

SCOTHERN NEWS



Issue 16 - April 2025

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April was the second month in an early Roman calendar but became the fourth when the ancient Romans started using January as the first month. April is named for the Greek goddess of love, Aphrodite. The name for the month of April originally came for Aprilis which means to open.

St George's day is the twenty-third of the month; and St Mark's Eve, with its superstition that the ghosts of those who are doomed to die within the year will be seen to pass into the church, falls on the twenty-fourth.



Very little is known about George's life. It is thought that he was a Roman military officer of Cappadocian Greek descent, who was martyred under Roman emperor Diocletian in one of the pre-Constantinian persecutions of the 3rd or early 4th century. Beyond this, early sources give conflicting information.

Historical events in April:

- 1199 Richard I (the Lion-Heart) of England dies from an infected wound while besieging Chalus Castle.
- 1509 Henry VIII becomes King of England, after the death of his father Henry VII.
- 1606 The Union Flag becomes the official flag of Britain.
- 1721 Robert Walpole became the first Prime Minister of Britain
- 1912 The Irish-born writer Bram Stoker, author of Count Dracula, died at his London home, aged 65.
- 1964 The Beatles fill the first five places in the US singles chart with "Please Please Me", "I Want to Hold Your Hand", "She Loves You", "Twist and Shout" and "Can't Buy Me Love". (those were the days of dancing the night away!)
- 1969 The age at which a person is eligible to vote in Britain was lowered from 21 to 18.

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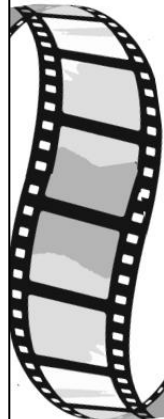
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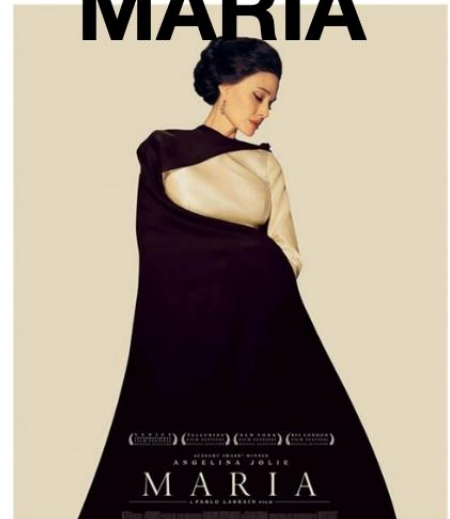
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7 for 7.30pm Scothern Village Hall

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

To access your Library account visit: 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.

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Sunday 6th April
Church Gathering

Sunday 13th April
Community Cafe

Sunday 20th April
Easter Sunday Celebration!

Sunday 27th April
Church Gathering

Sunday 4th May
Church Gathering

Sunday 11th May
Community Cafe

Sunday 18th May
Church Gathering

Sunday 25th May
Church Gathering

All 10am to noon in Welton Village Hall



SCOTHERN CRICKET CLUB NEEDS YOUR HELP!

WHY WE ARE CROWDFUNDING

With the support of Sport England and the National Lottery, we are aiming to raise £7,020 to replace our aging covers and sight screens.

- Our **sight screens and covers** are in desperate need of replacement. Years of exposure to the **elements, vandalism, and general wear and tear** have left them in poor condition, making it increasingly difficult to maintain the quality of cricket we strive for.
- We've been approved for a **£3,510 grant** to buy new ones - but only if we can **match it with community donations!** We need your support so we can continue providing the high-quality cricketing experience that our **players, supporters, and community** deserve.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

There are four simple ways to help us reach our target.

- Make a pledge.** Don't delay if you're going to support us because momentum is key to our success!
- Spread the word.** Share our project on your social media pages and tell the world to get behind us! The more people we reach, the more support we will get.
- Offer rewards.** Get involved if you are a local business by donating things we can offer to our supporters. We will give you a shout out!
- Fundraise for us.** If you want to run your own fundraiser - maybe a sponsored activity - use the 'contact project' button at the top of our page to let us know. Setting up your own page only takes a few minutes and you won't need any bank details. Just an idea!

SCC SCOTHERN CRICKET CLUB

TO DONATE OR FOR MORE INFORMATION SCAN HERE OR VISIT TINYURL.COM/SCOTHERNCRICKET




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

Easter

Easter is almost upon us again! It's one of those times of year that seems to creep up on us. We have had Easter Eggs in the shops for weeks already giving the impression that Easter is just around the corner, even when we were still recovering from Christmas. However, it still seems to come as a bit of a surprise, possibly because it is a moveable festival. Last year, Easter Sunday was on the last day of March but this year it is on 20 April; at least with Christmas you know it's the same time each year!

