

# SCOTHERN NEWS MARCH 2026



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# Welcome

March is now with us and spring is on its way, we look forward to lighter days and in the UK the clocks go forward 1 hour at 1am on the last Sunday 29th March bringing us into British Summer Time (BST). There's more daylight in the evenings and less in the mornings (sometimes called Daylight Saving Time).

This month Scothern News has more exciting entries and new features. Rod Wilson continues to provide us with stories of Scothern's History, we hear more from Sian and Katie about University life and what it means to be away from home. We have a new monthly feature by a resident gardener of Scothern who gives us inspiration in the Garden. Finally look out for details of events and activities going on in the Village particularly the launch of the new playpark on page xx.

We hope that you are enjoying the photographs on the front and back cover of the magazine each month. We would like to thank our resident photographer, Richard Johnson, for all the wonderful photographs he provides. We are keen to show Scothern at its best and showcase all the great things that go on in the Village. The front cover this month shows that football has come home to Scothern! and the back cover gives an insight into the monthly Flix in the Stix event arranged by the Spirit of Scothern.

## THANK YOU

**This month a Big Thank You goes to George Canty for delivering to Craypool Lane and Orchard Close.**

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[scothern.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk](http://scothern.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk)

## Grange Park



In the last week of January, I expect many of you did, as I did, and took part in the Big Garden Birdwatch. And I expect many of you also think, as I do, that the moment we start counting the birds they disappear to find a more private place to feed. Maybe like us they can feel eyes on them when they are being watched. Suddenly that flock of long tailed tits that invade daily, disappear and only the odd straggler appears. Even the common birds like dunnocks and blackbirds hide away until the hour is up. Being held in January I always do the “watching” from the warmth of the inside of my home, usually from an upstairs window with a cup of tea. Every year I think that next year I’ll wrap up warm and do the exercise in Grange Park.

We have a range of habitats in the park – deciduous and evergreen trees, hedges, brambles and sloes and berry bearing trees to provide autumn fruit and a wildlife area including a log heap which we hope provides a home for insects and small mammals to overwinter. No doubt many of the surrounding gardens also provide a supply of food and water to sustain the birds over the long winter months. A survey of the park would be very interesting and could inform what additions we could make to encourage more wildlife.

One rather thrilling, though gruesome, sight we experienced whilst undertaking some work in Grange Park a couple of years back was a sparrowhawk catching a pigeon and, within sight of us all, plucking it before devouring it. It really was - in the words of one of Lincolnshire's favourite sons, Alfred Lord Tennyson – “nature, red in tooth and claw”

I would genuinely be interested to know what birds you see in Grange Park and we as a group could put a list on the noticeboard. I have a bird song app which is excellent and means you can identify the birds even if you can't see them. It is often hard to identify them when they are perched in tall trees. In winter they may be silhouetted against the sky whilst in summer they are often hidden in the foliage.

So as a project email me on [mltointon@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:mltointon@tiscali.co.uk) and let's see what we have in Grange Park and next year maybe we could actually do a Big Garden Birdwatch in Grange Park and our data could add to the national results.





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# Celebrating Scothern Play Park

Have you noticed the new additions to Scothern Play Park? At the end of January Outdoor Play UK began installing our new equipment. Whilst it took less than two weeks to install, it took a little longer for the swings to arrive and as a result of the very wet weather and the saturated ground it took longer for it to be open for use.

The Parish Council is inviting young people and their parents, grandparents and guardians to join them on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2026 from 10.00 to 11.30 a.m.** to celebrate the new playpark. The Councillors will be serving refreshments from the village hall whilst young people are able to try out the equipment and share their views. We would like to thank West Lindsey District Council Communities Facilities Funding for their grant which helped towards the cost of the project.



## Finding Living Water in Bath

A week in the UNESCO World Heritage city of Bath was an invitation to slow down and unwind. The creamy, gold-coloured Bath stone is everywhere – from the curve of the Royal Crescent to Pulteney Bridge, and the ring of townhouses known as The Circus. The city's parks and open green spaces seem to whisper, pause here.

