

# SCOTHERN NEWS



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March is the first month of spring in the Northern Hemisphere (North America, Europe, Asia and part of Africa) and the first month of fall or autumn in the Southern Hemisphere (South America, part of Africa and Oceania).

The name of March comes from *Martius*, the first month of the earliest Roman calendar. It was named after Mars, the Roman god of war and an ancestor of the Roman people through his sons Romulus and Remus. His month *Martius* was the beginning of the season for warfare, and the festivals held in his honour during the month were mirrored by others in October when the season for these activities came to a close. *Martius* remained the first month of the Roman calendar year perhaps as late as 153 BC, and several religious observances in the first half of the month were originally new year's celebrations. Even in late antiquity, Roman mosaics picturing the months sometimes still placed March first.

The Feast of St David and the National Day of Wales is on 1 March and St Patrick's Day is on 17 March a commemoration of the arrival of Christianity in Ireland.

Significant events in March include:

- 44BC** Beware the "Ides of March" – Julius Caesar is stabbed by Marcus Brutus.
- 1836** The Scottish-born inventor, Alexander Graham Bell, patented the telephone. (*Where would we be without it!*)
- 1936** The British fighter plane *Spitfire* made its first test flight from Eastleigh, Southampton. Powered by a Rolls-Royce Merlin engine the aircraft will enter service with the Royal Air Force in the next two years.
- 1956** Queen Elizabeth II laid the foundation stone of a new cathedral being built in Coventry. The new building is being erected next to the remains of the 14th-century cathedral destroyed by the German Luftwaffe in 1940.
- 1969** Concorde, the Anglo-French supersonic airline, roared into the skies on its maiden flight. The aircraft will travel at twice the speed of sound.
- 1985** Members of the Britain's National Union of Mineworkers returned to work after voting to end their unsuccessful year-long strike.

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Sunday 2nd March

**Church Gathering**

Sunday 9th March

**Community Cafe**

Sunday 16th March

**Church Gathering**

Sunday 23rd March

**Church Gathering**

Sunday 6th April

**Church Gathering**

Sunday 13th April

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### **From Andrew**

#### **A Magical Evening of Music**

When Jan Kenworthy twisted my arm to buy a couple of tickets for a Male Voice Choir, it conjured up a picture of Welshmen from the Valleys singing Men of Harlech along with selections of rather old-fashioned hymns. Not so!

Listening to the Lincoln Male Voice Choir I soon realised how wrong I was! The first surprise was that St Germain's Church was packed. A hush, and Musical Director Thomas Morton – a music student from the University – took the stand. From the beginning I was captivated by the enthusiasm and artistry of the twenty odd singers in this choir. The repertoire was so varied – yes, we did have a Welsh hymn, but we were treated to all sorts of music from opera and Verdi's Nabucco to sea shanties. There were all sorts in between, jazz, spirituals, football songs.

Now it wasn't all about male voices either. Ceridwen Fisher, a talented soprano studying at the University, sang us a selection which included a French Eurovision entry and 'I dreamed a dream' from Les Mis. Later we had a Beethoven piano sonata performed by virtuoso Yuan Styles from the Belarus Academy of Music.

Climax of the show was undoubtedly the tune 'Saints Go Marching In' and of course a sung version of the Lincolnshire anthem 'The Dambusters' to close. After rapturous applause an encore of sea shanties from the film Fishermen's Friends completed the programme.

Thanks to all who organised the event, provided the music and the interval wine and buffet snacks part way through.

