

# SCOTHERN NEWS

## JULY 2026



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

# *Welcome*

Scothern has been busy over the Spring and Summer months and July seems to be just as fun packed! The Cricket Season is well underway and games are regularly played at the Recreation Centre as shown by our front cover picture. The fixtures are on the cricket club website if you wish to show Scothern your support.

This months back cover shows the Yellow Belly Beer Festival held on 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> May. The weather was great and the crowds came, both days were very busy and the Cricket Club were delighted that it was not only a lovely village event but a successful fundraiser for the Club.

The Parish Council is aware that one of the greatest concerns that Residents have is flooding in the village and therefore have been working with the Lincolnshire Flooding Resilience Team. More information is provided on page 6 and we will be keeping residents updated of progress.

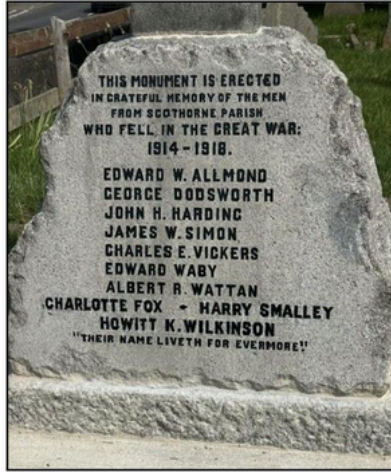
The Council is also providing another CPR training session, delivered by Lives on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July in the Methodist Church, see information on page 8.

We are looking for residents support in helping us to keep the village looking tidy and free from litter, see how you can help out on page 21 Finally Rod Wilson continues to provide us with his knowledge of Scothern History and this month we have more details on the War Memorial. The Dedication Service is to be held on 16<sup>th</sup> July and details are on page 9

## *Thank you*

**This month a big thank you goes to Tim Croyon for delivering to  
St. Germain's Way and Thorne Lane**

## OUR ORIGINAL HEROES



After I briefly set out the stories of our four forgotten World War I heroes now on our cleaned-up memorial last month, I'll just give a taster of the seven heroes originally inscribed on it.

**Edward Almond's** was the hardest story to trace. Born in Covent Garden, his father had been a Lincoln draper who moved to London. When Walter, his dad, died, Edward was sent to live with his grandparents, Sarah and Robert Williamson, at the red brick farm cottage on Weir Farm Paddock, where he tended the farm horses. At 16, he returned to London to join the Royal Horse Artillery. His Eagle Troop fought throughout the war until he was killed at the Battle of Cambrai in 1917.

**George Dodsworth** was born in 1884 at Reepham to Mary and Joseph Dodsworth. They moved to Scothern in 1901, probably living in Beechdene, Craypool Lane. In 1915 George joined the Canadian Infantry, as they were paid more than the British, and was sent to France, fighting in many battles. He died at the Battle of Poelcappelle in 1917. His body was never recovered.

**John Harding** was born in Lincoln in 1888 to Mary and Henry, a farm labourer. In 1900 they moved to Pinfold on Main Street, then three cottages. In 1911 John's father Henry sadly drowned in the then Weir Farm pond. John and his brother Albert joined the Lincoln Chums in 1914. Both were injured and came home to be nursed by their mum, Mary. Returned back to the front, John was killed at Thiepval in 1917. His body still lies there in no man's land. Albert came home alone.

**James Simon**, known as William, was born in 1898 in Skirbeck, Lincs, to James and Ann. By 1911 they were living at the end of Craypool Lane and Main Street. James lied about his age when he joined the Lincolnshires in 1914. Employed digging trenches, he was killed on 2nd February 1915 at La Bassée. He is buried in the Rue de Bar Cemetery, Fleurbaix. Aged 16, Scothern's youngest!

## OUR ORIGINAL HEROES

**Charles Vickers** was born here in 1886 to William and Annie. The family had been in Scothern since 1851. Charles worked for his dad, a builder who built Red Rose Villa on Church Street. He married in Brigg in 1914, shortly before joining the 5th Lincolnshire Regiment, training ironically as a "Vickers" machine gunner. Fighting in the early WWI battles, he wrote a last letter to his wife on 14th May 1915. He died the same day. His sisters lived in Red Rose Villa until the 1970s. You can read the letter sent by his commanding officer on [www.ScothernHistory.co.uk/world-war-one](http://www.ScothernHistory.co.uk/world-war-one).