Bath has welcomed travellers for thousands of years: Britain's only natural hot springs deliver over one million litres of water every day, containing over 42 minerals. This water, long revered for its healing properties, emerges from a depth of over 1.5 miles beneath the ground, where it is heated by the earth's natural geothermal gradient to about 46 degrees centigrade.

It is no wonder that Bath's hot springs have long been associated with renewal. The Romans came seeking warmth in the cold British winters, as well as healing and spiritual connection to the goddess Sulis Minerva. Today, visitors come from all over the world hoping for rest and refreshment. If you wish, you can still sample the richly mineralised spa water from the fountain in the Pump Room.

We take time out on holiday, hoping that a change of scenery will refresh and revitalise us. Walking beside the River Avon, sitting quietly in Bath Abbey, or simply enjoying a cup of tea while watching the world go by, can soothe tired hearts. The city of Bath, with its healing water, reminds us that our souls, too, ache for renewal. Yet visiting a beautiful place cannot fully satisfy the deeper longings we carry. Rest, like healing, is more than physical.

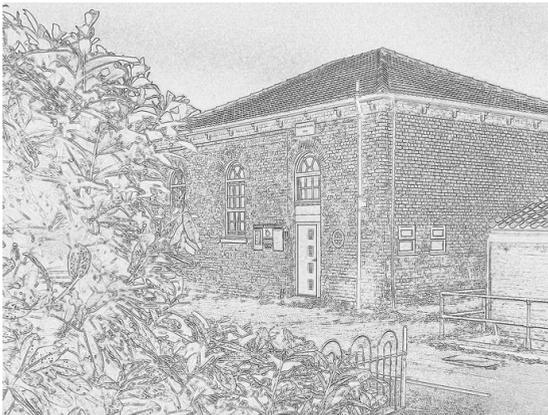
For thousands of years, people's need for water for themselves and their animals has drawn them to springs and wells. In the Gospel of John, chapter 4, Jesus - tired, hot and thirsty - encounters a Samaritan woman at Jacob's well where she has come to draw water. Jesus converses with her in what is the longest recorded conversation that he has with anyone in the Gospels.

By speaking to a Samaritan woman in public and asking her to draw water for him from the well, Jesus shatters social and religious norms. More importantly though, he treats her with dignity and respect, despite her marginalised status and reputation. Here beside the well, Jesus shifts the focus from Law to Grace, identifying her deeper thirst and promising that: “Whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst” (John 4:14).

Bath Abbey stands at the centre of the city, not as a museum but as a living place of prayer. It gently directs us beyond the city’s famous springs, to the true source of life. As Psalm 46 reminds us, “There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God.” God’s presence, not our surroundings, is what ultimately restores us.

A holiday gives us space to notice what usually goes unseen and unheard. In stepping away from routine, we may hear God’s quiet invitation to come, drink, and be renewed. Whether we travel far or stay close to home, Christ meets us where we are, offering living water for weary souls. Visiting Bath reminded me that rest is not just found in a place, but in the person who says, “Come to me, all you who are weary, and I will give you rest.”

In grace and peace,  
Richard





Now March has arrived, I begin to hope that we have turned the corner on what has been a rather cold, bleak and sunless Spring, and we have so much to look forward to this month with added daylight too.

Many of us who have sown our “early seeds “, will have been busy preparing the ground to take them and I am reminded of how Matthew writes in his account of Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount where he asks us to “consider the lilies of the field, how they grow, they toil not neither do they spin, yet I say unto you , that Soloman in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these!” With such powerful images in mind we have so much to be thankful for, as well as much to look forward to as well in the weeks ahead.

And it is in this month that we also celebrate Motherhood on Mothering Sunday which this year falls on the forth Sunday of Lent, March 15th, when we can take time to thank God for mothers of all kinds, past or present .