However, although Easter does move around it is synonymous with Spring and the idea of rejuvenation, and regrowth. Although we lost an hour of sleep at the end of March we are rewarded with lighter evenings, and the compelling urge for a barbeque! Easter brings an abundance of uplifting images; bunnies, chicks, lambs, eggs, bonnets, not to mention chocolate! For those who have given up something for Lent, it is a time to indulge again.

At times, it feels a bit like coming out of hibernation! Dark, cold and wet evenings do not entice us out, with many of us preferring to stay indoors, where you can put your slippers on and fall asleep in front of the TV, often in the middle of the programme you have waited all week to watch – thank goodness for catch-up TV!

In contrast, Easter represents warmth and the soft touch of sun on your face, we almost want to sing about it. (As I am writing this, I hear the chorus of 'Walking on Sunshine' going through my head!) And I do think that we deserve some sunshine and warmth. Remember the start of March, when we dug out the shorts for a day and then reverted back to the woolly hat and gloves? Usually by Easter we have at least progressed to long shorts, although I do like to remind friends that the only one of my children to be born in a blizzard was born in May!

This sunshine and warmth brings new life, we see lambs in the fields and we see blossom on the trees. My magnolia tree, which has looked almost skeletal over the winter months, has new growth and the promise of an abundance of blooms.

For the Christian community, Easter is also a time of new life. The events of Good Friday with the death of Jesus, are remembered as we eat our hot cross buns, but on Easter Sunday we celebrate the risen Lord and the promise of a new life, eternal life. 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.' John 3 verse 16. Definitely something to celebrate!

So, I wish you all a joyful Easter, filled with peace, love and sunshine.

Yours in Christ.

Suzanne Maple - Licensed Reader

ST MARY'S CHURCH, WELTON

VINYL NIGHT

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

Thursday 3 April 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



SCOTHERN RECREATION CENTRE (VILLAGE HALL)

Scothern Recreation Centre continues to get increased bookings with children's parties being particularly popular.

If you're thinking of holding a local event then get in touch with us at scothernvh@hotmail.co.uk.

You may have noticed that we've had some fencing erected at the side of the car park, primarily to stop people parking on the grass and blocking the pavement access. Please be careful when manoeuvring.

As many have commented, the swings and slide have been removed. We have been told by the parish council that they should be replaced soon so please bear with us while this is happening.

We have had reports of children climbing on the roof of the hall. We've asked the PC, who have the names of the culprits, to inform the local CPSO as not only is it dangerous but any damage caused to the roof will undoubtedly be costly to repair.

Forthcoming events of note will be the Beer Festival and a Fashion Show and very likely a Scothern Players production later in the year. Details will be provided on the Web Sites and in Scothern Matters - please support these events which have been very popular in the past.

Anyone who thinks they could contribute to the running of the Recreation Centre is welcome to attend our meetings which are held on the first Monday of every month (January and August excepted). You will be required to become a trustee if you want to influence anything, this is a requirement of our status as a Registered Charity.

Chris Shepherd - Chair

On behalf of the Lincoln Male Voice Choir, our Musical Director Thomas Morton and our soloists Yuan Styles and Ceridwen Fisher, may I thank all of you who supported St Germain's Church at our concert on the 15th February.

A cold February evening is not the best time to leave the comfort of your own home and the delights of Saturday night tv but Hey! quite a number of you did and the money raised for the church funds was, I understand, very acceptable.

The church may have been on the chilly side but your fantastic welcome certainly helped the choir to quickly warm up.

After a little bit of trouble with the organ the concert started pretty much on time and the enthusiasm of the audience was soon felt by the performers.

As one of our bass voices remarked we have never been 'whoop whooped' before.

We are so glad that you all enjoyed the show and we would love to come to Scothern again but probably not in February. A nice warm summers evening would be good.

The choir will be performing at the Central Methodist Church High Street Lincoln on the 3rd May 2025. This will be a joint concert with The Lindum Ladies Choir and music students from Lincoln University.

We would love to see some of you there. The concert starts at 7.00 pm and you can pay the £10 admission charge on the door. £5 for students.

Once again thanks for your support and if invited 'we will be back'.

Stuart Worsnop - Chairman LMVC

The other day my girlfriend asked me to pass her lipstick, but I accidentally gave her a glue stick instead.