**Edward Shephard Waby** was born in Scothern in 1886 to William and Elizabeth. In 1911 they were living on Chapel Walk with ten children. Edward joined the Royal Sussex Regiment in Lincoln in 1914 but didn't land in France until 1916. He survived many battles, including driving the Germans off Bapaume Heights and capturing 5,200 prisoners. Unfortunately his luck had run out. He was killed on 1st March 1917. He is buried at Railway Dugouts Cemetery, Ypres. His mother received £11.75 in compensation.

**Robert Watton**, known as **Albert**, was born in 1886 at Baumber to Sarah and Robert, a shepherd. The family moved to Scothern, where Robert worked for the Bowers at the Manor, living in Pinfold Cottages. In 1912 Sarah died and, a year later, Robert married his neighbour, the widowed Mary Harding (see John Harding above). At 17 Albert enlisted in the 2nd Lincolnshire's joining his step-brothers. He died on 23rd September 1916 on the Somme, aged 19. A year later his stepbrother from Pinfold also died. Both are commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial. A must visit, along with Tyne Cot Cemetery if you are mentally strong enough. Take tissues. Also, the Menin Gate, to witness the Last Post. All our kids should go to realise the futility of war.

There are many reasons why some of the fallen aren't on memorials. The main one was that families didn't want to believe their sons had been killed. Over half a million bodies were never recovered from no man's land — the area between the opposing trenches. Also, many farm workers moved yearly from village to village, so which memorial should they be placed on? Many, like Charles Vickers, are on numerous memorials, but some disagree about this and so our own bell ringer, Frederick Bell, is not inscribed on ours.

Read More on : [www.ScothernHistory.co.uk/world-war-one](http://www.ScothernHistory.co.uk/world-war-one)      Rod Wilson



Albert Watton 17



## Improving Flooding Resilience in Scothern

On 14 May 2026 the Parish Council were invited to meet with Lincolnshire County Council Flood Resilience Team along with Anglian Water and Third Witham Drainage Board to share information and discuss where flooding had occurred, especially since Storm Babet and Hank in the winter of 2023/24, in Scothern. This is part of a Section 19 investigation and Scothern has been grouped with Nettleham/Langworth/Sudbrooke Section 19 flood investigations conducted by Lead Local Flood Authorities (LLFA) are to investigate flood incidents where necessary or appropriate. The investigations aim to determine the causes and impacts of the flood event, identify responsible parties, and implement measures to mitigate future risks. The process involves gathering data interviewing property owners and residents and reviewing drainage information and conditions.

The meeting covered concerns about the following areas:

- Church Street/Sudbrooke Road (up to Main St)
- Craypool Lane
- Dunholme Road/Main Street - Scothern Beck
- Pumping station in Northing Lane
- Grange Park and surrounding properties
- West Thorne Grange, the Lindum Homes development

Information on all village areas that have suffered flooding were discussed and photographs and documents provided to the team.

The Flood Resilience team will now work with other agencies to plan out a scheme for Scothern. It will take 6-12 months before we will see anything, and the re-modelling scheme will take 12 - 18months. We will, of course, keep all residence informed of developments.

## Grange Park

Finding myself with a spare hour before the coffee morning at St Germain Church (highly recommended if you want a friendly chat over a warm brew) I headed over to Grange Park.

One of the challenges faced with the wilder sections is to prevent certain species becoming too dominant. This is the case with the particularly thuggish Hog Weed whilst trying to encourage the more delicate Cow Parsley. They can look similar, but the Hog Weed has a stockier trunk and if left to set seed will spread vigorously.

So, I went prepared with a trusty trenching shovel a marvellous tool; heavy, sharp and slim which is ideal for slicing through the earth. I thought that it might be good for digging up giant hogweed too. I headed for the dense patch under the trees alongside the building site. Small and manageable, I thought, so I would be able to get through it in an hour.

After about 30 minutes of very satisfying digging as the spade was removing a lot of roots along with the flowering and seeding heads I felt a few spots of rain. I carried on, thinking to myself 'what harm is a few spots of rain in the height of summer?' It got a bit heavier, and heavier.... So I backed up under the sloping trunk of a birch tree which sheltered me beautifully, the prevailing wind throwing the rain at the other side of the tree. As I crouched there I could hear the wind pick up and it was fascinating how it made all the branches of the trees on the other side of the park thrash about in all directions with the different varieties catching the light in different ways. As I was marvelling at the power of nature I didn't notice the black clouds advancing and that the wind was really the advance of a squall and within a couple of minutes it was hailing, my birch tree could no longer shelter me and I was peppered with hailstones and the raindrops were dripping down the back of my neck.