Mothering Sunday was originally a time when people returned to the church, in which they were baptized or where they attended services when they were children. This usually meant that families were reunited as adults as they returned to the towns and villages where they grew up.

In time, it became customary for young people who were working as servants in large houses, to be given a holiday on Mothering Sunday. They could use this day to visit their own mother and often take a gift of food or hand-me-down clothing from their employers to her.

Traditionally, people observed a fast during Lent. Lent is the period from Ash Wednesday until Good Friday. During the Lent fast, people did not eat from sweet, rich foods or meat. However, here comes the good news, the fast was lifted slightly on Mothering Sunday and many people prepared a Simnel cake to eat with their family on this day. A Simnel cake is a light fruit cake covered with a layer of marzipan and with a layer of marzipan baked into the middle of the cake. Traditionally, Simnel cakes are decorated with 11 or 12 balls of marzipan, representing the 11 disciples and, sometimes, Jesus Christ.

No matter whether our Mothers ,Grandmothers or even Great Grandmothers are still around us, let us not forget Godmothers , Surrogate and Step-mothers. They all provide love, guidance , and nurturing and are defined by actions rather than biology And I close with a prayer for all mothers..

Heavenly Father, we ask for Your blessing of wisdom upon all mothers. They are entrusted with the precious task of shaping young lives, teaching them right from wrong, and guiding their steps in a world that can often be confusing.

Please grant these mothers clarity of thought and a discerning heart. When they face difficult decisions concerning their children's education, health, friendships, or spiritual development, fill them with Your heavenly wisdom. Help them to understand the unique needs of each child and to respond with patience and love. In Jesus' Name we pray , Amen.

Peter Everett ALM

## **WHAT'S ON AT SCOTHERN CHAPEL THIS MARCH AND OVER THE EASTER PERIOD**

Sunday 1 March 10.30

We Are at Scothern with Ian Hardcastle

Sunday 8 March 10.30

We are at Scothern Chapel with Alan Measures

Sunday 15 March 10.30 We are at Scothern Chapel for Mothering

Sunday with Rev Richard

We will be joined by Nettleham Chapel

Sunday 22 March 10.30

We are at Scothern Chapel with Rev Jamie Mackay

Sunday 29 March 10.30

We are at Nettleham for a local arrangements service

Good Friday 3 April 10.00

Service at Nettleham

Easter Sunday 5 April 6am Communion at the Police Pond at  
Nettleham

10.30 We are at Nettleham for Communion with Rev Canon Alan  
Robson, Lincolnshire's Agricultural Chaplin

### **Services in the Benefice - March 2026**

Sunday 1st. 9.15 am Morning Prayer St. Germain's.

Sunday 8th 10.30 am Holy Communion. St.Chad's. Dunholme.

Sunday 15th. 9.15 am Holy Communion. St.Germain's.

Sunday 22nd 10.30 am Holy Communion.St.Chad's. Dunholme.

4pm Evening Prayer. St.Germain's.

Sunday 29th 10.30am Benefice Palm Sunday Service. St. Chad's.

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# CHORAL

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**Sudbrooke Holme**



**Lincoln Banknote**

Richard Ellison was a successful businessman whose family had amassed great wealth by leasing and dredging the blocked Foss Dyke Canal and the River Witham, and by building the Stamp End Locks. This created an accessible route from the River Trent to the North Sea at Boston and allowing coal to be brought to Lincoln from Yorkshire and beyond. Warehouses were built around the Brayford Pool, and the city soon became an ideal location for many engineering firms to establish themselves. Richard continued his ancestors' work and built a mansion for himself and his wife, Esther, in Sudbrooke Park at Sudbrooke Holme.

A noted philanthropist, Richard built Scothern's first school on School Crescent, known now as Ellison Boulters. He also funded a reading room where villagers could read newspapers free of charge and renovated the church by adding a northern extension with a crypt below.

