

SCOTHERN NEWS

OCTOBER 2026



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Welcome

This month's front and back cover show The August Party in the Park event run by our local Pub the Bottle and Glass. It was another lovely sunny day in August, thankfully a little cooler than some this summer, where the Pub garden was full with people watching live bands, viewing the stalls and children were playing on the bouncy castles and play equipment.

Days are now getting much shorter and at the end of the month the clocks change for British Winter Time. We are beginning to think about Halloween, Bonfire night and the build up to Christmas festivities and end of year celebrations. Whatever it is Scothern will embrace it as always!

The Parish Council has been reviewing its communication plan and planning events for the next six months, see programme of events on page 21 and note them for your diaries. We are always looking for resident input to improve how the Council works so please let us know by attending meetings or get in touch by e-mail clerk@scothern-pc.gov.uk

Our Scothern Scholars, returned to University for their second year in September and they have provided an update on their plans on page 14. Thank you to Bev Bell for sharing more of Gary's poems with us on page 9, who knew he was Scothern's anonymous poet?

Thank you

This month a big thank you goes to **Marian** for delivering Scothern News to Lime Tree Paddock and Weir Farm Paddock

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MEMORIES OF SCOTHERN



Dave playing for Scothern FC



Dave and Sister Anne on a farm horse



Dave Leonard

David Leonard was born in Barber's Cottage in Scothern in 1944. At the time, access to Barber's Cottage was from Church Street, and Dave remembers his dad putting a railway sleeper across the beck to give the family a somewhat risky access to Main Street. Farm workers, like Dave's dad Leslie, moved around local villages into cottages owned by their different employers as they swapped jobs. Local farmer Mr Straw informed me, "It was a great mistake when his own father let Leslie move to another job. He was one of the best workers and 'cowmen' he ever employed." As a teenager, Dave always had to help his dad at night and at weekends on the farm, and he and David Straw were paid 4d a week (2p) to herd the cows along Langworth Road to their pasture at Stainton Corner. Even on Sundays, Dave normally had to help his dad with the cows in the morning before going to church, where he and his sister Anne were in the choir. As a young man, David still had a liking for singing and became a bit of a "turn", performing at local pubs and clubs.

David's mother, Mary, was also a Scothern girl, with her father George Merryweather working for the Manor and living in Hillcrest, the Manor's old shepherd's cottage, still alongside the Manor. David went to Scothern Old School and was taught by the dreaded Miss Tasker. "She accused me of taking after my father, who was always in the pub," says Dave. "When I told my dad, he went straight round to see her and informed her that he never used the damn pub. He received a begrudged apology." Some young kids actually wet themselves when she shouted at them. Others interviewed had the same opinion of Miss Tasker, but all agree that the other 1950s teachers, Miss Danby and Mr Taylor, were lovely.

Dave remembers there was a school party to commemorate the Coronation. It was a fancy-dress occasion, but not all the kids could afford to get dressed up. The kids all got a silver spoon in a box, a New Testament and a Coronation stamp book. The village boys used to play Fox and Hounds around the village, where one boy would run off and the others would then try and chase him down. They also went swimming in the village pond, which was situated at the entrance to Weir Farm Paddock. He also remembers football in the street and kicking a ball against the blacksmith's wall opposite Crowders Row. Dave later played football for Scothern before the team helped raise funds to buy the sports field and helped build the village hall. Hardly anyone had a car, and sometimes he and his mates would walk up to the Wragby Road just to marvel at the cars going by! David Straw's parents did have a car, and they took him on trips to Skegness, which was a real treat at the time.

Dave also remembers, as a teenager, buying cider with his mates from the shop on the corner of School Crescent and sitting on the wall until the shop owner came out. "What's that wall done to you?" shouted the grumpy Mr Goodyear. "Nothing," replied Dave. "Then go and sit on your own wall," Mr Goodyear retorted. "We haven't got one," replied all the boys laughing!