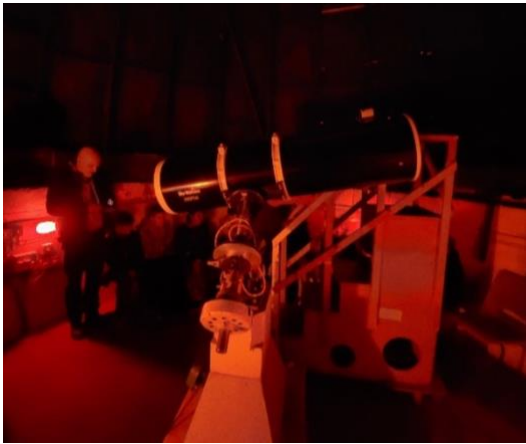
She still isn't talking to me.



25th Lincoln (Scothern) Scouts Go Stargazing

On Wednesday 5th March, 10 Scouts and three leaders visited the Lincoln Astronomical Society's (LAS) observatory at Westcliffe Street. We were blessed with clear skies, which according to Steve from the LAS, that was one of the best viewing nights he has had for a long time.

Even before entering the telescope dome we could see the moon, Venus, Jupiter, Mars and Mercury with the naked eye. The latter was a rare occurrence. Including the Earth (which we were standing on!) meant we could see 5 of the 9 planets in our solar system.



Inside the dome, Steve took us on a tour of the heavens from the East to the West, beginning with Venus. Then we travelled to the moon, the telescope gave great close ups of the moon's surface easily seeing various craters, seas (mares) and the distinct line between the light and dark sides. By this time the leaders were getting to grips with taking photos through the telescope eyepiece.



With the naked eye we could see various constellations and within Orion, just below his belt, was the Orion Nebula also known as M42. We could see 4 clear stars, and in some eyes, a fifth star surrounded by vast gas and dust clouds.



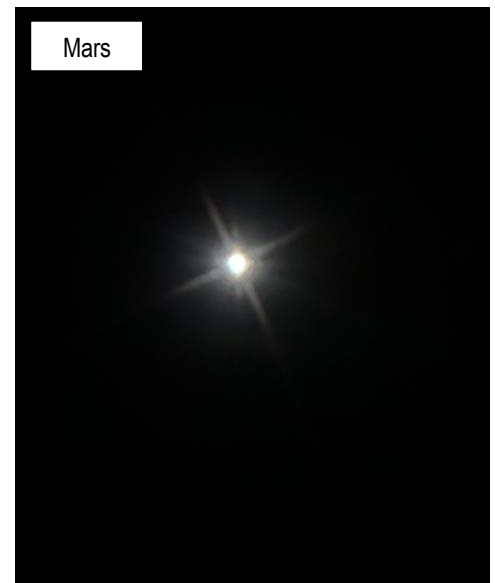
What has to be remembered is space is big. You just won't believe how vastly, hugely, mind-bogglingly big it is. I mean, you may think it's long way down the road to the chemist's, but that's just peanuts to space. (This is for the older reads 😊). In this case M42 is 1,344 light years away from the Earth. That is 7,900,900,000,000,000 miles!

Back to the planets and we carried on to Jupiter. With this planet we could see 4 of its moons and bands of the swirling gases. Next stop was Mars, the red planet. This was more difficult to see due to its size.

Finally, we got to see the Beehive Cluster of Galaxies. This open cluster of around 1000 stars is found in the constellation of Cancer.

A fascinating evening was had by all and counted towards the now almost defunct Astronomer Activity Badge. Many thanks to the Lincoln Astronomical Society for this visit and particularly to Steve for the guided tour of the heavens.

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



SCOTHERN SPEED WATCH AND SPEED CAMERA REPORT

MARCH 2025

Community Speed Watch - there have been no sessions recently.

Below are the figures for the vehicles (and speeds) for vehicles passing through Scothern from 10 February 2025 to 10 March 2025 a total of 29 days.

Sign 1 on Dunholme Road

A total of 48,380 came into the village (average 1,668 per day) 99% less than 40mph and 56,939 left the village (average 1,963 per day) 97% less than 40 mph. The maximum speeds recorded: incoming 62 mph and outgoing **92 mph (12 February 2025 12:19)**

Sign 2 on Sudbrooke Road

A total of 40,982 came into the village (average 1,413 per day) 90% less than 40mph and 30,967 left the village (average 1,068 per day) 87% less than 40mph. The maximum speeds recorded were incoming **88 mph (17 February 2025 17:27)** and outgoing **78 mph (19 February 2025 16:22)**.

Sign 3 on Main Street

A total of 20,730 came into the village (average 715 per day) 99% less than 40mph and 22,918 left the village (average 790 per day) 99% less than 40mph. The maximum speeds recorded were incoming 55mph and outgoing **97 mph (27 February 2025 - 09:49)**.

Community Speed Watch is a scheme for volunteers working with the Parish Council, Lincolnshire County Council and Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership to address speed concerns in local communities using speed detection devices. The Police have responsibility for enforcement but the volunteers are there to raise awareness of speed issues in the community and improve driver behaviour.

