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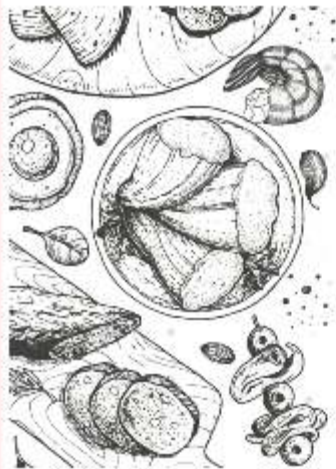
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# News Views Editorial

Begorrah Begorrah, to be sure to be sure, Top o' the morning to you, ....OK, enough of my appalling Irish accent before I cause any further offence! Although, I can at least claim some Irish heritage among my forebears, under Jackie Chalton's management I could have played for Ireland if only there wasn't millions of better players ahead of me! I might have represented 'The Boys In Green' alongside other well known Irish Names such as Cascarino Lawrenson and Aldridge! It's all in aid of the St Paddy's Day theme this month, yes I know it's also St David's Day this month, maybe we will do that one next March! See our article on St. Patrick and all things Shamrock related on page 11!

Potholes!...its almost sounds like a swear word if you say it with enough anger, which you would if one caused damage to your car, our article on page 10 gives you some details on what to do about reporting them and how to claim compensation for damage caused by them.

We have a fantastic article on a greener way to heat your homes on page 12, written by Hough's own Alistair Mclean, well worth a read if, like us, you are looking at updating your home heating systems in the near future.

Houghham based Naga Tandoori are introducing themselves to our readership on page 20. One look at their website shows a whole wealth of choices from Indian, Italian and British cuisine, all delivered straight to your door.

We have absolutely HUGE news coming next month regarding some of our villages and other local villages near by...all very hush hush at the moment, but all will be revealed in the next edition! We are barely able to keep this to ourselves, but until the official announcement next month, we must! Stay Tuned!

See page 2 for the Red Lion Mother's Day Specials, if you are stuck for an idea in lockdown for how to give your mother a treat, could be just what you are looking for!

Thankfully the snow has now stopped and mostly thawed...Just the rain to come next! Still, that is a good sign that Spring is on it's way and we can all look forward to daffodils blooming and slightly warmer longer days to come. Until next time, Pull up a chair, grab a cuppa and have a good nose through your favourite magazine, News & Views!

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# Farewell to Katie Brockington

When Mrs Brockington first walked into Caythorpe Primary School in late August 2016, we were greeted by an enthusiastic and experienced teacher and Assistant Head. That cheery disposition and willingness to “give it a try” are qualities that have not diminished over the past four and a half years, in fact they have only grown and continued to help the school achieve its full potential on a daily basis.

At the time Katie and CIT arrived at the school we were in a period of transition, affected by a wholesale change of leadership, a requirement for some “in school support” and a drive by the education authorities for remote village schools to look at joining MAT’s (Multi Academy Trusts). The school needed strong and effective leadership, and in Katie’s first role as a Head Teacher she soon provided exactly that. She managed to juggle learning her new role in a new school, with galvanising both the new and existing team into a cohesive and nurturing teaching unit.

Fast forward to March 2017, only six months later, and the OFSTED inspectors awarded the school a well-deserved “good” grade. Such a fantastic result could only have been achieved by the rapid implementation and the embedding of new systems and structure within the school, ensuring that the whole team joined Katie on the journey. All this was underpinned by instilling the school’s “Golden Values” into every part of the day for pupils and staff alike. Her desire, determination and, most importantly, a passion to create an equitable environment that encourages every student to achieve their full potential, regardless of ability, sets Katie and Caythorpe Primary School apart from other schools. During the current Lockdown we couldn’t have asked to be led by a more caring and supportive leadership team that hopefully every family feels has the children’s and community’s best interests at heart.

Caythorpe’s loss is most certainly Linchfield Primary School’s gain. However, Katie’s departure creates a fantastic opportunity for her successor, Mrs Helen Hunt. Although recruited during the summer of 2016, Helen joined the school as our new Deputy Head in January 2017 and soon worked hard to form an effective senior leadership team with Katie. Helen had tough competition when it came to the interview process to become our new Head Teacher, but her drive, determination and exceptional interpersonal skills make her the ideal person to lead us into the next chapter.

Katie will always be a pivotal part of the history of Caythorpe Primary School, and as her new role will also be in a CIT school, we know she won’t be a stranger, and will ensure that Helen is well equipped to continue on our collective journey.

Please join me and my fellow Governors in wishing Katie and Helen the very best of luck in their respective new roles.

