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News & Views Editorial

Hello All, We hope you all had a fabulous Christmas and New Year's period, albeit different to how we all would wish it to be. This edition marks a bit of a personal milestone for us, as it's the start of our 4th year in the Editor's Seats. Our first edition was issue number 33 all the way back in February 2018!

As the front cover depicts, Great News!!! We have light at the end of the Covid tunnel, vaccines are being rolled out all over the country and it's full steam ahead towards getting back to normality at some point in the future. Not to say we can get complacent here and now of course, Hands, Face, Space is still the mantra of the day and we all have to do our bit now, for all of our futures. We have been hearing about some people who have had their vaccination already, and it's good to see so many people out and about, within their bubbles and socially distancing when we are walking our dogs. Life finds a way, and it will return to normal some time soon.

By the time you read this, the orange buffoon Trump will no longer be US President, with some luck he will be under arrest for inciting the dreadful scenes we saw a couple of weeks or so ago at the Capitol Building in Washington D.C. Let's hope these events become just an unsavoury footnote of history and not the start of something altogether far worse.

We have a great article on Home Education written by local Caythorpe resident Rachael Page on page 8, a very interesting read on how lockdown has affected children who are already familiar with home based education.

History Today with Mansell Beard on pages 22 & 23 has pictures from yesteryear of Caythorpe High Street, with their modern day images alongside them, always interesting to see how much changes, and how so much stays the same as well!

Talking of things staying the same, we hope you are happy to see the new edition of News & Views. It's important to tell you that we all volunteer our time to bring this fantastic magazine to you, although we pull the magazine together, it would not be able to drop through your doors without our dedicated Team of Distributors for each village area and again, we pass on our heartfelt thanks to them for their agreement to carry on (again) through our current lockdown situation. You guys and gals really are THE best!

As we go to print, we still have a smattering of snow on the ground, more is forecast for next weekend, the weekend when we are expecting N&V to be distributed...with any luck the weather people have it wrong, don't get me wrong, I love snow, but when it gets in the way of our distribution, then it's a problem :P

So, fingers crossed for finer weather, Stay Safe - **Pete & Laura**

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Lockdown & Home Education (HE)

By Rachael Page

“Oh my word I could not spend all day with my child! So, because you home educate your daughter – nothing much has changed for you then?”

This always makes me chuckle. I like the honesty! The short answer (of course) is “Everything has changed!”

THE LONG ANSWER

Home education isn't just about sitting at a desk and doing schoolwork – from home, between 9am and 3pm. At least not for us. Sure, we spend an hour or two in the mornings doing a little deskwork. Home education is about consent and autonomy in learning and life. It is about being in nature and being part of a community with friends. HE gives our children the opportunity to explore and express themselves within groups of varying ages and walks of life. To be in control of who and what they see and do – just like in our adult world. To have, express and explore different viewpoints and to be involved in everyday issues. To experience and experiment with as many activities and subjects as we can get involved in. To learn about and celebrate the differences in people.

It's about starting your child's life – as they wish to go on. Not **becoming** happy. It's about **continuing** to be happy. Not deciding what you want to do – just continuing to do – and allowing your life to naturally evolve.



Organised HE activities have pretty much grinded to a halt for us since March – given that we rely on social clubs, village halls and public areas etc for meeting places. Due to the current circumstances - a lot of people have been left with little alternative; but to take on the role as teacher within their family – whilst juggling their existing work and home life commitments.

I don't envy this for several reasons, namely because we've continued to educate our daughter from birth – there are not the same pressures and expectations – there is not a curriculum or the daunting feeling that we have to fill the boots of an experienced teacher.

Our learning is not conventional; with the exception of 1-2 hours desk work a day – the rest

is learnt through play, interaction and natural organic learning and reading.

We learn about photosynthesis and seed dispersal whilst out on walks. We talk about seasons and the 7 characteristics of living organisms – science is everywhere so we don't learn it at a desk.

We talk about politics and human rights over dinner and encourage our daughter to share her views. We read about the Romans or Egyptians as part of our everyday reading. None of this has changed. But I have come to realise that this is only a minor part of HE. Lock down has really emphasised what is paramount in HE – and that is community.

I asked my daughter how she felt lockdown had affected her education. She said; “The work we do in the mornings hasn't changed - but I miss my friends and the activities”

Prior to lockdown we spent very little time at home and our average week was pretty hectic with swimming lessons, HE meet ups (where they do Science and Art), Drama group (here in Caythorpe), Piano/recorder lessons, group tennis lessons, Forest School, group Gymnastics to name a few. Of course, not forgetting Ballet, Modern and Tap dancing at a neighbouring village during the weekend. There are also loads of free resources online and free activities, groups and regular events at local libraries and museums. Discounts for online learning and days out (such as National Trust memberships) are plentiful once you start looking.

Furthermore, there are weekly play dates at Belton House (where children ranging from 3 – 13 get to free play for 4-5 hours at a time) and organised days out, such as trips to the National Space Centre, The Deep, Lego Land, windmills, fire stations, national trust properties, places of historical interest, craft events, castles and family festivals. As you can see, we spend very little time at home.



During lockdown, HE has taken on a rather 2-dimensional state. Recorder and science taking place over zoom – all our socialising via various apps ranging from (my) Facebook messenger calls – zoom – and group Minecraft session with the occasional Horrible Histories and Nature documentaries thrown in to make the days move a little faster.