He founded the city's first bank, the Bank of Lincoln, located still on Mint Street—now the Westminster Bank—where Lincoln banknotes were printed. After two mergers, it became the National Provincial Bank and later NatWest.

Richard died at his London home in Great George Street, Westminster, in 1850 at the age of 74. His remains were brought back to Lincoln for interment at Scothern. The hearse carrying his body was drawn by six horses, beautifully plumed with black ostrich feathers, and was followed by eleven coaches. He was laid to rest alongside other family members in the Ellison family crypt the family had built in Scothern Church.

Despite his generosity, the vicar at the time felt that many villagers were unappreciative, describing them as, "the most ungrateful set of blackguards I ever met in my life."

As a footnote, during the renovations to the church, workmen discovered a slipper filled with gold—believed to have been hidden there after the Lincolnshire Uprising to keep the church money from falling into the hands of Henry VIII.

READ MORE ON [WWW.SCOTHERNHISTORY.CO.UK](http://WWW.SCOTHERNHISTORY.CO.UK)

# Threshold

Threshold is a family church which has been serving the Lincoln villages for over 30 years.  
We all get together most weeks at Welton Village Hall.  
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**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March**  
**Church Gathering**

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Community Cafe**

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Church Gathering**

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**  
**Church Gathering**

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Palm Sunday Gathering**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**  
**Good Friday Gathering**

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April**  
**Easter Sunday Gathering**

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April**  
**Community Cafe**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April**  
**Church Gathering**

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April**  
**Church Gathering**

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

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## **Community Coffee Morning**

Every Tuesday  
10am to midday  
held in the  
Methodist Chapel

**All welcome.**

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## **CHAPEL COFFEE AND CHAT**

continues as usual on  
Thursday 12th and Thursday  
26th March at 10.30 (2nd &  
4th Thursdays)  
Please feel free to come along.  
The session lasts about  $\frac{3}{4}$   
hour.

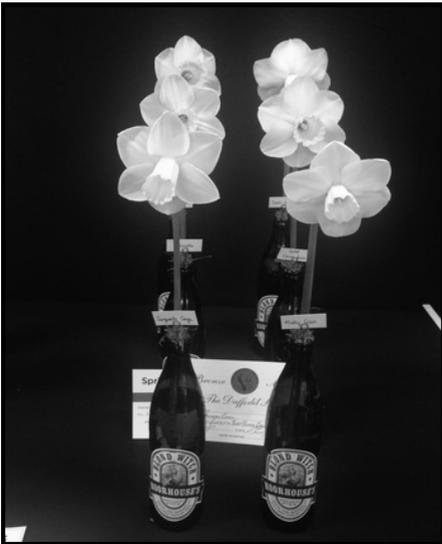
**All welcome.**

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## A SCOTHERN GARDENER'S NOTES MARCH

March is the first month of Spring- at last! Take advantage of any sunshine, even if it is to spend ten minutes to drink your morning coffee in a sheltered spot in the garden. Hopefully you will be able to admire all the spring bulbs that you planted last Autumn.

If you lived in a northern town a few decades ago you might be anxiously examining your daffodils every day. If they were in pots you might move them into full sun, or into the shade, depending on whether you wanted to bring them into flower or hold them back. As a last resort you might even pick one and keep it in the fridge alongside the milk bottles to keep it at its best. They needed to be absolutely perfect for the day of the show. The best were smoothed, twisted, coaxed and angled then tightly wedged into an old beer bottle so they stood tall and proud on the exhibition bench. It is a glorious sight to see so many different varieties all at their very best. Competition was fierce but friendly at the shows I organised. Even now I only like clumps of daffodils of one variety.



