

SCOTHERN NEWS

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Welcome

We have arrived in June, the sixth month of the year, where has the time gone! I now miss the days of my childhood when days, weeks and months were so long and I yearned for School Holidays. During the Easter Holidays we trialed an Easter Hunt competition, more about that on page 26, in future we hope to put on more activities to engage young people in Scothern. We also wish to ensure that Scothern is seen to be one of Lincolnshires prettiest villages so we held a litter picking session in May and wish to encourage our residents to continue to help with this when they are out and about. Finally we are promoting our Best Garden competition on the back page of this months Scothern News I am sure our resident Scothern Gardener will have some advice on how to get the best from our gardens.

I am always amazed by how much we have going on in Scothern, I hope many of you were able to attend the Yellowbelly Beer Festival at the End of May, Photographs were not available by the time we went to press so they will feature in next months News. If you have events going on that you wish us to feature please contact scothern.news@gmail.com.

Thank you

**This month a Big Thank you goes to Linda for delivering to
Juniper Drive, The Alders and the Oaks.**

OUR HIDDEN HEROES



So nice to see that our World War I memorial has been cleaned up and three of our four forgotten heroes, which I uncovered, have been added to the names already inscribed. In 2018, a hundred years after the war ended, I decided to try to identify the cottages where each of those who sacrificed their lives had lived. This turned into a far longer job than I had imagined. The 1911 census has hardly any addresses recorded, just family names and professions. Addresses seemed to be scattered almost at random. Having a brainwave, I tried to track the route the Post Mistress took at the time to deliver and collect the census forms. This opened up another Pandora's box: I discovered there were four others who were killed but are not inscribed on the memorial.

Charlotte Fox was born and brought up in the family farm, The Limes, opposite the chapel. She never married remaining at home to care for her elderly parents. When they died, her brother took over the farm and Charlotte found work near Leeds. As war broke out, she became a Barnbow Canary, an munitions worker whose skin turned yellow from handling explosives. On 5th December 1916, she was killed with 34 other girls in Hut 42 when it exploded. The government covered up the tragedy. Charlotte was buried a few feet from Scothern's memorial on 9th December 1916.

Howitt Key Wilkinson was born in 1898 to Thomas and Emma Wilkinson, members of the Wilkinson family who still farm here, at Scothern Grange. In 1915 he joined the Lincolnshire Regiment and was later transferred to the Grimsby Pals. He was killed, along with 19,000 others, on the first day of the Somme on 1st July 1916. The worst day of the war.

Harry Smalley joined the Royal Navy in 1910 at the age of 16, leaving his father living here in Red Rose Villa. By 1917 he had become a chief stoker and in September joined HMS *Mary Rose*. Two months later, on 17th October, the *Mary Rose* was sunk by two German cruisers. Harry went down with the ship near Scappa Flow where he still lies with 88 others. His father's grave, with neutral markings, is just 50 metres from our war memorial.

Frederick Bell was a Scothern parish councillor and church bell ringer, and a farmer from Skelton House on the bend midway between Scothern and Nettleham. He joined the Sherwood Foresters in 1914 and fought in the hell of Gallipoli, then in many battles in France. On the **last day** of the war, he was killed at Mons, where the war had begun. * Unfortunately he has not been inscribed, as he's already on Nettleham's memorial. **All should be remembered**

Grange Park June 2026

The other Saturday afternoon I walked through Grange Park. The sun was shining and the trees sheltered me from the cold westerly wind. Even though there are many serviceable strategically placed benches I sat down on the grass, just to bask in the sunshine and take in my surroundings.

The Nearby orchard of apple trees were in full bloom, apart from one which is sponsored by our new committee member, sorry Jake! However, there is plenty of blossom on the Ellison's Orange at the other end of the park to make up for it. Hopefully all the flowers will have been pollinated and there will be plenty of apples in the Autumn. The committee members pruned the apple trees in the winter to try and get them into better shape and to be more productive. We shall see...

Apples are not the only trees in bloom, overhanging (and propping up) the fence is an Indian Chestnut which has very handsome candles of red and white flowers rather like the ordinary Horse Chestnut but unfortunately for the local children does not produce conkers worthy of stringing up for competitions.