Speed watch sessions only operate in daylight hours and in areas that have been identified by the Parish Council and the Police as being of concern. A minimum of three trained volunteers are needed to take part in each session, which is usually for an hour at a time. Volunteers are needed urgently to bring back the Community Speed Watch to Scothern. Full training is given and the equipment is provided.

If you can give a few hours every now and again please contact: Cllr Derek Canton at derek.canton@scothern-pc.gov.uk or the Clerk to the Council at clerk@scothern-pc.gov.uk

Church News March 2025

Annual Parish Church Meeting (APCM) was held on Sunday 16 March 2025 when the Parochial Church Council was re-elected.

The church will be manned on the 10 and 11 May 2025 from 10:00am until 4:00pm when it is the annual open churches festival. The theme will be hobbies and pastimes and we hope that lots of residents will bring their handiwork to display (and maybe sell!). Refreshments will be available for purchase during the day. Why not come and have a look at the talents we have in the village.

Sunday Church Services in the Welton Dunholme Scothern Benefice - April 2025

6th April	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
	4:00 pm	Shine at St Chad's School, Dunholme
7th April	1:00 pm	Easter Activity Afternoon at St Mary's (<i>until 3:00 pm</i>)
13th April	10:30 am	Palm Sunday Communion, St Chad's
	11:00 am	Morning Worship, St Mary's
	6:00 pm	Evening Prayer, St Mary's
14th April	7:30 pm	Sung Compline at St Germain's
15th April	7:30 pm	Compline at St Chad's
16th April	7:30 pm	Compline at St Mary's
17th April	7:30 pm	Maundy Thursday Communion at St Chad's
18th April	12:00 noon	Walk of Witness from St Mary's to St Chad's ending at St Germain's at 2:30 pm.
	1:00 pm	Family event at St Mary's
20th April	5:30 am	Dawn Service at St Chads
	9:15 am	Easter Communion at St Germain's
	11:00 am	Easter Communion at St Mary's
27th April	10:30 am	Holy Communion at St Chad's
	11:00 am	Holy Communion at St Mary's
	7:00 pm	Encounter at St Chad's

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:

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.



Protect yourself from Holiday fraud: don't let fraudsters trip you up this summer.

People looking to snap up online holiday deals ahead of the summer are being warned to stay extra alert and do their research before booking their getaways, as new data reveals victims lost a total of over £11 million to holiday fraud last year.

Action Fraud, the national fraud and cybercrime reporting service, has launched a [holiday fraud campaign](#), urging the public who are looking to snap up their next holiday deals online to look out for suspiciously enticing offers online, including on social media, and do their research before booking their getaways.

New data shows there were 6,066 reports of holiday fraud made to Action Fraud last year, with July recorded as the highest month of reporting with 647 reports.

Holiday makers lost a combined total of £11,183,957 in 2024, which is comparatively less than the £12.3 million lost in 2023. Despite, the drop in reported loss, the average loss per victim remains at similar levels, with £1,851 the average in 2023 and £1,844 in 2024.

What can you do to protect yourself from holiday fraud?

Check the travel company is legitimate: about to book a holiday? Do some research first to check that the company is legitimate, especially if you haven't used them before. Use consumer websites, or reviews from people (or organisations) that you trust.

- Look for the logos: look for the [ABTA](#), [ABTOT](#) or [ATOL](#) logos on the company's website. If you're unsure, you can use the links below to verify membership:
 - ABTA - <https://www.abta.com>
 - ABTOT - <https://www.abtot.com/abtot-members-directory/>
 - ATOL - <https://www.atol.org>
- Use a credit card to pay: use a credit card for payments (if you have one). Many of these protect online purchases as part of the [Consumer Credit Act](#).
- Only provide required details at checkout: when making your payment, only fill in the mandatory details (often marked with an asterisk) such as your address. Unless you think you'll become a regular customer, don't create an account for the store.
- Keep your accounts secure: create a strong and unique password for your email. If 2-step verification is available, always enable it.
- Watch out for suspicious links: whether it's in an email or social media post, be wary of promotions for unbelievably good holiday offers. If you receive a suspicious email, report it by forwarding it to: report@phishing.gov.uk

Find out how to protect yourself from fraud: <https://stophinkfraud.campaign.gov.uk>

If you've lost money or provided your financial information to someone, notify your bank immediately and report it to Action Fraud at actionfraud.police.uk or by calling 0300 123 2040. In Scotland, call Police Scotland on 101.

Message Sent By: Paloma Esteve Campos, (Action Fraud, Campaigns Manager, England & Wales)

Great minds discuss ideas, average minds discuss events, small minds discuss people.