### **From Rosey**

*On Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February St Germain's church welcomed the Lincoln Male Voice Choir for an evening's entertainment of singing and music.*

*We were treated not just to the Lincoln Male Voice choir but also an amazing young soprano soloist, Ceridwen Fisher (who sang both modern and classical songs) and the pianist Yuan Styles who not only provided the evening's accompaniment but performed a magical solo piano concerto, (Beethoven's Sonata Pathetique ). Both absolutely transfixing the audience.*

*There was a glass of wine to enjoy in the interval along with a tray of tasty nibbles giving us all time to catch up with local news.*

*Then it was back to more rousing songs from the choir with Salty Sea Dog renditions, popular classics and, of course, a show stopping rendition of the Dambusters and much more.*

*If you missed it, then you missed a treat. Let's hope it's not long before they come back to visit.*

*And importantly the church raised much needed funds which will enable it to continue to be an active focal point for the village community to join in together for all sorts of activities which contribute to making Scothern the lovely village it is.*

**WHAT A WONDERFUL EVENING OF ENTERTAINMENT THIS WAS - THANK YOU TO THE LINCOLN MALE VOICE CHOIR.**

**Manager:** Our new signing cost thirty million. I call him our "wonder player".

**Interviewer:** Is he that good?

**Manager:** No. But whenever I see him play, I wonder why I bought him.

## 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**

<b>Fridays in 2025</b>			
7 March	4 April	2 May	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>	

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## ST MARY'S CHURCH, WELTON

### VINYL NIGHT

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

*Thursday 6 March 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*

*It took me seventeen years to get three thousand hits in baseball.  
It took one afternoon on the golf course!  
Hank Aaron*



## AND WHAT A STORY THEY TELL!

What am I describing? Well, its Stained Glass Windows *wherever* they may be, and recently I was asked to explain the meaning of the Stained Glass Windows in St Mary's church by the year three students of St Mary's School.

I was very grateful to be asked, because like many of us I suppose we take our windows for granted. But apart from just looking beautiful, especially when the sun shines, they also tell a story and I think you have to admire the skill and craft of the glaziers in St Mary's Chancel, as they tell us the significant moments in Jesus' life, as depicted in each window.

It seems appropriate that as we approach Easter, a closer look to the window in the centre panel reveals the Passion of Christ at Eastertide. All the Chancel windows are a beautiful reminder of the whole story of Jesus' life from birth to Ascension.

And it is the tradition of storytelling that we look to our next window where we see the founder Lincoln Christ's Hospital School, Dr Richard Smith. He was born in Ryland at around 1530 and although orphaned, he went on to study Medicine and eventually he became Chief Pharmacist to Lord Cecil, otherwise known as Lord Burleigh, who was probably the most senior of senior servants in the court of Queen Elizabeth 1<sup>st</sup>. Richard founded the school as a charity, out of his fortune. He died in Welton in 1602, and his image can be seen in the window that is his memorial along with the stone memorial that is in the churchyard.

A little bit further round the church, we have one of the earliest Stained Glass Windows ever to be dedicated to the men and women of the Royal Air Force, with graphic illustrations of typical aircraft of the day circling around the skies of Welton. It also features the badges of the Royal Flying Corps, the Royal Naval Air Squadron, the Royal Air Force and the Air Force Cross. Standing boldly over them all is St Michael of All Angels, Patron Saint of all flyers, slaying the dragon of Evil! If you look very closely you can just see a submarine lurking off the Coast!

Plans to put this window in were put together by our vicar Revd Canon Hunt in 1919 and the window was eventually unveiled in May 1921 by Bishop Charles the Bishop of Lincoln

Whilst **Easter** is now very much on our minds, I would like to tell you that on **Easter Saturday**, April 19th, as in previous years. we shall be asking you to bring fresh flowers to St Mary's to help decorate our six-foot Floral Cross as a tribute in memory of someone special. No matter how we may plan it, the Cross always looks a fitting celebration of the Risen Christ as well as a stunning testimony to our loved ones, passed. After our service on Easter Sunday, we also plan to bring it out into the Churchyard for all to see. It is a beautiful act of remembrance and so meaningful at Eastertide.