**Simon Linforth, Chair of Caythorpe Local School Governing Body**



# Caythorpe Primary School

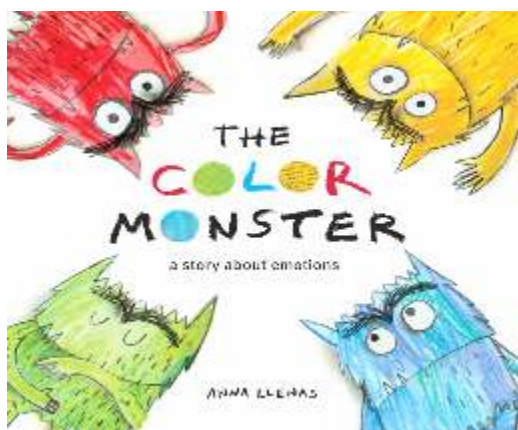
## Children's Mental Health Week



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way to show who you are, and how you see the world, that can help you feel good about yourself. This could be through art, music, writing and poetry, dance and drama, photography and film, and doing activities that make you feel good.

Children's Mental Health is always a priority at Caythorpe Primary School but we paid particular attention to it during Children's Mental Health Week. This year's theme was '**Express yourself**'. Expressing yourself is about finding ways to share feelings, thoughts or ideas, through creativity. It is about finding a



The whole school enjoyed '**Wellbeing Wednesday**' regardless of whether they were at home or in school. I was amazed by the fantastic range of wellbeing activities that the children engaged in throughout the day. Activities included mindful colouring, a trip to the park, building dens, baking, playing games and spending time with family. Thank you to parents/carers for supporting your children with such great activities, with a focus on well-being.



After sharing the story, '**The Colour Monster**', which is a great book all about emotions, Jessica made an amazing colour monster chain. It has all of the emotions from the story, including the confused one and she even added a purple one for excitement. Great work Jessica!



We shared the story, 'The Invisible String' which offers a very simple approach to overcoming loneliness, separation, or loss with an imaginative twist that children can easily understand and embrace, and delivers a particularly compelling message in today's uncertain times. After reading 'The Invisible String' we talked about how we are all connected to our loved ones by invisible string. Our discussion focused particularly on the current situation and how difficult it is not being able to see family and friends during the lockdown. Jaxon shared an amazing picture to show where his invisible string goes and who he is connected to. Thank you, Jaxon!



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You may think contacting your local Parish Council would be the first port of call, however, this is not the case. Local Parish Councils are not responsible for the general highways.

The easiest way to report potholes, and other issues such as street lighting, graffiti etc. is to use the website <https://www.fixmystreet.com/> by entering your postcode, you can see a list of all currently reported problems, dates reported and any updates by the appropriate local authority dealing with the problem. You

can make new reports of your own, adding photo's to support the report too. The website will notify the appropriate local council responsible for the road.

You can also report directly on the Lincolnshire Council website at <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/potholes> in a similar way.

If your car has been damaged through hitting a pothole, compensation can be claimed for the damage, but you will need to prove that the damage was caused by the pothole (with a letter from the mechanic who made the repairs for example) and that the local authority have not taken reasonable and timely steps to maintain the highway adequately. Further information can be found here <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/faults-maintenance/make-highways-claim>



# St Patrick's Day - March 17<sup>th</sup>

St Patrick is believed to have been born in Roman Britain in the late 4<sup>th</sup> Century, somewhere on the coast of Northumbria. At the age of 16 he was torn by Irish raiders from the villa of his father, Calpornius, a deacon and minor local official, and carried into slavery in Ireland. He spent six bleak years there as a herdsman, during which he turned with fervour to his faith. Somehow, miraculously maybe, he manages to escape and gain passage back to Britain and via more imprisonment and close to starvation, was reunited with his family, where he became a Cleric.

It is claimed that when Saint Patrick returned to Ireland, to convert the Heathens to Christianity in 432, strong currents swept his boat through the Strangford Lough tidal narrows and he landed where the Slaney River flows into the Lough. The local chieftain, Dichu, was converted and gave him a barn for holding services. Allegedly, Saint Patrick also returned to die in Saul on 17<sup>th</sup> March 461 and is buried in nearby Downpatrick. The modern Saint Patrick's Memorial Church is shown here with the stone covered grave in the forefront.



Little is known of his life, only two short works are known to be written by him, the 'Confessio', a spiritual autobiography, and his Letter to Coroticus, a denunciation of Roman British mistreatment of Irish Christians. The Myths and Legends that surround him however live on. The Legend of driving all snakes from the island of Ireland is one such myth that prevails today, others involve using the three leafed Shamrock to explain the Holy Trinity and raising over 30 people from the dead.



In more modern times, St. Patrick's Feast Day has become more synonymous with celebrating all things Irish and following the Irish Diaspora's to countries far and wide, these celebrations are seen worldwide. Many rivers in the USA are dyed green in celebration while huge parades are held in cities with large Irish communities

such as New York, Boston and Chicago. Several Irish based professional sports teams of course exist in many cities such as the Boston Celtics in the NBA, Notre Dame 'Fighting Irish' College Football in Indiana, London Irish RFC and of course Celtic FC in Glasgow. My own personal preference on March 17<sup>th</sup> will be to raise a glass (or three!) of the black stuff To St. Patrick, 'sláinte mhaith' to you all!