Eventually, to give the kids something to do, the Vicar, Mr Hopkinson, started a youth club in the Reading Room. The village could do with one today for young teenagers! Dave recalls the cider coming in handy one night getting the vicar rather tipsy, after they spiked his orange juice. Dave was playing with the other village lads for the newly formed football team, who raised much of the money to build the village hall which was a revelation for all our social lives. "There were Half-a-Crown Dances, which would even attract a busload from Ruston Bucyrus, to the ballroom-style 'Strictly Come Dancing' events."

Dave became a joiner and, when first married, moved into 2 Church View (also my first cottage). Eventually, he became a publican and restaurateur, owning the Farmers Arms, the Swallow Inn, the Walcott Plough and the Chase at Rasen before returning to his roots and living in Craypool Lane where he still abides with his wife.

A SCOTHERN GARDENER OCTOBER

Well, the drought broke with a proper down pour and wasn't it refreshing. Sadly, it takes a lot of rain to dampen anything but the top layer of soil, and even more to begin to fill the aquifers. So although we may want a return to dry weather soon, a bit more rain would be good.

One of the recommendations made by the professional gardeners is that we should regularly make notes about our gardens; how well plants are growing, is the colour scheme complimentary, are things in the right place? Even taking pictures so that we don't forget.

This year for the first time I will be having a thorough look, and not just at mine but a sneaky peek at others around the village and beyond. So many plants have struggled this year; phlox, hydrangea, wall flowers, sweet peas and even some shrubs. Yet some have done well and even thrived; paeonies, (which flower early in the spring) Iris, sedums, and the roses have been wonderful, (perhaps because their roots grow deep down into the moist earth).

The Mediterranean plants have largely survived; rosemary, lavender, marjoram and sage all of which have flowers that the bees love. But don't be too hasty to hack things back or dig things up as we cannot be sure until next year what will grow back and what will just be remembered by a plastic label in the earth.

A plant that many are going to have to replace is Box. The Box caterpillar has had a bumper year, but unfortunately it destroys the plant. One alternative to consider is the herb Winter Savory "*Satuija montana*". It used to be a popular hedging plant in the past for knot gardens as it grows to between 10 and 40 cm tall, is hardy and evergreen. It was also used to flavour meat dishes as it has a peppery taste and medicinally it was thought to aid digestive problems. With pale pink flowers it is worth planting just for the bees to enjoy and thankfully it likes full sun but does need a well-drained soil.

So, if dry springs and summers are to become the norm we may well have to adapt what we grow to the new norm so that we have a garden rather than a plot with dead plants, and we don't have to work so hard at keeping things alive.

The Riseholme and District Horticulture Club

You are welcome to join us whether you have just a few patio pots or acres of garden. We enjoy informative lectures throughout the winter and garden visits in the summer. Annual subscription £10 & meeting fee £2

Meetings are held at Ellison Boulters C of E Academy, Sudbrooke Road, Scothern. LN2 2UZ (Please park in the playground and use the rear door)

The next meeting is on Tuesday 6th October commencing at 7.30 when Andrew Walker will tell us all about 'The Private Gardens of Lincoln'

Could You Help Scothern in an Emergency?

Scothern Parish Council is creating a community emergency response group — and local volunteers are needed.

Help your village respond quickly, calmly, and effectively when serious incidents affect local residents.

Why this matters

Scothern Parish Council is developing a community emergency plan so the village can support residents during serious local events, including:

- Significant flooding affecting many homes
- A severe road traffic accident
- Loss of gas or electricity
- Extreme hot or cold weather

Volunteer as part of the local response

Volunteers would work as part of a local team alongside trained community response teams from the local authorities, including Fire and Rescue, Police, ambulance services, and local authority services.

You do not need specialist experience — just a willingness to help your community when it matters most.

Find out more

Community Emergency Plan Meeting

Saturday 21 November, 10.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.

Scothern Village Hall

Come along to learn what the plan involves and how you can get involved.

