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June 2023

# News Views Editorial

Well hello there!

It seems to be forever ago that we sat down to write about the upcoming Coronation of King Charles III and here we are the other side having enjoyed an extended bank holiday weekend. We've had so many bank holidays in May that working a 5 day week is feeling like a bit of a struggle, as I write this though, we've only got to make next week and we are back onto 4 days again!

We'd like to thank everyone who directed Coronation days in Caythorpe, the community spirit in Caythorpe & Frieston was fantastic and I'm confident that every single element that came to fruition was appreciated and enjoyed by those we were organising for. Well done News & Views Caythorpe & Frieston Community Group, you did excellent jobs in creating memorable events. Thanks must also go to Debbie Knowles and Ed Mayes Photography who captured both Cayfest and The Big Street Party, allowing us to use their images, thank you. See pages, 21, 22 and 23.

Coming up in June we've got the third and final 80's Quiz Night completing the Trilogy on the 10<sup>th</sup> June in Caythorpe & Frieston Village Hall, rounded off by an 80's Disco on the 24<sup>th</sup> June. Do come and join us again, book your tables...get your glad rags on, who doesn't love a massive dollop of blue eyeshadow and glitter?! The proceeds of the quiz this time will be going towards the Village Hall Flat Roof repairs, so as usual with N&V Quizzes, it's all in a good cause! Pete is currently putting the 80's Quiz together, so if you think you know your 'Thompson Twins' from your 'Twisted Sister' pop along and have a great night out!

Now, a bit of an appeal from us to you...Well some of you... News & Views has grown into a bit of a beast, it started out as Caythorpe News, grew into News & Views which covered four Villages, and has now morphed into covering a massive nine Villages. However, our content still remains somewhat 'Caythorpe-Centric' which is understandable as it's the largest Village of the group but we really want to be hearing more from the other Villages in the group. We do get some from Fulbeck (thank you Anne, Iris & others), but would really like to hear more from the Hough/Brandon/Gelston group especially, this is your magazine too, send us some News & Views from these areas so we can all enjoy them! It's a free resource for you to promote your events and fundraising activities and get more people in and we get more news to publish - so it's a win/win for us all! We publish 1400 copies a month which cover every household in our areas plus static drops at Churches, Public Houses, Shops and Post Offices etc...that's a lot of publicity!

Until Next month, Take Care, Laura & Pete



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# News & Views News Hound

**Hello there Hound Fans, I'm back again! It's been a busy old month in my home since I last posted my News Hound. For starters, I had what the Humum called a Birthday!** This apparently means I am now one. I've deduced that when these birthday things come along, I get extra treats and folded up pieces of card with a picture on that I'm supposed to 'read', and then instead of just giving me a new chewie toy, I have to find it under some more paper, which I have to remove myself, whilst they call me a 'good birthday boy'. After all of that, the nice smells that Humum created earlier in the day turned into a singing competition all aimed at me whilst they set light to the nice smelling carrot creation which I was then asked to blow on...they are odd my Humans. I did get to eat some of the nice smelling carrot creation. They then did all of this again a few days later for my Mentor, apparently she was twelve, that's a much bigger number than one and it's why she knows stuff, (she even knows what they - the humans - want before they know...she's so clever, I can only aspire to know my Humans as well as she does. She's a special lady).




After all of our celebrations, the middle child human turned 18 a few days later...which is an even bigger number and we went through the whole rigmarole again but she didn't have to tear paper with her teeth like I did, must be because she has the opposable thumbs that I sadly lack!

We sat and watching the TV too this month, Humum said it was an historic event, the Coronation of King Charles III, I think I might have had a snooze and missed it though. Humum enjoyed it so much she felt the need to put on a music concert in the village, fancy that and I just missed all of it! Maybe I'll have to catch the next one instead :)

Now it's a bit nicer out humum has started leaving the back door open more, this is great, no more telling them that I need to go out, I can just nip out whenever I like! This level of freedom means that I have easy access to pigeons. I love pigeons. We always play chase and the good thing now is that when they fly over the house, instead of running into the door when I'm playing with them and have my eyes skyward, I just run through it and end up in the sitting room wondering where the silly bird went!! BEST FUN!

I've also found that the big flowery things around the edge of the garden hum and buzz, it intrigues me no end, sometimes I see these small flying black and yellow things and try to bite them, Humum and Dad say that I shouldn't try and eat them as the small flyers do good work and that I'll regret it if I do and something about out of hours vets being very expensive. I still try and sneak them when they're not watching hee hee!!

Oh my, the best thing happened yesterday! I'd been busily playing with my collection of flavoured rings and as I was laying chewing, I spotted something, infact, I spotted lots of things, things that I'd posted under the sofa a couple of weeks ago as it was a fun game...only turns out it's not fun if no-one knows and I can't reach them. Humum had been asking where my balls and bullhorns were and what do you know, they were under there all the time, I'd just forgotten! So, I bugged Hudad whilst he was watching the mighty Arsenal lose to Forest (he wasn't best pleased about that!) and he pulled them all out for me so now I have a plethora of things to chew on...see, I told you, BEST DAY EVER!! Until next month Hound Fans! 