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The children have been learning about different types of weather, they made their bird feeders and hung them in their gardens at home and at Pre-school. We have made rain catchers to measure the amount of rainfall during the past few weeks, watched the ice melting and been puddle jumping.

To learn the language of position and size we have shared the story of Goldilocks and tried porridge at snack-time. We tossed pancakes, made a pretend pizza oven and pizzas for the role-play area choosing which topping would be our favourite.

We have shared some of our learning by sending home worksheets to those children who have been unable to attend the setting, this hopefully has helped them still feel involved and more importantly not forgotten.

By the time you receive this edition the weather will be a little warmer. Fingers crossed! The COVID vaccination roll out will be well underway which will give us all a much needed boost and will enable children of all ages to return to education and some kind of normality. Here's hoping!

We now have a brand new Facebook Page! Follow us at [www.facebook.com/caythorpepreschool](https://www.facebook.com/caythorpepreschool) for our latest fundraising ideas and what we have been up to.

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It's a bit like that crossover period a few years ago with landlines and mobiles with people saying you can't run a business on mobiles, then it became the opposite you can't run a business without a mobile; now everything is moving online. The way technology has changed really is the way forward for takeaways. Once the Customers have placed their first order they actually begin to realise it is a really good and easy way to do it. We constantly monitor our emails and reply to customer queries quite quickly. We also have a Facebook page with information about special offers or adverse weather causing problems. However, it's not possible to place orders through Facebook, you need to go directly to the website: [www.nagatandoorilt.co.uk](http://www.nagatandoorilt.co.uk) and for any queries with regard to your order it's always best to contact us through the website or direct email: [nagatandoorilt@gmail.com](mailto:nagatandoorilt@gmail.com) as we don't have time to monitor Facebook during busy service whereas we always monitor the site and emails.

We strongly believe that the local villages have been in need of local Indian cuisine since before Covid-19 but with the pandemic it's even become more apparent. We are proud to offer a very important and much needed service to the local community of which we are a part.



Our aim is not just to cook Authentic Indian Cuisine but to try and offer a menu that has something for all the family to enjoy, browse our easy to use website to see the many other options available. As time goes on and the business grows we will be introducing even more Authentic dishes to the menu to give local residents a true taste of India including many fusion dishes

with Persian and Chinese influences and the Colonial influences of Portugal, France and of course the UK.

You can pre-order through the website to secure your preferred time slot or order on the night, whichever you prefer. Slots are limited and once they are full a message will be shown saying full and asking you to select a different time. Quite often on a busy night the early slots are fully booked up until 8:00pm so ordering on the night can be limited to the later slots.

The order time slots are 30 minutes; so if you ordered for 6:00pm we would aim to deliver between 6:00pm - 6:30pm. On busy nights we may go slightly over this, however, we are sure you'll agree it's still a lot quicker and better than driving into Grantham. We are proud to say that we currently achieve a 98% success rate for deliveries within 30 minutes of order time.

Deliveries are **FREE** of charge with a minimum order of just £10, however, if you'd like to show your appreciation now and again to our delivery drivers, who rely on tips to go towards their fuel for the night, it would be received with thanks

We already deliver to many addresses in Caythorpe, Hough, Frieston, Fulbeck, Brandon and Gelston, however, we are also aware that there are still lots of local residents that do not know we exist. If you ask about in your Village I am sure you'll find people that do regularly order from us and you can also find many recommendations and positive feed back on local social media sites."



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**By Bridey Barber**

One in five people in the UK live below the poverty line. With data from The Office for National Statistics (2019) reporting that 7.8% of the population are in persistent poverty. Notably 2.4 million of those reported as below the poverty line do work. However, they are in low waged or in part time jobs. Despite the current media focus on child poverty the reality is that it affects all age groups. As all of the above figures were reported in 2019 they do not reflect the impact of the current Covid19 crisis or lock down regulations. The

negative effects of poverty on individuals and communities are wide ranging including reduced emotional, physical and mental health.

Currently, the Trussell Trust has a network of 428 foodbanks across the UK which includes the Grantham foodbank. Seeing the need for a foodbank in Grantham Brian Hanbury a Lay Outreach Worker at Harrowby Lane Methodist Church conducted initial work in 2010 for Grantham and district Churches Together. At the end of that year a public meeting confirmed both extensive church and community support. Thus, in 2011 the Grantham food bank was established to ensure that people in the local community did not have to go hungry. It focuses on the local community helping their own by donating food and other items e.g. toiletries to those in need. The food bank is run by volunteers who are trained to listen, understand people's needs and, if necessary, sign post them to other agencies for further support. It takes 4500 volunteer hours to run the food bank each year.

Anyone can find themselves in need at any point in their life through job loss, health problems, disability or low wages. In 2020 a year with many difficulties there was a 190% and 290% increase in adults and children respectively seeking help from the food bank.