So, we have so much colour to be thankful for and I would like to leave you with this short prayer:

*Lord Jesus,*

*You are the true Light, shining brightly in the darkness.*

*Your light pierces through the shadows, and no darkness can overcome it.*

*We thank You for the light You've given us*

*In Jesus' name we pray AMEN*

*Peter Everett*

*ALM*

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**Friday 28th March**  
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## Church News March 2025

The Lincoln Male Voice Choir came to St Germain's on Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> February. The church was almost full and the concert was enjoyed by all. The profit made for church funds was just a little over £700.

The Annual Parish Church Meeting (APCM) will be held in church after morning service on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March. All are welcome.

There are no events planned for March.

### **Sunday Church Services in the Welton Dunholme Scothern Benefice - March 2025**

2nd	09:15 am	Morning Worship, St Germain's Scothern
	10:30 am	Morning Worship, St Chad's Dunholme
	11:00 am	Holy Communion, St Mary's Welton
5th	7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday service, St Mary's Welton
9th	10:30 am	Holy Communion at St Chad's, Dunholme
	11:00 am	Morning Worship, St Mary's, Welton
	6:00 pm	Evening Prayer, St Mary's Welton
16th	09:15 am	Holy Communion, St Germain's, Scothern followed by the Annual Parish Church Meeting
	10:30 am	Morning Worship, St Chad's Dunholme
	11:00 am	Holy Communion, St Mary's Welton
23rd	10:30 am	Holy Communion at St Chad's, Dunholme where <b>Bishop Stephen will preach</b>
		NB: NO ENCOUNTER SERVICE
30th	11:00 am	Benefice Holy Communion - Mothering Sunday, St Mary's Welton
6th (April)	09:15 am	Morning Worship, St Germain's, Scothern

### 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 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**

### 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.*

Dear Friends,

We will be having our annual coffee morning on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April in Scothern village hall from 10.30 - 12. There will be tea and coffee and, if past events are anything to go by, also a great range of cakes. If you can bake a cake for us, please do get in touch, we can never have too much! There will also be a raffle, second hand books and DVD's and our fabulous range of birthday and general greetings cards plus packs of great quality gift wrap. We now have two suppliers of cards and these are available at events but can be bought from me at any time just contact me via the details below please.



Our fundraising has recently been boosted by a generous donation of £400 from the Dunholme jumble sale and we are currently a Co-op community champion, and we have also had some very kind personal donations over the festive season which is very heartwarming. The funds we raise can be used in various ways. It costs Anthony Nolan around £40 to put each new potential donor on to their stem cell register as this covers sending out the paperwork and swab kit, processing in the laboratory, and various administration tasks. Funds can also go towards supporting patients going through the transplant process and recovery and some funds will go to research projects and the Anthony Nolan cord blood collection centre.

People often recall that we started this group when our granddaughter needed a stem cell transplant when suddenly diagnosed at age 4 with blood cancer. We were one of the lucky families as she came through the illness and transplant and this summer will be sitting her A Levels. It seems incredible that it was 14 years ago.

We are always happy to answer questions about becoming a potential stem cell donor or any other aspect of the work done by Anthony Nolan and we thank every single person who supports us in any way, every pound we can raise goes towards the life saving work of this unique charity.

Best wishes

Julie Cook

01673 866633 or 07857 892269 / andersjulie@hotmail.com

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

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

**1 March 1848** The first public railway service in the Grimsby area began operating. It ran between Louth, on the East Lincolnshire Railway and New Holland on the Manchester, Sheffield and Lincolnshire Railway.

**26 March 1881** Skegness fisherman Henry Moody had a lucky escape when his shrimping cart became entangled with the wreck of a Spanish vessel that had sunk forty years previously. Mr Moody was caught out by a fast-moving tide. He cut free his horse and left the cart to the waves.