Welcome to Poets' Corner

Hello again, fellow Scothernites,

We hope you are enjoying our Gary's short poems. The latest one from his collection, 'Village Life ', was printed in the October 2008 Parish magazine... Back then, some residents subscribed to the magazine for 25p per month, with profits going to the Church fund.

How lucky are we to now have a free copy of Scothern News delivered to every house! Thanks to our wonderful Parish Council for funding and producing the magazine again after a long break.

Gary's poem this month comes from the many hours of walking our dogs around the village and over the fields. Over the 30 years of living in Scothern, many of you will have a memory or story to tell of either Gary or the various mischievous dogs we had! I'm sure lots of you will have met the barky, excitable Mia, but who remembers the wandering explorer, Jess the Springer?



So many tales, like the time she found her way to Mark Harris's office, rescued by the postie, eating the bread for the birds in neighbouring gardens and Victoria Stratham rescuing her from Sudbrooke Beck and taking her home.

Maybe it was one of these moments of scouring the fields, searching for Jess, that he found inspiration for this poem, or maybe not, as I fear it would have contained some colourful language in his frustration!

Hope you enjoy, fellow Scothernites.

Well Timed Walk

Busy little Field mouse scurries around,
Whilst hungry Mister Hawk surveys the ground,
From his telegraph pole there's a perfect view,
Of his very next meal, and Field mouse, it's you.

Bunnies scatter to hide in the crops,
And crows cry out from nearby tree tops,
Mr Hawk's in flight, his eye on the prey,
Oh, Field mouse, you ought to be running away.

Then quick as a flash it's a classic dive,
Little mouse, look up while you're still alive,
In the blink of an eye your time will run out,
Mr Hawk is upon you, you're thrashing about.

Time stands still as your life flashes by,
But you're still on the ground, and the Hawks in the sky,
Startled by something, he's forced to withdraw,
Lucky little Field mouse, fear no more.

The Dog loves the field near Manor Farm,
And when he arrives, all appears calm,
Well done, boy, you deserve a good walk,
Just ignore the glare of that hungry old Hawk.

Scothern's Anonymous Poet, Gary Bell

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

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CHURCH SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE - OCTOBER 2026

Sunday 4 th	9.15 am	Morning Worship, St Germain's, Scothern
Sunday 11 th	10:30 am	Holy Communion, St Chad's Dunholme
Sunday 18 th	9.15 am	Holy Communion, St Germain's, Scothern
Sunday 25 th	10:30 am	Holy Benefice Communion, St Chad's Dunholme

Please note the services may change due to the availability of clergy

Over the summer I made a glass coaster as part of our Arts Festival. I don't think it will be the start of a new career for me, but it was good fun! There is something rather satisfying about creating something with your own hands – even if the finished product doesn't quite belong in the Tate.

The city of Liverpool will be holding its annual outdoor arts festival this autumn, called River of Light. This year's theme is Together, with the idea that the different works of art will bring people together in a joyful way.

And what better place to experience joy together than by getting outside and enjoying one of the great seasonal changes? Each season provides its own natural work of art. The changing colours of the leaves, the crispness of an autumn morning, the mist hanging over the fields, or simply the sound of the wind through the trees can all make us stop and take notice.

The Bible reminds us that creation itself points us towards its Creator: "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands." (Psalm 19:1)

Perhaps we sometimes need to slow down enough to notice the artwork that is all around us. We don't need an art gallery, a festival or even a particularly good glass coaster!

This autumn, why not take some time to get outside, enjoy the changing season and perhaps share it with someone else? There is joy to be found in creation – and perhaps even more joy when we experience it together.