Help can be accessed from the Grantham foodbank through referral from 84 different organisations such as social workers, the police or doctors. These agencies will issue foodbank vouchers to those who are considered to be in crisis. When the voucher is presented at the foodbank the client is given three days worth of emergency food and other essential items. If you are experiencing difficulties in accessing vouchers please look at the Grantham foodbank website which gives details on how to get help. The food provides not only essential sustenance but helps restore dignity, self respect and hope. Through 2020 they supported 4913 family members which included 1887 children.

Although the food bank welcomes donations they ask at the current time that people are mindful of and respect the Covid travel restrictions. They accept any non perishable food items which are within their sell by or use by date. Also, toiletries are welcomed. Currently they urgently need UHT milk (especially full fat for children), tinned or dried potatoes, tinned or dried rice pudding, crisps and sponge puddings. They have the capability to bulk purchase food from suppliers which is bought through monetary donations. Monetary donations can be given by cheque made out to Grantham foodbank and sent to the address below. Volunteer application forms can be found on their website. More information including opening times can be found on their website [grantham.foodbank.org.uk](http://grantham.foodbank.org.uk).

**Grantham foodbank is located at Unit 1 – 2, Grey Friars, Grantham, NG31 NPG.**

# In & Around The Garden

Early February brought a promise of spring. The birds have switched from tweeting and chirping to making territorial calls and singing in preparation for the breeding season. I did the Big Garden Bird Count at the end of January and recorded 14 different species in the space of an hour. Goldfinches topped the count (14) followed by chaffinches (7). I hoped to see some greenfinches, which have still not recovered from a disease outbreak some years ago. Although they didn't appear in time for the count, a pair visited the feeders the following day, I'm happy to say.



Many of the grasses and perennials were starting to show signs of new growth, so I cut the old stems down. Then the snow came, and put a stop to gardening activities. I left my favourite grass, Miscanthus 'Adagio', until last, and it looked lovely against the snow lit by a low sun. It has a stay of execution until the snow melts, but then it will have to come down as well. I'm staying off the beds as far as possible. This winter has been very wet, so even my well drained soil is sticky. The lawn is a sorry sight, especially around the bird feeder. Even little feet wear the grass out if there is enough of them.

Snowdrops are out everywhere and early flowering hazel catkins and witch hazels are in bloom. I planted winter aconites in a flower bed near the house some years ago. They make a lovely splash of bright yellow in early spring. For the last few years I have cut off the ripe seed heads and shaken them at the end of the garden, where the trees make it difficult to establish other plants. It is now paying off, and clumps of these tough little flowers are coming up amidst the remains of autumn's leaves. Fulbeck Hall has a wonderful display of them along the drive to the house: I have some way to go to equal that.



One unexpected problem in recent weeks has been a muntjac. It found its way into the garden through a gap in the fence and at first I was charmed to see it. It is a pretty little deer with a bouncing gait when running for cover. Later I revised my opinion. Patches of bark are missing from willows, maples and several other young trees, and the trunk of an abutilon that I was training as a standard tree has been left in tatters. It will probably die. Emerging bulb foliage has been bitten off and the pest has shown particular fondness for sweet violets and heucheras. It has just eaten the leaves, leaving the leaf stalks behind for me to tidy up. We have blocked off the entry point to the back garden, but the front border is open to the road so I can't keep it out. I suppose it might reduce the amount of pruning I need to do. **JA**





## HOPE ON THE HORIZON by Sue Case

My Goodness, how quickly the month has passed before it is time to be creative again! So far, nothing has changed at Caythorpe & District WI HQ - we still have no idea when we may be able to resume meetings but now that the majority of us have received our first vaccination, deaths from Covid seem to be decreasing and new infection rates are lower, there does appear to be a glimmer of hope on the horizon.

Much talked about in the media during this pandemic is the role women, in particular mothers, have had to take on board, in order to keep their children educated, fed and entertained during the school closures. Many of them are also trying to work from home themselves as well as their husband/partner and feel the onus is on them to maintain discipline, a semblance of order and the need to become the educator. Now, as us mothers (some of us now grandmothers) already know, we have always been our children's first educator but not in any formal way but quietly, naturally and through play, example and guidelines. Sometimes though, we can feel as though we are still not doing enough and even that we are failing, but not so. If we can teach our children to be happy, love and be patient we are more than halfway there, the rest will come in time. Don't beat yourself up if the pots aren't washed or the beds not made, no one is going to put "She had a lovely clean house" on your headstone are they? Children are far more resilient than we realise and given time, most will bounce back and this difficult time will become a distant memory.

I've been thinking about how we women have had to "fight" for everything we have achieved:



IN 1826, ATTENDING A BIRTH IN CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA, ROYAL BRITISH ARMY SURGEON DR. JAMES BARRY REALIZED THAT WITHOUT SURGERY BOTH MOTHER AND CHILD WOULD DIE.

being able to vote, equal pay, equal rights and equal consideration for senior positions at work etc. This brought to mind a Dr James Barry who I first heard of several years ago when I went as a guest to East Preston WI in West Sussex. Their president was a nurse and gave the presentation that evening.