Much, much smaller and much closer to the ground in amongst the grass I noticed the tiny four petaled pale blue flowers of the Speedwell. Although it can be classed as a 'weed' rather than a 'wildflower' as it can overrun a lawn, it is not a problem in the grass of Grange Park. Speedwell is a very pretty flower if you can get down close enough to examine it and worth the effort as there are not many blue flowers in nature.

I spent some time identifying which particular speedwell it was and was surprised that no one else walked through whilst I was there. Now that we seem to have endless dry days make the most of Grange Park and sit and rest a while, bench optional!



Admin Support Volunteer

Organised, helpful, and love ticking things off a list?

But would rather not have to deal directly with the young people.

Then it's time to join our team to help support our leaders behind the scenes!

We're looking for someone to help our 25th Lincoln (Scothern) Scout Group run smoothly behind the scenes.

You might:

- Keep membership records up to date
- Manage the collection of term fees
- Order badges for our young people
- Manage our waiting list
- Take minutes of our Trustee meetings
- Coordinate the Annual Census
- Work with the Group Lead Volunteer and Section Leaders.

It's all flexible and can be done from home, whenever suits you best, and you don't need to have done it before. All you need is a willingness to get stuck in and a bit of reliability, and preferably access to a computer.

We'll support you every step of the way with tools, guidance, and a friendly team. No need to attend the actual Beaver, Cub and Scout evening meetings.

Your admin magic helps make adventures happen!

Ready to lend a hand and keep things running like clockwork?

For more information and a general chat, or to ask questions feel free to contact me.

Many thanks

Nick Cornwell-Smith

Group Lead Volunteer

25th Lincoln (Scothern) Scout Group

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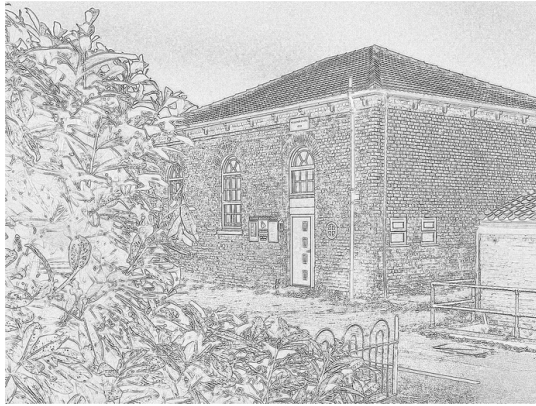


Just For Fun

Find the listed FRUITS in the wordsearch

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Pomegranate Grapefruit



Helen Keller was born on June 27, 1880, in Tuscumbia, Alabama. She died in 1968, having received the highest honour for an American civilian, the Presidential Medal of Freedom. After an illness in infancy, she lost both her sight and her hearing, yet went on to live a life that was a blessing to many.

Her achievements were remarkable. She became the first deafblind person to earn a degree, championed the rights of women in America, and travelled to more than 30 countries campaigning for disability rights. A tireless worker for equality and social justice, she was driven by an unshakable belief that if the world was to become a better place for everyone, she needed to play her part—now, rather than waiting for others.

In one of the 14 books she wrote, *The World I Live In*, she explained that the power of touch was as important as sight and hearing. Through touch, she was able to understand, appreciate, and experience the world. She had a deep awareness of her senses in a way that many of us might struggle to imagine.

In 1891, at the age of 10, she wrote a letter to the Rev. Phillip Brooks (writer of *O Little Town of Bethlehem*), saying:

“I have not seen the persons you mention; but I know that they are kind and good. The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched—they must be felt with the heart.”

Although they were at very different stages of life (Brooks died at the beginning of 1893), they shared a common gift: both touched the lives of others, though in different ways. Living in silence and darkness, Helen wrote that she had always known about God. Long before she understood words, she sensed God's presence—not in a defined way, but as something real. In her silence, darkness, and isolation, she felt a presence she later called God. She knew she was not alone; she knew someone was alongside her.

