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# N&V EDITORIAL

## Dec 20 / Jan 21



Another Year down, and my oh my what an unusual and crazy year it has been! It would be easy to look back and reflect in a negative and hard way at this year, there has certainly been more than enough heartbreak and hardship to do that. However, in this season of goodwill to all mankind, let's instead choose to look at some of the positives.

We have seen our communities and local authorities all pulling together to help people in their hour of need, schemes set up to supply face masks, to run errands and do shopping for people in lock-down, to be more conscious of the vulnerable around us and more ready to lend a helping hand.

We have seen efforts by the likes of Marcus Rashford (Manchester United and England Footballer) to raise awareness of those struggling in poverty and to actually go that extra mile to organise and fund efforts to feed children during school holidays. Not forgetting Captain Tom Moore raising money for the NHS as well.

The positives, all the worthwhile efforts that make people sit up and take notice, all coming from individuals and communities displaying the most natural of human instincts, the instinct to help others out in a time of dire need. Just like in the Christmas story, hardships are being overcome by goodwill and efforts to help others. We can all do that just a little bit more, every one of us, just imagine how much love and joy could be spread if we all did!

We would like to say a massive, massive thank you to our Distribution Team. You guys are the absolute best. When many other magazines closed down for the first lock-down, we took an early decision that we were going to be different, we were going to try to keep going no matter what, but without the agreement and help of our Distribution Team we could not have managed to do that. They backed us and pulled out all the stops to keep going. Thank You Team!

Thank you to all our contributors, regular or occasional, for making this magazine so readable. Thank you to our advertisers for your continued business in difficult times!

One contributor we have to say a special thanks to is Jassy Wells, who is leaving Caythorpe for pastures new on the Isle of Wight! Thank You Jassy for your 'Lock Down Diary'. Special thanks from all the local children, who remember you and your late husband, Peter, so fondly and who you taught over the many years at Sir William Robertson School.

We would like to thank Neil and others at CFPC for their support during our expansion this year, taking on three more villages, during a pandemic, was challenging at first but with the support we had from Vicky Wilkinson of Hough, it was bound to succeed!

Finally - To our readers, God Bless, Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year!

Until we meet again in 2021, Stay Safe - Pete & Laura

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I'll be delivering 2 days a week for the Grantham area: Monday and Thursday. And 2 days a week for the Boston area: Tuesday and Friday. Milk will be sourced locally from Lincolnshire (Capital Dairies, Boston) in traditional glass bottles and plastic containers all at fair prices, all varieties including Organic, Channel Island and juices as well.

I also will be offering local produce such as butter, eggs, cheese, yoghurt, milkshakes, cream from English and Lincolnshire farms, again at fair prices. In addition, I will be providing local quality bread and cakes from Bloomsbury bakery, Inner Street, Grantham, fresh and local Fruit and Vegetable Boxes and all other essentials such as Household and Gardening products. All other everyday items, budget priced goods will be covered and there will be a regular monthly leaflet of all the offers.

Finally, the service will be bespoke, tailored to the customers requests, so I am open to providing anything! The service will be offline, and I will accept cash and cheques, bank transfers and standing orders. I will have a Facebook page though for online contact and advertising (details from January 2021).



The local economy has never faced such a myriad of challenges from Brexit, Covid-19 and potential future pandemics, to Climate Change. Supporting local producers, farmers, and businesses directly and indirectly (the synergy effect of businesses multiplying) is a personal motivation and essential for a thriving country. A further driving force of mine is to be a part of the community, I believe in a civic duty, connecting with and being interested in people. The role of Milkman for instance, gives that opportunity with building customer relationships through the daily interaction, beyond the perfunctory interface, something I relish. These salutary intangibles often are not appreciated and missed by larger monopoly businesses but formulate a healthy cohesive society.

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# Caythorpe Dash

## Caythorpe DASH October 2020

Following months of preparation and planning Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October saw the weather be kind to the organisers and competitors of the 24<sup>th</sup> Caythorpe DASH. The day was a beautiful sunny and dry autumn day and the competitors running in the 10k and 5k races thoroughly enjoyed the beautiful Lincolnshire countryside around Caythorpe and Fulbeck. The event was a multi terrain event starting and finishing at the Playing Field, and taking in bridle paths, quiet lanes and the former railway line. Some however made comment about 'that \*\*\*\*\* hill' referring to Gorse Hill which just goes to prove that not all of Lincolnshire is flat!



### **A wave of competitors starts the covid secure event**

The Organisers, Dave Fidler and Andy Crawley, supported by Bruce Nelson, had spent a lot of time planning how to make this a Covid secure event for all. Utilising the timing equipment kindly donated by the Waggon and Horses (without which we couldn't have run this event), the race was held as a timed event with competitors being set off on the courses in waves of up to six people with six minutes between each wave to minimize any overtaking on the course. Social distancing was practiced on the field with competitors given an arrival time shortly before their start time and a socially isolated booking in process which included temperature checks.

Medals were given to each competitor, as well as trophies to the 3 winners in each class – because it took 2 hours 30 minutes to set them all off, the trophies were later posted to winners. All of which were generously sponsored by UK Alternative Energy of North Hykeham. Each competitor also received a bottle of water and an energy bar to help them recover from



their exertions and these were sponsored by the Red Lion who also provided vouchers for meals to the winners of the male and female 10k races.

Grateful thanks go to the local farmers and land owners who allowed access across their land for the event, especially to Jeremy Haywood and David Theaker who both allowed the Dash to use their private land for the races and to Mrs Claire Asher who allowed access to the old railway track – the runners absolutely loved our new courses and greatly appreciated access to the lovely countryside. Some fantastic photos of the event were taken by Richard Hall and Gordon Grant and these were uploaded to Flickr for free download by the competitors. A selection of those can be seen at:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/146272443@N05/albums/72157716365237817/with/50453784203/>  
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**Left:** A competitor jumping for joy at running again!

Much positive comment was made by the competitors about the marshals who directed and encouraged them in equal measures. The organisers would also like to thank the 61 people who gave of their free time to help out and make this event possible. It is truly gladdening to see so many people from the villages and beyond who supported this event and helped to raise money for the Playing Fields.

**Right:** A local personality helping at check in.



After costs, and retaining a sum towards expenses for the next event (mainly for the £400 cost to replace the electronic bibs), the competitors (numbering nearly 160 in total, (including a few who ran with their dogs) raised a considerable

amount of money and as a result £1370 has been handed over to the Playing Fields to fund this amenity for our villages.