Eleanor Roosevelt (1884 - 1962)

FROM THE LITTLE BOOK OF LINCOLNSHIRE (LUCY WOOD)

On this day in Lincolnshire.....

7 April 1892 The Great Fire of Caistor was sparked in the home of John Sherriffe, and there within three or four hours, houses, barns, stables, shops, warehouses and more were destroyed. There were fatalities and forty-five families became homeless. Damage worth £6,786 was caused. *(wonder what the cost of the damage would be today?)*

22 April 1939 Skegness had two football teams -Skegness United and Skegness Blue Rovers. On this day, they met for the last time in the final of the Skegness Nursing Cup. The Blues won 2-1. The clubs never reformed after the war.

Ten Familiar Landmarks - 3

Skegness Pier, described as the finest in England, officially opened in June 1881. It was 1,843 feet long and 24 feet wide, and the fourth longest pier in England. It was constructed by Skegness Pier Company for £22,000 by the Earl of Scarborough, who was credited for transforming Skegness into a holiday resort.

When originally built, it was a T-shaped pier with a saloon/concert hall at the pier head. Steamboat trips ran from the pier to Norfolk until 1910.

A popular ditty, the Skegness Polka, was written by Henry Houseley in 1882 and dedicated to the earl's wife. It was followed in 1897 by the Skegness Waltz, written by Carl Schynor and dedicated to the 10th Earl.

During World War II, the pier closed in an attempt to prevent enemy invasion. A severe storm in 1978 caused significant damage to the pier, isolating the pier head and shelters which were ultimately demolished in the mid-1980s due to the significant costs of restoration. A part of the pier caught fire whilst demolition was taking place.

Ten Familiar Landmarks - 2

Did you spot the deliberate mistake?

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.

*- just checking whether these items are read - that's my excuse and I'm sticking to it!
The date Queen Elizabeth opened the Humber Bridge was of course **1981**.*



We will be having our annual coffee morning on Saturday 5th 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.

Julie Cook
01673 866633 or 07857 892269 / andersjulie@hotmail.com

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

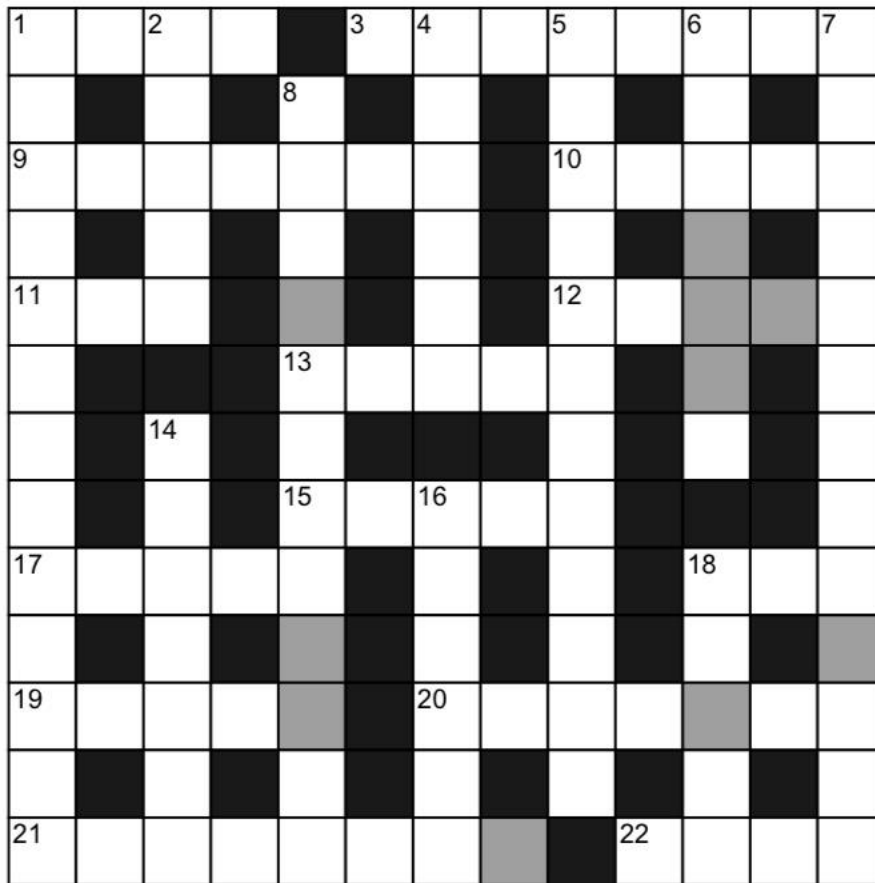
Entry £1 per person, maximum of six people per team