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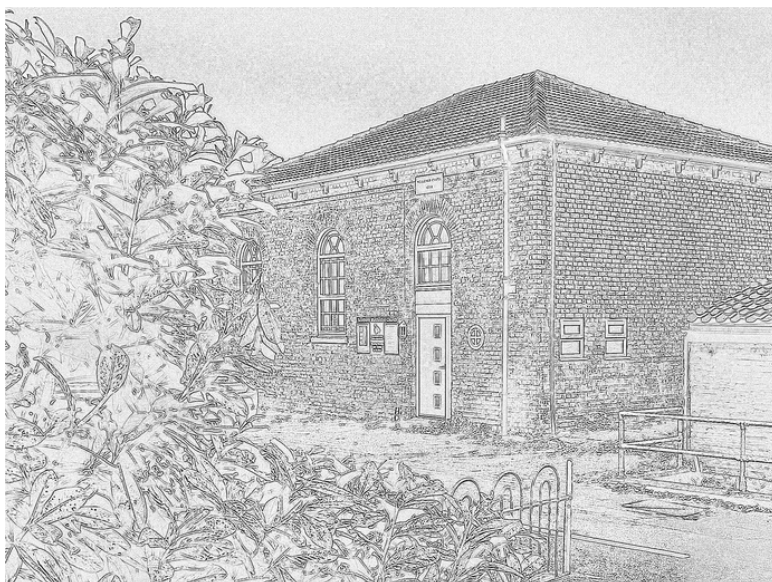
WHAT'S ON AT SCOTHERN CHAPEL DURING OCTOBER

Sunday 4 October	10.30 a.m.	We are at Scothern with Rev David Fidler for Communion
Sunday 11 October	10.30 a.m.	We are at Nettleham for a Local Arrangements Gathering which usually means one of the Local team organises something!
Sunday 18 October	10.30 a.m.	We are at Scothern with Rev Margaret Doughty
Sunday 25 October	10.30 a.m.	No gathering at Scothern but David Fidler is at Nettleham and Margaret Roe is at Welton
Sunday 1 November	10.30 a.m.	A bit different today - We are at Scothern Chapel where Andrew is taking An informal <i>Thank you for the Music</i> service. Lots of songs and stories.

CHAPEL CHAT & COFFEE continues as usual on Thursday
8th October at 10.30 and Thursday 22nd October

Please feel free to come along it's very low key and
informal.

The session lasts about ¾ hour.



An update from our Scothern Scholars

Back in the summer, we (Siân and Katie) returned to Scothern after completing our first year at university in London and York.

Our first year brought both of us plenty of new experiences, challenges, and memories, and most importantly, we both passed our exams in order to progress to our second year! Although London and York are very different cities, we have both had the shared experience of making new friends and trying to settle into somewhere completely new.

One of the things we have come to love most about our new cities is that there is always something to do. Whether it's visiting a new museum or trying out a new pub (although none will ever quite live up to the Bottle and Glass!), there always seems to be somewhere new to discover. While we both really enjoy the peace and familiarity of village life, it has been exciting having so many new places to explore right on our doorstep.

This year, we're both going to have more new experiences as we move to different areas of the cities we have been living in. Although we're no longer starting university completely from scratch, moving somewhere new will give us another opportunity to explore different parts of our cities, meet new people and settle into a new environment. It will be exciting to discover new favourite places and make more memories along the way.

As we head back for second year, we're both going with much more confidence than we had this time last year. We now know what to expect, have friends and familiar places to return to, but also have plenty of new things to look forward to.

Grange Park Notes

The heritage orchard that is now well established was a project commenced in 2018. A total of 14 heritage apple trees, representing 7 pairs of varieties with connections to Lincolnshire were planted on the westerly side of the northern boundary of the park. The names of the trees evoke names and places in Lincolnshire, such as Broadholme Beauty, Bollingbroke Beauty and Isaac



Newton's Tree, and these complement the Ellison Orange already in the park. A regular watering regime ensured that the trees became established which given the long hot and dry summer we have had this year has hopefully ensured they have a fighting chance of surviving for the long term. Sadly, this may not be the case for all trees in the park and in the wider landscape as the stress noted in all our gardens may not bode well for the survival of a number of trees and shrubs. Not surprisingly the different varieties do show many specific traits and certainly the level of cropping varies dramatically

as well. This no doubt is the reason these varieties fell out of favour for commercial growers, but that is not the reason we chose them. For the group retaining links with past generations and ensuring these old native varieties survive was much more important. We are grateful to have received support from a number of individuals in the village who have adopted several of the trees and who help in maintaining the trees and the surrounding area. They have also helped in planting native

daffodil bulbs and other wildflowers in the grass areas. The display from these improves every year as they also become established and spread naturally. Our

apples include eating apples, cooking apples and those which are classed as dual purpose. You are welcome to help yourself whilst ensuring not to damage the trees. Remember an apple is ripe and ready to pick if you give it a twist and it comes away in your hand. Otherwise leave it for another day.