**Left:** Friends enjoying the run with dogs

It was a great event and planning is now underway for the next event which will be a 5k and half marathon event to be held on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2021. If you fancy testing your stamina and running, then entry is now open at:

<https://my.raceresult.com/159528/registration?lang=en> and full details of this next event can be found on our web site at: <https://www.caythorpedash.co.uk/>

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## INSPIRING WOMEN

*“Everybody knows three things about the Women’s Institute: they spent the war making jam; the sensational Calendar Girls were members of the WI; and, at the AGM of 2000 that slow-handclapping of Tony Blair. But there is so much more to this remarkable movement. Over 200,000 women in the UK belong to the WI and its membership is growing. It crosses class and religion, includes all ages – from students and metropolitan professionals, such as the Shoreditch Sisters, to rural centenarians – with passions that range from supporting the 1920’s Bastardy Bill (in response to a wartime legacy of illegitimate babies) to the current SOS for the Honey Bees campaign. The WI was founded in 1915, not by worthy ladies in tweeds but by the feistiest women in the country, including suffragettes, academics and social crusaders who discovered the heady power of sisterhood, changing women’s lives and their world in the process. Certainly its members boiled jam and sang “Jerusalem”, but they also made history.” \**

\*This is taken from the inside of the dust cover on Jane Robinson’s **“A Force to be Reckoned With”** (A history of the Women’s Institute) published in 2011. The book is a fascinating read and I can highly recommend it because it shows how women have been fighting for their own rights and those of others for a hundred and five years. Members have campaigned to empower and support women within society; exerted their individual and collective influence; brought a series of controversial issues into the public domain, and succeeded in getting many changes made in legislation and government policy. More recently, **The Time Is Now** lobby calling for action on climate change and **End Plastic Soup**, a campaign to take action on Fast Fashion which is damaging the environment with the micro plastics used in synthetic fabrics, being released into our oceans and waterways and a *campaign to engage male ambassadors in speaking out against violence against women.*

The current pandemic has made it almost impossible for members to get together for a monthly meeting; our own Caythorpe & District WI has not met with members since our annual meeting in March. We all miss seeing one another and listening to the interesting speakers we invite along but that does not mean nothing is happening. We are receiving monthly updates from our own president, Pauline Dorey and from our Federation office in Sleaford along with the magazine from Head office, WI Life. We are encouraged by them all to get involved with campaigns, meetings and activities online and still feel a part of this huge sisterhood. There are many members who are unable to do this and may feel isolated and forgotten, but be assured, you are not. Once this unforgettable year is behind us and we can return to some kind of normality, we will welcome you all back (new members too) with open arms and hopefully, one hell of a party!!

Forget the pandemic for a moment, but is this normal? Like you, I started the year full of hope and plans then, my steam iron 'died' on the ironing board and had to be replaced. Soon after, my ten year old washing machine just stopped and also had to be replaced, no sooner was that up and running than the tumble drier drive belt snapped, but I got that fixed as I did my Dyson 07 when it growled at me and started to smell of burning. The TV is on the blink, it gets to one level of sound and won't get any louder and the lawn mower didn't sound very happy when I gave the lawn its final cut last week. The funny thing is, the oldest appliance in the kitchen is the fridge freezer purchased 17 years ago, yet (fingers crossed) that is still going strong. This has been a year of breakdowns, so two reasons why I won't forget 2020 in a hurry!

This is the last report I will be writing for 2020 (the year of the pandemic) so all that remains to do is wish EVERYONE, not just all our lovely members, a **Very Merry Christmas** from our WI. We hope that you will all be able to enjoy some time with your families, if not in person, then via a video call and also a time to reflect on those dear family and friends who are no longer with us. All good wishes too, for a **Happy New Year** to all, one where we may look forward and try not to reflect too much on the negatives of this unbelievable year.

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# Ramblings of the Old Rector



Rubens - Adoration by the Shepherds

*Hark! the herald-angels sing  
glory to the new-born King,  
peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled.  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
join the triumph of the skies;  
with the angelic host proclaim,  
'Christ is born in Bethlehem.'*

As I begin to write this on 2<sup>nd</sup> November, the day when we pray for the souls of the dead, it is impossible to imagine what form our celebration of Christmas will take this year. Will St Vincent's Church resound with the singing of the above hymn? Much will depend on whether Covid-19 will have eased its grip of the nation.

During the earlier 'lockdown' a large number of friends all over the UK, including many who were not known for their regular church attendance, asked me why the Church had shut its doors when they needed it most. As the second lockdown was announced Cardinal Vincent, Archbishop of Westminster, described the ban as a cause of "anguish now that the government is requiring, once again, the cessation of public communal worship" and demanded the government gives its reasons for stopping services, and also stressed that churches had acted responsibly and been Covid-safe. The Muslim Council of Britain also called for an urgent review of restrictions. Dame Sarah, the Bishop of London, said she would study the new regulations and "seek clarification".

I pray that long before you read this sanity will prevail, and that our churches will be open for worship on Sundays with the operating procedures which allow supermarkets to open – face covering and social distance.

Communal worship of God is important for us. Although the dire fortunes of Welsh Rugby Football run it a close second, the most compelling and consistent question hovering over humankind is whether or not there is another world. Each day Christians answer that question with courage and dedication. Even ardent Agnostics find that not many days pass without recognizing the need to face its challenge. The great difference is that Christianity claims that Jesus Christ forgives the sinner.

Too often we find the wrong alternative attractive, and it is a real fight to resist something

we know to be wrong. Therefore, to use a technical term, we sin; to sin is to say “No” to Christ when he asks us to follow him. We make the wrong choice. Yet there is good news, for the very essence of Christianity is the sure and certain knowledge that when we come to our senses and express sorrow for our sin we find Christ coming to meet us, his hands held out in greeting; he forgives us our sin and welcomes us back into the family.

No-one, not even the worst sinner, is ever outside God’s mercy. For that reason alone, communal worship is important because we are then able to encourage each other to do better. But there is more, for Christ’s saving work began with his birth as a human baby. God took the nature of our humanity. That is the focus of Christmas. If Covid causes us to banish frantic shopping and endless partying, it will do us a favour!

Reflect on the holy birth in Bethlehem; the astounding words of the angel to the shepherds still ring true: “Do not be afraid, listen, I bring you news of a great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people. Today, a Saviour has been born to you. He is Christ the Lord.”

If we do our best as Christian people, then nothing can harm our soul. For the good news today is this: the Child whose birth we celebrate was “Born that we no more may die, Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give us second birth.”

The light of the baby in the manger shines in the darkness like a beacon. A ray of hope which can never be extinguished.