So overall – our Home Ed lives have been turned upside down. Everything has changed for us - and we cannot wait to return to some sort of normal!

Preserves for Charity

By Karen Pepper
CFAA Chairperson



Caythorpe & Frieston Allotment Association (CFAA) have donated annually to amenities within the village and we didn't want to forgo fundraising for charities in 2020. Covid19 had prevented many charities from receiving much needed funds due to the lockdown and many fundraising events were cancelled. Our fellow plot holders Gordon and Margaret Grant support a Nepalese Orphanage and our neighbours Mavis and Mark support Guide dogs for the Blind; so we decided we would support these good causes this year, but how with all the restrictions?

Luckily the summer months provided an abundance of soft fruits from our own garden, many allotment plots and from our friend Susie's orchard we gathered plums and greengages...lots of jam could be made. Our plea for jam jars on the village Facebook page was soon answered with many bags full of jars being left on our doorstep.

After lots of soaking, scrubbing, dishwashing and oven sterilising the jars were ready to be filled with delicious jam and chutney. Mavis was busily cutting out the pretty cloth tops for the jars and the Maslin pan was on the hob constantly. My hands turned different colours from the plum and greengage preparation and gloves were used for the beetroot to avoid bright pink hands!

Our village Facebook page gave us the platform to advertise our wares and a table was set out in the shade on our front drive. You were all amazing with spreading the word and the produce began to sell. Everyone was so thoughtful and honest with using the hand sanitiser before handling the jars and putting payment through our letter box.

The table couldn't be out all of the time due to the changeable weather and I'm sure we were a source of entertainment to our neighbours as to the yell of, "It's raining", our family knew to stop everything and run outside and grab the jars, table etc.



You all helped to raise a total of £135 which has been shared equally, £67.50 each, between the Nepalese orphanage and Guide Dogs for the blind. Thank you for your support and reminding us of the caring side of our lovely village.



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"Where Learning Comes First"

Emily Pays Tribute to World War 2 Heroes

When Emily, 10, found out that her new school topic was going to be World War 2, she knew exactly who to go to for plenty of in-depth information.

Emily took it upon herself to complete extra homework and spoke to both of her Great Grandad's who experienced the global war.

'I spoke to my Grandma and my Dad and they shared what they knew about my Great Grandparents' time

during the war. I also spoke to both of my Great Grandad's - one is 98 and the other one is 94.'

Using an array of photos, primary sources of evidence and typed out letters, Emily created a fantastic booklet to share with her friends and family.

The detail Emily came across was quite astonishing as her relatives recalled stories of training, imprisonment, interrogation, rations, mixed messages and even being shot down!

'I enjoyed finding out different information about what happened during World War 2 whilst completing my booklet.

I am going to keep the original booklet on my bookshelf and I have printed some off for family members. We are learning about World War 2 in school this term so one copy is going on display in the classroom.'

Christmas at Caythorpe Primary School

Despite continuing to live through unprecedented times, we all enjoyed a fantastic build up to Christmas at Caythorpe School year. The FSA have continued to be absolutely amazing and the worldwide pandemic did not stop them providing their usual wonderful array of Christmas activities for our children and their families.

Our celebrations started with a delicious Christmas Lunch from Farm Kitchen and the Christmas Present Room where children could shop for gifts for members of their family. The Christmas Treasure Hunt was a huge success and lots of families enjoyed solving the clues as they walked around Caythorpe village in the rain! The whole school loved coming to school in their Christmas clothes, making Christmas decorations and watching Christmas movies. As we were unable to go to the pantomime this year we watched Jack and the Beanstalk via Zoom instead which was very entertaining.

As an alternative to our usual Christmas performances each class recorded a Christmas song for their families to enjoy at home. Class Christmas parties were great fun with lots of dancing, games and yummy treats. However, the highlight of this year's Christmas festivities has to be our surprise visit from Father Christmas and his elves! The children were elated when they saw Santa trotting down Back Lane via horse and carriage and they loved their special letters, chocolate treats and reindeer food to sprinkle on Christmas Eve.

New Year Lockdown

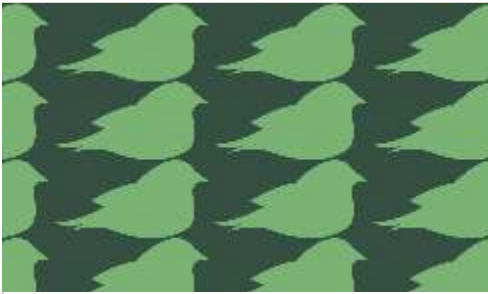
During the period of national lockdown, Caythorpe Primary School is doing its utmost to continue to provide pupils with a high-quality education through remote learning. As part of our remote learning, pupils are engaging in a daily meeting on Microsoft Teams which means that the teacher and the children can 'see' and each other. Work for each day is set on ClassDojo which is a school communication platform that teachers and families can use to share what's being learned and to communicate.

We have been amazed at how quickly staff, parents and pupils have adapted to remote learning which is fantastic as it means that the children are being provided with clear a sequence of learning which is as close as possible to the education they would receive in the classroom. As well as providing remote

learning for pupils at home, staff are supporting critical worker and vulnerable children in school. Parents have been brilliant at sharing all of the work that the children are doing at home and staff are providing a great variety of activities for the children in school.

Staff worked tirelessly throughout the pandemic to ensure that the children are safe, well cared for and educated to a high standard. Parents have been hugely supportive and the children have been amazing and certainly kept all of the staff going with their endless enthusiasm, cheerfulness and positivity.