It's that time of year when "Hallowe'en is just around the corner. You can tell because all the shops are decked out for Christmas!" You're allowed to groan but please don't despair because Lindsey u3a has lots to offer. As well as all our interest groups meeting as usual the following visits are planned for OCTOBER:

- 8th: Visit to Birmingham Art Gallery & Jewellery Quarter Museum
- 15th: Architecture tour of Greyfriars, Lincoln
- 21st: "Cats" the Musical at The New Theatre, Hull
- 27th: Garden Group talk by Ed Cook of Meadowmakers.

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. You are invited with no obligation to any 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 1st October Nigel MacKnight, the driving force behind the team constructing a speedboat to try to wrest the World Water Speed record from the Australians, who have held it for 47 years despite attempts made by the Americans and others, will give a talk entitled "Quicksilver and Understanding Perseverance".

Then on 5th November Elaine Johnson, local historian, researcher and university tutor will give a talk - no, not about the Gunpowder Plot but about "Madness and Mayhem at the Lawns" when enlightened medical opinion revolutionised the often unkind if not cruel treatment of mental health up until the early 19th century.

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 22nd October. 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

Witham U3A



Casino Cheats.... Or were they? How the bank was broken at casinos in Europe and the USA by teams of mathematically adept and dedicated individuals. Mike Lynch told us all about this in August. Systems beat casinos until the casinos realise what is going on. Play stopped and individuals banned is the result of casinos losing money.

October sees Ian Morgan tell us all about the history of the "Foss Dyke"

We meet on the third Thursday morning of each month (10am to 12 noon) at Reephams and Cherry Willingham Village Hall, Hawthorn Road. You are welcome to come along to one of our monthly meetings, then, if you like us, you can join for a modest annual membership charge.

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On the
Door

In late 16th-century England, Agnes, a healer sensitive to the world around her, builds a home with William, a local tutor and aspiring playwright. As their lives fracture, they are tested by distance, silence, and grief.

Friday 30th OCTOBER
7 for 7.30pm
Scothern Village Hall

FILM on 20 November:
MICHAEL



Dunholme Camera Club

What a summer we had, so much sun and hot weather meant that our members could get out and get some great images. Although the summer brings the dry warm days there is some great opportunities to be had as we go into Autumn and then the colder days of Winter. It is a great time for our members to consider changing some of their images into black and white which shows those darker days off with some great results, the stormy dark skies and the winter sun setting on the landscapes, it just makes for some amazing images. If your not sure of the results you can get from your camera then what about joining us and see the world through your camera.

Right into October and what will the members be up to? On the 8th October we will be a having a presentation by Diane Seddon who will show us some of her light painting and how she creates her images. Following this will be my "Presidents Challenge" on the 15th October, this year I set a challenge to the members to take a picture within 3 miles radius of the Lincoln Stonebow, it can be of anything they want. Finally on the 29th October we have 2 of our members Avril and Jan who will give us a talk "All things wild and wonderful" Should be a great evening.

If you want further information about the camera club then just get in touch via the contact form on the website www.dunholmecameraclub.co.uk

Grahame Dunkin 07501 259001 dunholmecc@gmail.com

WELTON PDA

The Autumn Fayre on 17th October is from 1.30pm – 4pm and planning is now well under way. I still have a few tables left for people wanting to sell their own craft items. Tables, which we supply, are £10 and bring your own table covering. Give me a call if you want to book or have any questions.