***“On the Morning of Christ’s Nativity”, by John Milton, 1629***

*This is the month, and this the happy morn,  
Wherein the Son of Heav’n’s eternal King,  
Of wedded Maid and Virgin Mother born,  
Our great redemption from above did bring;  
For so the holy sages once did sing,  
That he our deadly forfeit should release,  
And with his Father work us a perpetual  
peace.*

*That glorious form, that Light unsufferable,  
And that far-beaming blaze of majesty,  
Wherewith he wont at Heav’n’s high  
council-table  
To sit the midst of Trinal Unity,  
He laid aside; and here with us to be,  
Forsook the courts of everlasting day,  
And chose with us a darksome house of  
mortal clay.*

My dear friends, I wish you all a joyous and blessed Christmastide.

**Brian Lucas (The last Rector of Caythorpe)**

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## Lockdown - Week 13

Week thirteen....lucky for some! As I was born on the thirteenth to a very superstitious mother, who was convinced my life would be damned forever, it has actually been a lucky number for me. Hopefully I can whizz over some of my good luck to all of you today. Here it comes!!

Last Tuesday was my Granddaughter's twenty-first birthday. At around 10:30, just after I had



eaten breakfast and had a second coffee, I was summoned to join them via Facetime. It was so enjoyable, with cries of "Can you see this Grandma?" and a 'just opened' gift thrust at the screen for me to see. It is sad that she can't have all her friends around or go partying in Bournemouth but she really doesn't want to be part of a crowd at the moment. Sensible girl. Fiona had put up bunting and balloons saying '21'. Flowers everywhere and even Champagne in a bucket caught my eye, so everything that could be done was done to make it special. I am so pleased that she seemed to be enjoying herself and was very grateful for the wonderful gifts she received. Grandson enjoyed his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday the following day. He didn't want any fuss. He was asked what special meal he would like..."Oh," he said, "a curry would be great!" He'd got his new snare drum so all was well in George's world.

My twenty-first was spent in Hall, when at Teachers' Training College. About twenty five girls crammed in a small room, marginally bigger than a walk in closet. We drank some fizzy stuff, no idea what, certainly not champagne, possibly Baby Cham? No. More like lemonade! On reflection it was a strange sort of celebration but at the time it was a happy one. Peter's 21<sup>st</sup> was a year earlier and we spent an evening 'celebrating' with my parents. We did canoodle on the sofa whilst Mum cooked a splendid meal and Dad battled with a bottle of wine but it was a very quiet affair. He'd said he didn't want any fuss, which is just what his youngest Grandson said for his eighteenth. What's that saying, something about, the apple not falling far from the tree? I think son Andy was deployed to Germany for his, although for his 20<sup>th</sup> he was in Northern Ireland having petrol bombs lobbed at him, so he obviously had his celebratory 'fireworks' the year before! Daughter Fiona was home for hers and went out for the evening as I recall but I did make a cake and a trifle. Things have gone up a notch since then!

Sue my daughter in law, without speaking to her husband about her idea, told me that I was to expect a 'little something' on Friday. The little something arrived. It was afternoon tea in a gift box. Fresh Cornish cream, four scones, four tiny pots of strawberry jam and six tea bags! So lovely and such a kind thought! Andy knew nothing until he saw the email. I think he was quite moved by her thoughtfulness. I will enjoy my afternoon teas for a couple of days. Quite amusing watching the delivery of this gift, as the van driver, a young woman, struggled with my front gate. A gate which seems to be a cause of frustration and despair for many. It is the latch which is the problem. To some it is as difficult to fathom as a Rubik Cube. This particular lady went through the usual ritual. Found the latch, after walking back and forth from one end to the other for a minute or two. Battled with it, then shrugged and walked back to her



van. By that time I'd reached my front step and yelled out. "Hello! I see you are having difficulty with my gate!" She grumpily returned and said, "It's too hard. Never seen one like that!" I asked her to put the narrow parcel through the bars of my gate and then I would retrieve it when she'd got back in the van. So all was well. What I good thing I did, as written all over it was, 'PERISHABLE. REFRIDGERATE IMMEDIATELY.' Had it gone back, heaven knows when it would have arrived again.

I have been without my Peter for almost three and a half years now. I refuse to use the word widow when I describe myself. It is such a hollow, empty word. Someone once said to me, after they had tragically lost their little boy, that they thought he was, "a gift from God they couldn't keep" Such a loving, moving, heart rending observation. It makes you value what you have. Well I was lucky. Peter was my gift from God and I was allowed to enjoy his kind, funny, thoughtful and wonderful company for nearly 60 years. Now I like to dream of him wandering his beloved Yorkshire Dales, The Scottish Highlands or The Lake District with Shep lolloping by his side, just waiting for me to catch up! "Come on Jassy!" He used to cry. "Get those little legs working!" I think the word 'sexy' came before 'little legs' in those days! Lordy, they are certainly not that now. I'm in no immediate hurry you understand but I like to think he'll be there when I eventually reach the end of the track.

I recall Peter, some years ago, incurring the wrath of a dear friend who had loaned him an electric hedge trimmer. We rented an old farm house in those days, almost surrounded by high hedges. The friend, who had an enormous garden also surrounded by hedges, gladly loaned the trimmer, with its 100 foot cable to Peter. He was warned by friend to take care. I too warned him, as I was fearful he'd electrocute himself. Off he went, whistling away, the contented happy gardener, only to reappear within minutes, looking incredibly sheepish. In one hand, the hedge trimmer, now with a cable of only 3 feet in length and in the other, the remaining 97 feet of cable! "Jassy!" he cried. "Look what has happened!" Not, "Look what I have done!" but "Look what has happened!" as if magically, the bulk of the cable had somehow become detached from the 3 feet left on the trimmer! All electricity safely switched off, he handed it to me, expecting me to be able to 'mend' it. I'm fine with the changing of a plug but to rewire the severed end into a complicated machine...no way. "But you're so good with electrical stuff!" he said. Such praise! He bravely rang friend who was, to say the least, incandescent with rage. I recall Peter holding the phone away from his ear and I could hear friend ranting and raging from yards away! We said we'd take it to Chandlers to have it rewired but friend slammed down the phone and within a few minutes his truck screamed into the yard. He snatched the cable and trimmer from Peter's hands, yelled that he was a 'bl..dy idiot' and drove off. I think the swear word actually began with an 'F' but I am far too lady like to use that one. "Well," I mused, as we watched the truck disappear in a cloud of dust, "that seems to be the end of a beautiful friendship." I was wrong. The next weekend, friend turned up in conciliatory mood and took Peter out for a drink as an apology! Apparently he'd had a stand up row with his wife and Peter's phone call had been the last straw. Cost of the repair? That was waved. After all, he was an electrical engineer, so he did it himself in minutes. Strange how the cutting of cables can cause such fury!