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Dear All,

It seems such a long time since the children finished for the Christmas holidays. Due to the ongoing situation parents were unable to visit the setting for our end of year Christmas song time.

We overcame this by getting the children together on Party day and sending a recording home on online learning account - Tapestry, they sang beautifully! (photo)



Before the break some of the children had the opportunity to see Santa Claus during his visit to the Primary School. A big thank you to Santa who did well to stay on the sleigh! and to the Elves and horses who behaved very well! The children were so excited and the visit brought some cheer to the end of what has been a very challenging year for both staff and children.

The New year has seen the return of some of our children. We have been to see the lambs on Love Lane, the children were fascinated by the different noises each lamb made.

We have been learning about people and animals from cold climates and how we can look after the birds in our own country during the winter months. We will be making bird feeders using lard and seeds.

The children have been given a GARDEN BIRD SURVEY so they can look out for the birds at home. They will make a note or tick their findings over two weeks and return it to Pre-school where we can look at it together. This activity encourages mark making skills and looking around the natural environment in which we live.



A huge thank-you to everyone who donated to our fundraising "Bags to school" Your support is greatly appreciated. We raised £144.00 which will go towards new resources for the children. Caythorpe Pre-school is a registered charity.(No 1041083). We would welcome any fundraising ideas, donations or offers to support us in the form of sponsorship or

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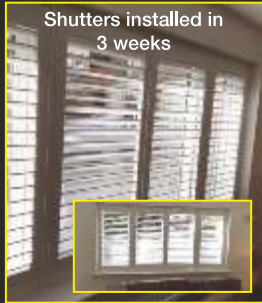


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Cricket News

By now the Cricket Club's winter Training Session should have been underway on Sunday afternoons at the Carre's Sports Hall in Sleaford. This year we were planning to invite our younger players from the Under 9's and Under 10's age groups to participate for the first time and had booked the nets for an additional hour. Unfortunately, this became just one of the many Covid casualties! Should there be any relaxation of the lockdown before Easter we will try and resume play.

This is also the time of the year when Fixtures are made for next summer and this task is going ahead as normal in case we can play.

The Caythorpe Men will be playing on Sundays, basically taking on the Fixture programmes that were not possible in 2020. The Under 9's and 10's will play on Sunday mornings, and the older Junior sides in mid-week. Claypole will be renting our facilities again on Saturdays, but will play in a Newark League, having left the South Lincs & Borders group.

All-Stars Cricket for the 5–8-year-olds will hopefully commence in May and parents should keep an eye on the ECB site for registration, usually opening in February. Coira has informed the ECB that if the start is delayed by the pandemic she is prepared to run the programme through the school summer holiday. Interested parents should register at: www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars and click on "register an interest" to be at the top of the waiting list.

The County have already asked for three Junior games to be held here so hopefully we will have a busy summer on the Cricket Ground.

With the field currently covered in snow and the Club closed throughout the pandemic we can only dream of summer Cricket in the sunshine with a glass of something sparkling to hand!

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In Memory of Amy Richardson



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The Playing Field Committee extend our deepest condolences to the family of Amy Richardson.

Amy was involved with the Playing Field over many years, sometimes, as latterly, a Committee Member, and at other times a hard-working Volunteer behind the scenes.

In recent years she was very much involved with planning and implementing the refurbishment of the Social Clubroom, whilst about eleven years ago she was a driving force in the upgrading of the

Children's Play Area which is still so popular.

Amy would have loved to know that we have just received a substantial Grant (from SKDC's Community Fund) towards the renewal of the worn parts of the Play Area which she had helped design.

When we are able to resume face-to-face Meetings we will sorely miss Amy's cheerful disposition.

* * * *

The following extract is taken from the Order of Service at the Thanks-giving for the Life of Amy.

"Amy loved village life and the community therein. Wherever possible, in fact sometimes even when almost impossible, Amy supported the village in whatever capacity she could. She would wish that rather than flowers or a charitable donation you simply used your local village / community services: Do your weekly shop in the village store; go to your local church; have a pint of cider in your local pub; support your village fete."

History **Today** with Mansell Beard



Two pictures of Caythorpe High Street from many moons ago! Above shows the area just north of where the school is now. Below is further up the High Street, showing The Red Lion Public House on the right and the old Post Office on the left, who knew??



History **Today** with Mansell Beard



...and the same views, nowadays, note that some telegraph poles have moved or appeared, the Post Office is now a residence, the War Memorial has appeared and of course, cars and TV aerials now fill the view!



In & Around The Garden

For December and January to date, it has been a case of looking out of the window at the garden rather than being in it. Snowfall in the first week of December was a surprise, and it flattened what was left of the perennials. When it melted the grasses and seed heads looked quite sad, but over the following few days most of them returned to vertical. The snow and subsequent rain made for a very wet month, about 2 ½ times the average. Working outside on the dry days would have meant churning up the lawn and compacting the beds, so I stayed inside.

January brought ice and frost and lots more birds flocking to the feeders. The fat balls and sunflower hearts are always popular, but few peanuts were taken until I crushed them to break them up a bit. Using the rolling pin was tedious and not very effective, so I tried putting them through the mincer. The first lot emerged as a mush, but when I took the cutters out, the spiral thing in the middle did such a good job of cracking them that they were quickly eaten and I had to buy more. It's clear that many of the birds had a good breeding season last year. Chaffinches, gold finches and blue tits have been visiting in larger groups than usual, and there also seem to be more coal tits about. Blackbirds are gradually eating all the crab apples, now that the frost has softened them, and any eating apples that are past their best are snapped up by a pair of crows.