Upcoming  
**COMMUNITY  
EVENTS**

**JUNE  
2023**

**Caythorpe  
Gala  
2<sup>nd</sup> September 2023**

We're looking for volunteers to help:

- run a stall for an hour
- serve hot drinks and cake
- sell raffle tickets
- set up and breakdown on day
- be an extra pair of hands

**If you think you'd like to be part of it, please contact Laura & Carole  
caythorpegala@gmail.com**

**MUSIC IN QUIET PLACES**

The Kosmos Ensemble will be performing at St Vincent's Church Caythorpe on Thursday 1st June at 7:30pm

Tickets £16 [£14 concessions] £8 under 16's

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Harriet MacKenzie (violin), Meg Hamilton



**At Fulbeck Sports Club - Saturday 10th & 24th June  
7:00pm for eyes down at 7:30pm**

**At Carlton Scroop Social Club- Saturday 3rd June  
Eyes down at 8:00pm**



**At Caythorpe & Frieston Village Hall  
Saturday 10th June - 7:00pm for 7:30pm Start**

**At Carlton Scroop Social Club  
Saturday 17th June 7:30pm for 8:00pm Start**



# 80's DISCO PARTY NIGHT

**Caythorpe Village Hall**

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

**£5 entry, first drink free!**

Bar provided: Wine, Beer & Soft Drinks  
We respectfully ask that you do not bring your own drinks due to the VH licence arrangements

**B till late.. be there or be square!**

# BACK TO THE 80s THE TRILOGY

**Caythorpe Village Hall on 10<sup>th</sup> June**  
**Doors open at 7:00pm - Quiz 7:30-9:30pm**

**Fun Quiz Rounds based on everything 80's**  
We couldn't fit everything into the last 2 Quiz Nights so we're going for the Trilogy!

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New members of any ability are very welcome.

**Saturday 1st July 10am-4pm.**

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## St Vincent's Church Prayer Group

Prayer is at the centre of all that we do at St Vincent's. We believe that all we accomplish comes about not because of us but because of God.

Prayer transforms us; it enables us to become more the people God created us to be, and so draws us to share in God's creative and compassionate work in the world.

We believe that we are called to be persistent in prayer, both for ourselves, those in need, our community and the world.

The church is open every day if you would like to find a quiet space and a time to pray or you are most welcome to join us in Church on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm.

Specific prayer requests can be left in the box by the votive candle stand - you may like to light a candle as a focus for the prayer you offer. You can also send your prayers to [loveden.deanery@lincoln.anglian.org](mailto:loveden.deanery@lincoln.anglian.org) marking them as St Vincent's Prayer Group.

## The WI Craft Club

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2023

2:00pm - 4:00pm

@The Hammond Pavilion,  
Caythorpe

£2 per person to include  
refreshments

All Welcome, not just WI  
Members

## **Hough on the Hill Open Garden Day Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July at 2pm**

You are most welcome to visit our beautiful village on the afternoon of 1st July, to explore its ancient charms, enjoy tea and cake in the church and discover the secrets of some interesting village gardens open to the public for the first time.

Your visit will allow you to walk beside the healing stream of Hough, which mysteriously arises atop the hill and was hallowed in times gone by. You will see gardens tended by our forefathers as well as those created by modern hands, experience the tranquil peace of cottage gardens and see gardens with a whiff of magnificence.

All this can be yours for only £5 per person.  
(accompanied children go free)

Your starting point is Hough on the Hill Church, where you can purchase your tour map, by which admission to the gardens is gained.

Proceeds of the day are going to our Church Bell Restoration Project.

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# Comedy Night

Leadenham Village Hall

Sat 1st July 2023

8pm

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Using compost from local gardens and the village hall's own compost bin, the Beavers learnt about how compost forms, the benefits it brings to our environment, and how to use it in pots and on flower beds. They then spent time planting a variety of seeds, and the bedding plants that had been kindly donated by Grantham's B&Q store. We send a huge Scouting 'THANK YOU' to B&Q!!

They've also planted pumpkin seeds to take home and grow in a competition. As Hallowe'en approaches, we'll see who has grown the largest pumpkin!

All this exciting outdoor activity has counted towards lots of different badges for the Beavers, including the Gardener activity badge and the Community Impact badge, as our Group works closely with Caythorpe Village Hall to help improve the local environment for the residents of Caythorpe and local villages.

We currently have spaces in our Beaver Colony for girls and boys ages between six and eight years old. If you'd like to find out more, please email: [1stCaythorpe@granthamscouts.org.uk](mailto:1stCaythorpe@granthamscouts.org.uk)



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I have to say we're not very impressed with the weather so far, however, despite this, things are growing before our eyes!

Especially the grass! And our potatoes!