Due to the hot weather my lawn went very brown and grew little. Instead, the dandelions, or their very close relatives, took over, masses of them, sending up those irritating long stalks, all over the lawn. When Peter was fit and well, he'd attack each and every one with a long

sharp knife and remove them, now however they roam free. Warren is bringing some 'Weed and Feed' next visit so hopefully they will disappear, only to return next year, I've no doubt, to further annoy me.

The roses are looking magnificent but as I can't bend to dead head them, they aren't being given that extra 'oomph' to encourage them to flower on and on. Warren will do them but as he comes only every six weeks or so they get a little forgotten. Last year I managed to dead head only some of them. Using my stick to hang on to, I leaned forward and began to lose my balance. I saw roses and ground rushing up to meet me. Clutching my stick made not a scrap of difference so I grabbed at an old rose briar, managing to prevent myself from being entangled with yet more roses! I spent an hour or two picking out rose thorns embedded in my right hand with a pair of tweezers, rubbing on antiseptic and trying to recall when I last had an anti-tetanus jab. It could, of course, have been much, much worse so I decided then and there, that dead heading roses was a job to put on the 'once upon a time, I used to do that,' list! A list, which I am sorry to say, seems to be getting longer.

Grocery deliveries are a boon for me as my walking is a nuisance and I have the use of my computer to do the browsing for me. Attached to the kitchen is an ancient porch with a door each end. Sainsbury always put the groceries just inside the porch door, about three yards from the back door, the proper entrance into the house. "No," they say, shaking their heads sadly, "can't cross the threshold love." However, it is not really an issue but when I have carted several bags from there into my kitchen I have to rest for a while before putting it all away. I do it in two bag sorties! Grab two bags, puff and pant over the step into the kitchen, rest on a kitchen unit for five minutes, whilst there, switch the kettle on. A cuppa will definitely be needed after this lot! Set off again! The distance seems to have lengthened! I manage to get the frozen stuff into the freezer and then on my next journey, a few minutes later, the chilled items into the fridge but the rest have to stay put, often for a few hours. Even then I put things away bit by bit! Bottled water! What a weight that is. Almost as good as a work out! A friend of mine has stairs to contend with. Her lounge is on the middle floor, so too her kitchen. She follows the same principle....freezer stuff first, then perishables and finally the rest. The rest staying downstairs for quite a while! My journey grocery collecting is as nothing compared with hers! Joyce needs crampons, an ice axe and a handy rope. All I need is a pair of roller skates.

Daughter suggested that I buy ready-made pizzas and put them in the freezer for when I fancied a change. I did as bid and they sat in the freezer taking up room for a week or two. I'd ordered two, one with exotic name of Margherita and the other, American Pepperoni. I put the Margherita pizza in the oven for the few minutes it specified and then wandered off to do another paragraph. As I have probably said before, writing is for me a means of escape, so I escaped, for quite a while. 'Sniff, sniff, what on earth is that smell?' Oh great heavens, my pizza!

You know, come to think of it, pizza with a blackened edge is quite attractive. It's taste, I think, may have to be an acquired one but it might catch on! I think on that note I will finish for this week, after all it takes quite a while to crunch one's way through a charcoaled Margherita!

Love to everyone, **Jassy xx**

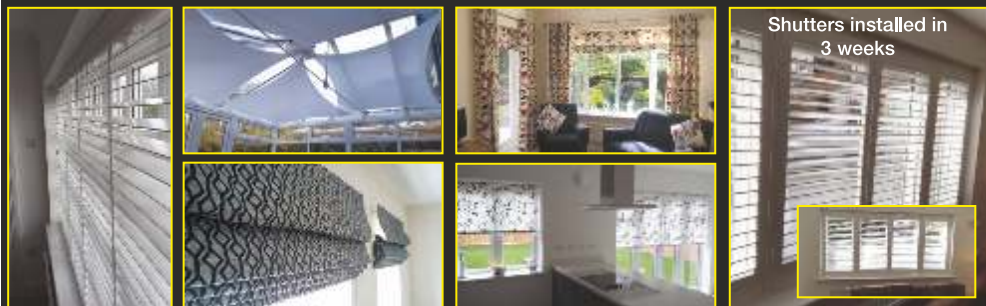




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## A Note of Thanks to Robin Dickinson

Robin has decided after 5 years as a member of the Village Hall Committee and as its Chairman for that time that he should now retire from his involvement in this important village facility. In this period Robin has worked tirelessly in not only leading the committee at its various meetings but also coming up with ideas as to how funds can be raised and at the same time looking to maintain and improve the facilities that we have. His persuasive powers encouraged many of us to participate in Scottish country dancing on more than one occasion! His culinary skills were often on display in the kitchen when we catered for up to sixty people at the monthly village breakfasts.

Robin has recently overseen the project to bring the electrical wiring and fire alarm system up to date and prior to that ensuring that we have kitchen facilities of which we can be proud.

Thank you Robin on behalf of the community for all that you have done and we look forward to welcoming you back to the hall as a user of its facilities without having the worry and responsibility for its up keep.

Bruce Nelson

### An **Explosion** at a Recycling Plant

The stress levels rocketed for Ian Scott-Browne earlier this month, when one of his colleagues radioed him and told him to call the fire brigade. Smoke had been spotted coming from one of the sorting machines at the Smallmead recycling centre, just outside Reading in southern England. He knew that a fire in one of the machines could be catastrophic as burning plastic, paper and cardboard could be quickly spread by conveyor belts which connect all the machines in the facility. There was a tense 15 minutes while firefighters, helped by some of his staff, urgently took heavy metal panels off the side of the sorting machines to track down and extinguish the fire. Small fires like that are surprisingly common at recycling centres. Somewhere in the UK there is one every day, on average. The problem is that however attentive staff might be to the threat of fire, they can't control what people put in their recycling bins. Lithium-ion batteries, which power mobile phones, tablets and toothbrushes, can be extremely volatile if damaged. CCTV footage taken at several recycling centres shows explosions sending flames and debris shooting across sorting areas. And those sorts of batteries are a growing menace. Between April 2019 and March 2020, lithium-ion batteries were suspected to have caused around 250 fires at waste facilities. That is 38% of all fires, up from 25% compared to the previous year, according to the latest data from ESA. In many cases the precise cause of a fire is never established but ESA says it is likely that lithium-ion batteries account for an even bigger proportion of fires. **Please make sure that all your batteries are disposed of at dedicated battery recycling points.**



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# Caythorpe Primary School



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## Rett UK

Sam and Elsie represented the school brilliantly when they made a surprise visit to the School Run Cafe to support Mrs Russell and her family in raising money for Rett UK. Rachel, Mrs Russell's daughter and former pupil at Caythorpe Primary School, gave birth to a beautiful baby girl called Grace on 8 March 2020. Grace is now 7 months old and is a happy, little baby who is thriving.