It was only when Anne Sullivan, Helen's teacher, made a breakthrough—spelling the word water on the palm of her hand while running water over the other—that Helen realised things had names. With this newfound gift of language, her world opened up. When she was later told about God, she simply replied that she already knew.

On the 27th of June, I will pause and pray, taking inspiration from Helen Keller. I will also allow her example to challenge me to consider what I can do to help make the world a better place for everyone.

Rev Richard 07771 624 885 rpm2000.sp@gmail.com

WHAT'S ON AT SCOTHERN CHAPEL DURING JUNE

Sunday 7 June 10.30 We are at Scothern with Rev Margaret Roe (Communion)
We will be joined by Nettleham Chapel

Sunday 14 June 10.30 We are at Nettleham Chapel with Rev Margaret Doughty

Sunday 21 June 10.30 We are at Scothern Chapel with Lynne Whitehead-Yates

Sunday 28 June 10.30 We are at Scothern Chapel with Ian Hardcastle

Sunday 5 July 10.30 We are at Nettleham Chapel where Andrew is taking a
'Thank You For The Music Service'

CHAPEL CHAT & COFFEE

on Thursday 11th & 25th June at 10.30am

Please feel free to come along. The session lasts about ¾ hour.

All are welcome!

Rural Living

Living in the countryside is a wonderful experience; even the noxious smells, fear of hay fever and being stuck behind tractors don't detract from it. We are privileged to see a variety of birds, foxes running across fields and deer hiding in the woodland to



name a few. That got me thinking about the wildlife we couldn't see, Last month, Sir David Attenborough, renowned naturalist, broadcaster and conservationist, celebrated his 100th birthday. Who hasn't seen one of his groundbreaking series? Over the course of 70 years, he has uncovered animals and habitats that we had never seen before and indeed never dreamed existed. Exotic animals from around the world were filmed in their natural habitat with a 'no holds barred' approach, often showing the 'wild' side of wildlife.

If we hadn't seen this amazing footage, would we have believed that male kangaroos boxed to establish dominance? I certainly don't remember seeing that on Skippy! Before such documentaries, we wouldn't have believed the antics animals across the world could get up to. If we had been told that an orangutan could wield a hammer to knock in nails or saw with more accuracy than the average DIYer, we wouldn't have believed it but then we saw the evidence. A definite case of 'seeing is believing'. That's part of human nature; something is not real until we have seen it with our own eyes. However, with the dawn of AI generated photos and fake news, can we truly believe what we see and hear today?

On top of that, we are constantly bombarded with bad news in the media and social media.

Are we to believe there are no instances of good news in the world? Unfortunately, bad news sells better than good!

How then can we discern the truth?

Jesus told us, "I am the way and the truth and the life". John 14.6.

From a Christian perspective it's a case of 'believing is seeing' rather than 'seeing is believing'. We all experience times when we feel that God has deserted us, even one of Jesus' first disciples, Thomas, did not believe that Jesus had risen from the dead.

"Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." John 20.25.

We too want evidence that God is with us, we want to see Him. So how is this possible?

If we believe in God, we can see Him in His creation; in the sunshine after the storm, the first shoots of spring, the ducklings on the beck. However, we need to want to see him. It's easy to be drawn into the negativeness of the world today, but as we walk through our beautiful countryside let's try and 'always look on the bright side of life' (who sang that in their head?) and see God at work.

Yours in Christ, Suzanne Maple, Lay Minister

Church Services in the Benefice - June 2026

Sunday 7 June 2026	09:15 am 10:30 am 11:00 am	Morning Worship, St Germain's, Scothern Morning Worship, St Chad's Dunholme Holy Communion, St Mary's, Welton
Sunday 14 June 2026	10:30 am 11:00 am 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Holy Communion, St Chad's, Dunholme Morning Worship, St Mary's, Welton Evening Prayer, St Mary's, Welton Encounter, St Chad's Dunholme
Sunday 21 June 2026	9:15 am 10:30 am 11:00 am	Holy Communion, St Germain's, Scothern Holy Communion, St Chad's, Dunholme Holy Communion, St Mary's, Welton
Sunday 18 June 2026	11:00 am 6:00 pm	Joint Benefice Holy Communion, St Mary's, Welton Evening Prayer, St Germain's, Scothern
<i>nb: the services may change due to the availability of clergy</i>		

 Jnr Football training U11 is starting again this summer
 July & August every Wednesday evening
 6-7.15pm on the playing field.