Evergreens are the backbone of the garden and stop it looking bare in the winter months, while those with leaves variegated in yellow or white add a bit of colour. The stars of the show, however, are the hellebores. I invested in several more last year, and these new varieties are gorgeous. I say 'invested' advisedly: hellebores are undemanding and long lived. A clump of deep maroon ones that were here when we moved in 15 years ago, still give a good show beginning in late December every year.



One drawback of older varieties is the downward facing habit of the flowers, but some of the newer hybrids face forward. I am very pleased with two that rejoice in the name of *H. x ericsmithii* (after the breeder). 'Joker' opens pale cream, developing pink tints with age, and 'Winter Moonbeam' is pink in bud, opens to cream and changes to a soft salmon pink. Both make good foliage plants once flowering is over, especially 'Winter Moonbeam', which has leaf veins picked out in a paler green. The photo shows those in flower in early January: still to come are a large flowered white one, a pale apricot, a pink one with dark speckles and the species *H. argutifolius* (also pictured) which has large flowers in palest green.



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We hope you all managed to have as good a Christmas as possible and got to see your families remotely, if not actually, on Christmas Day. I believe this is one Christmas we won't forget in a hurry for various reasons and that it will make us all the more appreciative of "normal" Christmases to come. It is not all about the presents but about being with the people we care the most about.

Another year is here and not a moment too soon: we were all thoroughly fed up with the last one. Sadly, this one hasn't begun too well with this new Covid mutation running rampant across the country. I read an analogy the other day saying that if this virus was an unknown

gunman out there randomly shooting us one by one, we wouldn't venture beyond our garden gates. I have to admit that I feel more afraid of catching it this time around and only go out if absolutely essential. Some days though, I really want to see someone else's face, catch up with all their news, have a good laugh or even a good old cry together. That is what the WI provided; an evening out with friends away from the housework and cooking and time to have a good laugh, sometimes at the speaker's expense I have to say. For the moment we don't have that and we miss it and it seems like it will probably be after Easter before we can resume. Hopefully, by then, we have all received our vaccinations and the number of new cases and deaths has been greatly reduced.

Our current President, Pauline Dorey emails us once a month to keep us all "in the loop" and the South Lincolnshire Federation email us their monthly Newsletter. There is still lots going on; we can join in Zoom meetings with other WI's and now that Denman college has closed, online tutorials and courses are being made available with a fee. WI's like ours where members had paid their annual subscriptions before the first lockdown and have not had the benefit of any speakers since, feel a bit loathe to be asked to pay out more, understandably.

Our Annual Meeting has been postponed and so therefore has the election of a new president and committee. Pauline is stepping down as President this year but will hold the fort until the new one has been elected, so come on all you members, think about taking on a new and, not too challenging, role. She is going to remain on the committee and will be happy to replace Linda Stevens as Treasurer. Ann Ashcroft is also relinquishing her role as Secretary but will remain on the committee too and assuming all other members also do, that will leave two vacancies for new committee members. So, all change at Caythorpe & District WI.

The national message remains the same for us to STAY HOME, STAY SAFE but that doesn't mean to say we can't pick up the phone and give someone a ring and see how they are. It could be an elderly neighbour, a friend you have only sent a Christmas card to or a relation

you've not seen for ages. I became a friend of a "civilian" forty eight years ago when my husband was posted to RAF Brize Norton and along with her and my next door neighbour on the base, have had all these years of letter writing to each other. My neighbour, Jackie, told me she still has every letter I have ever sent her, I'm sorry to say I cannot say the same. Meg, the other friend and I have begun to have an hour phone call every few months and it's as if time has never passed. She sounds just the same and we laugh at the same things just as we used to, with postage becoming so expensive and phone calls free and of course, so much time on our hands, it's a no brainer. So, come on, surprise someone and give them a ring, they will be thrilled to hear from you and you will benefit from it too.

Best wishes to all for a HAPPY NEW YEAR and a fresh start for us all. STAY SAFE. **Sue Case**

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Normanton & Carlton Scroop PC News

What's happening in Carlton Scroop & Normanton on Cliffe

We hope that residents of the Parish managed to stay safe and have a comfortable Christmas during these difficult times. As we experience Lockdown 3, the Parish Council continues to meet via zoom to discuss a number of local issues.

Village Gateways: Motorists will have noticed the new village gateways installed at both ends of the parish in Normanton and Carlton Scroop. The gateways help to indicate that motorists are entering a built up area and to observe the speed restrictions in both villages.

Highway Matters: The Council, with the help of County Councillor Alexander Maughan, is to continue to press for a reduction in the speed limit through Carlton Scroop to 30mph following numerous accidents on the bad bend of the A607 at the junction of the Sudbrook Road.

The Council's speed indicator device continues to show that there is persistent speeding in both villages. The Parish Council has agreed to join the Lincolnshire Community Speed Watch Scheme and will be purchasing a speed radar gun and other equipment to monitor traffic speeds through both villages once Covid restrictions have been lifted.

Other Matters: The Council has adopted a small grants scheme for individuals and organisations who may require financial support within the parish. Please contact the parish clerk if you feel that you or your organisation could benefit from a small grant.