If you have any good clean books or complete jigsaw puzzles which you could donate, please let me know and we can collect. During conversation with patients several have offered to make cakes for the cake stall/café at the Autumn Fayre. If this offer still stands, please let me know and I can collect the day before. Although I had been promised that Walking with Alpacas would be at the Autumn Fayre, I have been unable at the time of writing this (7th Sept) to get any confirmation so you might get to see them or maybe not!!

Could I ask that if you have a car or are able to get to your medical appointment without using the PDA then please use your own vehicle. Just because we are the easy option is not a good enough reason to ask for PDA transport. We have had patients saying that parking is difficult at hospitals. This is not a reason to request PDA transport; our drivers also have difficulty parking. I know that most users of the scheme are genuinely in need of transport but there is still a small minority who have cars or who have family accompanying them and could easily transport themselves!

I apologise again if this sounds harsh but in the almost 20 years, I have been Coordinator I have only ever had to turn down 1 request and that was weather related. Since the last magazine was published there are still patients telling drivers that it's 'easier' to use the PDA. Unless I get more volunteer drivers, I will have to be more selective about who we can offer transport to and that is not a position I want to be in!

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS NOW ON SALE WITH ALL DRIVERS AND AT THE COVID/FLU CINICS ON 3RD AND 10TH OCTOBER

Dates for our PDA events in 2026 are:

- Autumn Fayre 17th October 1.30pm – 4pm
- Christmas lunch tickets (£10) on sale Monday 19th October
- 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

 Programme of Events 2026/27 			
October 2026 to March 2027. This will be updated and further events added throughout the year.			
Date	Event	Venue	Description
07 October 7.30p.m.	Monthly Meeting	Methodist Church	Public Welcome to attend
Saturday 25 th – Saturday 31 st October	Halloween Trail	Halloween trail around the village to complete at your leisure	You are invited to participate in a Halloween Hunt with your parents around the village
4 November 7.30p.m.	Monthly Meeting	Methodist Church	Public Welcome to attend
7 November 10.00a.m. to 2.00p.m.	Children's activities at the Village Christmas Fete	Village Hall	You are invited to participate in Christmas activities with your parents at the Christmas Fete
2 December 7.30p.m.	Monthly Meeting	Methodist Church	Public Welcome to attend
2 – 24 th December	Christmas Lights Competition	Across Scothern Village	All residents displaying decorations across the village will be judged by our Secret Santas
6 January 7.30p.m.	Monthly Meeting	Methodist Church	Public Welcome to attend
20 th February 10.00a.m. to 12 noon	Meet the Councillors	Village Hall	Come and have an informal chat and refreshments with the Councillors about village matters
3 March 7.30p.m.	Monthly Meeting	Methodist Church	Public Welcome to attend
TBC	CPR Training delivered by LIVES	Methodist Church	Free for Residents to attend

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

We are still celebrating our record number of children who completed the Summer Reading Challenge this year and we look forward to the chance to congratulate them in person at various presentations that parents will be informed of during October.

We think one of the reasons we have so many young readers is that they came along to our Storytime sessions, some as babes in arms. Of course a number have graduated and now attend school which means there are opportunities for other little ones on a Tuesday morning at 9:30am each week for about half an hour, they do need to bring an adult along, could that be you?

Our Community Hub talks continue with a visit from John G Campbell on Tuesday 22nd October at 2pm. John is a very experienced speaker and will be telling us about his time at 4 different cathedrals over 40 years, expect interesting and amusing anecdotes. Free admission to all with a retiring collection for those who wish to contribute to John's chosen charity, the British Heart Foundation.



Not all spiders are scary! Who says? It is our talented crafters who invite 4 to 11 year olds along to make a Jolly Spider on Saturday 24th October at 10:30am. All accompanied children are welcome and who knows they might take one spider home that will be welcome in any house.

The library service has been busy buying lots of new books and whilst they might not immediately be on the shelves at Welton it is easy, and free, to order them from the entire Lincolnshire catalogue and get them delivered to collect from us in due course.

