our church, helping us to plan for the future.

St Germain's is a member of the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) which provides the simplest and most secure way for everyone to give to our church. By making a gift through PGS, they manage all the admin on our behalf, which makes a big difference to the church staff and volunteers.

When you set up a regular gift by Direct Debit with PGS, you can choose the frequency and amount of your gift and opt in to Gift Aid, if you are eligible. Through Gift Aid, we receive an extra 25p for every pound you give which makes a significant impact across the year.

There's also an option for you to increase your gift annually, with the peace of mind that you can adjust your gift at any time. One of the most important aspects of our choice to partner PGS to process gifts on behalf of this church, is that the giver always remains in control.

The quickest and easiest way to set up and manage your regular gift is online, through the PGS website.

It is also possible to make a one-off gift online, using a debit or credit card, Apple Pay or Google Pay.

To set up a regular or one-off gift online, scan the QR code

If you're not connected to the internet, don't worry. You can set up your regular gift by phoning the PGS team on 0333 002 1271, Monday to Friday, 9-5, or completing a paper gift form.

If you'd like to know more, please get in touch with Jane Burgess - Treasurer St. Germain's Church on 07774 737194 or email [janeeb53@hotmail.com](mailto:janeeb53@hotmail.com)



### Community Coffee Morning.

*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.*

### 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:**

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**

*When a love comes to an end, weaklings cry, efficient ones instantly find another love and the wise already have one in reserve.*

*Oscar Wilde (1854-1900)*

## Welton, Dunholme, Scothern and Nettleham Methodist Churches

This time last year I'd had a pheasant occupy my garden for three months. I called him 'Stanley' and he would timidly strut around. He left a few weeks after he was joined by another pheasant, which I named Stacey. I couldn't stop smiling during this period – so much joy in my garden.

Fast forward a year and for a similar period of time I've had the rooks and other birds digging up the grass looking for the chafer bugs. It was an initial shock to find how quickly the lawn could be dug over by the birds. At first I had lots of different thoughts about what I was going to do, however, after pausing to chat with others I got to know more and decided to let nature take its course.

My emotions might have been different if I was a passionate gardener, but I'm not. This got me thinking about decisions. We make them every day, more often than not without a second thought. But, some can be more complex and emotionally challenging and that's when it's good to talk to others.

Over time, many of us create networks of family, friends and neighbours who from time to time we can use to 'sound out' our thinking. As a Christian minister I sometimes find prayer helps me chat through my thinking with God. Some of my prayers are giving thanks for the likes of Stanley & Stacey. Other prayers can be said in anguish as I observe injustices or reflect on my own shortcomings.

Prayer can be like a pause button which allows us to stop and get another perspective before we make a decision. In the words of a Coldplay hit last year 'we pray for someone to come and show the way',

May God guide you in that way this year as you make your decisions.

Every blessing,

Rev Richard07771 624 885 / [rpm2000.sp@gmail.com](mailto:rpm2000.sp@gmail.com)

## SCOTHERN SPEED WATCH AND SPEED CAMERA REPORT JANUARY 2025

Below are the figures for the vehicles (and speeds) for vehicles passing through Scothern from 7 December 2024 to 4 January 2025 a total of 29 days.

Speed Watch - no sessions held during December.

### **Sign 1 on Dunholme Road**

A total of 38,705 came into the village (average 1,335 per day) 99% less than 40mph and 46,825 left the village (average 1,615 per day) 97% less than 40 mph. The maximum speeds recorded: incoming 62 mph and outgoing **78 mph (13 December 2024 12:16)**.

### **Sign 2 on Sudbrooke Road**

A total of 35,541 came into the village (average 1,226 per day) 90% less than 40mph and 26,386 left the village (average 910 per day) 87% less than 40mph. The maximum speeds recorded were incoming **75 mph (8 November 2024 14:33)** and outgoing **86 mph (22 December 2024 11:12)**.

### **Sign 3 on Main Street**

A total of 16,642 came into the village (average 574 per day) 99% less than 40mph and 18,248 left the village (average 629 per day) 99% less than 40&. The maximum speeds recorded were incoming 53mph and outgoing **71 mph**.