### Ten Familiar Landmarks - 2

The Humber Bridge was opened by Queen Elizabeth II on 17 July 1781, with a world-breaking total length of 2,220m and a centre span of 1,410m. It lost the record seventeen years later to a bridge in Japan which centrally spanned 1,990m. With one part in Lincolnshire and the other in Yorkshire the bridge spans two counties. The cables supporting the road are made of 14,948 strands of galvanised wire. (*What a long way round to Hull before the bridge!*)

*Be slow to fall into friendship; but when thou art in, continue firm and constant*

*Socrates (469-399 BC)*

*Friendship is like money, easier made than kept*

*Samuel Butler (1835 - 1902)*



# LINDSEY u3a (Welton)

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



As anyone who belongs to Lindsey u3a knows, the movement's abiding principles are to LEARN, LAUGH and LIVE which means there really is something for every member. By offering opportunities from academic study and creative pursuits to various sports and pastimes u3a brings people together with others who share similar skills and interests. You can join in with as much or as little as you wish. Why don't you pop along to one of our meetings where you'll get a warm welcome and the chance to find out what's on offer?

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 March our short Annual General Meeting will begin at 10.15a.m. We have a committee of volunteers who keep the show on the road supported by group leaders and helpers. Anyone can volunteer to help perhaps making a cuppa or putting out chairs before the meeting. The AGM will be 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. Who were they? What had they done? Malcolm will reveal the stories behind those graves.

On 3rd April Joy Wood will be joining us to talk about her "Journey from Nursing to Author." She worked as a nurse for 40 years but has never looked back since she started writing. She credits her morning walks on Cleethorpes seafront for giving her the ideas for her novels.

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 27th March. 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 March	11 April	9 May	<b>Summer Break</b>
7 November (1st Friday)	10 October		12 December

# SCOTHERN SPEED WATCH AND SPEED CAMERA REPORT

## FEBRUARY 2025

Below are the figures for the vehicles (and speeds) for vehicles passing through Scothern from 5 January 2025 to 9 February 2025 a total of 36 days.

Speed Watch - no sessions.

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

A total of 54,287 came into the village (average 1,508 per day) 99% less than 40mph and 66,389 left the village (average 1,844 per day) 98% less than 40 mph. The maximum speeds recorded: incoming 66 mph and outgoing **78 mph (28 January 2025 08:10)**.

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

A total of 50,172 came into the village (average 1,394 per day) 91% less than 40mph and 37,597 left the village (average 1,044 per day) 89% less than 40mph. The maximum speeds recorded were incoming **116 mph (3 January 2025 11:03)** and outgoing **85 mph (7 February 2025 12:08)**.

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

A total of 23,821 came into the village (average 662 per day) 99% less than 40mph and 25,517 left the village (average 709 per day) 99% less than 40mph. The maximum speeds recorded were incoming 56mph and outgoing **60mph**.

### **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.*

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### **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

Our most popular book section features crime and thrillers and some might say that it would be criminal to miss out on two fantastic talks we have in store for you in March.

On Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm we welcome back local speaker Elaine Johnson with the intriguing subject of Death, Dissection and Grave Robbery (or 'Burking') in Lincolnshire. Burke and Hare were convicted in Edinburgh but grave robbery occurred throughout the UK. Hear what happened in Lincolnshire and decide for yourself whether body-snatching was a crime permissible to increase medical knowledge or the guilty should feel the full wrath of the law.

Then on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 10:30am we are delighted to have secured a visit from A. J. Campbell, one of Amazon's top writers of psychological suspense thrillers. Her stories explore extraordinary, seemingly unbelievable situations faced by ordinary people, brought to life through compelling, relatable characters. She will be talking about how she started writing, where she finds her inspiration and enjoying nothing more than getting stuck into a twisty story.

Both talks promise to be engaging events and are free to attend with an option to donate to a retiring collection for the benefit of the Library and Community Hub at the close. These help fund the free events we arrange for children.

Indeed, we have one of our ever popular children's storytime and craft events on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 10:30am where accompanied youngsters aged between 4 and 11 can make a Mother's Day Card.

Storytime for pre-school children continues every Tuesday morning from 9:30 to 10 am, do bring youngsters along for magical stories and fun.