Tulips by Susan  
Christopher - Coulsen

As well as daffodils there might be early tulips, drifts of crocus, delicate little iris, and lovely little chinodoxa and scillia and grape hyacinths everywhere and on verges and stream banks butter yellow primroses. Later in the month the clocks go forward and hopefully by then our church clock will be in full working order and chiming the hours so I know how long I have been working in the garden. Or, if you want a break from gardening visit the Museum of Timekeeping at Upton Hall and wonder how they adjust the thousands of clocks that they have. If you want a sundial for your garden they can help you learn all about them and the best place to put one in your garden. But there is not much time left before it really gets busy in the garden so do as much as possible now. Prune roses and fruit bushes, mulch to cut down on weeding, check plants in pots and top dress then feed and water. But don't forget to enjoy that coffee in the (hopefully!) sunshine.

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March is the month when we can't decide if we need sunscreen or a snow shovel because in March we can experience all four seasons before lunch! However for Lindsey u3a members it's time for our Annual General Meeting when we review the past year and make plans for the next.. We are lucky that apart from a couple of changes the present committee, with the support of group leaders and helpers, is happy to continue to provide stability and lots of enthusiasm to keep the show on the road.

Times change, people move on and we're always looking for volunteers to help with the smooth running of our organisation. Just by offering to make a cup of tea or put chairs out for a meeting anyone can make a difference. Sometimes just a welcoming smile is enough.

Lindsey u3a is local, friendly, informative, low cost and open to those of retirement age not in full time employment. Our A-Z of interest groups includes where and when they meet plus visits of local interest, theatre visits, lunches and holidays run by members for members. Check our website to find out what's on and give it a go!

We meet at Welton Village Hall usually on the first Thursday of the month so our next meeting will be on 5th March. You are invited with no obligation to one of our meetings. Doors open at 9.30am for tea/coffee and an opportunity to chat to interest group leaders in the Welton Room followed by a speaker in the hall 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 5th March our short AGM will start at 10.15am followed by Kenneth Moore, a speaker we've invited back to hear more amusing anecdotes from his life in the RAF. In his talk "You'll Fly Laughing-volume 2". he presents a humorous look at his life in the R.A.F. where he was a navigator for thirty four years. He will amuse us with tales of the workings of ejector seats and what the best dressed combat aviator wears to work these days!

On 2nd April an inspirational speaker, Emma Sheardown, will give a talk entitled "There's no such word as CAN'T". She was born with cerebral palsy and against all odds has achieved so much in her life. Prepare to be amazed by what this lady has accomplished.

We aim to have a variety of speakers over the course of the year so there is something for everyone. 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 26th March, 2026. 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 us can be found on our website [lindseyu3a.org.uk](http://lindseyu3a.org.uk). Should you require any further information please contact Luke Pickering

Email: [lukep@lahestates.co.uk](mailto:lukep@lahestates.co.uk) Mob:07774 251197

Best wishes

Sheila Nash

## Welton Village Library and Community Hub

Based at Manor Park, Hackthorn Road Welton LN2 3PA  
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Wednesday & Saturday 10am to 12 noon

## Lincolnshire Mobile Library Service

January 2026 – December 2026

Friday Route 3 (Mobile Library North)

January	February	March	April	May	June
9 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	*	1st & 29 <sup>th</sup>	26 <sup>th</sup>
July	August	September	October	November	December
24 <sup>th</sup>	21 <sup>st</sup>	18 <sup>th</sup>	16 <sup>th</sup>	13 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>

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## An Update from our Scothern Scholars!

Back in the autumn, we (Siân and Katie) said goodbye to Scothern and set off for new adventures in London and York. Now, five months into university life, we thought it was time for an update! It's safe to say that the past few months have been busy, exciting, and, at times, a little overwhelming but we have settled in to life in our new cities. The adjustment from village life to city living was definitely noticeable at first. However, it quickly became the norm, and we have both adjusted well.

Academically, university has been both challenging and rewarding. The jump from A Levels to degree-level study required a change in independence and time management. There's a lot more reading and independent study needed, but we're both really enjoying exploring our subjects.