Well, if I was getting wet I might as well head home. As I gathered my stuff together the stinging hail eased off as did the rain. I headed off past the huge plane trees and thought that it would have given me much better shelter. I knew that the storm had passed when the birds started singing (always a good sign of a change to the weather) and I knew that I would be able to get back home in the dry. Not quite a typical June day!





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 25th July 10.00am - 12.00pm

**DONATE NOW AND SUPPORT LIVES.** [LIVES.ORG.UK](https://lives.org.uk)

CHARITY NO. 1098364

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Scothern Parish Council has arranged for LIVES to deliver a free CPR training session to Scothern residents on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July 10.00 to 12.00 in the Methodist Chapel. Twenty places are available, if you wish to book a place please contact [clerk@scothern-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@scothern-pc.gov.uk) or speak to Lisa on 07549137538



**CHURCH SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE - JULY 2026**

Sunday 5 July 2026	10:30 am	Holy Communion, St Chad's Dunholme
Sunday 12 July 2026	10:30 am	Holy Communion, St Mary's, Welton
	6:00 pm	Evening Prayer, St Mary's, Welton
	7:00 pm	Encounter, St Chad's Dunholme
Sunday 19 July 2026	10:30 am	Holy Communion, St Mary's, Welton
Sunday 26 July 2026	10:30 am	Holy Communion, St Chad's, Dunholme
	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Evening Prayer, St Germain's, Scothern</b>

***nb: the services may change due to the availability of clergy***

**War Memorial Dedication Service  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July 10.45 a.m.**

The Parochial Church Council have arranged a dedication service to be led by Rev Paul Maple. Pupils from Ellison Boulters C of E Academy will be in attendance and everyone is welcome to attend.

## **Finding Time to Unwind**

Summer has long been associated with a slower pace of life. The longer days and warmer weather encourage us to spend more time outdoors, take holidays, and enjoy moments of rest. While many people still work long hours throughout the season, summer can nevertheless provide an opportunity to step back from the demands of everyday life.

Life naturally moves through busy and quieter seasons. For many of us, summer offers a chance to pause, recharge, and regain perspective. This is important because the pressures of daily routines can easily leave us feeling overwhelmed. Taking time to rest is not a luxury; it is essential for our wellbeing. It is often easier to relax when those around us are doing the same, rather than feeling compelled to keep pace with a world that never seems to stop.

This idea is reflected in the well-known biblical account of Martha and Mary. While there are many lessons within the story, one stands out in particular. Martha becomes consumed by the practical tasks that need attention, while Mary chooses to sit quietly at Jesus' feet and listen. Martha is focused on being productive; Mary is focused on being present.

Jesus does not criticise Martha for her work. Rather, he highlights the importance of recognising when it is time to set aside our responsibilities and make space for what truly nourishes us. Mary understands that moments of reflection, peace, and spiritual renewal have great value.

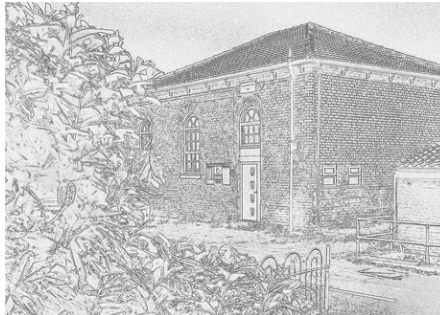
In today's world, where busyness is often considered to be a badge of honour, this lesson feels especially relevant. Constant activity can leave us tired and distracted, while periods of rest help restore balance and clarity. Whether through prayer, a quiet walk, time with family, or simply sitting still for a few moments, making space to unwind benefits both mind and spirit.

As summer unfolds, I hope you are able to find time to slow down and enjoy the season. The chores and responsibilities will still be there tomorrow. For now, allow yourself the opportunity to rest, reflect, and rediscover a healthier balance in life.