Dr James Barry died in 1865 a renowned military surgeon who rose to become Inspector General of hospitals – one of the highest army medical posts – and served throughout the British Empire. Although he had fought a duel with a fellow officer, ticked off Florence Nightingale and survived several army inquiries into his conduct, he was regarded as a humane doctor, public health reformer and was famous for his peculiarities: a teetotaller and vegetarian and travelled with a menagerie of small animals.

Upon his death a charwoman who washed the body prior to burial discovered that "he" was "a perfect female" and guided by visible stretch marks on her abdomen surmised she had once given birth. More than fifty years prior to this when women were not allowed to practise medicine, Barry had hoodwinked Edinburgh University, the Royal College



of Surgeons and the British Army to become the first female doctor in the UK. At a time when women were barred from most formal education and most professions, she had masqueraded as a man in a life-long deception. Victorian society was rife with speculation as to who she really was and the tantalising tale was explored in novels and even a play. On his death acquaintances queued up to assert they had always guessed he was a woman, some even claimed to have seen the proof but few truly suspected his identity in his lifetime.



We now know she was the daughter of a feckless Irish shopkeeper from Cork and was born Margaret Bulkley. Helped by her late uncle, the artist James Barry, she not only adopted his name but presented herself as his nephew and acquired some of his influential patrons. When she enrolled as a medical student at Edinburgh she shrewdly said she was younger to explain her hairless chin and petite frame. Having passed his Royal College of Surgeons exams he embarked on a glittering army career, served twelve years in the Cape colony before travelling to the West Indies, Mediterranean and Canada. There is a lot more to tell of his character and scrapes which may have come about in his fervent attempt to prevent “being found out”, but he was better known for being a skilled surgeon who performed one of the first successful caesareans and a committed sanitary reformer.

Thankfully, in order to receive a full education and gain recognition for our achievements women today don't have to pretend to be men in order to do so. We have come a long way since those Victorian days and over the last hundred years or more, a great many reforms and awareness of the plight of women, has been instigated by the Women's Institute. Domestic abuse of women is still a cause for concern and more so since last year when women were “locked down” with their abusers. We support and encourage the ongoing WI campaigns both at national and local level. Interested to find out more? Well, hopefully by the next edition of News and Views we will have positive news about when and how our meetings can resume. Consider joining us, you will be made very welcome. In the meantime, STAY SAFE.

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# Normanton & Carlton Scroop PC News

**The Parish Council met via zoom on the 18 January to discuss a number of local issues...**

**Budget and Parish Precept for 2021/22:** The Parish Council has agreed a budget for the coming financial year. The budget provides funds for grass cutting, litter picking, dog bins, community speedwatch, certain repair & maintenance works in the two villages and the development of initiatives included in the Parish Plan. The budget requires a precept of £8,900 from the District Council and this means the Parish element of the Council Tax will not increase next year.

**Highway Matters:** The serious flooding issues on the A607 at Normanton and at Newark Lane outside the Village Hall, Carlton Scroop now seem to be resolved, thanks to Lincolnshire County Council. Further flooding issues have been experienced at the bottom of Heath Lane, Normanton and Heath, Lane Carlton Scroop and these have been reported to the County Council. The Council's speed indicator device continues to be deployed in order to remind motorists of their speed whilst travelling through the two villages.

Small Grants Scheme

**Grants:** The Council has adopted a small grants scheme for individuals and organisations who may require financial support within the parish. Applications have recently been received in order to support Normanton Churchyard Fund and Carlton Scroop & Normanton Village Hall. Please contact the Parish Clerk if you think you could benefit from a small grant from the Parish Council.

**Other Matters:** The Council has decided to empty the recently installed dog bins in Carlton Scroop and Normanton on a voluntary basis for the time being rather than engage a contractor. Litter picking continues to be undertaken on a regular basis in the two villages. The Council will implement a wildflower planting scheme on the open space near the church at Carlton Scroop in the spring. Further work will also re-commence to clear overgrown shrubbery between the cemetery and church yard at Carlton Scroop.

The Parish Council will meet again via zoom 7:30pm on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021. Please contact the Parish Clerk if you would like to attend the meeting. Nikki Gascoigne [csnpcclerk@outlook.com](mailto:csnpcclerk@outlook.com) 01522695396.

**Village Hall Committee:** The Committee has just obtained planning permission to construct a new disabled access to the Village Hall. A number of quotes will now be obtained and applications for finance/grants will be made in the coming months. The two local district councillors have pledged funds towards the project. If you are looking to book the Village Hall when it is allowed to re-open, please be assured that the building is COVID-19 prepared with approved procedures, sanitizers etc. are in place.

**Parish Charities:** The Parish Charities trustees and volunteers continue to support residents in the two villages during the current lockdown. Residents who may need financial support or help with hospital/vaccine visits or collection of groceries or medicines can contact 01400 250154 or e mail [cscharities@mail.com](mailto:cscharities@mail.com)

**Carlton Scroop & Normanton On Cliffe Parish Councillors**

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

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

# Caythorpe & Frieston Portfolio Updates

## Parish Council Planning Report March 2020 to March 2021

### Cllr R Brooke - Chair Planning Committee

Over the past 12 months, the Parish council has been informed of 13 applications to improve existing buildings or build new dwellings, together with 5 applications related to tree work, either to remove entirely or reduce the canopy crown.