☕ COFFEE MORNING ☕



Saving lives through stem cells

📅 Saturday, 6th June 2026

🕒 10:30am – 12:00pm

📍 Scothern Village Hall

☕ What to expect:

☕ Freshly brewed coffee & tea

🍰 Homemade cakes & treats

🗨️ Friendly chat and community atmosphere

All welcome!

Come along, meet others, and support an amazing cause.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Any questions or cake donations, please contact Julie on 07857892269

Our annual coffee morning will take place on Saturday June 6th from 10.30-12 at Scothern village hall. We hope to have the usual wonderful selection of cakes and goodies which can be enjoyed in the hall or purchased to take away if you are pushed for time. We will also have our fantastic birthday and other occasion cards plus a new range of gift wrap designs. We have been selling these cards now for five years and our suppliers have not had any increase in price so we are happy to be able keep

them at £1, long may it last! They are beautiful quality and great value and we do appreciate everyone who keeps coming back and stocking up as the cards have been a great source of income for the charity. We will also have a book stall and a raffle of course.

Some of you may recall that last year we had three young people in the Lincoln area all desperately needing a stem cell donor. They had each decided to "go public" due to the urgency of a donor being found and their stories featured on the Anthony Nolan national website and social media. This prompted us to have some signing up kits delivered to the house in the hope that we could encourage some 16-30 year olds in and around the village to take one and use it to join the register. With the help of Parish Councillor Sian Watt-Jones we managed to distribute all of the kits and so add some more willing volunteers to the register. Within a few weeks one young man (a friend of Sian's) had been contacted as he was a potential match for a patient and after various tests and arrangements had been carried out he donated his stem cells early this year. This gave us such joy, imagine how he must feel having been the one person in the world to give a stranger the gift of the hope of a cure.

I also recently met a young lady who had donated a actual bone marrow which is not so common these days but she had been told it was for a child and needed to be bone marrow rather than the more usual stem cells which is a less invasive process for the donor. If anyone you know is interested in joining the register they can go on to the Anthony Nolan website and get all the information and have a kit sent to their home, if over 30 and under 55 you can apply to DKMS. You remain on whichever register you join until age 60. We are always happy to answer questions about the process of donating as it is good to have all the facts when deciding if you would like to sign up.

We hope to see a good crowd at the coffee morning and we look forward to welcoming you. Any offers of cakes or help on the day is much appreciated.

Julie Cook

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🌟 Volunteer Opportunity 🌟

Could you help shape the future of Scouting in Scothern?

25th Lincoln (Scothern) Scouts are looking for a new Group Lead Volunteer to help support and inspire their fantastic team of volunteers and young people. ❤️

This flexible volunteer role is perfect for someone who enjoys working with people, building community spirit, and helping young people gain skills for life. No previous Scouting experience is needed just enthusiasm, positivity, and a willingness to make a difference.

Training and support are provided, and the role can fit around your availability.

Interested or know someone who would be perfect for the role?

Find out more here:

<https://www.lincolnscouts.org.uk/25th-lincoln-scothern...>



Notes From a Scothern Gardener June2026

Nothing says English summer quite like a Rose, soft petals warm in the sunshine and intoxicating fragrance. I have a special fondness for Roses; they remind me of my Mother who loved them and had a garden full of them. She had Alzheimer's and it was difficult for me to keep track of her friends that called to see her. One June evening I needed to check her friend Josi was ok so popped round and knocked on her front door. No reply, but luckily there was a back street with high gates to the rear yards. I gently pushed the gate open but couldn't go through as the whole yard was filled with an abundance of roses all at their absolute peak of flowering. Josi loved old roses with heady fragrance, deep crimson colours and those with masses of little single flowers in delicate blush colours. It was an unforgettable sight, and smell, Josi had become too frail to care for them 'properly' and had moved into a home. She taught me that it is possible to take cuttings from roses but no matter how many I grow I don't think that I shall ever be able to recreate that profusion.