Rev Richard

## **WHAT'S ON AT SCOTHERN CHAPEL DURING JULY**

- Sunday 5 July 10.30 We are at Nettleham where Andrew from Scothern will be leading a Thank You For The Music Local Arrangements session
- Sunday 12 July 10.30 We are at Scothern Chapel with Lesley Shapcott
- Sunday 19 July 09.15 We join our friends at the Parish Church
- Sunday 26 July 10.30 We are at Scothern Chapel with Rev David Fidler for Communion
- Sunday 2 August 10.30 We are at Nettleham Chapel for the first of the Summer Café Church Sessions
- This is Summer Services with a difference do come along! Led by Rev Richard



July is the time to make sure that your secateurs are nice and sharp and to carry them around with you in the garden as all those lovely flowers and bedding plants that you invested in during the spring will need regular dead heading to encourage them to flower throughout the whole of the summer.

One of the classic English flowers is Lavender. It is worth making space for one in a flower bed or boarder why not make an impact by having one either side of the door so that the fragrance drifts into the house.

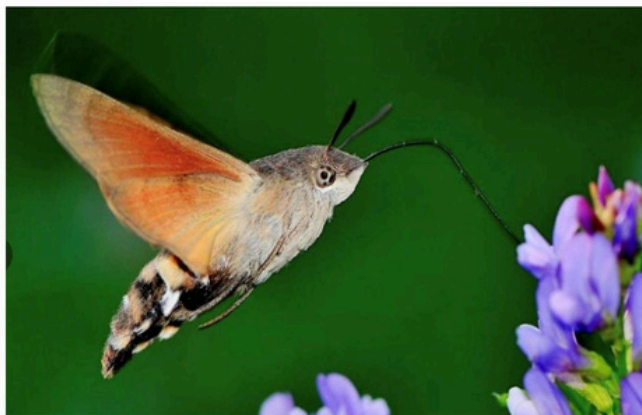
For a big dramatic impact really go for it and plant a hedge. It need not be expensive if you buy small plants as they will soon establish and will look good as small mounds as they mature. Or, if you have more patience and less money buy one big plant and take numerous cuttings off it.

There are lots of varieties and colours to choose from but probably the best is 'Hidcote' named after the renowned classic English garden that Laurence Johnston created in Gloucestershire. Hidcote is neat and compact and has tall dense flower spikes of intensely fragrant deep violet flowers.

Whichever you have or choose to plant, make use of the flower stalks and cut some of them when in full flower (especially if they are flopping over paths), tie them into bundles and hang them up inside to dry. They should retain their colour and not drop if cut when in flower. If you wait until the bees and other insects have had their fill and cut them later they will still be fragrant, but the flowers tend to drop off the stalks, which is fine for making into pot pouri and lavender bags, perhaps for Christmas presents.

To keep Lavender neat and tidy and to encourage maximum flowers prune lightly after flowering to about 2.5cm of the current year's growth. Avoid cutting back to the old wood as they don't regenerate well from bare stems.

The real bonus of lavender is that it attracts the Humming-bird Hawk-moth which flies during the day so you can see it hovering over the flowers as it uses a long proboscis to sip nectar from the flowers.



Photograph by Ervin Szombatherly from the Butterfly Conservation Trust.



*Local girl, Tracy Borman will be presenting her new book "The House of Boleyn"*

**ST GERMAIN'S CHURCH  
SCOTHERN**

*on*

**WEDNESDAY 29 JULY 2026**

*at*

**7:30 pm**

*Tracy will be signing books*

Tickets £10 to include light refreshments  
available from:

Jan Kenworthy - 01673 861345 / 07745 240439

Cathie Nicoll - 07776 240967

Email: [pcc.stgermains@gmail.com](mailto:pcc.stgermains@gmail.com)

All proceeds towards the fabric and upkeep of St Germain's Church

# 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.  
Everyone welcome!

Check out our website: [www.thresholdchurch.co.uk](http://www.thresholdchurch.co.uk)

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July

**Church Gathering**

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July

**Community Cafe**

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July

**Church Gathering**

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July

**Church Gathering**

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August

**Church Gathering**

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August

**Church Gathering**

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August

**Church Gathering**

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> to Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August