The Council has recently installed two dog bins in Carlton Scroop and two bins in Normanton. The bins seem to be well used by dog walkers. Litter picking continues to be undertaken on a regular basis in the two villages.

The Council is considering a wildflower planting scheme on the open space near the church at Carlton Scroop. A number of parish councillors and volunteers helped to clear overgrown shrubbery between the cemetery and church yard at Carlton Scroop recently. Further work is still needed in this area.

The Council has been required to update its website. Please take time to have a look at the information on the website and let us know what else should be included.

Readers may have seen some adverse publicity regarding the Parish Council's former clerk. Residents of the parish can be re-assured that the Council has not suffered any financial loss arising from any potential irregularities that may have taken place.

Councillor Vacancies: Two applicants have applied to be co-opted onto the Council for the vacancy at Carlton Scroop. An opportunity exists for someone to be co-opted to the vacancy at Normanton. Why not help to shape the community you live in? Contact the clerk Nikki Gascoigne on 01522 695396 for further information.

Carlton Scroop & Normanton On Cliffe Parish Councillors

Simon Hutton (Chairman), Johnston Calder (Vice-Chairman)

Richard Rainthorpe / Scott Baker-Browne / Bridget Hankinson / Alan Thomas

Hough on the Hill PC News

Precis of Minutes from Meeting held on 10th December 2020

We are delighted to say that we are now up to full capacity with 7 Councillors and welcome those that were co-opted at our meeting on 10th December.

Planning – the planning meeting for the Brandon Wood Clay Shoot application has been deferred until January.

Highways - There is still no news of a consultation from Highways England with regard to the closure of the A1 at Toll Bar Road, Marston – Dr Caroline Johnson MP is now involved with this matter.

Restrictions to the speed limit at Gelston are approved but will not be effective until some time in the new year. We are looking to have a portable Speed Indicator Device if possible (the one that is chained to a post on the verge – not the ones that go high up on posts) – do any other Parishes locally know of where we go to arrange this?

Our new website is now live: <https://hough-hill.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk>

Precept for 2021/2022 agreed at £6,705 which is only £143 up on the current year.

Meeting dates for 2021 – 11th March, 6th May, 9th September and 9th December.

We are in the process of updating our Volunteer Emergency Telephone System (VETS) contacts list and if anybody would like to go on the list, please contact the Clerk in the first instance. The VETS number, should you wish to keep it, is 01400 414515.

Finally, for any readers that have septic tanks, legislation changed in respect of private owners of septic tanks and small sewage treatment plants and we would urge you to look up: General Binding Rules (which can be found on the gov.uk website).

Please note that any communications should go to the Clerk in the first instance

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Caythorpe & Frieston Portfolio Updates

Cllr. Darren Lee - 07954219650 / 01400 272050

BUSINESS AND EMPLOYMENT: The Parish has over 200 people employed within our local community, with over 60 working along Caythorpe High Street alone. Of the businesses I have recently contacted all have obviously had to make changes to their business models and in simple terms the way they work. They continue to support our community in various ways and from what I have seen this has been reciprocated by the local community. Certain businesses have had to close whilst we continue to battle the virus, and it is hoped they will be able to continue serving the Parish in the future.

EMERGENCY PLAN: Our emergency plan is comprehensive and at the time of writing is being appraised by the LCC Emergency Planning Department who are best placed to offer advice and information going forward. And to those who have previously offered their help should the unthinkable happen; I look forward to your continued support.

DOG FOULING: Could I please ask all dog owners to behave responsibly when exercising their animals? There are numerous dog waste bins dotted around the village. SKDC have also allowed bagged waste to be placed in their waste bins. SKDC have the authority to issue fines to offenders, but I believe they are in a very small minority. The many footpaths we have should also remain free of dog waste. Dogs and humans can catch some pretty horrific illnesses after coming into contact with said dog waste.

Take care stay safe and support our beautiful villages.

Cllr. Andy Crawley - 01400 318453 / 07986 548474

LITTER PICKING AND THE BIG CLEAN: The Big Clean Team have been in Caythorpe and Frieston twice, targeting Old Lincoln Road and Kings Hill and clearing overgrown verges and cutting back overhanging vegetation. Householders have also kept vegetation overhanging the footpaths cut back to assist easy access along these paths by the blind and partially sighted as well as those who use mobility aids to get around.

Litter picking has been badly affected by Covid, but nonetheless, litter picks have taken place on Gorse Hill, along the A607, and Caythorpe Heath Lane using small numbers of volunteers. In addition, Ken Ordish regularly patrols the A607 and clears litter which is greatly appreciated. Councillor Darren Lee has offered to clear litter from Frieston and our thanks go to him for helping to keep this end of the Parish tidy.

Reports have been made to SKDC regarding fly tipping on Gorse Hill, resulting in them subsequently clearing dumped sofas, wheels and tyres and old wardrobes.

The litter picker employed by the Parish Council resigned on leaving the village to attend university, but has been replaced by his brother Jamie Watson, who continues to keep the litter deposited in the village in check.

A local girl (Chloe Mulhall) has been litter picking as part of her Duke of Edinburgh award. Thanks go to Chloe for helping to keep the village clean and tidy.

It was noticed that litter and broken bottles were being left on the Playing Field. An appeal was made in an earlier edition of News and Views for this to stop, and pointing out the dangers that broken glass poses to users of the play area.

An ongoing dialogue is being maintained with Mid UK regarding litter from their vehicles and site and a good level of co operation has been established.