There is always room for a rose, small ones will grow happily in pots with a little TLC. They do well in flower beds or borders and are impressive as trees in the centre of the lawn and can be useful as an attractive and effective, flowery barrier hedge. If you have room they can be trained over pergolas and porches. They are best, however, against a wall or fence, preferably near a bedroom window so that the fragrance wafts in of a warm evening. The best ones for this are the climbing roses, although this is a bit of a misnomer as they don't actually climb but have to be tied into a support or wires.

To get masses of flowers train the branches horizontally as this forces the branch to produce lots of shoots straight up with blooms on their ends, great for cutting and filling the house with fragrance, and far nicer than a 'plug-in smell' A single climbing rose should cover a fence panel with a mass of flowers in less than 5 years. I had over 250 blooms from one rose in a summer only a few years after planting. But why stop at just one rose? With so many to choose from and so many different types of flowers you could fill your garden with them, and not regret it.



WELTON PDA

The new self-service booking option is now being used by even more patients and it seems to be working well. Just to remind anyone wanting to try this new way of booking PDA transport, the form is accessed by logging in to www.weltonsurgery.co.uk and can be done on a computer, I pad or most modern phones. On the Health Centre home page, you will find a link with the PDA logo, titled BOOK PDA TRANSPORT. Clicking this link will take you to our Terms and Conditions and then on to the booking form. Once completed, with the details of your appointment, press the submit button at the bottom and this will be sent to the coordinator on a secure webpage. The coordinator will allocate the job to a driver and inform the patient, by phone, of driver name and pick up time. This will mean you won't have to wait in a queue on the phone to the Health Centre and it will free up their phone lines. If you're not confident to try this system, a family member or friend can complete the form for you.

The plant sale at Welton May Fair on Welton Village Green together with plants sold outside the health centre on 9th May made a total profit of £431.85 for PDA funds. Thank you to all who donated plants to this sale and also to everyone who came along to buy. Luckily the weather was on our side which made a huge difference to the number of people out and about!

I have been asked to inform everyone who has been saving their medication blister packs that the person collecting no longer has an outlet for them. Thanks to those who have left them with me to pass on.

With the ever-increasing number of requests for transport, I find myself once again asking whether anyone reading this would consider being a volunteer driver for the PDA. ! am happy to explain what is involved with no pressure. If you enjoy meeting people and have a few hours here and there to spare for this very worthy cause, please give me a call on the number below. My last appeal produced 5 new drivers which was a great response!

If you would like to book a table priced £10 to sell your own craft items etc at our Autumn Fayre, please give me a call. Sorry no cakes as we have our own cake stall and no hot food.

We are hoping to have a visit from 'Walking with Alpacas' from Legsby near Market Rasen. Many of you will have seen them at Welton May Fair on bank holiday Monday. More about this later.

.Dates for our PDA events in 2026 are:

Autumn Fayre 17th October 1.30pm – 4pm

Christmas lunch 11th December

Any further information on any of the above don't hesitate to give me a call (862570) Janet Goddard **not to be used for booking transport**

Community Coffee Morning
Every Tuesday, 10am to midday
held in St Germain's Church
All welcome.

West Thorne Grange update from Lindum Homes

We very thankful the rain has stopped. Progress is now going very well, as we progress the first four (frontage to Nettleham Road Plots 1-4) houses in to build. We hope to open the show home/sales on site in July this year, with the first people moving in by the end of the year.

Prior to that, it will be a busy summer with onsite infrastructure, key things include (and dates subject to usual caveats).

Installation and connection of the onsite electricity substation by mid June

Dropping the overhead cables that cross the site and re-routing underground late June/early July

Installation of the attenuation tank in June/July

Installation of the surface water and foul water pump station July/August.

So all in all, a lot going on but, by the end of the summer, the tank will be in and the site will have its own services.