Of course, we still miss home. We miss our village walks, and of course, pub quiz! Coming back during the holidays has made us appreciate the village even more, as absence certainly makes the heart grow fonder.

University life has certainly been a big change, but it's one we're so glad we embraced.

### **Scothern Football Club Fixtures 2026**

Home fixtures for the remainder of 2025/6 season are:

1st March  
8th March  
22nd March  
29th March  
5th April  
19th April

For full fixture details visit:

<https://fulltime.thefa.com/displayTeam.html?teamID=321145354&league=586601393>  
or Facebook and Instagram social media pages.

Please note the current weather is causing problems for the pitch which may impact on the ability to fulfil fixtures at Scothern in the short term.

## WELTON PDA

The next PDA event will be the Spring lunch to be held on 10<sup>th</sup> April. The menu will comprise orange juice, beef pie with mashed potatoes and veg followed by apple crumble and custard or trifle, tea or coffee and chocolate. Tickets priced £8 will have to be strictly on a 1<sup>st</sup> come 1<sup>st</sup> served basis, limited to 100 and will go on sale on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. The Christmas lunch was fully sold out leaving no tickets for the health centre staff but I will ensure 4 tickets are set aside for them for the Spring lunch.

We will have the usual cake stall (any cake donations gratefully accepted and we can collect!) There will also be a raffle, greetings cards for sale priced £1 each and a free quiz to keep you entertained until lunch is served.

We have been offered a stall at the Welton May Fair on Welton Village Green on 4<sup>th</sup> May. We will be selling both flower and vegetable plants and shrubs(in fact anything donated!) so please come along and support us. As in previous years, if anyone has any plants they could offer us either from your garden or maybe you could grow a few extra to donate to the PDA please get in touch? We can arrange collection prior to the day.

As I mentioned in the February news, from the 1<sup>st</sup> April, the cost per mile for transport to medical appointments will be 45p. The cost for transport to the Health Centre will remain the same as it currently is.

We are hoping that our new self-booking form for transport, linked to the Welton Health Centre webpage, will be fully working by 1<sup>st</sup> April. If this is successful it will prevent long waits on the phone to get through to the health centre and will free up their phone lines for patients booking appointments etc.

Full details of how to access this new service, provided by the PDA, will be in the April magazine. I have already had many positive comments from patients that I have spoken to and we will undertake to demonstrate how to use this service to anyone who is unsure.

Dates for our events in 2026 are:  
Spring lunch tickets on sale 2nd March  
Spring lunch 10th April  
Plant Sale May 4th  
Autumn Fayre 17th October  
Christmas lunch 11th December

Any further information on any of the above don't hesitate to give me a call (862570) Janet Goddard  
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January 4th  
February 1st  
March 1st  
April 12th  
May 3rd  
June 7th

Tea, coffee, cake  
provided

## Dunholme Camera Club

Our first meeting in March will be on the 5th March when the members will be having a Zoom presentation by Alison Jenkins who will be giving us a talk "Photography, Work and a hobby" it is always good to hear from other people how they carry out their photography and show us some of their images. Our second meeting on the 12th March will be a talk by one of our very own members Bob, his talk doesn't have a title at the moment but knowing Bob's past talks it will be an interesting night, one not to be missed. Our final meeting for March will be on the 26th when we will be having our second POTY (Photographer of the Year) competition, this time it will be an "Open Print" competition so the members will be able to place any of their images into the competition, the choice of the image is open without a theme.

If you are interested in photography at any level from beginner to more advance and would like to join us then you are more than welcome to come along and see what we do, if you want more information about what is happening during the year shoot across to the home page of our website [www.dunholmecameraclub.co.uk](http://www.dunholmecameraclub.co.uk) where all of our meetings are listed by date. Membership for the year is only £35.00 and we generally meet every 2 weeks. If you want further information get in touch via the website contact page or contact me on the email address below.