However, she was sadly diagnosed with Rett syndrome when she was only 4 months old.

Rett syndrome is a rare genetic neurological disorder that occurs almost exclusively in girls and leads to severe impairments, affecting nearly every aspect of the child's life: their ability to speak, walk, eat, and even breathe easily. It is usually recognized in children between 6 to 18 months as they begin to miss developmental milestones or lose abilities they had gained.

October is Rett Syndrome Awareness Month which was a great opportunity to make a lot of noise about Rett syndrome, share stories that inform, educate and engage people who can help improve the lives of people living with Rett syndrome and their families. It was also a chance to raise some much-needed funds for Rett UK. Purple is the

colour associated with Rett syndrome hence the Russell Girls all dressed in purple and Mrs Russell's glamorous purple hair!

## Waggon & Horses Pumpkin Carving Competition

The Waggon & Horses kindly delivered pumpkins to school for Halloween again this year and the children were very excited to choose one to take home with them. The children were invited to enter their pumpkins into the Waggon & Horses Pumpkin Carving Competition and there was a prize for the best pumpkin in each year group. Thank you to the Waggon & Horses for providing some normality and fun during this very difficult time.

## Hand Knitted Poppies

Mrs Moule, the mother in law of an officer who has been cared for by the army following injury suffered while on active service, has hand knitted 1,000 poppies as a way of saying 'thank you' for the care he has received. Reverend Hadley kindly delivered enough of the hand knitted poppies to school for all of the staff and children. After sharing a special Remembrance assembly, Enchanted Forest painted their own poppies for Remembrance Day.



Thank you to everyone who supported us in raising money for the Poppy Appeal. We raised £62.50.

### Viking Invasion

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November Narnia Class was raided by Vikings!

As their big bang to start our topic on “Were the Vikings vicious and victorious?” Wolfric visited on her long ship with lots of Viking things to show us to teach us about what life was like for a Viking. Firstly, we had to row on our long ships to Lindisfarne. The children were fascinated by the weapons, spears, axes, swords and armour. Only rich Vikings had swords. Wolfric also taught the children a game called “Two Men’s Morris”. In the afternoon they looked at artefacts and had to discuss what they thought it was, its uses and what it was made of. Most impressive was the tool used for extracting ear wax. They had great fun playing the “What did Vikings eat” game. Did you know they did not eat orange carrots? The carrots in Viking times were white, purple or green! We can’t wait to find out more about life in the Viking times.



The whole school enjoyed coming to school dressed in their pyjamas & donating £1 to help raise money for Children in Need. We raised over £100 which is amazing. Children in Need is a fantastic charity which aims to make a real difference to the lives of children all across the UK. They believe every child should have a childhood which is safe, happy and secure with

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## History **Today** with Mansell Beard



My memories of Tom's steam-engine were of watching them threshing stacks of sheaves just off the road on the north-eastern corner of King's Hill when I would be about 7 or 8. As I recall, Tom and his wife Elsie lived in the bungalow on the corner of the High Street and Frieston Road and kept his steam-engine just down the road from there in a tin sheeted building just south of what is now Mark Woodward's garage.

Frieston Hall hasn't changed other than losing all that foliage hanging onto its frontage and in gaining a double garage. My earliest memory of the Hall was Herbert Ward driving his post-war Citroen Traction Avant (I think, it's a long time ago) and subsequently checking on his grazing cattle over at Normanton.



Looking over the bottom green we still have Craggs Cottage which has recently been refurbished. Although we now have a metalled road, footpath and minimal alterations to the properties it is still very recognisable from those early photos.

*Words courtesy of John Scott  
Frieston Resident*

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**Above & Left**

**Photos of the New Scout Hut and Scouts, Frieston Green - 1956**



**Left & below, Frieston Lane - Then and Now! (Colour picture from Judith Scott)**



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# Pumpkins & Pastures New

By Karen Pepper  
CFAA Chairperson



The Caythorpe and Frieston Allotment Association (CFAA) held their second annual pumpkin sale on Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup> October. Although very different from last year's sale, where we were in the warmth of the village hall with homemade cake and hot tea and coffee, the weather was kind to us and kept us dry. We were overwhelmed by the wonderful support of so many in such a short space of time...all sold in 25 minutes! The kind comments and the chance to have a natter, socially distanced of course, made our pumpkin sale an enjoyable event. The pictures on the village Facebook page of the carved pumpkins were great to see and added to the 'different' Halloween celebrations. With your amazing support we raised £49 for the CFAA. Hopefully next year we will be inside the village hall again with the cake, refreshments and raffle. We have plans to grow lots more pumpkins and different varieties too; with lots of digging, help from Mother Nature and manure we have our fingers crossed for a successful pumpkin patch! I would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who stops and has a natter with us when you are out and about and we are working on our plots, I personally have found this a great opportunity to meet more people in these restricted times and put the world to rights.

Our wonderful Secretary, Mel Stevens, will soon be leaving the village with his lovely wife Linda and all of us allotment plot holders will be sad to see them go. Myself especially as Mel has helped me through the learning curve of becoming a Chairperson and how to hold a



Mel & Linda Stevens

Photo courtesy of Richard Hall

meeting, or not in my case! Mel has been our secretary from the inception of the CFAA when the current plots were an overgrown field and money had to be raised to get it all off the ground; so you can imagine the amount of work and hours he has put in to make it the great success it is today. He is also a great vegetable grower and I have spent many a time looking to see what Mel does along with Google to check we are doing it correctly. I now know to cover the onion sets with soil, as Mel walked past our plot and mentioned in passing if I was going to get around to covering them, you live and learn. We all wish Mel and Linda many happy times in their new home and garden and are sorry we cannot give you the send-off you both deserve but a gift of garden vouchers are on their way...socially distanced of course!



# Local Information for Lincolnshire People

By Cllr Alexander Maughan

**Lincolnshire County Council received £835,000 from the government for additional support for vulnerable people which we have already allocated as follows:**

- Additional funding of £400,000 to the Lincolnshire Food Partnership to ensure new and emerging local food banks will have grants and support in place to help them to thrive. To find details of your local food bank go to [www.lincolnfoodpartnership.org/](http://www.lincolnfoodpartnership.org/).
- A further £215,000 to the Community Lincs Programme run by the YMCA which support Good Neighbour schemes and food kitchens for communities in Lincolnshire. You can find schemes in your area here: [www.maphub.net/LincsGNS/lincs-gns](http://www.maphub.net/LincsGNS/lincs-gns)
- During the pandemic we've also provided the Lincolnshire Resilience Forum (LRF) with £217,000 to bulk purchase food stock to support our most vulnerable residents.