**Awaken at Lincs Showground**

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

Thank you to everyone who made our recent coffee morning at the village hall such a tremendous success. As always, we had fabulous cakes and scones (along with Scothern jam!) and amazing helpers running the kitchen and raffle as well as lending a hand wherever they were needed. Those who came along to support were very generous and it really was great to see many regulars and some new faces too. Our raffle was supported by The George at Langworth, Scothern Nurseries, Maximover, Doddington Hall and Gardens, Nettleham Co-Op, as well as Tesco and Asda and some very kind individuals who gave us prizes too. The morning was made very special by a visit from Dan who received a lifesaving stem cell transplant from a donor found by Anthony Nolan just seven months ago. Dan had wanted to come along and meet some of our friends who regularly support the charity as he is so grateful for the donor who saved his life. Just a year ago he was suddenly diagnosed with a life-threatening disease and within a year he has had his treatment AND run the London Marathon. I think Dan really brought it home to everyone in the hall that coming along and supporting such events really does save lives.

So without further ado I am delighted to announce that the total raised this year is £611.55 which is a record amount! This includes some extra donations given to me after the event by people who could not attend. It never fails to amaze me how generous people are both financially and with their kind words. Just in little Scothern and the surrounding villages we have seen many people needing stem cell transplants over the 15 years since our granddaughter needed such treatment. Not all outcomes have been happy ones, but we are grateful for all the positive results we have seen and been told about. With Anthony Nolan carrying out ongoing research we hope that in the future more patients will benefit from successful treatment and aftercare.

Please get in touch with any queries about the charity or if you need any greetings cards at any time, we always have a good supply and new designs coming in frequently.

Thank you all again for your wonderful support

Julie

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## July 2026 Newsletter ([lindseyu3a.org.uk](http://lindseyu3a.org.uk))



If you are lucky enough to be approaching retirement you may be asking yourself, “What am I going to do?”. That’s when you could investigate what u3a is all about at [u3a.org.uk](http://u3a.org.uk)

Membership in the u3a is open to anyone in their “Third Age”- generally defined as people who are retired, semi-retired and no longer in full time employment. There is no official lower age limit and NO qualifications are required. “Retirement is when you stop living at work and start working at living”, (quote from a greetings card!). There is definitely life after retirement with time for a laugh, for learning and connection.

Members of Lindsey u3a have organised the following events in JULY:

- 6th 5 mile walk from Tattershall Market Place
- 10th Summer Lunch at Lincoln Rugby Club
- 13th Sustainability Group visit to Hockerton Housing Project at Southwell
- 17th Architecture Visit to Heckington Mill, Brewery & St. Andrew’s Church
- 28th Visit to a private garden in Harmston

In case you didn’t know, Lindsey u3a is a local, friendly, informative, low cost organisation. We meet at Welton Village Hall usually on the first Thursday of the month but in July it will be on the THIRD Thursday. 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.

Our speaker on 16th July will be Retired Wing Commander Piers Morrell OBE MVO who served 27 years in the RAF. Concluding his career as Principal of Music he took part in a Royal Wedding, three Jubilees, three State Funerals and the Coronation of HM King Charles and Queen Camilla. He will share some insights and personal reflections from “Behind the Scenes at a Coronation”. On 6th August Helen Gamble will give a talk about the work of Lincolnshire Wolds Countryside Service. 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 23rd July. 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](http://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](mailto:lukep@lahestates.co.uk) Mob:07774 251197

Best wishes

Sheila Nash

[www.lindseyu3a.org.uk](http://www.lindseyu3a.org.uk)

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## Community Coffee Morning

Every Tuesday  
10am to midday  
held in  
St Germain's Church

**All welcome.**

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## CHAPEL COFFEE AND CHAT

on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> &  
Thursday 23<sup>th</sup> July  
at 10.30am  
(2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays)  
Please feel free to come along.  
The session lasts about ¾ hour.

**All welcome.**

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Scothern Village Hall  
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10am until 4pm  
£10pp

Tickets available at  
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August 2nd  
September 6th  
October 4th  
November 1st  
December 6th

Tea/Coffee &  
Cake  
provided!



  
**Scothern Parish Council**  
**Best Garden Competition**  
**2026**

The Best Garden Competition will be judged by Paul Maxey from Scothern Nurseries Plant Centre during July 2026.