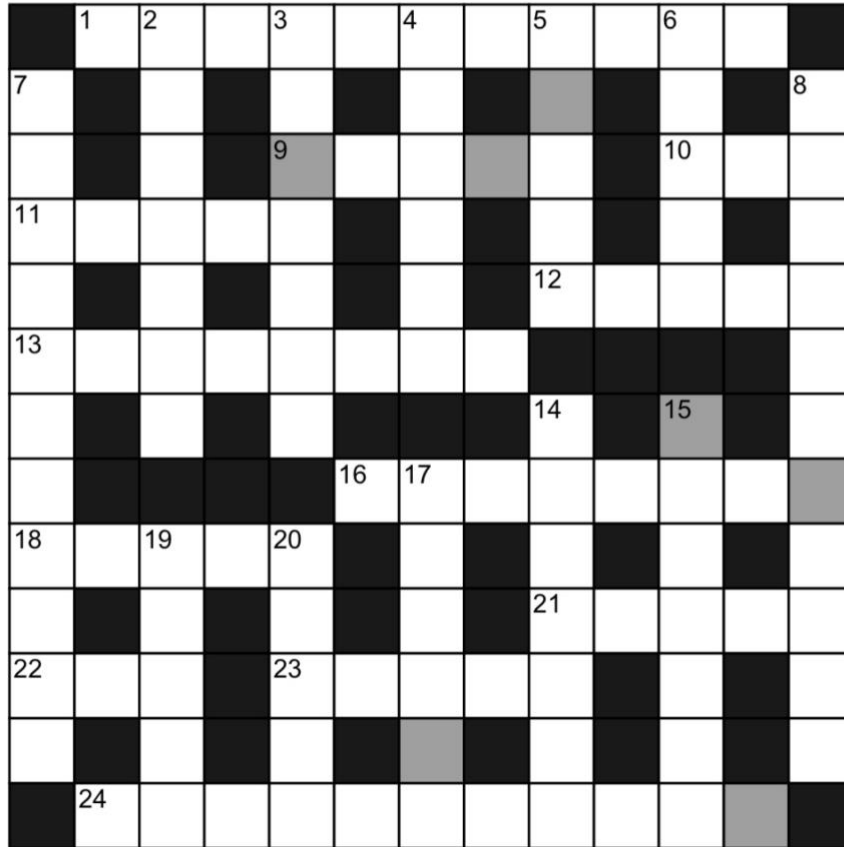
### **Do these speeds worry you?**

*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.*



## Quick Crossword 2



### Across

- 1 Business of entertaining visitors (11)
- 9 Assesses performance (5)
- 10 Frozen water (3)
- 11 Raises up (5)
- 12 Visual perception (5)
- 13 The first people to do something (8)
- 16 Study the night sky (8)
- 18 Tree of the birch family (5)
- 21 Wedding assistant (5)
- 22 Fantastical creature (3)
- 23 Unit of heat (5)
- 24 Relating to fireworks (11)

### Down

- 2 Effluence (7)
- 3 Followed after (7)
- 4 Restraint (6)
- 5 Slips (anag.) (5)
- 6 Making a knot in (5)
- 7 In a state of disrepair (11)
- 8 Solid figure with five faces (11)
- 14 Victory (7)
- 15 Japanese dish of raw fish (7)
- 17 Steal (6)
- 19 Silly (5)
- 20 Quantitative relation (5)

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

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### Lincolnshire Words, Phrases and Folklore (From *Lincoln a Miscellany*)

Jiffle	-	Fidget
Yucker	-	A young person
Throng	-	Busy
Uneppen	-	Clumsy
Proggle	-	To poke about (with a stick)

## February Recipe

### Stoned Beef (courtesy of Bette Vickers Bread 'n' if it.....)

#### INGREDIENTS

4 slices topside beef  
1.5 oz flour  
1 level teaspoon salt  
1/4 level teaspoon pepper  
1.5 oz lard  
2 finely chopped onions  
2 sticks celery  
8 oz can chopped tomatoes  
2 level teaspoons tomato puree  
Worcester sauce to taste  
1/4 pint red wine

#### METHOD

1. Cut steak into 8 pieces and toss in seasoned flour until all used.
2. Melt lard and fry meat in this until brown.
3. Place meat in casserole dish.
4. Add onion and celery to remaining fat and fry until golden brown.
5. Add to meat, together with tomatoes, puree, sauce, wine and water.
6. Cover and cook in a moderate oven for two and a half hours until meat is tender.

*Something warming for this cold weather .....*

After his wife died, Dave Thompson could not cope with the cooking. His son, Garry got such a lot of flak from the other lads about his pack-up that he took to hiding behind the piles of stones they picked off the fields for building walls.

One day the bread was so thick and hard he flung it over the field.

"What the heck?" a voice shouted. Garry stood rooted to the spot as Jack Barlow came toward him.

"You could ha' killed me with that stone," he shouted. Garry burst into tears.

"I were only joking. What's up?" he asked.

Garry told him the whole sorry story.

"I'm hungry and fed up" he sobbed.