Grahame Dunkin [dunholmecc@gmail.com](mailto:dunholmecc@gmail.com) 07501 259001

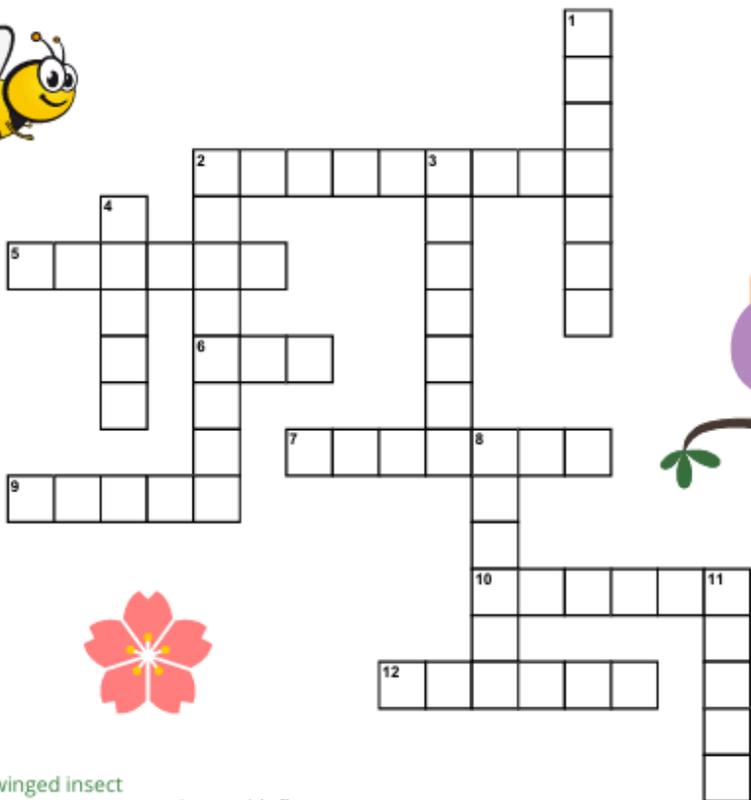


### Events -

Quiz every Monday 8pm  
And card bingo  
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# Just For Fun Spring Crossword



## Across

- [2] Small winged insect
- [5] Grassy open space sometimes with flowers
- [6] Word for planting seeds, you \_\_\_ seeds
- [7] April showers bring may \_\_\_\_\_
- [9] \_\_\_\_\_ migrate back north in spring
- [10] The dutch national flowers
- [12] Some people grow fruits, vegetables or flowers in them

## Down

- [1] Small red insect with black spots
- [2] Grow on certain trees, cherry \_\_\_\_\_
- [3] Appears after it rains
- [4] First month of spring
- [8] Holiday during spring
- [11] You bury them in the ground to grow plants





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View the planning portal for all current & past applications & decisions from WLDC.

### **Current applications:**

Application Number: WL/2026/00106

Planning application for extensions and alterations to dwelling.

Location: 15 HEATH ROAD comments to WLDC by 09/03/2026

Application Number: WL/2026/00128

Planning application for erection of flat roof, timber clad outbuilding to rear of property.

Location: 15 SAINT GERMAINS WAY comments to WLDC by 09/03/2026

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### **Notification of temporary traffic regulation Order**

Ref: TTRO/TTRO13857      Anglian Water :Water main repairs

Road closure -Church Street (Between 30m & 70m West of

Vicarage Lane)                      Restriction: 14/01/2026 - 16/01/2026

Ref: TTRO/TTRO14878      Lindum Homes

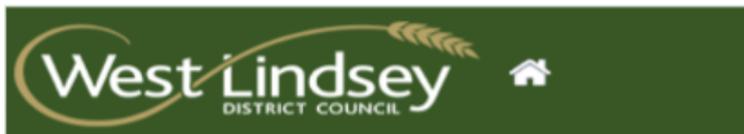
PROW closure Order - Scothern PROW 1025/1 (Full Length)

Scothern PROW 149/2 (Between Scothern PROW 1025/1 & a point 90m South)