The entries will be:

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

The winners will be announced in the September Scothern News

**Welton Lakeside Butcher Van**  
**every Friday 1-3pm at Scothern Village Hall carpark**

## ***Exciting Opportunity for Scothern***



***We are exploring the possibility of revitalising Scothern's old tennis court next to the Village Hall and transforming it into a community multi-sport facility.***

We already have enough committee members in place to establish and run a Community Amateur Sports Club, The Scothern Racket & Sports Club, although more are always welcome. Our vision is to create a modern sports surface for people of all ages, with a particular focus on opportunities for local children and potentially supporting activities with the school.

The facility would operate on a pay-to-play system, using QR or numbered codes for entry. We are also exploring if club members could receive a number of free hours each year. Membership will be available for individuals and families, with all costs kept to a minimum. This is a community project, not a profit-making venture. We are also looking at whether primary school children could use the facility free of charge if accompanied by an adult.

There will be strict curfews, currently being discussed with neighbours. At present, we are considering 8:30pm for racket sports and 7:30pm for larger ball sports such as netball, which many children and adults have expressed interest in. But these times may change.

Our initial plans include tennis, pickle-ball, badminton and netball. We have also received a lot of interest in walking football, although this will need to be put on hold due to noise concerns and the need for planning and new fencing. We are, however, exploring the possibility of creating a grass five-a-side pitch at the top of the field.

Our immediate priority is to resurface the court, which will be our biggest expense, and then get at least the racket sports up and running as quickly as possible, subject to planning and other considerations.

We would love to hear from anyone interested in:

- Joining the committee or volunteering their time
- Becoming an individual or family member
- Suggesting sports or activities you would like to see included
- Supporting the project in any way, including practical help or financial contributions

***The Bottle and Glass*** has kindly confirmed that their ***Party in the Carpark*** event will contribute towards the project.

Email: [ScothernSportsClub@gmail.com](mailto:ScothernSportsClub@gmail.com)

Rod Wilson

## **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

What a fantastic response we had from all ages to our recent Wordfest events, plenty of participants and the feedback on the day was so positive as was that from those who completed the online review. The district council, who helped support the event, are delighted to see that there is clearly an appetite at the library for this sort of event which hopefully bodes well for the future.

Another really popular event launches on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July when we have the start of the annual Summer Reading Challenge which encourages reading for 4 to 11 year olds in the summer holidays through collecting stickers as a reward for books read. The theme this year is Read to the Beat, looking to inspire children to explore the connection between stories and songs, discovering how reading and music both ignite imagination and creativity. Youngsters can join anytime between 10am and 12 noon on that day and also enjoy making colourful model kites and ice creams at a craft session. If they cannot make it on that date no worries, they can join at any session up to the end of the school holidays and we do have some special stickers for the under 4s as well so they do not feel left out. Always very popular, it is all free and a good positive way to help children find their own entertainment in the holidays so bring them along and see one our volunteers to get things started. In addition we also encourage carers of those of any age who need additional help to come along and be part of the challenge.

Storytime continues every Tuesday at 9:30am for about half an hour, please bring those pre schoolers of any age along, a fun time to be had! Thinking about joining the library? Just pop in with some identification (driving licence or similar) and we will get you on board. These days you get reminders by text or email if your book is due to be returned and at Welton we even use the good old date stamp in the front!

Mike - Library Volunteer

# Lincolnshire Mobile Library Services

Scothern village hall

**24th July 9:45 to 10:30 AM**

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](http://better.org.uk/library/lincolnshire)

Your reservation pickup branch is Mobile Library North

For the latest news on this route, inquiries or new renewals please contact the customer service centre on 01522 782010 or [graham.owen@gll.org](mailto:graham.owen@gll.org)

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](mailto:graham.owen@gll.org)

## Computer Problems? James.tcm (the computer man)

I can help with home computer issues ranging from emails & printers to internet connections, viruses & upgrades etc.

If you need a new PC I can help you choose, help set your new PC up and transfer everything over from your old one.

Local & Independent - I'll come to you!  
Text or Email preferred or call James on

**07568 174 474**  
[james.tcm@outlook.com](mailto:james.tcm@outlook.com)

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## Local Resident Celebrates Gold Duke of Edinburgh Achievement.

Residents of the Scothern Parish are celebrating the remarkable accomplishment of local young woman Katie Patchett, who has successfully completed her **Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award**—the highest level of the prestigious youth programme.

Katie's dedication and commitment were recently recognised at a special celebration held at **Buckingham Palace**, where Gold Award recipients from across the country come together to mark their achievements. The memorable occasion provided an opportunity for Katie to reflect on the hard work and perseverance required to reach this milestone, as well as to celebrate alongside other inspiring young people.