West Thorne Grange

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Please Note: This plan is for illustration purposes only and is not intended to be used. Please check the details of specific plots with the Sales Advisor at reservation and the legal plan with your solicitor.



Scothern

St Germain's bells are heard far and wide,
Beautiful flowers await you inside,
Christian virtues, faith, hope and love,
History below, Red Arrows above.

Visit the Bottle and Glass for a beer,
Whilst children play out with little to fear,
The gardens well tended, the locals aren't shy,
And the Heir to the Throne enjoys the steak pie.

Follow the beck around by the farm,
The village has more than its fair share of charm,
Cows will be grazing, a chance to see foxes,
And the Village Hall has new window boxes.

A school to be proud of, the Inspector can't fault us,
For the children all smile at Ellison Boulter's,
We encourage the kids to embrace education,
But the parents can't park and it causes frustration.

Scothern Nurseries could sell you a rake,
Or sweet smelling coffee and homemade cake,
The staff can advise on the best garden planter,
Or visit at Christmas and get it from Santa.

We don't have it all, but it's not far away,
The bus can take us to town for a day,
And if we here doubters, chin up, rise above it,
For its Scothern, our village, and oh how we love it!

A contented resident, Gary Bell



Following the recent and unexpected passing of Scothern's much-loved Gary Bell, we have rediscovered some of his many hidden talents - one of them being a gift for writing and poetry. As well as being a published magazine author, he frequently dabbled in poetry. As some of you will know from the funeral eulogy, Gary was actually Scothern's very own "anonymous poet" back in 2008–2010.

On reading his poems about village life, his family felt that now was the right time to "out" Gary and share his work with you. We hope you enjoy this first poem, which was originally published in the Scothern Parish Magazine in July 2008.

Bev Bell



Now that Summer's here it's time to get out and about and have fun with all our interest groups.

Some have arranged the following visits:-

JUNE

1st: 5 mile Walking Group to Fiskerton

8th: 'Sustainability Matters' Group guided walk around Ashing Lane Nature Reserve

11th: Architecture Group visit to Aubourn Estate

15th-19th: Holiday to Newport, Cardiff & Royal Mint

23rd: Garden Group visit to Hall Farm, Harpswell

Thanks to members who have recently joined us we can now offer 3 new groups: 'Table Tennis', 'Bus Pass' and 'Well Being Aromatherapy and Herbal Medicine' Our French Conversation group is now fully subscribed but we have an invitation from West Wolds u3a based in Market Rasen for any of our members interested in learning French or Spanish to email Sandra Dean at languages@westwoldsu3a.org for further information.

In case you didn't know, Lindsey u3a is a local, friendly, informative, low cost organisation open to those of retirement age not in full time employment. We meet 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 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 4th June our speaker is Leonard Priestley from Wisbech with his true and amazing stories from his many years as a lorry driver and removal man. Piers Morrell will tell all "Behind the Scenes at a

Coronation” on 16th July.

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.

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 one is on 24th June. Whether you're a newcomer wanting to know more about Lindsey u3a or already a member who just fancies 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, where 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.

If you require any further information please contact Luke Pickering

Email: lukep@lahestates.co.uk Mob:07774 251197

Best wishes

Sheila Nash

www.lindseyu3a.org.uk

Scothern Fashion Show was held recently and there was lots of laughter and enjoyment from the many ladies present. All the models paraded up and down with various outfits including accessories, hats, bags, sunglasses, and more.

We are pleased to announce that £580 was raised towards the village hall funds. We thank everyone who donated, and supported the event and look forward to another one - watch this space.

Volunteering Village Litter Picking – DofE

Jared (14 years old) started with Lincoln Air Cadets some 18 months ago, during this time he has embarked on his Bronze Level Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Bronze D of E requires participants to take part in 4 assignments: Expedition, Physical, Skills and Volunteering. Apart from the expedition task, participants must complete the remaining 3 areas for a minimum 3-month period with one being 6 months.

Jared has completed the expedition task, which involved Camping in the Peak District for 3 nights whilst completing hikes where he undertook map reading skills, cooking, etc.