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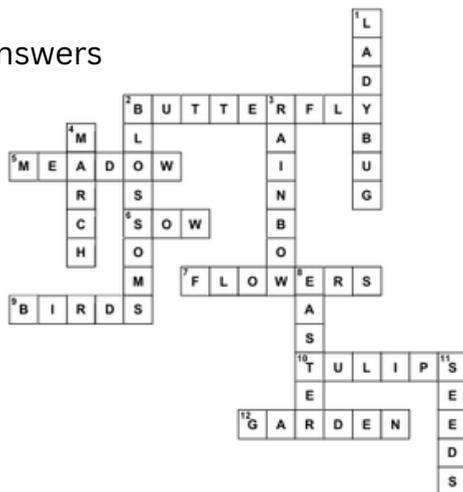


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Crossword answers



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Sudbrooke Elm Drive Shops  
Scothern St Germans Church  
Langworth Scothern Lane  
Stainton by Landworth Scothern Ln  
Snelland Telephone Box  
Wickenby Church  
Lissington White Hart  
Linwood  
Market Rasen Market Place

Mondays to Fridays excluding public holidays

0700	0915	1510			
0705	0920	1515			
0709	0924	1519			
0712	0927	1522			
0716	0931	1526			
0718	0933	1528			
0720	0935	1530			
0725	0940	1045	1145	1245	1540
0729	0944	1049	1149	1249	1544
0745	0955	1100	1200	1300	1555
0750	0959	1104	1204	1304	1559
0800	1007	1112	1212	1312	1607

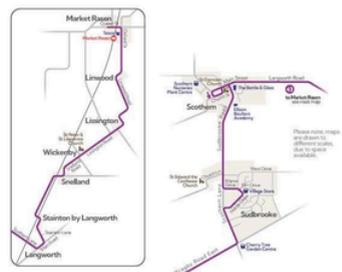
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0810	1015	1115	1215	1415	1740
0818	1023	1123	1223	1423	1748
0822	1027	1127	1227	1427	1752
0832	1037	1137	1237	1437	1802
0837	1042	1142	1242	1442	1807
0842				1447	1812
0845				1450	1815
0849				1454	1819
0853				1458	1823
0856				1501	1826
0900				1505	1830
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**West Lindsey District Council:** 01427 676676

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Contact - Gerry Wiswoud 01673 866718

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Member Secretary - Tricia Barnes 07855 178612

Scothern Recreation Centre  
Committee meetings 1st Monday of each month 7:45pm  
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## Diary of Events in MARCH:

1 - Sewcial 10-4pm (pg21)

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2 - Bottle Glass Quiz night, 8pm

3 - Community Coffee morning, Methodist Chapel 10-12pm

4 - Scothern Parish Council meeting - 7.30pm Methodist Chapel

5 - Lindsey u3a Welton VH, 9.30am (Pgs18&19)

5 - Dunholme Camera Club (pg 24)

6 - Mobile Library, Scothern Village Hall 9.45-10.30am (Pg 20)

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9 - Bottle Glass Quiz night, 8pm

10 - Community Coffee morning, Methodist Chapel 10-12pm

12 - Dunholme Camera Club

12 - Methodist Chapel, Chat & Coffee 10.30am

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16 - Bottle Glass Quiz night, 8pm

17 - Community Coffee morning, Methodist Chapel 10-12pm

19 - Witham U3a Reepham and Cherry Willingham Village Hall

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23 - Bottle Glass Quiz night, 8pm

24 - Community Coffee morning, Methodist Chapel 10-12pm

26 - Dunholme Camera Club

26 - Methodist Chapel, Chat & Coffee 10.30am

27 - Flix in the Stix, 7 for 7.30pm (pg13)

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30- Bottle Glass Quiz night, 8pm

31 - Community Coffee morning, Methodist Chapel 10-12pm

**Send us your April events for next months issue**  
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