Mike - Library volunteer

Facebook page @Weltonvillagelibrary

Lincolnshire Mobile Library Services

Scothern village hall

16th October 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

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

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

Dear Friends,

We seem to find ourselves at "that time of year again" and I must announce the arrival of our Christmas cards and festive gift wrap! We have five brand new designs this year for our cards which come in packs of ten, with gift wrap designs also different from last year. We are delighted with them and will have them available at all upcoming events including a "pop in" day from 2-5 on Sunday October 18th at 6 The Alders, LN22WD. Please feel free to come along and see not just the Christmas items but also the full range of birthday and other greetings cards. We have a great selection and due to the wonderful company, we deal with keeping their prices steady for five years now we can still sell them at £1 each. We also now have a Facebook page called Lifesaving Cards which features most of the cards we currently have in stock and of course if you cannot come along to the pop in event just call or email and we can arrange another time.

You may have seen on local news programmes a young lady called Faith from Retford who was denied a second stem cell transplant when her cancer returned as the NHS currently do not fund another transplant within a year of the first. Faith has created a petition asking for this decision to be reversed and within days it reached over 21,000 signatures. Government will now look at this and if we can reach 100,000 signatures by February 2027 they will have to debate it. If you are keen to sign or read more about it please just look online at "fund second stem cell transplant" and you will find it.

Katie, from Lincoln, who inspired many to join the stem cell register last year, has finally had her stem cell transplant after many setbacks. Her donor turned out to be in South Africa, so Anthony Nolan sent one of their volunteer couriers all the way there to fetch the donated stem cells and bring them safely back for Katie. At the time of writing this she is just two days post-transplant so please keep her in your thoughts and prayers as she has a long battle ahead and is currently parted from her son and her one-year-old twins as she is in isolation.

We hope to see you on October 18th but just get in touch if you cannot make it that day but need cards or gift wrap. We are hoping for another great Christmas season this year and we are forever grateful for your support.

With best wishes

Julie Cook

07857 892269 or 01673 866633

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The No.43 timetable is below. A reminder that all journeys for school children are free during school holidays.

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Lincoln Central Bus Station

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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
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0800	1007	1112	1212	1312		1607

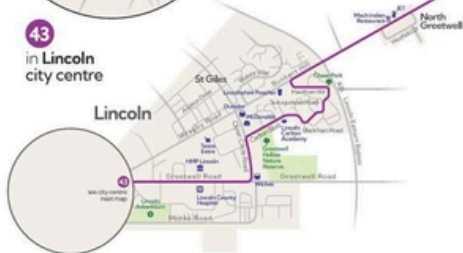
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0832	1037	1137	1237	1437	1802
0837	1042	1142	1242	1442	1807
0842				1447	1812
0845				1450	1815
0849				1454	1819
0853				1458	1823
0856				1501	1826
0900				1505	1830
0905				1510	1835

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Scothern Parish Council



The Parish Council meeting was held on Wednesday, 2nd September at 7.30pm with all 6 councillors present & LCC Cllr Jane Smith.

This followed a “Meet the Councillors session”

- following the resignation of M Unwin, the Council may now fill their vacancy by co-option
- the Annual & Post Inspection Report of the Play Park was received - play bark chips to be purchased
- this years Christmas Lights competition was discussed - more details to follow
- the Parish Council to arrange an activity for children at the Christmas Fair to be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 7th November - more details to follow
- potholes have been repaired on Craypool Lane
- the old, broken Elmdene street name plate has been replaced
- the white railings through the village have all been painted
- a new sign for the Defibrillator at the village hall to be purchase
- the old single bench at the play area to be replaced
- thank you to the volunteer litter pickers who are doing a great job helping to keep the village tidy. More pickers & hoops have been purchased.
- excellent feedback received from residents who attended the LIVES CPR/First Aid session held in July
- the council were made aware of recent & historical flooding on Orchard Close during heavy rainfall and have passed on these details to LCC & the Flood Team. Also, still chasing Anglian Water & LCC Highways on the flooding issues on Craypool Lane

The next Scothern Parish Council meeting - 7th October at 7.30pm

– Members of the public are welcome to attend & may raise any points in the Public Participation section that they wish to bring to the attention of the Parish Council. Please note that decisions cannot be made at this meeting on items not on the agenda.