Jared has chosen a local community-based task for his volunteering assignment: litter picking in Scothern for 3 months.

Lincolnshire Mobile Library Service Friday Route 3 (mobile Library North)

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

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

For more information, please contact the Lincolnshire Mobile Library service on 07483017085 or graham.owen@gll.org

Scothern Village Hall 9.45 - 10.30am

Every effort is made to ensure the mobile library arrives at each stop on time. To access your Library account visit:

better.org.uk/library/lincolnshire

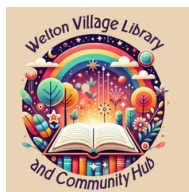
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Welton Village Library and Community Hub

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



Welton Word Fest is returning to the village this June 6th, bringing with it a burst of creativity, conversation and community spirit. Whether you're an avid reader, a budding writer, a parent looking for something fun to do with the kids, or simply someone who enjoys being part of a warm community gathering, there's something on the programme for you.

One of the highlights of the day is a special creative writing workshop led by local author Gillian Poucher. Her session, *The Craft of Fiction*, runs from 1:30pm to 3pm at Welton Library and offers a friendly, supportive introduction to shaping stories and developing writing confidence. This workshop is completely free, but places are limited — only 10 tickets are available.

Families are also catered for at the library. The morning begins with children's story time and crafts at 10:30am, perfect for little ones who love listening, making and exploring. Between 10am – 12pm, families can also take part in a fun scavenger hunt around the library — a brilliant way to get children excited about books and the magic of discovering new things. No tickets – open to all.

Over at The Nook Coffee House, the atmosphere shifts into something calm, cosy and quietly communal with the Silent Book Club, starting from 3:30pm. Again, places are limited – only 20 tickets are available. This gentle, mindful event invites you to settle in with the book you're currently reading and enjoy around an hour of peaceful reading time alongside others. Afterwards, there's an optional sharing session where you can chat about what you're reading — or simply listen. It's a lovely way to discover books you might never have picked up otherwise, and a refreshing alternative to traditional book clubs with set reading lists.

And the best part? Every event is completely free. Thanks to the support of West Lindsey District Council. Tickets are available for the Creative Writing Workshop and the Silent Book Club from Welton Parish Council Office during opening hours or by telephoning 07832 175867 to reserve a place.

Later in the month we have an intriguing Community Hub talk on Tuesday 23rd June at 2pm. Experienced speaker Sam Millard will be asking the audience whether he is describing Rogues, Vagabonds or Heroes. Inspired by a folk song by a Lincolnshire man it looks at changes to the law in Victorian times which made the taking of wildlife a criminal offence at a time when life for working class families was anything but easy. A free talk open to all with light refreshments from 1:30pm.

Mike - Library Volunteer

Facebook page @Weltonvillagelibrary

Scothern Bus Timetable

The No.43 timetable is below.

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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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0818	1023	1123	1223	1423	1748
0822	1027	1127	1227	1427	1752
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0837	1042	1142	1242	1442	1807
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Parish Council News



The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council was held on the Wed 6th May. Cllr Jane Johnson was elected as Chair and Cllr Barnaby Patchett as Vice.

Council Policies were approved. The dates of the Notice of Public Rights and Publication of Unaudited Annual Governance & Accountability Return are Wed 3 June - Tues 14 July 2026.

The May PC followed - 4 councillors were present with LCC Cllr Jane Smith and a resident for part of the meeting.

- The War Memorial refurbishment has been completed, a Dedication Service to be arrange with the PCC
- The Alders broken streetsign has been replaced
- Emails from residents re:dog fouling, bird droppings on the play park equipment & parking issues on Sudbrooke Rd.
- Rubber spikes to be purchased for the tops of the swings
- Cllr J Smith to report parking issues to Highways
- Update received from West Thorne Grange
- The Agendas and Minutes of meetings are posted on the Parish Council Notice Board outside the Village Hall and on our website: <https://scothern.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk/>

Scothern Parish Council Councillors:

Jackie Atkins

Derek Canton

Robert Creaser

Jane Johnson -Chair

Barnaby Patchett -Vice

Mark Unwin

Sian Watt Jones



Thank you to all the children that took part in the Scothern Easter Hunt. This was an activity during the Easter Holidays. Scothern Nurseries very kindly agreed to be the base for the pick-up and drop-off of the answer sheets, as well as online forms available to download. We hope all the children had lots of fun, searching for the clues around the village and unscrambling the letters to form an Easter related word.