"We'd best go and see my missus" Jack said.

Jack told her the story and asked if they could "do owt!"

"The Lord helps them that helps themselves" she answered.

She asked Garry to help around the house and, in return, she taught him to cook.

One Sunday, Dad went in to find the table laid and a tempting smell coming from the oven. Garry explained about Mrs Barlow. They enjoyed the meal of braised beef, vegetables and bread and butter pudding.

Garry Thompson started work at a London North Eastern Railway buffet, then in the kitchens of their buffet cars and hotels. He became an excellent chef and his speciality was 'stoned beef'.

*Amazing!*

### Lincolnshire Quiz Questions (from *Lincoln..... a miscellany*)

1. Which famous royal mistress and ancestress of the present royal family is buried in Lincoln Cathedral?
2. What makes Lincoln's Newport Arch so special?
3. What does the row of circles marked by stone setts in the surface of Bailgate represent?
4. Where in Lincoln would you find a Roman gravestone that was re-used by a Saxon named Eirtig to commemorate the founding of a church?
5. Lincoln's medieval weavers mainly produced four kinds of cloth - one was Lincoln Green, famously worn by Robin Hood. What were the other three called?
6. Where will you find the Lincoln Imp?

*Answers on the back page*

## Dunholme Camera Club

*We have had a great start to the year at the camera club and with 3 meetings under our belt we move into February, usually still a cold month and sometimes one that brings with it more cold weather and snow. In our area around Lincoln, we don't usually get adverse weather and if we do there is always somewhere that has weather worse than we get, but now again for us photographers it would be nice to get some snow as it can bring to life those images that in winter can be plain and boring. There is still always an image to be had and during January we have had some great sunrises and sunsets which has allowed the members to get some great images. The camera club is always looking for anyone interested in photography to come along and see what we do and of course hopefully join us at the club. Maybe you got a new camera for Christmas and would like to learn a little bit more about how to use it? well it's a good to join us and get to grips with the camera, in fact during February we have a night when our members bring along their cameras and laptops to discuss how to get better images and how to get more out of their cameras or for those who would like to learn a little bit more about editing their images on their laptops, so really it's a great time to join us and listen and learn how to use your camera better, I know from the training lessons that I give local people the new modern cameras can be very daunting with their never ending menus and words that really baffle most people. If you're interested in one-to-one photography training then please do get in touch.*

*Right, what do we have and when in February, we start the month with our first competition of the year on the 13th February which will be an "Open Digital competition, this means that the members can enter up to 3 images on the night of their choice and any subject they want and the big bonus is that with it being a digital competition that means that they don't have to do any printing as the images are projected onto the screen for the judge, may the best image win.*

*Our second meeting of the month is on the 27th February when we will be having that "Camera/Software evening" that I mentioned earlier where members will be bringing their cameras etc, and hopefully going away a little bit wiser than when they arrived.*

*All our meetings start at 7.30pm but members usually start to arrive just after 7pm to have a chat with other members and ask any questions that they may have before we start the evenings entertainment. Don't forget to go over to our website at [www.dunholmecameraclub.co.uk](http://www.dunholmecameraclub.co.uk) and have a look at some of the 70,000 images that are on the website, yes that is correct 70,000 images. If you want to contact me you can do that on the website contact page or with the details below. Don't hesitate come and join us soon.*

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

**I really wanted to find out the lowest ranking position in the army.**

**But people kept telling me it was private.**





## WELTON PDA

I am disappointed to say that, at the time of writing this, I've had no response to my appeal for volunteer drivers.

If anyone reading this could spare even 1 day a month (more would be appreciated!) to take patients to appointments at the health centre, please get in touch. Drivers receive 45p per mile which is the current tax free limit set out by HMRC. Please give this your consideration and give me a call. If you decide after speaking to me that this is not for you it will be taken no further!

The Christmas raffle was once again a huge success raising £2172 which is £416 more than last year. Thank you for everyone who bought and sold tickets for us and to all businesses etc who donated prizes. We had a total of 40 prizes to distribute to the lucky winners.

The PDA are once again holding a plant sale at the Welton May Fair. If anyone with green fingers would consider growing us a few plants, flower or vegetable, it would be appreciated. We also take house plants and any larger plants you might have dug out of your garden. We can collect if necessary and have the use of a large greenhouse to store plants in. More details next month.

As the cost of food items continues to rise, the PDA committee has taken the difficult decision to raise the price of tickets for our lunches. Tickets for the spring lunch will cost £8 and for the Christmas lunch £10. I hope that all our regular diners will accept this decision.