Come and test your general knowledge in a friendly convivial atmosphere

Dates for 2025

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

Quick Crossword



Across

- 1 Suggestion (4)
- 3 Form of musical articulation (8)
- 9 Lines of equal pressure on maps (7)
- 10 Lift up (5)
- 11 Introverted (3)
- 12 Solemn promises (5)
- 13 Records on tape (5)
- 15 Supply with food (5)
- 17 Send money in payment (5)
- 18 Farewell remark (3)
- 19 One who puts in a lot of effort (5)
- 20 Move slowly (7)
- 21 Tract of land with few trees (8)
- 22 Small flake of soot (4)

Down

- 1 Peculiar or individual (13)
- 2 Dark wood (5)
- 4 Adornment of hanging threads (6)
- 5 Type of cloud (12)
- 6 Pilot (7)
- 7 Exaggeration (13)
- 8 Maker (12)
- 14 Collate (7)
- 16 Fabric associated with Scotland (6)
- 18 Darken (5)

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

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What are the two strongest days of the week?
Saturday and Sunday. All the others are weekdays.

LINDSEY u3a (Welton)

April 2025 Newsletter (lindseyu3a.org.uk)

LINDSEY u3a (Welton)



April 2025 Newsletter (lindseyu3a.org.uk)

“The sun has got his hat on - Hip, hip, hip, hooray!
The sun has got his hat on so support your u3a!”

Now that Spring is here Lindsey u3a has lots of plans for talks, group activities, visits, theatre trips throughout the year, a holiday and a lunch.

On 2nd April the ‘Theatre’ group is off to see “Ghost the Musical”. Look out for info about our Quiz on 10th April 2-4pm at Welton Village Hall. The ‘Architecture’ group will be visiting Lincoln Cathedral for a Cathedral Glass Tour on 17th April and a guided tour of Brigg Heritage Centre has been arranged for 8th May. Our ‘Visits’ group is off to Saltaire World Heritage Site on 30th April plus a coach trip has been organised to Bridlington for a talk/tour of the RNLI boathouse on 3rd June. The ‘Garden Group’ is planning an excursion to Sandringham on 18th June and a holiday to Newcastle and Northumbria has been arranged for 7th July. Our annual Summer Lunch has been booked at Hemswell Court on 18th July so there’s lots happening. Look at our website to see the A-Z of activities and interest groups on offer. You can join in with as much or as little as you like.

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 9.30am 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 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.

Our speaker on 15th May will be Deborah Yarwood from St Barnabas Hospice, well known for its wonderful work to support and comfort patients, family members and loved ones at the most difficult of times. Her talk entitled, “All you wanted to know about St. Barnabas Hospice but were afraid to ask”, will reveal many aspects of the organisation which you may not have considered.

We offer various interest groups run by members for members. Check out our website lindseyu3a.org.uk to see if anything appeals to you.

u3a members can also join various online talks, workshops and courses. You can find out more from www.u3a.org.uk

If you can’t come to one of our general meetings you could join us at the ‘Gardeners’ Retreat’ tearoom at Scothern Nurseries for a cuppa and a chat at 10.15am on the fourth Thursday of the month. The next coffee morning will take place on 24th April. Whether you’re a newcomer wanting to know more about Lindsey u3a or if you’re already a member and just fancy a cuppa, maybe a scone and a chat, do come along. Everyone is welcome.

Everything you need to know about Lindsey u3a can be found on our website lindseyu3a.org.uk. You will find a comprehensive list of our interest groups, where and when they meet plus news about visits of local interest or theatre visits, lunches and holidays arranged by members for members.

Should you require any further information about Lindsey u3a please contact Mandy Murphy Tel: 01673 565295 or Email: mandy.murphy1396@gmail.com

Best Wishes
Sheila Nash

Keep away from those who try to belittle your ambitions. Small people always do that, but the really great make you believe that you too can become great.

Mark Twain (1835 - 1910)

The Annual Parish Meeting
will take place on
Wednesday 9th April 2025
at 6.45pm
in the Methodist Chapel,
Main Street, Scothern

All government electors registered in the Parish of
Scothern are invited to attend and participate in
this meeting.

The main purpose of this meeting is to hear the
views of the residents of Scothern on matters of
concern or interest.

This is your meeting, Your voice!

What did the octogenarian pirate say?

Aye, Matey!



Music for Lent and Passiontide

Performed by the **Cabra Singers**

With congregational hymns

Sunday 13th April 4.00pm

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refreshments



Your help is required Please.

St Germain's Church will be open for Open Churches weekend on
10th and 11th May from 10am - 4pm each day.



We have chosen the theme Village Hobbies and Pastimes. We are looking for such items
that can be displayed for the two days or demonstrated for perhaps an hour in church.