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 (1 councillor vacancy)

Jane Johnson (Chair)

Barnaby Patchett (Vice)

Jackie Atkins

Derek Canton

Robert Creaser

Sian Watt Jones

Notification of Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders

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

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Use this planning portal for all current & past applications & decisions made by WLDC.



25th - 31st October 2026

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Sunday 15th November
Church Gathering
Sunday 22nd November
Church Gathering

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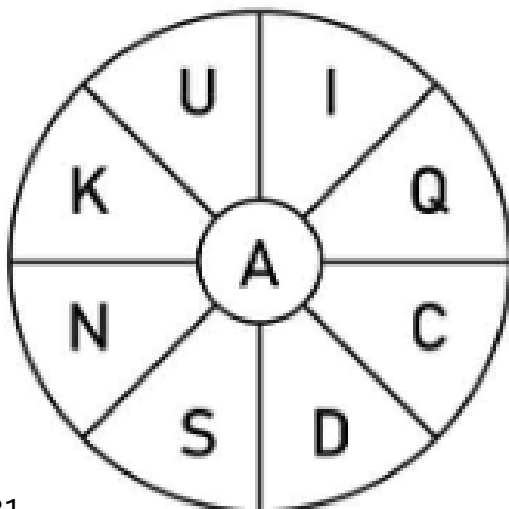
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Just for Fun!

How many words can you make from this Word Wheel?

What is the longest word you can make?



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St Germain's Church: pcc.stgermain@gmail.com
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Useful Information

Witham u3a - 3rd Thursday of each month

Reepham and Cherry Willingham Village Hall

Contact - Gerry Wiswould 01673 866718

Lindsey u3a -1st Thursday of each month

Welton Village Hall

Member Secretary - Tricia Barnes 07855 178612

Scothern Recreation Centre

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

Beevers, Cubs, Scouts Tuesdays 5-9pm

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Scothern Village Hall Secretary - Gill Radley

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Diary of Events in October

1	Lindsey u3a 10.30a.m. Welton Village Hall
4	Scothern Sewical 10.00a.m. Village Hall
4	Morning Prayer, 9.15a.m. St Germain's, Scothern
4	Communion, 10.30a.m. Scothern Methodist Church
5	Bottle and Glass Quiz Night 8.00p.m.
6	Community Coffee Morning 10.00a.m. St Germain's Church
6	Riseholme & District Horticulture Club 7.30p.m. (see page 7)
7	Scothern Parish Council Monthly Meeting 7.30p.m. Methodist Chapel
8	Scothern Methodist Chapel Chat and Coffee 10.30a.m.
8	Dunholme Camera Club Meeting (see pg 19)
11	10.30a.m. Scothern Methodist Church
12	Bottle and Glass Quiz Night 8.00p.m.
13	Community Coffee Morning 10.00a.m. St Germain's Church
15	Witham U3a 10.00 – 12.00 Cherry Willingham Village Hall
15	Dunholme Camera Club Meeting (see pg 19)
16	Lincolnshire Mobile Library Services 9.45-10.30a.m. Village Hall
18	Holy Communion, 9.15a.m. St Germain's, Scothern
19	Bottle and Glass Quiz Night 8.00p.m.
20	Community Coffee Morning 10.00a.m. St Germain's Church
22	Scothern Methodist Chapel Chat and Coffee 10.30a.m.
26	Bottle and Glass Quiz Night 8.00p.m.
27	Community Coffee Morning 10.00a.m. St Germain's Church
29	Dunholme Camera Club Meeting (see pg 19)
30	Flix in the Stix - Hamnet 7.00 for 7.30p.m. Village Hall

Send us your November events for next month's issue.

Deadline for articles & events for the November issue is 14 October
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