Despite being classified as "Larger Village" within the SKDC Local Plan, there are currently no identified development areas within the parish. However, because of the sustained pressure to build new homes, this may change as the government are revising the existing planning laws. In the new system - currently out for consultation - local areas (SKDC) will develop plans for land to be designated into 3 categories:

- **Growth areas** will back development, with development approved at the same time plans are prepared, meaning new homes, schools, shops and business space can be built quickly and efficiently, as long as local design standards are met.
- **Renewal areas** will be suitable for some development – where it is high-quality in a way which meets design and other prior approval requirements the process will be quicker. If not, development will need planning approval in the usual way.
- **Protected areas** will be just that – development will be restricted to carry on protecting our treasured heritage like Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and National Parks.

The reforms will mean:

- Much-needed homes will be built quicker by ensuring local housing plans are developed and agreed in 30 months – down from the current 7 years it often takes.
- Every area (County or District Council) to have a local plan in place – currently only 50% of local areas has an up-to-date plan to build more homes.
- The planning system will be made more accessible, by harnessing the latest technology through online maps and data.
- Valued green spaces will be protected for future generations by allowing for more building on brownfield land and all new streets to be tree lined.
- The planning process to be overhauled and replaced with a clearer, rules-based system. Currently around a third of planning cases that go to appeal are overturned.
- A new simpler national levy to replace the current system of developer contributions which often causes delay – this will provide more certainty about the number of affordable homes being built.
- The creation of a fast-track system for beautiful buildings and establishing local design guidance for developers to build and preserve beautiful communities.
- All new homes to be 'zero carbon ready', with no new homes delivered under the new system needed to be retrofitted as we achieve our commitment to net zero carbon emissions by 2050.

Caythorpe & Frieston Parish Council is currently working on a local Neighbourhood Plan which, if implemented, will have slightly more bearing on the SKDC planning decision making process with some input into the type of future development within the village. This will happen because the parish local plan will have to dovetail into the SKDC one, but at least it will ensure that our comments would carry greater weight.

## FOOTPATH PORTFOLIO UPDATE

Cllr. Allan Graham - [a.graham-caythorpepc@outlook.com](mailto:a.graham-caythorpepc@outlook.com)

There are a couple of currently issues concerning footpaths within the parish:

**Eastcliffe Square Bus Stop:** the bus stop on the High Street by Eastcliffe Square is showing signs of age now and is in need of some repair. Additionally, there is the issue that users of the bus stop have difficulty in seeing the oncoming buses due to the fencing that has been installed. Lincolnshire County Council are looking at these to come up with solutions. The state of the bus stop is repairable, and the structure will be reviewed by at contractor to assess the work, we are awaiting details of this. With regards to the visibility of buses from within the shelter, LCC are looking at options for this and will present these to the Council in due course; it is too early though to know what these might be.

**Dog Waste Bin on Back Lane:** an incident was reported to the Parish Council in which a resident, trying to use the dog waste bin on the corner of Back Lane and South Parade, tripped and fell due to the uneven surface by the bin. This highly regrettable incident was reported to SKDC via the FixMyStreet system. I am pleased to be able say that LCC has now agreed to level out the surface and remount the bin. In the meantime we would urge caution and care when using this bin and be aware that the ground on which it is positioned is uneven.

Other ongoing issues include the development of sensory pavements along the High Street. LCC has accepted that this issue has been unresolved now for too long and have committed to provide the funds to get this work done. Final confirmation on the locations of the sensory paving is being discussed prior to installation.

If any residents have issues with footpaths that they would like to bring to the attention of the Parish Council, please address them to me at the email above.

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## BURIAL GROUND PORTFOLIO UPDATE

Cllr. Peter Sandy

I am pleased to report that the new Burial Ground gates are in place and really look very smart, ready for the next 50 years at least. The gates complement the new path which was recently installed. The store building door and wood work is due to be painted when the weather is suitable. Unfortunately, the water storage tank within the grounds had been vandalised and was unusable with the outlet tap having been broken off. A new tap has been installed with the addition of a short flexible hose to make it easier to use and more damage resistant.

With the most of the works completed, the ground now looks and feels peaceful, a pleasant place to visit and remember loved ones.

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# Not from the Rectory

## We're all going on a summer holiday!

I have a clear memory of my grandma taking me as a very young child in 1963 to see Cliff Richard in the film, 'Summer Holiday', travel with his friends in a converted AEC London Transport double decker bus across continental Europe.

As the COVID-19 figures begin to look more favourable and as the roll-out of the vaccine programme continues apace we can perhaps allow ourselves to hope we may also enjoy a summer holiday later this year, even if it is a staycation rather than anything further afield.