The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is widely respected for encouraging personal development, resilience, and community engagement. To achieve the Gold Award, participants must complete a series of demanding challenges across volunteering, physical activity, skills development, and expedition. Katie has demonstrated exceptional determination in meeting these requirements.

A particularly meaningful aspect of Katie's journey has been her **volunteering work within the village**, where she committed an entire year to **regular litter picking**. Through her efforts, she has played a vital role in helping to maintain the beauty and cleanliness of the local environment. Her work not only improved shared spaces but also inspired others to take pride in their surroundings and contribute positively to the community.

Katie's volunteering reflects the true spirit of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award—**making a difference and giving back**. Her year-long commitment required consistency, motivation, and a genuine desire to help others, qualities that have not gone unnoticed by those around her.

Members of the parish have expressed their pride in Katie's achievement, noting that her success serves as an inspiration to younger residents considering taking part in the award scheme. Her story is a reminder that dedication to small, consistent acts—such as caring for the environment—can have a lasting and meaningful impact.

Congratulations to Katie on this outstanding accomplishment and for representing the Scothern Parish so positively.

## **Wanted: Help to keep Scothern tidy**

Scothern is a village which has always prided itself on being clean and tidy and many of our residents have supported the need for litter picking to keep our roads clean and neat. June's issue of Scothern News detailed, Jared, who has taken on the task of weekly litter picking in Scothern for three months for his community-based volunteering project as part of the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Scothern's Parish Councillors regularly organise Litter Picking sessions at the weekends and we are always delighted when residents are able to join us, however numbers are dwindling and we are now looking for a new approach.

We are looking for residents who would be prepared to take on one area of Scothern of their choice to litter pick on a regular basis. The Parish Council would provide pickers, hoops, bags and vests. If you are interested, please contact [clerk@scothern-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@scothern-pc.gov.uk) or contact Lisa on 07549137538.

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## WELTON PDA

The good news this month is that I have a revised figure for the proceeds of the plant sale at the May fair. We actually raised a total of £558.85 (the benefit of having a card reader but forgetting you've used it!!) The 2<sup>nd</sup> piece of good news is that, for those of you who supported the Open Garden event in aid of St Barnabas Hospice in Scampton, the final total raised was an amazing £3221. These events take a lot of planning and hard work for which I can take no credit but the final figure far exceeded expectations so thank you to everyone who supported the event on the day.

As patients get used to the new on-line booking system more people are using it to book transport. Can I just remind everyone that this is NOT to book transport to the Health Centre (this should be done with the receptionist at the time your appointment is booked) It might also be worth mentioning that, once you have accessed [www.weltonsurgery.co.uk](http://www.weltonsurgery.co.uk) you need to scroll right down to the bottom of the page to see the Book PDA transport logo. Once there just follow the instructions to complete details of your appointment. These requests come straight to me as coordinator on a secure database.

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. I 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!

From the PDA database we have been able to put together some figures to give an indication of the volume of requests we receive. This shows a steady rise over the years. These figures are for taking patients to hospitals and other medical clinics. They do not include taking patients to the Health Centre which continues to need the provision of a volunteer driver every day of the week.

○ Year	Number of patients	% increase on previous year
○ 2021	459	No data
○ 2022	456	- 0.65%
○ 2023	487	+ 7%
○ 2024	599	+ 23%
○ 2025	934	+ 55%
○ 2026	466 (Jan-May)	+ 15%

- The first five years (2021-2025) show an increase of 103% in transport requests.
- We currently have 25 drivers. This is four down from 29 in 2025 which is a 14% reduction.
- Transport requests are consistently increasing year on year, but driver numbers are reducing.

Tables for the Autumn Fayre on 17<sup>th</sup> October can now be booked by calling the number below. The cost is £10 per table to sell your own crafts etc but please no hot food and no cakes as we have our own cake stall. We will be having 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. They are becoming quite an attraction and I understand they will be at Dunholme Fair as well.