As always we will respond to requests for support positively and if there are children in need we will act immediately to keep them safe. If people need help then they can contact us on [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/childrenshealth](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/childrenshealth) or 01522 782030 and we will direct you to further support. I am also aware that many of our local parishes have volunteer groups set up to assist with any requests for help as well.

If you require any further information then please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email.

**Alexander Maughan . Lincolnshire County Councillor for Hough Division**


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into the routine of playing and socialising with their friends.

Before the break, the children collected a pumpkin each from school, these were kindly donated by the Waggon and Horses in the village. We shared the story "Room on the Broom" and the boys decided to share the broom! We made sparkly firework pictures and used our fingers to create Remembrance Day poppy pictures.



We talked about staying safe, not only on Bonfire night but throughout the year. We thought about some of the different jobs people do to keep us safe and look after us all.

We celebrated Diwali by using coloured sand to decorate the patterns on our Rangoli pictures.

Our topics have included "Space" which included making a space station and travelling to the moon and planets in our fantastic tin foil rocket! We have also been Pirates looking at the moon and stars through our telescopes from our Pirate Ship.



We have been learning and practising putting on our coats and hats so that we can still spend plenty of time outside.

As Christmas approaches we will be doing lots of crafts using lots of glitter which we know you all love and will still be around in January! Those Christmas tree decorations will still be hanging on your trees when they are in their teens. It has to be done!

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## Defibrillator Home Required

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Due to not being able to site the defibrillator in Frieston, we are now looking to house the fourth defibrillator within Caythorpe, but ideally situated as near to Frieston as can possibly be.

In order to house the defibrillator, it needs to be somewhere that has public access, and a small electrical battery charge connection would need to be fitted, of which the Parish Council would cover all costs.

If you are aware of anywhere that you feel may be a suitable spot, or if this is something that you feel you may be able to support the parish with, please contact me on either: [c.lin-forth-caythorpepc@outlook.com](mailto:c.lin-forth-caythorpepc@outlook.com) or **07815 569194**.

## Knitted Poppies

We were able to sell knitted poppies across the Benefice in church and school and village pub (thank you The Red Lion) and thanks to your amazing generosity we together raised the magnificent sum of £317.50 for the 2020 Poppy Appeal – never have I seen so many bank notes folded and pushed into a slot designed for coin! I think it was the fact that the 1,000 poppies had been knitted by the mother in law of an officer who had benefited from the Army’s care for him following injury suffered while on active service that inspired us to respond in such a generous manner. Thank You



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# Goodbye 2020! It's Been Different!

Wow...what a year this has been, we have all become far more familiar with slogans like 'Hands, Space, Face' and 'Lock down' in this year that has been utterly dominated by the Covid-19 pandemic. We would be hard pressed to find news stories that were not in some way affected by this disease, but we are gonna try!

**SPORT** - Liverpool F.C. romped home to their first league title since 1991, winning their 19<sup>th</sup> league title overall. Lewis Hamilton achieved a 7<sup>th</sup> World Championship in F1, equalling the great Michael Schumacher's record. The Olympics and Euro Championship were postponed to 2021, however, for the first time in over 20 years, Scotland will be joining us in the Finals! In Rugby Union, England won the Six Nations trophy completing their 29<sup>th</sup> outright title win in October, some seven months later than originally planned!



**Politics** - America (pending Donald Trump putting his toys back in his pram and accepting the inevitable) elected a new President, Joe Biden, pictured here with his Vice President Elect Kamala Harris, America's first female Vice President!

In May, we saw the news of George Floyd's killing by Police Officers in Minnesota, sparking civil unrest and the bringing to prominence of the 'Black Lives Matter' movement. Protests occurred worldwide, including in the UK, culminating in the Statue of Edward Colston, a 17<sup>th</sup> Century Slave Trader, being dumped into Bristol Harbour.

**Obituaries** - Actors - Christopher Beeny, Derek Fowlds, Terry Jones, Nicholas Parsons, Honor Blackman, Jill Gascoine, Michael Angelis, Ian Holm, Diana Rigg, Sean Connery, John Sessions and Geoffrey Palmer.

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Others - Stirling Moss (Racing Driver), Alan Minter (Boxer), Michel Roux (Chef) and Terance Conran (Designer).



# Hello 2021 - What's In Store?

Well, depending on how lock-down proceeds, we have plenty to look forward to on the Film front, from all the delayed films expected in 2020 mainly! 007 returning in 'No Time To Die', Avatar 2 and a host of Marvel/DC offerings. Thanos may not of stopped Marvel's heroes, but Covid certainly did, for a while at least! In Sport, In Euro 2020 we will see England face off with Scotland in Group D, and Wales compete in Group A, starting on June 11<sup>th</sup>! The delayed Olympics kicks off in Tokyo on 23<sup>rd</sup> July!



One Netflix show that will return for its 3<sup>rd</sup> series is 'Cobra Kai', based on 'The Karate Kid' movies, picking up the story some 34 years on. As Laura has watched the first two series about 20 times over, I for one will be happy to see something new for once! Whatever 2021 throws at us, after all we have faced already, we will be ready for it, maybe we need to adopt a Cobra Kai approach to it, Strike First, Strike Hard, No Mercy!



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# In & Around The Garden

November is an awkward time in the garden. As the annuals die off and the perennials prepare for their winter sleep there is a lot of cutting back and tidying to do, weather permitting. Cutting everything back in one go is tempting, but some of the dead flower heads are attractive and ladybirds and other insects take shelter within the plants, so I deal with individual plants as they start to collapse and make a soggy mess, re-homing the wildlife as necessary. The ornamental grasses are the last to go – I leave them until the new growth appears in late winter – and their dead, buff- coloured stems give a bit of height when nearly everything else is down to ground level.



There is still a fair bit of colour to be enjoyed. The 'Evereste' crab apple has produced so many little orange fruits that it has temporarily become a weeping tree.

This variety holds its fruits well into winter and provides food for birds and small rodents. A lot of leaves have fallen, but our

native silver birch (*Betula pendula*) sheds a bit later than the white barked 'Jacquemontii', and a bit of sun made the one next door look spectacular. We have a mature specimen, the tallest tree in our garden, but it is less popular with my husband, as the small leaves are difficult to clear from the lawn.