We continue our popular board game morning for all ages on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March 10:15 to 11:45am. We just ask that those aged 11 and under are accompanied by an adult.

Finally, do also take the opportunity to visit and see over 4,000 books on our shelves including a selection of speaker AJ Campbell's novels.

Mike - Library Volunteer  
Facebook page @WeltonVillageLibrary

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## WHAT'S ON AT SCOTHERN CHAPEL THIS MARCH

- Sunday 2 March 10.30am** We have no-one scheduled so you may like to go to Nettleham with Moss Takavarasha or to Welton with Duncan Franks
- Sunday 9 March 10.30am** We are at **Scothern Chapel** with Rev Margaret Doughty
- Sunday 16 March 09:15am** We join our friends at **St Germain's Parish Church** in Scothern
- Sunday 23 March 10:30am** At **Scothern Chapel** come and choose your favourite hymns, readings, poems or prayers for this Own Arrangements Service
- Sunday 30 March 10.30am** At **Scothern Chapel** with Rev Richard and will be joined by Nettleham Chapel
- Sunday 6 April 10:30am** We are at **Scothern Chapel** with a new Deacon - Peter Reast

### CHAPEL, CHAT & COFFEE

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of each month - 10.30 am

It is really informal, we have some easy-going chat about what is happening in the World, or who is having difficulties at home amongst or friends or our families  
 We usually remember them in our prayers

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

### ON THE BUSES IN LONDON

In London many of the buses have **TRY PRAYING** written on the side!

Did you know:

27 million adults in the UK pray

10 million pray regularly

Half of those who pray believe God hears their prayers

Of people who say they are *not* religious 1 in 5 pray!

## Welton, Dunholme, Scothern and Nettleham Methodist Churches

The annual Report from *Shelter* shows that there has been an increase of more than 14% in homelessness since the previous year.

I recently had the pleasure of chairing a church council, whose members were exploring the installation of showers and a washing machine to provide basic facilities for those sleeping rough. They planned to fund this work through collections and grants.

Caring for the homeless is not new to Methodism. In 1738 John Wesley bought an old munitions factory and provided basic hospitality, including food and clothing as well as education, medical care, financial help and shelter to those in need. Refusing to judge others, he set about bringing reform - whether that was for the imprisoned, the homeless, for the abolition of slavery or to encourage women into leadership roles. He followed the teaching of Jesus to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, care for the ill and welcome the stranger.

Wesley was committed to social justice and his teaching and actions had a profound impact on how Christians now engage with issues of poverty, homelessness, and social care. At the heart of his view was his interpretation of Christian love. He believed that Christians should show mercy and compassion to all people, particularly those suffering from poverty and homelessness. His sermons emphasised that faith must be more than just having belief; faith must be active, enacted through works of charity, justice, and kindness. His perspective aligned with the biblical call to love one's neighbour as oneself, which extended to both spiritual and material needs.

Wesley therefore believed that poverty was not just an individual's fault but was rooted in the social structures of his time. As an advocate for the poor and marginalized, he argued that Christians must fight against inequality and systemic injustice. Poverty was a moral issue, not merely a social or economic one.

Wesley was dismayed by the disparity of wealth which the Industrial Revolution was creating. His social ethics, therefore, were grounded in the belief that wealth and material possessions were to be used responsibly, with the aim of uplifting others rather than enriching oneself. He promoted education as a means of lifting people out of poverty, as well as for moral and spiritual improvement. Wesley believed that poverty should not be a permanent condition and that society had a collective responsibility to eradicate it.

John Wesley's approach to the homeless and poor was grounded in his Christian faith, which called for a commitment to mercy, justice, and social responsibility. He advocated not only for personal charity but also for a systemic change that could address the root causes of poverty and homelessness.

Going back to the church I mentioned at the start ... the showers will probably go in what is known as *the stables*, that is, the place where visiting preachers used to tether their horses. Perhaps Mr. Wesley might even have tethered his there?