Congratulations to Jack who was the WINNER and received a prize



Response from LCC Highways on the Village Weight Restriction request by the Parish Council via Cllr Jane Smith:

The situation remains the case that at this moment in time we await the outcome of the proposed Traffic Calming policy which contains powers to restrict access to specific areas from large articulated and heavy good vehicles.

A prior assessment would be required in order to take this action by appropriately trained staff.

Until this policy, has been approved by our members, we are prevented from making any assessments for identified sites.

We remain hopeful that this will shortly be resolved.
LCC Highways Dept.

Notification of Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders

can be viewed on <https://one.network/>

If you have any queries, or require further information on any of these, please contact the LCC Customer Service Centre on 01522 782070.

www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/roadworks

PLANNING APPLICATIONS in Scothern can be viewed on the West Lindsey District Council website:

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Parish Office - for funerals, weddings and baptisms

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Useful Information

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Reepham and Cherry Willingham Village Hall

Contact - Gerry Wiswould 01673 866718

Lindsey u3a -1st Thursday of each month

Welton Village Hall

Member Secretary - Tricia Barnes 07855 178612

Scothern Recreation Centre

Committee meetings 1st Monday of each month 7:45pm

Beevers, Cubs, Scouts Tuesdays 5-9pm

Scothern Players Thursdays 7pm all evening

Flix in Stix - Friday - dates on a poster.

Scothern Village Hall Secretary - Gill Radley

scothernvh@hotmail.co.uk

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Lincoln County Hospital, Greetwell Road, Lincoln 01522 512512

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Nettleham Medical Practice, Lodge Lane. 01522 751717

www.nettlehammedical.co.uk

Welton Health Centre, 4 Cliff Road, LN2 3JH. 01673 862232

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Diary of Events in June:

- 1 - SRC meeting, 7.45pm, village hall
 - 1 - Bottle Glass Quiz night, 8pm
 - 2 - Community Coffee morning, St Germain's 10-12pm
 - 3 - Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm, Methodist Chapel
 - 6 - Coffee Morning Anthony Nolan, 10.30-12 village hall
 - 7 - Scothern Sewcial village hall 10-4pm
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- 8 - Bottle Glass Quiz night, 8pm
 - 9 - Community Coffee morning, St Germain's 10-12pm
 - 11 - Methodist Chapel, Chat & Coffee 10.30am
 - 12 - Witham u3a Reepham and Cherry Willingham Village Hall
 - 13 - Scothern CC 1st XI Home
 - 13 - Lincoln Male Voice Choir 7pm St Germain's
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- 15 - Bottle Glass Quiz night, 8pm
 - 16 - Community Coffee morning, St Germain's 10-12pm
 - 20 - Scothern CC 1st XI Home
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- 22- Bottle Glass Quiz night, 8pm
 - 23 - Community Coffee morning, St Germain's 10-12pm
 - 24 - Lindsey u3a Cuppa & chat, Scothern Nurseries 10.15am
 - 25 - Methodist Chapel, Chat & Coffee 10.30am
 - 26 - Mobile Library Service, village hall 9.45 - 10.30am
 - 27 - Scothern CC 2nd XI Home
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- 29 - Bottle Glass Quiz night, 8pm
 - 30 - Community Coffee morning, St Germain's 10-12pm
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Send us your July events for next months issue

Deadline for articles & events is

14th June 2026

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Scothern Parish Council Best Garden Competition 2026

The Best Garden Competition will be judged by Paul Maxey from Scothern Nurseries Plant Centre on 19th June 2026.

The entries will be:

- ❖ ***Small Gardens***
- ❖ ***Medium to Large Gardens***
- ❖ ***Judges Prize***

The winners will be announced in the September Scothern News