There are few birds around at the moment, but the resident robin and wren are still with us. Finches and tits come in occasionally for the sunflower hearts, and a great spotted woodpecker dropped by for a snack. We also saw a red kite fly over at tree-top height and were able to appreciate just how big these birds are. The small birds will be back once the weather gets cold, so I cleaned out all the nest boxes and primed them with a bit of hay (not straw) as instructed by the RSPB. I got a surprise when I opened one and a great tit flew out, but fortunately it was just visiting, not nesting. I bought two 'Woodcrete' tit boxes last year, but got ones designed to hang in a tree by mistake. I wasn't sure if they would be popular swinging from a branch, so put one on a fence. That one was empty apart from a few droppings, but the hanging one held an old nest. I'll have to suspend the other one now.

Once, for Christmas, I was given a small cactus impaled with everlasting flowers. I took pity on it, removed the flowers and potted it on. I am not very good with house plants: my 'right plant – right place' philosophy doesn't work for tropical species in a Lincolnshire living room. The little cactus survived, however, and now has 5 branches up to 75cm (2 ½ ft) tall and is still growing. I haven't managed to identify it, so I don't know when/if it is going to stop. I'm not looking forward to potting it on again- the spines look quite woolly, but they definitely are not! With all good wishes for Christmas and the New year, **JA**



# Caythorpe & Frieston PC

Hello to everyone I'd like to start this message with some positive news. SKDC Best Kept Village Competition. I was very grateful to receive the runner-up award on behalf of Caythorpe and Frieston Parish Council. The award is due to many people pulling together to make our community a vibrant and pleasant place to live and this is just one example. Cllr Crawley co-ordinates the SKDC Big Clean team to assist in keeping the overgrown areas clear and tidy especially the footpaths so people can walk and push prams and buggies along. We have our litter pickers the Watson Bros, (no they're not a group!), who conduct weekly litter picks around the parish, Cllr Andy Crawley and his team who target areas of the parish such as Gorse Hill Lane and the A607 and clear those areas of litter. Mid UK have been working to ensure less litter emanates from the lorries attending the site and all this makes the parish more pleasant place to live. Of course it would be better if people didn't throw litter about, however, they do, and keeping it tidy is down to a tight group of people within our parish. We also have Councillor Andy Roberts whose passion to keep the village in good order shines through again by directing work to keep footpaths clear, bins emptied the wall memorial and burial ground looking spick and span. He ensures the benches around the village are in good order. Cllr Graham keeps his beady eye over the footpaths and gets them free of overgrown foliage where it is required. All of these little things go to make up a cohesive team.

We then have residents like Mike Sinnatt who regularly mows the verges and triangle as you approach the village on the A607 all of this for no recompense, just community spirit!! There are, of course, contractors to mow the upper and lower greens at Frieston. Dog fouling has been a constant issue for us, but again Cllrs Jean Allan and Darren Lee have done a sterling job in keeping this to a minimum and businesses within the community that put out hanging baskets such as the Wagon and Horses and the Red Lion also make the High Street a nicer place to be. Our Playing field and Village Hall teams take time and care to make them such a lovely asset for the parish. Lastly but not least all of the residents who keep the gardens and premises looking really nice and good which makes the walk around the village one of the most pleasant areas to be. So I'm really happy and pleased that all the effort put in by people within our parish has been recognised and thank you very much for this award we will, of course, try even harder next year to get the ultimate of first prize.

We have appointed a new councillor to replace John Carpenter who resigned from the council earlier this year. The new councillor is Councillor Darren Lee who lives in Frieston. He will take over the portfolios vacated by Councillor Jean Allen, (who has taken the Neighbourhood plan over) these are the emergency plan, shops, business and employment, and dog fouling. I welcome Darren onto our Parish Council Team and really look forward to working with him to make a difference for the remaining period of 2020 and 2021.

We held our meeting #5 on the 11th of November, again, this was via zoom and I see the remaining meetings for January and March also continuing via zoom. The agenda still goes on the notice board seven days prior to the meeting and if people would like to attend via zoom as members of the public then we ask them to contact the Parish Clerk for an invite to the meeting. So if you ever feel that you would like to attend a meeting currently this is the route to do so .

I was able to report to the meeting that we are now in receipt of the bench which will be placed in Chapel Lane sometime in the near future. The meeting addressed a number of



local issues and if you are interested in finding out what went on at the meeting then our minutes will be on the local notice board adjacent to the primary school and also published on our website. These are draught minutes until approved by the full Council at the next meeting but will give you a flavour of the items discussed.

During our second lockdown I think we are all feeling the constraints that such restrictions put on households and our local businesses. I really do feel for the hospitality businesses in our area who were just beginning to get back on their feet following the first lockdown only to be impacted on again by the 2nd lockdown. I hope we can help support them during these times by using their click and collect or take away services, thankfully we've all continued to support the local shop and as such we have a really good array of products on the shelves for us to be able to buy, this now means we don't have to rely on the big supermarkets and more importantly going into the more infected areas .

With the Christmas period looming fast I'm sure we're all going to be busy in making preparations for the festive season whatever form it takes and however we are able to celebrate it! I'm sure this year will be very different to previous years and we will have to mend and make do, until this virus is defeated, hopefully the vaccines will play a part in this and are much nearer to helping us defeat it.

All that remains is for me to wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year! Please don't forget, let's look after our neighbours and support each other during these strange times. Take care

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The children's play area at the field was dressed with new bark earlier in the year and this has greatly improved the surface within the park. However there is a tendency for the bark to migrate from around the roundabout and under the swings in particular causing quite deep depressions that make it harder for children to access the play equipment and remove the cushioning effect this provides in the event of a fall.

One idea under consideration is installing limited areas of rubber matting restrained in a timber frame under the play equipment so that there is no bark in these areas to be worn away by small feet. We are looking at the cost of doing this and will decide on a way forward in the near future.

The recent report on the safety of the children's play area has highlighted a number of issues regarding the play equipment which is now about 10 years old and needs substantial repair and replacement to keep it in good and safe condition. An estimate has been obtained which is in excess of £6000 to repair some of the deteriorated bits of kit and we are looking to get this done in the near future and hopefully before the start of spring when the equipment will be used more regularly.

Mid UK were approached about this problem and agreed to make a donation of £700 towards the cost of the repairs. This has helped enormously with keeping this a safe village amenity and our grateful thanks goes to Mid UK.

If anyone has any ideas of how we can raise further funds to achieve the repairs without eating too deeply into our reserves, then please get in touch with either Andy Crawley (07986 548474) or Laura Leeds (07375 701575). Help and new ideas are always welcome, so if you would like to get involved, then please get in touch.

A worrying development is the amount of litter that has been deposited on the field and broken glass where bottles have been smashed around the Pavilion. This is not only unsightly but also dangerous. There are bins provided around the playing field so if you bring something to eat or drink whilst at the playing field then please, please, either take it home with you or use the bins provided.