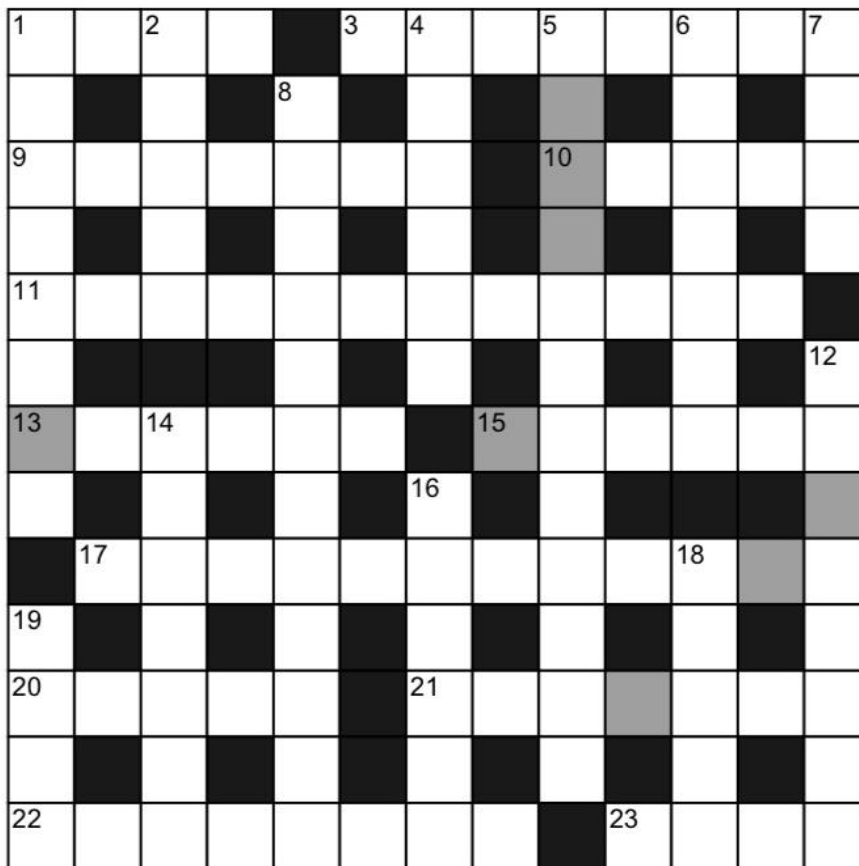
Every blessing,  
Rev. Richard  
07771 624 885  
[Rpm2000.sp@gmail.com](mailto:Rpm2000.sp@gmail.com)

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

1. *What is so special about Lincoln's High Bridge.*
2. *For many years a row of windmills stood on the cliff edge west of Burton Road, of which only one now survives. What is it called?*
3. *The Poet Laureate Alfred, Lord Tennyson was born in 1809 in the Lincolnshire village of Somersby. In 1905 a statue of the poet was unveiled on Minster Green to the north of the cathedral. It shows Tennyson accompanied by his favourite dog - what was her name?*
4. *It is a well-known fact that a Lincoln company constructed the world's first armoured fighting vehicle - the first tank was designed in 1915 by Lieutenant W G Wilson and William Tritton who was managing director of Wm Foster Ltd at the New Wellington Works on New Boultham Road. But why were these vehicles called "tanks".*

Answers on the back page.

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**Across**

- 1 Soft drink (US) (4)
- 3 Large snake (8)
- 9 Kind of breakfast cereal (7)
- 10 Certain to end in failure (2-3)
- 11 Donation (12)
- 13 Natural depression (6)
- 15 Not written in any key (of music) (6)
- 17 Ineptness (12)
- 20 Loose outer garments (5)
- 21 Wearing away (7)
- 22 Writer of literary works (8)
- 23 Observed (4)

**Down**

- 1 Wisdom (8)
- 2 Looking tired (5)
- 4 Close at hand (6)
- 5 Person's physical state (12)
- 6 Very young infant (7)
- 7 Kinswoman (4)
- 8 Bravely (12)
- 12 Substance causing a reaction (8)
- 14 Public transport vehicle (7)
- 16 Velocities (6)
- 18 Sound (5)
- 19 Sea eagle (4)

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

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**Play Equipment at the Village Hall**

Thank you to everyone who completed the questionnaire about the play area. We had a really good response.