### Dates for our PDA events in 2026 are:

- Autumn Fayre 17<sup>th</sup> October 1.30pm – 4pm
- Christmas lunch tickets (£10) on sale Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October
- Christmas lunch 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

# WELTON PARISH COUNCIL NOTICES

## **BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!**

### **Welton Music and Arts Festival - Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> - Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July**

You can also see a full list of the acts/artists/workshops on the website <https://www.weltonfestival.co.uk> and our Facebook page features regular updates. So get booking those tickets before they sell out! Tickets are available to purchase, we take cash or card payments, from the parish office during opening hours or by telephone on 07832 175867 and on the door on the day if available. Please walk to events if you are able as parking is very limited.

**We hope you all have a great time!**

### **Job Vacancy – see the website for information and how to apply Facilities Assistant**

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**Julie Murray, PSLCC, Clerk to the Council**

**Tel: 01673 860336**

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The June PC meeting was held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 7.30pm with 5 councillors present and the LCC Cllr Jane Smith.

- Flood Resilience discussed - details of this can be found on pg6
- The PC are seeking Sponsors for the Best Garden competition. If any local business would like to sponsor this village competition, please contact the clerk for more details.
- Ongoing issues in the village which the PC are following-up with LCC Highways are -parking on Sudbrooke Rd/Craypool Ln/Church St; Lorries on Sudbrooke Rd; weeds on Sudbrooke Rd footpath; AW/HW hole on corner of Sudbrooke Rd/Juniper Drive & a village weight restriction request.
- A Community First Aid Awareness session to be arranged for residents to attend on Sat 25<sup>th</sup> July, 10am -12pm and the PC will sent a donation to LIVES -see pg8
- Village maintenance issues being addressed - the Scothern shields fixing back on pole; road & street signs need cleaning; notice boards need repairing & varnish; white fence/poles need repainting.
- War Memorial Dedication Service - Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> July at 10.45am, led by Rev Paul Maple. A road closure request has been submitted to LCC & Ellison Boulters school have been invited to attend.
- War Memorial refurbishment all completed. Funding for this includes - WLDC £5800, Scothern Parish Council £853.75, Cllr Baptiste Velan £300, Welton British Legion £63.85.
- Barlings Solar Farm trial trenching works started in May for 6 weeks.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July at 7.30pm. An informal meet the Councillors session will be held before the meeting at 7.00p.m.

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 has 7 Councillors** (no current vacancies)

Chair - Jane Johnson	Vice - Barnaby Patchett
Jackie Atkins	Derek Canton
Robert Creaser	Mark Unwin
Sian Watt Jones	

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Contact - Gerry Wiswoud 01673 866718

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Welton Village Hall  
Member Secretary - Tricia Barnes 07855 178612

Scothern Recreation Centre  
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Scothern Village Hall Secretary - Gill Radley  
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## Diary of Events in July

1	Informal meet the Councillors 7.00p.m. Methodist Church
1	Parish Council Meeting 7.30p.m. Methodist Church
1-4	Welton Music and Arts Festival (see pg 23)
3	Welton Lakeside Butcher Van 1.00-3.00p.m. Village Hall
4	Scothern CC 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI Home
5	Scothern Sewical 10.00a.m. Village Hall
6	Bottle and Glass Quiz Night 8.00p.m.
7	Community Coffee Morning 10.00a.m. St Germain's Church
9	Methodist Chapel, Chat and Coffee 10.30a.m.
9	Witham u3a Reepham and Cherry Willingham, CW Village Hall
10	Welton Lakeside Butcher Van 1.00-3.00p.m. Village Hall
11	Scothern CC 1st XI Home
12	Scothern Methodist Chapel 10.30a.m.
13	Bottle and Glass Quiz Night 8.00p.m.
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16	Lindsey u3a 10.30a.m. Welton Village Hall
16	War Memorial Dedication Service 10.45a.m.
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20	Bottle and Glass Quiz Night 8.00p.m.
22	Community Coffee Morning 10.00a.m. St Germain's Church
23	Methodist Chapel, Chat and Coffee 10.30a.m.
24	Lincolnshire Mobile Library Services 9.45-10.30a.m. Village Hall
24	Welton Lakeside Butcher Van 1.00-3.00p.m. Village Hall
25	CPR Training with LIVES (see pg 8)
26	Evening Prayer 6.00p.m. St Germain's Church
27	Bottle and Glass Quiz Night 8.00p.m.
28	Community Coffee Morning 10.00a.m. St Germain's Church
29	Tracy Borman presenting her new book 7.30p.m. St. Germain's Church
31	Welton Lakeside Butcher Van 1.00-3.00p.m. Village Hall