Could villagers contact me if they have anything we can use for that
weekend please janeeb53@hotmail.com

Thanks Jane



NETTLEHAM HERITAGE ASSOCIATION

2025

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

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

Note that we will be closed for the Easter Break on Saturday 19th April and Monday 21st April. We re-open Tuesday 22nd April at 9:30am

Have you tried one of our board games events yet? We've enjoyed the company of many enthusiastic games players to date and look forward to seeing participants old and new on Saturday 12th April and Wednesday 16th April. You can come along at any time between 10:15 and 11:45am on both or either days and please bring your favourite game along to share with others if you wish or just enjoy the games we have available. We do ask that children aged 11 and under are accompanied by an adult.

Another of our ever popular children's craft events will take place on Saturday 26th April starting at 10:30am with a story. This event is suitable for accompanied children aged between 4 and 11. What surprises will the children find to craft this month?

Tuesday morning storytime continues to be very popular with pre-school children (older siblings

welcome in school holidays) and runs between 9:30 and 10:00am every week, we find that parents, grandparents and carers also enjoy!

We don't like to forget our book lovers, our reservation shelf gets busier all the time with library members able to order any book from the Lincolnshire Libraries catalogue to be delivered to the library free of any charges. You can order online, use the libraries app on a smart phone or call in for a chat to one of our friendly volunteers who will help you with your selection and order it for you. Not a member? Just call in with some identification that confirms your address and we will get you started. Children just need to come in with an adult and we use their identification.

Mike - Library Volunteer
Facebook page @WeltonVillageLibrary



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

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REMEMBER
being happy doesn't
mean you have it all.
It simply means you
are thankful for all
you have.



Welton, Dunholme, Scothern and Nettleham Methodist Churches

Easter is a time of rejoicing and celebration.

Its origins are outlined by the gospel writers Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. The real story of Easter has no fluffy bunnies, chocolate eggs, cards or presents. It was quite simply about the man called Jesus who died by crucifixion carried out by Roman soldiers. Not surprisingly, they were under orders to make sure Jesus was dead.

The followers of Jesus mourned their friend and hid away, fearful that the authorities would come after them too. Nevertheless, three days after his death, people began to report that they'd seen Jesus alive. Those same writers then tried to describe the indescribable – Jesus who once was dead is now alive! The Christian message of Easter sounds absurd and fantastical to modern ears, in the same ways as it did back then to Jesus' contemporaries.

At the heart of Easter is the resurrection of Jesus from the grave, and a new beginning. This new beginning starts with an individual but affects the whole of the world. If Christians' claim that Jesus rose from the dead is true - that changes everything.

C.S. Lewis (author of the *Narnia Chronicles*) said that: *Christianity, if false, is of no importance, and if true, of infinite importance. The only thing it cannot be is moderately important.*

With all that is happening in the world today (grateful as we are to those who strive to make things better), life is difficult for everyone, to varying degrees. For example, a quarter of the world's people still have no access to clean water and over 120 million people have been forced to flee their homes.

Many dream of a new beginning.

Every blessing,
Rev. Richard
07771 624 885
Rpm2000.sp@gmail.com



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SCOTHERN PARISH COUNCIL

The following is a summary of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 12th March 2025

6 councillors present, the clerk, Cllr Sue Rawlins LCC, Cllr Baptiste Velan WLDC

Before the meeting, Mark Foster, Director of Lindum Homes attended to speak & answer questions from the council & residents on the new development off Nettleham Rd. Main concerns/issues – the flooding, naming the roads, no access through to Juniper Drive, S106 & a bus service. The council have suggested forming a group of council members & residents to continue to discuss issues/concerns. More details to follow

War Memorial – the council received updated quotes to relocate/renovate the war memorial in St Germain's Churchyard, with a new plan to clean/renovate the memorial in its current position on a new, larger base.

Scothern Play Area – The council received a couple of quotes from playground companies to replace the old equipment. The council are looking into replacing the items in the younger children's area at the front of the village hall as stage 1 and currently tweaking the plans to suit the village.

Pub is The Hub – The landlord of The Bottle & Glass spoke to the council about their ideas to convert the existing garage behind the pub, into a village shop.

Flooding updates – The council asked Cllr Sue Rawlins to request Highways investigate and jet/clear the pipes & drains from Church St, Vicarage Lane to Sudbrooke Rd – this has now been actioned by LCC.

Planning – any planning applications 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 or the clerk (details below) for more information.

Parish Council Contact – Lisa Brooks-Sleight, 07549 137538 / 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.

WELTON PDA

Tickets for the Spring lunch sold out very quickly and apologies to those who missed out! It will be full house on 11th April where, in addition to the lunch, there will be a free quiz to keep you occupied while you wait for your meal and also the usual raffle and cake stall (donations to either gratefully accepted) and there will be a selection of high quality greetings cards for sale priced just £1.25 each.