We are currently meeting with three playground companies who will provide use with quotes and design ideas. Once we have these, we will consider who can offer us the best fit for the needs of the village. Of course, costs will be a factor that we must take into consideration.

With the information from the survey and the quotes we receive, we will be in a better position to understand how this project will be funded.

*Scothern Parish Council*

## March Recipe

### Lincoln Ginger Biscuits

#### INGREDIENTS

350g/12ozs self-raising flour  
225g/8ozs sugar  
2 teaspoons bicarbonate of soda  
115g/4ozs butter or margarine  
2 teaspoons ground ginger  
2 teaspoons golden syrup  
1 beaten egg



#### METHOD

1. Place all the dry ingredients in a bowl.
2. Heat the butter or margarine and golden syrup gently in a pan until the fat has melted, then pour over the dry ingredients and mix to a fairly stiff consistency whilst slowly adding in the beaten egg.
3. Roll small pieces of the dough in your hand to make balls about the size of a walnut.
4. Place each ball of dough on a greased baking sheet, making sure they are well spaced apart. Bake for 15-20 minutes at 180°C/350°F/Gas Mark 4 until golden brown.

## SCOTHERN PARISH COUNCIL

The following is a summary of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> February 2025

7 councillors present, the clerk, Cllr Sue Rawlins LCC and 5 residents.

The Residents raised their concerns over the lack of the bus service; flooding; blocked drains & gullies; the new development – flooding/who names the streets?

**Scothern Play Area** – Thank you to everyone who completed the questionnaire about the play area. We had a really good response and are using the information to help us obtain the quotes for new equipment. We have three meetings arranged with different playground companies, who will provide us with design ideas & quotes. Once we have these, we will consider who can offer us the best fit for the needs of the village. Of course, costs & funding will be a factor that we must take into consideration. We will keep you updated.....

**Flooding updates** – The council are investigating the flooding around Grange Park/Church St. Cllr Sue Rawlins has request LCC look into the drainage on Craypool Lane. The road sweeper has been through the village in the last month, but the drains & gullies are still blocked, Cllr Rawlins will report & request these are cleaned by highways.

**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>

WL/2024/00570 Nettleham Rd Development, amended application – a representative from Lindum Homes was unable to attend the meeting this month, and will be invited to the March meeting. All current correspondence on this development, can be viewed on the planning portal.

#### 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 March 2025, at 7.30pm in the Methodist Church.

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

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*When geese fly together, do you know why one side of the "V" is longer than the other?*

*Because it has more geese in it!*

## Dunholme Camera Club

*It is certainly amazing how we are coming into March already! Or is it just me getting older, well whatever it is here we are going into the Spring months and hopefully with that some brighter warmer weather so that our club members can get out with their cameras and grab some early spring images. All seasons of the year are excellent for the photographer and each season brings different things to photograph. At the camera club we have various competitions during the year and of course getting out during the year and taking images, not only for the photographers for their competitions that we have but to be out and about in the fresh air and to get a bit of exercise whilst carrying out their passion for photography. March at the Camera Club has 2 meetings, the first on the 13<sup>th</sup> March will be a talk by a long standing club member, Bob, he will be talking about "What I have photographed over the last year, or so" Bob is a great photographer and has some eye catching*

*images in his portfolio. Our talks are open to non-members as well as members and if you are a non-member, it will cost you just £2.00 for the night. Our second meeting in March on the 27<sup>th</sup> will be a club competition, our first "print" competition of the year and the subject is "Architecture" the members are allowed to enter 3 colour prints and 3 Black and White prints. Looking forward to seeing some great images.*