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# Not from the Rectory

## Christmas is not cancelled!

Precisely what we shall be allowed to do after 'Lockdown 2' in terms of Christmas with our families and in church remains to be seen. What we can say is that Christmas is not cancelled although it will be different and there is in general a sense of goodness around us at Christmas which brings hope and colour and joy at that time of the year when the days are their shortest Throughout Lockdown [1 & 2] the Church shines as a beacon and nowhere more so does it do this that in our cathedral city of Lincoln where we look up as darkness falls and see our great mother church bathed in light.

My guide to England's cathedrals by train is in need of an update for no longer is it true to say that 'direct train services from London to Lincoln are very few, considering the importance of the city and not necessarily convenient to the traveller' for since autumn 2019 LNER, with its fleet of Azuma trains, provides a regular service throughout the day from King's Cross via Stevenage, Peterborough, Grantham and Newark to Lincoln.

Your intrepid guide was therefore able to enjoy [pre lockdown] a main line direct train service for the journey – of about 35 or 40 minutes – from Grantham to our city of Lincoln with one of the great churches of Christendom standing at the top of that appropriately named Steep Hill – though if truth be told, in order to gain the cathedral in time for the lunch time service, a taxi was called upon!

The service took place in the quiet of the shrine of St Hugh where the eye can rise to contemplate the great east window and try to marry up the stained-glass panels with its corresponding biblical story. To the north of the shrine of St Hugh is the smallest of all the remaining chantry chapels – that to Bishop Robert Fleming, Bishop of Lincoln 1420-31 – notable for the magnificent 'cadaver tomb' below the window which gives a view into the chapel. On the top of the tomb lies the fine stone figure of the bishop while below at ground level carved in stone is the cadaver reminding us that however grand and important we are in this life - we will take nothing with us in death.



The cathedral boasts two very different but equally impressive libraries: a visit to the Medieval Library has been compared to taking a step back in time. This is one of the 'chained libraries' and retains 3 of the original lecterns that medieval scholars would have used to study manuscripts and theological writings. The collection includes writings of St Augustine and St Thomas Aquinas as well as



the Lincoln Chapter Bible, thought to be the earliest English Romanesque Bible.

You step from the medieval library of 1422 into the 'light, elegant and airy' library designed by Sir Christopher Wren and housing the collection built up by Michael Honeywood who was appointed Dean and given the task of restoring the cathedral after the damage it has sustained during the Civil War. The library cost £1,000 and was paid for in full by the new Dean. It is one of only two purpose-built libraries by Wren to survive, the other being at Trinity College, Cambridge.

No visit to Lincoln is complete without a browse through the independent bookshop more or less opposite the White Hart and of course Watsons lures one in for a refill of shaving soap from George Trumper – to choose between sandalwood and almond! Add to that a visit to Grayz just off The Bail for their delicious offering of Lincolnshire plum bread served with Wensleydale cheese – highly recommended once we are free to travel again.

Meanwhile in the words of Archbishop William Temple: Grant, O Lord, that as the years change, we may find rest in your eternal changelessness. May we meet this year new year bravely, sure in the faith that, while men and women come and go, and life changes around us, you are always the same, guiding us with your wisdom, and protecting us with your love.

With every good wish for Christmas and the New Year,  
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Hough	10.00 MP/CB	09.00 HC/SH		
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# PETE'S CHRISTMAS PUZZLES

*ALL ANSWERS ON NEXT PAGE*

1. Which country donates the Christmas tree in Trafalgar Square?
2. Which monarch made the first Christmas Royal Broadcast ?
3. Which Shakespeare play was a Christmas Present for Elizabeth I?
4. Who is the patron saint celebrated on the 26th of December?
5. What gifts did The Three Wise Men give Jesus on his birthday?
6. Who banned Christmas carols after the English Civil War in 1647?
7. Which Century was Christmas first celebrated in the UK?
8. What colour are mistletoe berries?
9. Which soft drinks company was the first to have ads featuring Santa?
10. What popular Christmas toy is actually named after a political figure?
11. What is Father Christmas called in France?
12. What is the name of Ebenezer Scrooge's partner in 'A Christmas Carol'?
13. Who wants to steal Christmas?
14. What year was the original 'Do They Know It's Christmas?' Written?
15. Who recorded 'Blue Christmas'?
16. What 1990 movie tells the story of a boy whose house is robbed at Christmas?
17. What Christmas drink is made with milk, egg and sugar?
18. Which Hans Christian Andersen fairy tale inspired the movie 'Frozen'?
19. Name the first eight reindeers? (Hint - Not Rudolph!)
20. Which Christmas song is best sung when "the weather outside is frightful"?

## Dingbats

### Christmas Edition

1. ...efghijklmnop...

2. Chripuddstmas

3. Shhhh CBE

## Sudoku

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## Pete's Puzzles Answers

- Answers to Pete's Puzzles**
1. Norway has donated a tree every year since 1947
  2. King George V, in 1932
  3. The Merry Wives Of Windsor
  4. St. Stephen
  5. Gold, Myrrh, and Frankincense
  6. Oliver Cromwell
  7. 6<sup>th</sup> Century
  8. White
  9. Coca-Cola
  10. The teddy bear – named after U.S. President Theodore "Teddy" Roosevelt.
  11. Pere Noel
  12. Jacob Marley
  13. The Grinch
  14. 1984
  15. Elvis Presley
  16. Home Alone
  17. Eggnog
  18. The Snow Queen
  19. Blitzen, Comet, Dasher, Prancer, Vixen, Dancer, and Donner
  20. Let It Snow!

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1. Noel
  2. Christmas Pudding
  3. Silent Night



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Caythorpe Primary School	01400 272600
Sir William Robertson School	01400 272422

## WHAT'S ON IN DEC 20?

*No matter what, it's Christmas  
and New Years, so eat, drink  
and be merry!*

Remember...

*Get the turkey out to  
defrost in plenty of time,  
Wrap the pressies before  
Xmas Eve and don't  
forget the Crackers!*

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## CHRISTMAS QUIZ

**Saturday 5th December**

Bums on reserved seats from 6pm.

Quiz begins at 7pm.

Purchase your quiz and picture round.

£2pp entry winner takes the pot!



## CHRISTMAS FAYRE

**From 7th Dec to 23rd Dec  
Monday to Friday 12-2 & 5-9pm**

Our Christmas fayre menu for groups of friends,  
colleagues or family is available

**This menu must be pre-ordered in advance.**

## NEW YEARS EVE

**Thursday 31st December  
New Years Eve**

Food served 12 - 2.30pm  
Drinks served from 11am.



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