The hotel we enjoyed staying at in 2019 in the far north west of Scotland has been enticing us back with emails proclaiming they are open for bookings and that, even while the hotel was closed in lockdown, work continued with a programme of renovation as well as engaging a design team to develop their website.

It was indeed a grand holiday and our journey north took us in the first instance south to Kings Cross to walk the short distance to Euston and await the time we could join the Highland Sleeper for the journey to Inverness.

The train - the Caledonian Sleeper- consists of some 16 coaches including sleeping cars and lounge cars and has been described as the most civilised, the most romantic and the most environmentally friendly way to travel from London to the Highlands. The train, hauled at this stage by an electric locomotive, leaves Euston at 9.15pm, passes through Preston just before 1am and reaching in Edinburgh for 04.30 divides with one section heading to Dundee and Aberdeen, another section heading to Fort William and the section we were in heading for Stirling, Perth, Aviemore and arriving into Inverness for 08.42.



The lounge car offers the rare opportunity of eating haggis, neeps and tattles as you speed through Watford Gap and waking to grand Scottish scenery as the dawn breaks: At Inverness there is the opportunity to make full use of the facilities offered at the Caledonian Sleeper Lounge including a shower and refreshments.



Our onward journey was by way of a pre-booked rental car to gain the main west coast road linking Ullapool to Durness to reach Scourie and its fishing hotel where you can listen after dinner – to which we were summoned by the ringing of the gong - to the day's fishing talk and await the allocation at 9pm by the Board Master of the next day's fishing 'beats' for brown trout: The area is known as the cradle of geology with the bedrock being Lewisian Gneiss some 3 billion years old. By happy chance we were within a few hours' drive

of the single-track road to Achiltibuie and the pier at Badentarbet to take the boat trip around the Summer Isles, the largest of which is Tanera Mor, just under two miles away and celebrated in 'Island Years, Island Farm' by Sir Frank Fraser-Darling whose son Alasdair we have been privileged to know at Caythorpe. Although the last crofters had left in 1931, Sir Frank was showing that the crofting life was possible.

Alongside the midges there is the further practical problem in this area of North West Scotland where contactless payment is not yet the vogue but cash is hard to obtain with ATM's removed and Post Offices few and far between.

On a beautiful day of blue skies, scattered cloud and sunshine we were away promptly from breakfast for the start of the Cape Wrath adventure. Crossing the Kyle of Durness by ferry for the mini-bus and the seemingly short onward drive to the north western extremity of mainland Britain – in fact the road is 11 continuous miles of potholes through the remotest of remote wilderness [The Parbh] – so remote the Highland Clearances were a non-event as there was no population to clear!

We came back to enjoy a picnic lunch on the sands of the west facing Balnakiel Bay with time afterwards to search in the churchyard for John Lennon's aunt's grave – his visits to see her here having inspired the composition of 'In My Life'.



Another day we took the coast road around Loch Eriboll and then turned off as suggested on the Geopark map to follow the 'Pebble Route' taking us south on an unclassified road by Ben Hope to emerge eventually at Altnahara [famous for being home to the most northerly Met Office weather station which recorded the lowest UK temperature of -27.2c on 30/12/1995] where the hotel served a welcome pot of Earl Grey with scones fresh from the oven. The great discovery was of what is known as the 'King of Scottish desserts' and consists of cream and raspberries, Scottish oats and whisky – Cranachan. The return journey was by way of Dornoch - the county town of Sutherland - and then having hoovered and fuelled the hire car to pass some of the remaining time in the splendour of the Royal Highland Hotel before boarding the Caledonian Sleeper for our snug berth for the night's journey to Euston and so to King's Cross and Grantham late the following morning.

Let's hope that we will once again have the opportunity to enjoy such a holiday!

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## News & Views Shout-Out

Dear News & Views, I'd like to give a shout out to Catherine Arden, who is creating a 'catalogue of kindness' in Caythorpe, via the Favourshare website. Local people have listed things they no longer have a use for, and I have personally received toys for my grandchildren, pints of milk, homemade scones, hand soap and even exchanged jigsaw puzzles. The items are many and varied and completely free! Whilst going out to fetch items (socially distanced of course), I've also made new friends in the village, which has been an added bonus. What's not to like? So, go and search your cupboards and see if you can find things that you no longer use, need or require, and remember the old adage, '*one man's junk may be another man's treasure!*' It's certainly working for me. **Janet McNeill**

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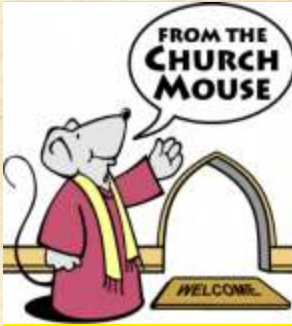
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MOUSE  
NEWS**

**Church Floodlighting**

February 28th

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Christine & Gordon

May they Rest in Peace



25/01/2021 Richard Lord [Hough on the Hill]