The control of litter undoubtedly contributed to the award of second place in the Best Kept Village competition.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY: It was decided at a meeting of the Parish Council earlier in the year that investigation should take place in to the provision of renewable energy to the Village Hall and Hammond Pavillion on the Playing Field to reduce the carbon footprint of the Parish Council.

Much work has been done to get a design proposal for providing air source heating with Photo Voltaic (solar) panels backed by battery storage. An initial costing for this has indicated that a substantial sum will need to be spent on the installation although it is possible that some of this could be recovered by grant funding and reclaim of VAT. It is also likely that the sums spent would be recouped in reduced running costs over the long term (although this is likely to have a pay back period of about 25 years based on current fuel costs). This would however provide clean green energy to both of these buildings without the need to burn oil or use as much electricity from the grid as we do at present. This will help to reduce air pollution and reduce our carbon footprint.

It is however likely that the Parish Council would need to obtain a loan to fund the installation cost in the first instance. Low cost loans are available to the PC for this type of project but this is a big commitment and one which we would like feedback from villagers about. Would you be happy for the Parish Council to embark on this project on your behalf? and if so, would you be prepared for an increase in the precept to go towards funding this? If so, how much do you think would be reasonable? Please contact us to let us know your feelings by email to andy.crawley-caythorpepc@outlook.com or the Parish Clerk at caythorpepc@live.co.uk or via the website.

It is also proposed to investigate the issue of tree planting to act as carbon sinks to reduce any emissions from the village. An appeal in News and Views brought one positive response and two further areas of land have been identified that may be suitable for tree planting. Enquiries are ongoing with the relevant landowners to see if this can be progressed. Once permission is obtained then efforts will be made to identify suitable species for the land in question and obtain the necessary trees, stakes and tree guards. It is possible that we may be able to establish a community orchard and that there may be a wildlife benefit from this project as well as enhanced public access. At some stage, help will be required to plant the trees and maintain them until established. Volunteers will be required for this and I have also considered if a sponsorship scheme could be implemented.

This scheme will require an element of ongoing commitment as once the trees are established, they will need routine maintenance and the sites will need some ongoing maintenance as well.

In the meantime, many will be aware that it was necessary to fell a mature tree on Frieston Lower Green as it was diseased. There is scope to plant a replacement tree and possibly one or two others without overcrowding the green or encroaching on neighbouring properties. Please will the local residents and those from the wider community who have views on this, respond to the email addresses above and let us know how densely this should be planted and if you have any preferences for type of tree to be used.

These are exciting projects and I look forward to driving these forward to provide a greener, cleaner place for us all.

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A GOOD WALK SPOILT

By Mike Eyett

I've just had a go at this game they call golf
They tell me its supposed to be fun.

But it seems to me somehow quite
perverse

When they named it they used the word
FLOG in reverse.

The clubs are too long and the ball is too
small.

And it doesn't want to go where you hit it
at all.

It hooks and it slices and flies into trees
And leaps into water with consummate
ease.

And instead of finding a nice place to land

It finds a big pit that they've filled up with
sand

So you take out a wedge and flail it about
And it takes several shots to get the thing
out.

And up on the green with putter in hand
You line up the ball with the pin

A nice steady putt and surely the thing
Can do nothing else but go in,

But no, with barely a glance at the hole
It goes on its way and continues to roll.

Frustration, frustration at each pitch and
putt,

So now there's just one place to be,

Its off to the "nineteenth" for a consoling
pint.

This games got the better of me !!

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Not from the Rectory

Which tells of day when the rector ‘aspired’ to greater things!

Professor Jonathon Vam-Tam has become something of a Lincolnshire hero with his use of metaphors to explain the situation we find ourselves in at the start of this new year. As well as drawing on his evident fondness for Boston United for his football analogies he has also used the analogy of waiting for a train to describe the process of a vaccine being developed: We can imagine him standing Grantham station as he speaks of it as being wet and windy but down the track two lights appear and it’s the train with the vaccine but it’s a long way off as it awaits the results of the trials.

But now the train has slowed down to enter the station and the train has stopped. Initially the doors don’t open as the guard has to make sure it is safe to open the doors – that’s the regulator [MHRA] giving its authorisation – but then the doors do open and there is a need for people to get on board that train and travel safely to their destination.

But despite the vaccine becoming available we still face some ‘hard winter months....where people must continue to follow the guidance’ for the vaccines are not an instant ticket out of trouble. However, Professor JVT concluded that the future was hopefully much brighter though we may have to be patient until maybe late spring [2021].

It was on a not dissimilar day when the rector stood on Grantham station [wet and windy] and looked south for the lights of the approaching ‘Cathedrals Express’. In truth it was the humble East Midlands Railway [EMR] service linking East Anglia to Merseyside linking the [Anglican] cathedral cities of Norwich, Ely, Peterborough, Sheffield, Manchester and Liverpool as well as the Catholic cathedral cities at Nottingham, Sheffield and Liverpool – but which brought to mind the 1957 branded Western Region ‘Cathedrals Express’ service from the cathedral cities of Hereford and Worcester to London Paddington.