PDA PLANT SALE

The PDA are once again holding a plant sale at the Welton May Fair on Monday 5th May. We will have a good selection of bedding plants and vegetable plants at reasonable prices. Hopefully some larger plants as well eg rose bushes, hydrangeas etc 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 and split. 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 me 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 Christmas lunch will cost £10. I hope that all our regular diners will accept this decision.

Dates for our events in 2025 are:

Spring Lunch	Friday 11th April
May Day Plant Sale	Monday 5th May
Autumn Fayre	Saturday 25th October
Christmas Lunch	Friday 5 th December (tickets on sale Monday 3rd November - £10)

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

Dunholme Camera Club

Into April we go and hopefully the warmer weather has arrived so that the Camera Club members can start to get out and about in the fresh air to do what they all love as their hobby and pastime, taking photographs. If you feel disheartened when you get home after having a walk with your camera and seeing your images on the screen of your computer then do make that next step and come down to the camera club at The Old School and see what the members do and learn a little more to take your photography to the next level. If you want more information, then contact me via the website www.dunholmecameraclub.co.uk or the details below.

So, what are the members doing in April? We have 3 meetings in the month and we start on the 10th April with a talk by one of our members Paul Walker, at the moment Paul hasn't given us a title for his talk but I can certainly guarantee that it will be an interesting evening with some great images. The second meeting on the 17th April will be a "Members" Zoom meeting where we have a guest speaker, Kevin Pitney, who will be 07502 259001 / dunholmecc@gmail.com

giving us a talk on "Landscape Photography" when we have the Zoom meetings they are generally from speakers who live further away and are unable to travel and present their talks in person. Our final meeting on the 24th is our third club competition of the year which is entitled "Anything that's where it shouldn't be" basically this competition is fairly open, but it must show something that you really wouldn't expect to see where it is situated. So, maybe a car that has been abandoned/crashed in a stream, a bus being used as living accommodation in a field, and old vintage car in amongst a lot of modern cars, I think you get the idea. So, this one should be a very interesting competition that will surely bring a smile to the members faces on the night.

Well that's it for now but don't forget that the camera club is there for anyone to join even if its only for entertainment for the night or just to get you out of the house and meet some members of the community doing something that they enjoy doing, Photography.

Graham Dunkin

A piece of string walks into a bar.

"Hey!" says the barman. "We don't serve string in here!"

The piece of string leaves, ties a tight bow in himself and rolls on the ground. When he goes back into the bar, the barman says, "Aren't you that piece of string I slung out?"

The string replies, "No, I'm a frayed knot."

Welton-by-Lincoln Parish Council

Welton Music and Arts Festival

This will take place at various venues around Welton between Thursday 3rd and Sunday 6th July. Included in the programme will be various creative workshops, children's author readings, performances by Ranagri, an award-winning folk band from Ireland and England; an evening of readings and conversation with Margaret Dickinson, the Sunday Times top ten bestselling author; top tribute band ABBA's Angels; an evening of swing and rock 'n' roll with local singer Kelly Ann Waldie; back by popular demand, Comedy Night, featuring Angelos Epithemiou, John Mann, Peter Brush and Jules O'Brian; and an audience with Peter Levy from Look North. The website is now live at <https://www.weltonfestival.co.uk> and our Facebook page features regular updates. Tickets are available to purchase, with no administration fees charged, using cash or card payments, from the parish office during opening hours, at the monthly Farmer's Market (2nd Thursday) or by telephone on 07832 175867.

Job Vacancy – Facilities Team Lead

The council is seeking a dynamic person to ensure that the village and council owned facilities are operated and maintained in a timely and safe manner. This post is varied and requires someone who has experience of leading a team, can be flexible and able to support community events. Working days and hours are 25 hours per week Monday to Friday with occasional evenings and weekends. Pay will be commensurate with experience and skills offered. Please see our website for more information and how to apply.

Julie Murray, PSLCC
Clerk to Welton-by-Lincoln Parish Council

Tel: 01673 860336 / e-mail: clerk@welton-by-lincoln-pc.gov.uk
Website: www.welton-by-lincoln-pc.gov.uk

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

Witham u3a - 3rd Thursday of each month
Reepham and Cherry Willingham Village Hall
Contact - Gerry Wiswould

01673 866718

Lindsey u3a - 1st Thursday of each month
Welton Village Hall
Member Secretary - Jane Miller

01522 688977

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

scothernvh@hotmail.co.uk

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

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

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

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All readers are wished a very Happy Easter which this year falls over the weekend of 18-21 April 2025.