**Services at South Cliff Villages Group of Churches [www.southcliffchurches.uk](http://www.southcliffchurches.uk)**

MARCH	7 <sup>th</sup> March	14 <sup>th</sup> March	21 <sup>st</sup> March	28 <sup>th</sup> March
	1 <sup>st</sup> Sun	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun	4 <sup>th</sup> Sun
	Lent 3	Lent 4	Lent 5	Palm Sunday
Barkston		10.30 HC/SH		
Belton	10.30 HC/SH			
Brandon	10.00 MP/CB			
Carlton & Norm'tn			09.00 HC/SH	
Caythorpe				10.30 HC/SH
Fulbeck			10.30 HC/SH	
Hough		09.00 HC/SH		10.00 MSW/JK
Hougham				09.00 HC/SH
Marston	09.00 HC/SH	10.00 FS/CS		
Syston				

**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

# PETE'S PUZZLES

*ALL ANSWERS ON NEXT PAGE*

1. Which city in the United States, can trace its origins back to 1626 when it was a trading post known as New Amsterdam?
2. What was the name of the group who found worldwide success with the song "I'd like to teach the world to sing"
3. Defined as ' the imposition of stringent restrictions on travel, social interactions, and access to public spaces' what word is Collins Dictionary word of the year 2020?
4. Who returned for their second series as the thirteenth Doctor Who in January 2020?
5. Computer or TV screens are often referred to as LCD, but what does LCD mean?
6. What is the term for someone who collects books?
7. Singer Marvin Lee Aday is better known by which one word name?
8. What is the name of the supreme deity of Norse mythology?
9. Which caffeinated tonic wine is produced by monks at an abbey in Devon?
10. Which Welsh actor portrayed Tony Blair in a trilogy of Peter Morgan films?
11. Lifelong supporter Elton John became chairman of which football club in 1976
12. Who was the first member of Take That to have a solo UK number one?

## Dingbats The IN Edition

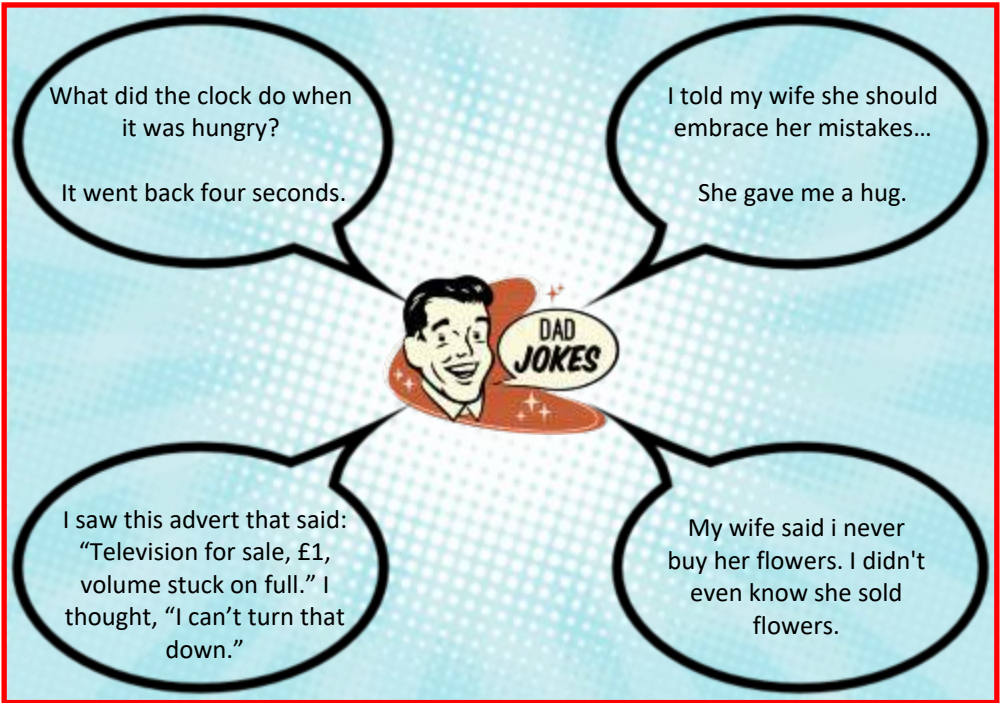
1. TrLanOslaStioTn

2. SKπY

3. 4Cook1

## Sudoku

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## Pete's Puzzles Answers

12. Gary Barlow	11. Watford	10. Michael Sheen	9. Buckfast
8. Odin	7. Meatloaf	6. Bibliophile	5. Liquid Crystal Display
4. Jodie Whittaker	3. Lockdown	2. New Seekers	1. New York

Answers to Pete's Puzzles

U K O D S	3	7	4	8	2	5	6	9	3	4	7	1	5
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DINGBATS

1. Lost In Translation
2. Pie In The Sky
3. Cooking For One

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## WHAT'S ON IN MARCH 21?

*1st March St David's Day*

*14th March - Mother's Day*

*17th March St Patrick's Day*

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some flowers for Mother  
and some Guinness for  
yourself!*

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