On this occasion the train conveyed the present writer the short distance from Grantham through Nottingham and on to Chesterfield via the Erewash Valley Line: it was but a short walk up hill from the train station to the church of St Mary and All Saints – perhaps better known as the ‘Crooked Spire’ church. The town was home to a Roman fort built about 50 AD and grew in prosperity to be granted its Market Charter by King John in 1204 and shortly after this the east end of the present church as well as the pillars which support the tower were built. In 1887 the church was said to be ‘fast going to decay’ although this situation was remedied by George Gilbert Scott who re-ordered the church and added more glass.



Nonetheless the interior of the church is dark [albeit on the particular occasion was lit by the lights of some 160 Christmas trees] though there is a grandeur towards the east end where there are 5 chapels; under the central tower there stands a nave altar and the baptismal font – dated to before the Norman Conquest – stands in the south transept. Light floods into the nave through the Anniversary window installed in 1984 with its bright colours tracing the history of the town from the 11th century to the present.

The shape of the spire is said to originate from when the devil, flying between Nottingham and Sheffield, took a moment to rest on the spire, however, the smell of the incense drifting up so irritated him that he gave a violent sneeze and flew from the tower but in doing so his tail caught the top of the spire and twisted it! Perhaps it is more probable that the spire was built using unseasoned timber which split and allowed the lead plates laid in herring-bone fashion to twist the spire into the shape which today identifies not just the church but the town as well.



There was time before the return train to step into the town's museum and learn something of its industrial past and the manufacture of iron, pottery and glassware – but most significantly of the coal which lies near the surface and the mining of which was developed during the 1700's and expanded with arrival first of the Chesterfield Canal [1777] to link to the River Trent and secondly with the coming of the railways from the 1840's.

The exhibition 'Down't Pit' highlighted the dangers inherent in this coal mining heritage with some moving verses penned on the occasion of the Grassmoor Colliery Disaster of 19th November 1933:

Upon a drear November morn/On yon pit head with faces worn
The relatives and friends stood there/Of men who've passed beyond all care
They went to work unconscious all/Of the dread thing that was to fall
And ere the night shift was complete/They'd gone to rest at Jesu's feet

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Caythorpe and District Garden Society

This would normally be the time when we hold our AGM and look forward to another year of talks and garden visits. Unfortunately the current lockdown means we have had to cancel the speakers for February and March, and may have to cancel activities scheduled for later in the year.

We will let you know via News and Views, our web page and by email to current members when we can safely meet up again. In the meantime, keep safe and enjoy your gardens, walks in the countryside and the spring flowers.

We will meet again soon.

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An example of kindness offered on the site is an offer to put a brand new bird nest box up in an elderly persons garden. There are bicycles, children’s clothes, local school uniform and DVD’s being offered. So if you’ve been decluttering during lockdown make sure you log on and put any items on there to redistribute within your village.

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News & Views Shout-Out

Dear N&V, It was brought to my attention, as my fantastic oil boiler engineer is retiring and he told me to look on the OFTEC (oftec.org) website for a new engineer to service my boiler. On perusing the website, they were talking about an oil alternative, a renewable liquid biofuel, made from waste cooking oils, fats & greases. This alternative would drastically reduce emissions & current oil boilers can be easily adapted to run on this. Currently, the government are supporting RHI (Renewable Heat Incentive), which will provide grants towards very expensive air source heat pumps or biomass boilers. These are about 4 times more expensive than a new oil boiler (biomass, much more), which is unaffordable for most ordinary folk. If the government is going to adhere to its 2050 climate goals, then us country folk, are going to need to change the way we heat our homes, whether we like it or not! On the website it explains more about the options available & the current research being done to find an alternative.

I don't know about you, but I love living in my very old home & love the way of life here. I really don't want to be forced to change too much, but if there is a viable & realistic alternative to oil, then it would benefit everyone. I encourage all of your readers to have a look on the OFTEC website (if they have the internet of course) & to write to our local MP, Dr. Caroline Johnson, (Caroline.johnson.mp@parliament.uk) to encourage her to put our voice forward to promote an affordable alternative to burning oil. The more of us that write to her, the more likely that we will have the chance to be heard & an affordable alternative can be made mainstream. There are 2.4million homes in the UK that are fuel poor, the cost of having to switch to heat pumps is out of reach for many households.

Resident of Normanton-on-Cliffe

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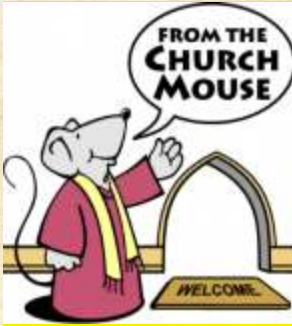


Dear Editor, On behalf of the Royal British Legion I would like to express my appreciation to all who contributed to the Annual November Poppy appeal. The total was £530.24p.

My thanks to The Spar shop, The Waggon and Horses and the Red Lion for having a collecting tin on their counters.

Jacquie Roberts, Local British Legion Organizer.

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16/12/2020 Amy Juliet Richardson [Caythorpe]

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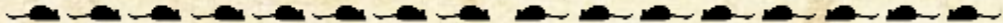
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Brandon	10.00 MP/CB			
Caythorpe				10.30 HC/SH
Fulbeck			10.30 HC/SH	
Hough		09.00 HC/SH		10.00 MSW/JK
Hougham	17.00 EP/CB			09.00 HC/SH
Marston	09.00 HC/SH		10.00 MP/CS	
Syston			09.00 HC/SH	

Due to the third lockdown some advertised services may be suspended at short notice – please always check the benefice website for details of the forthcoming Sunday services

In addition, for those unable to return to church because they are shielding or in some way vulnerable we offer the Sunday Eucharist on our Facebook site at <https://www.facebook.com/Southcliff-Benefice-100279404991720/>

Churches across the Benefice are also open for Individual Private Prayer as follows: St Nicholas Carlton Scroop - Every Sunday, St Nicholas Normanton on Cliffe - Every Day, St Nicholas Fulbeck - Every Wednesday 10.00 to 1600

Ash Wednesday arrangements - provisional: Check the website at www.southcliffchurches.uk for up to date information.