*If you would like to join us at the camera club you would be made most welcome so either get in touch via the contact page of the website [www.dunholmecameraclub.co.uk](http://www.dunholmecameraclub.co.uk) or get in touch by the contact details below. We are always looking for new members so the start of a new year is always a good chance to have a go at something different so don't hesitate come along and see what we do. Make sure you pop over to the website and take a look at some of the amazing images that the members produce.*

*Graham Dunkin*

*07502 259001 / dunholmecc@gmail.com*

## WELTON PDA

Following on from my further appeal last month for volunteer drivers I am delighted to say seven lovely people came forward, more than I could have hoped for but so very welcome to join our group!

The Spring lunch planning is underway, and it is being held on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April. (Tickets on sale Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February £8 per person). The menu will be as in previous years, beef pie and mash with vegetables and gravy. We can cater for vegetarians if we know in advance. No springing surprises on us on the day please! This will be followed by apple crumble and custard or trifle with tea or coffee. We will be holding a quiz on the day so please bring your thinking heads with you! There will also be the usual raffle and cake stall. If anyone would like to offer a raffle prize or homemade cake, then please bring it along on the day or we can collect.

The PDA is 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. We can also provide small plant pots if anyone would like some. Just give us a call.

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 - 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 (862570) Janet Goddard

**PLEASE DO NOT USE THIS NUMBER TO BOOK TRANSPORT**

## NETTLEHAM HERITAGE ASSOCIATION

### 2025

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



NATIONAL GARDEN SCHEME  
Garden Open For Charity

# Dunholme Lodge

Dunholme, Lincoln, LN2 3QA

## Sunday 4 May

### 11am - 5pm

Adults £5.50 Children free

RAF Dunholme Lodge Museum & War Memorial, Craft Stalls, Lincoln Ukulele Band. Vintage vehicles

WHEELCHAIR ACCESS DOGS WELCOME PLANTS FOR SALE TEAS



It is that time of year again when our thoughts and preparations are working towards opening our garden for charity, namely the National Garden Scheme that supports our main nursing and healthcare charities.

Last year we donated a total of £13,000 to the National Garden Scheme and St Chad's Church in Dunholme that provided refreshments for two open days.

Lesley Wykes

NGS County Organiser, Lincolnshire

07771 675146 / 01673 860356

Link to the NGS leaflet for open gardens in Lincolnshire:

<https://ngs.org.uk/>

**STRINGALONG**  
WITH  
**Stringing Nettles**  
to  
**60's and 70's Music**  
**Saturday 22nd March 2025**  
**2pm to 4pm**  
**Reepham and Cherry Willingham Village Hall**  
**LN3 4DU**

ADMISSION £2 - REFRESHMENTS - AVAILABLE - RAFFLE

ALL PROCEEDS TO STRAIT

AT ST FRANCIS SPECIAL SCHOOL

CONTACT DETAILS

[stringingnettleband@gmail.com](mailto:stringingnettleband@gmail.com)



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



## USEFUL INFORMATION

### DOCTORS

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

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

### POLICE

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

### BUSES

P C Coaches 01522 533605  
CallConnect 03452 343344  
Lincoln Bus Station 01522 873655

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

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

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

### 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

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

scothernvh@hotmail.co.uk

**Sothorn 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

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



**Lincolnshire Quiz answers**

1. *Lincoln's High Bridge is the only medieval bridge in England to still have buildings on it.*
2. *It is called Ellis Mill and was restored in 1977.*
3. *The dog was a Siberian wolfhound named Karenina.*
4. *Because workmen who built the hulls of the first vehicles were told that they were building tracked water containers or "water tanks" for the army, in order for the production of these new fighting vehicles to be kept secret.*

*Did you get 10/10 from January and February? Well done if you did.*