Many of you will probably know that Dr Lumley is retiring at the end of March. There will be a book to sign, at the health centre, to show your appreciation of the many years she has served the practice and also a collection box if anyone would like to contribute to a leaving present for her.

### Dates for our events in 2025 are:

Spring Lunch	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> April
Spring lunch tickets on sale	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February (on the number below)
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

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

**My girlfriend is on a tropical-food diet - she's filled the entire house with fruit**

**It's enough to make a mango crazy.**

## SCOTHERN PARISH COUNCIL

The following is a summary of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025  
5 councillors present and the clerk.

**Councillor Co-option** – We welcome Mark Unwin to the Council; Mark was co-opted as a new member of Scothern PC.

**Play Area** – Unfortunately following the annual play area inspection, several pieces of equipment have been highlighted as requiring urgent repairs, but due to the age of the equipment and the manufacturers no longer in business, a decision on Safety grounds was made to remove these and to seek quotes & research new equipment.

**Flooding updates** – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January, after heavy rainfall – Craypool Lane flooded again. This was reported to Highways as AW sewer now repaired but excess rainwater still flows into the sewer pipe, highways don't have an excess rainwater pipe and the sewage system overflows. AW has confirmed that the upgrade work at Nettleham is complete and both pumps at our pumping station are fully functional.

Highways are due to inspect all gullies & drains in the coming weeks once emergency response is over. Cllr S Rawlins has been contacted.

**Welcome to Scothern** - A welcome leaflet has been produced to help new residents settle into the village. This contains village information and contact details and will be delivered to all new residents along with a current copy of the Scothern News. If you have new neighbours, please contact the clerk who will arrange to have these delivered.

**Planning** – any planning application can be viewed at WLDC planning portal  
- [West Lindsey District Council Planning](#)

### **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 12 February 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** *(with thanks to Readers Digest)*

**Find your favourite photo negative** - Before framing a favourite photograph, tape the negative to the back of the picture. If ever you want to make copies of the photo, you won't have to go searching through piles of old negatives to find the right one.

**Prevent jewellery tangles** - To keep fine chains from tangling when you are travelling, lay the chain along a piece of clear tape. Then place another piece on top to encase it. You can also use the tape trick of keep a pair of earrings from getting separated.

**Remove lipstick from silk** - Why pay for dry-cleaning to remove a lipstick spot from a silk scarf or dress when you can do it for free? Just place a piece of clear tape (or masking tape) over the spot and pull it off. If you can still see some of the lipstick colour, sprinkle on some talcum powder or chalk, and dab until the powder and the remaining lipstick disappear.

## 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.weltonurgery.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>

### 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

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

scothernvh@hotmail.co.uk

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



## WHO'S WHO

<b>Scothern Parish Council:</b>	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.pariah.lincolnshire.gov.uk
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<b>District Councillor:</b>	Baptiste Velan	T: 07551 722022 / 01427 676606 E: cllr.b.velan@west-lindsey.gov.uk
<b>Scothern Recreation Centre (Village Hall)</b>	Bookings Secretary - 16 Weir Farm Paddock, Scothern	E: scothernvh@hotmail.co.uk W: www.scothernvillagehall.org
<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.stgermain@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

**Is there anything you would like to see included in Scothern News?**

**If so, please do email [scothernpm@btinternet.com](mailto:scothernpm@btinternet.com). Suggestions, comments and letters are very welcome.**



Quick crossword 2

### Lincolnshire Quiz answers

1. Katharine Swynford, who became the mistress to John of Gaunt, one of the sons of Edward III and was mother to four of his children. One of these children was John Beaufort from whom all of England's succeeding royal families can be traced. Katherine died in 1405 and is buried in Lincoln Cathedral.
2. Newport Arch (or Roman Northgate) which stands at the northern end of Bailgate, is the only Roman gateway in Britain still used by road traffic.
3. The circles mark the position of the colonnade that ran along the eastern side of the Roman forum (or marketplace) forming a covered way or portico.
4. The stone is set within the western wall of the tower of St Mary of Wigford and records the dedication of the church by Eirtig to the glory of Christ and St Mary.
5. As well as Lincoln Green there was Lincoln Grey, Lincoln Blanket and the most expensive of all - Lincoln Scarlet.
6. The Lincoln Imp is a stone carving in the form of a small diabolical creature which can be found at Lincoln Cathedral. The buildings of the shrine of St Hugh wanted pilgrims to have in mind the ever-present danger of evil, so they included a reminder of the devil high up between two arches on the north side of the Angel Choir. The creature has become world famous as "The Lincoln Imp" and has become a symbol of Lincoln and is now popular with tourists trying to find "The Imp".

*How have you done?*