PETE'S PUZZLES

ALL ANSWERS ON NEXT PAGE

1. How many of Henry VIII's wives were called Catherine?
2. According to ONS, what was the most popular boy's name in the UK in 2018?
3. Ray Davies was the frontman in which iconic '60s band?
4. Which popular video game franchise has released games with the subtitles 'World At War' and 'Black Ops'?
5. In what US State is the city Nashville?
6. With what sport would you associate Sachin Tendulkar?
7. What is the capital city of Switzerland?
8. Which legendary actor played Jimmy Hoffa in Scorsese's 2019 film 'The Irishman'?
9. What is the smallest planet in our solar system?
10. What is the most sold flavour of Walker's crisps?
11. Name the song and the artist for the following lyric: "Maybe I'm foolish, maybe I'm blind, thinking I can see through this and see what's behind"
12. Which actor played the ninth reincarnation of the Doctor in Doctor Who?
13. Who was the longest serving presenter of the BBC children's show Blue Peter?
14. What does Bridget Jones name her baby in the film series's third instalment?
15. What is Dr Sheldon Cooper's one-word catchphrase in 'The Big Bang Theory'?

Dingbats

G.P. Medical Edition

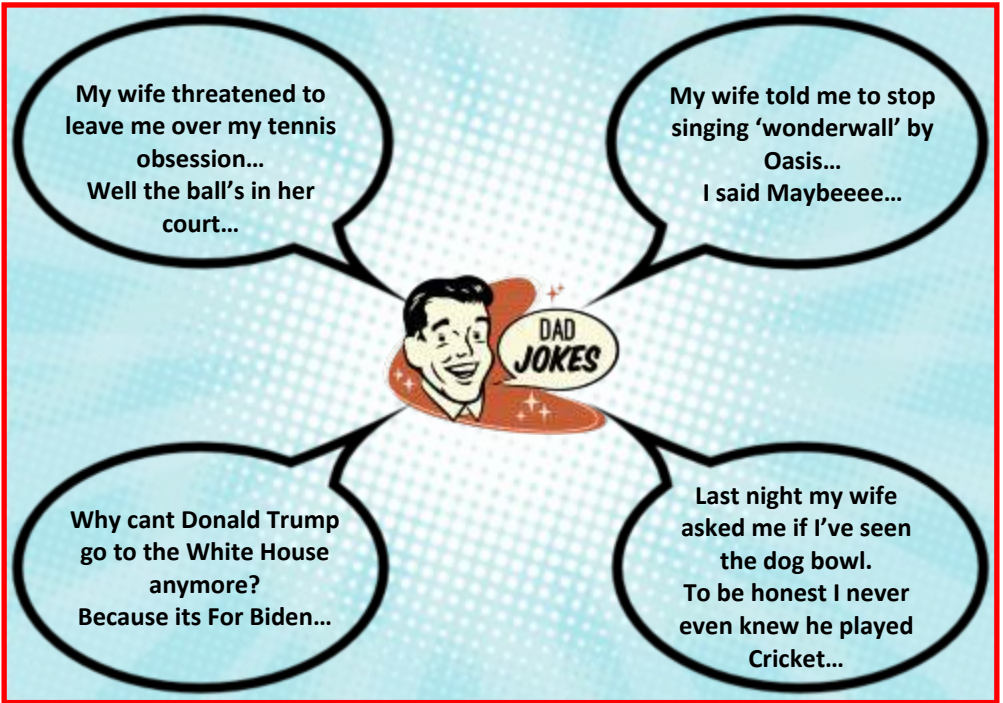
1. The Who 92 Years Old

2. O P E N

3. Lou Kilo nge

Sudoku

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Pete's Puzzles Answers

Answers to Pete's Puzzles

1. Three	2. Oliver	3. The Kinks	4. Call Of Duty
5. Tennessee	6. Cricket	7. Berne	8. Al Pacino
9. Mercury	10. Cheese & Onion	11. Human by Rag'n'Bone Man	
12. Christopher Eccleston	13. John Noakes (12 years from 1965-1978)	14. William	15. Bazinga

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DINGBATS
1. Bandage
2. Open Wide
3. Waiting Room

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Grantham Fire Station	01476 565441
Grantham Hospital	01476565232
Grantham Police Station	01476 402222
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Call Connect (Rural Bus Serv)	0345 234 3344
Childline	0800 1111
NSPCC Child Protection	0808 800 5000
Citizens Advice	03444 111 444
Crimestoppers	0800 555 111
Electrical Emergencies, Power Cuts	0800 056 8090
Environmental Agency Incident Line	0800 807060
Lincolnshire County Council	01522 552222
South Kesteven District Council	01476 406080
NHS Direct	111
South Cliff Churches (S Hadley)	07398 390549
Samaritans (Free call)	116 123
Caythorpe Primary School	01400 272600
Sir William Robertson School	01400 272422

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Feb 14th - St. Valentines Day

Feb 16th - Pancake Day!

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