May saw us celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III. We made our own Crowns and dressed up for our Coronation Party. Angela Turner presented the children with their special mugs, kindly donated by News & Views Caythorpe & Frieston

Community Group. A big thank you to all involved.

Our theme this half term has been about the environment in which we live, looking at nature, growth and life cycles. It was therefore a very appropriate story presented to us by Kirsty from the Rhubarb Theatre Company - The Very Hungry Caterpillar. The children were able to engage actively in the story by joining in with the actions, moving their bodies to the music and story. What a great time they had whilst developing their Physical, Literacy and Communication and Language Skills. I think we'll ask Kirsty to visit us again. Thank you Kirsty for a fun morning!

We regularly spend time on the school field and just lately the children have been able to use the trim trail. This is a great resource for them to practice and have new experiences balancing, climbing, swinging and being brave! It also gives the Pre-School children the chance to familiarise themselves with the larger space at "Big School"

We were really pleased to hear that Sky the Harris Hawk who visited us last month had been found after going missing for several days, what a relief for her owner Fiona.

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook to see what we are getting up to. Contact us or call in to the setting if you are thinking about your child attending in the future.

Best Wishes to you all!





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Well done to Year 6. We have been so impressed with your resilience throughout the KS2 SATs this week. The school held a free of charge year 6 breakfast club to ensure all children were settled and well fed and watered.

### Wow Homework Projects

Each term, pupils are set homework challenges which complement the topics they are learning. Harriet, in Narnia, has produced a stunning model of a rainforest, complete with rainforest creatures, vegetation and a waterfall.

### Summer clubs

We are proud of the range of clubs we have on offer at Caythorpe. This term children are enjoying arts and crafts, football, cricket, well-being, running, homework/reading and gardening club. Gardening club have been doing an excellent job, tidying the sensory garden, planning and planting out plants and seeds.



### Hogwarts Magistrates Workshop

Hogwarts took part in a Magistrates workshop on Monday. The children were visited by a working magistrate, who explained what a Magistrates Court is and what Magistrates do there. The classroom was set up as a model courtroom. The class worked as a team to play all the roles in their 'mock trial'. All the children were actively involved in the decision-making process regarding the sentencing outcome following the 'hearing.'

The children discussed social awareness, the concept of rules and law, personal responsibility and the impact of sentencing in a court of law. The children also talked about the fine line between bullying and criminal behaviour.

The workshop encouraged 'team-working', decision making, sound judgement, social awareness, public speaking & consequential thinking.

### A Surprise Visitor to Enchanted Forest

As part of their English lessons, children in Enchanted Forest have been reading the book "The Tiger Who Came to Tea!" by Judith Kerr.

They have used the story to produce some wonderful writing. But guess what? A tiger really did come to visit the children in Enchanted Forest. He must have heard about all of their amazing stories. I hope he didn't drink all the water from the taps or eat all the food in the cupboards!



## Big Bangs to start the term!

This term Enchanted Forest and Neverland's topic big question is "What features would you find at the seaside?"

For their Big Bang, the children were set the challenge to make a boat. They followed instructions to make a paper boat. Children tested their boats to see if they floated! This will be explored more during the term in Science and Geography lessons. The children will be visiting the seaside later in the term.

Enchanted Forest went into the garden and created a large boat using den making equipment. Mrs Elmes had to walk the plank!

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## News & Views Caythorpe & Frieston Community Group

It was back in March 2023 that a small group of villagers met in The Red Lion to plan a series of events fit for a King's Coronation. With plans drawn and volunteer Directors allocated to head each day of the 4 days of events, we each set to work planning and organising our events. The middle pages this month of News & Views are dedicated to the fantastic events we enjoyed in the village; The Coffee Morning and Crown Competition, Cayfest - The Coronation Celebration, The Street Party and The Big Volunteer Day which was rounded up by free Cream Tea's in the Village Hall. The weekend kicked off with Coronation Mugs being presented to Caythorpe Primary School and Caythorpe Pre-School children by Angela Turner, President of Caythorpe & District WI.



## St. Vincent's Coronation Coffee Morning & Crown Competition Directed by Jo Russell & John Scott

Thank you to all who supported the coffee morning which raised £242.50 for Carers UK.

The display of decorated Crowns was a pleasure to see and at the end of the weekend the votes for the winner were counted and verified and it was a draw.

Our joint winners were Theo Brown with his fabulous depiction of all things London and Colette and Hugo with their beautiful depiction of a crown of flora and fauna.

Many thanks to all who entered and gave us all such pleasure in seeing your creations!

Joint Winners - Theo Brown (left) and Colette & Hugo (right)





**Cayfest - A Coronation Celebration Directed by Laura Leeds  
Photography Courtesy of Debbie Knowles**



**The Big Street Party Directed by Kim Farr & Becky Hall  
Photo's Courtesy of Ed Mayes Photography**

## Volunteer Day in Caythorpe & Frieston Directed by Andy Crawley

A huge thank you to all of the volunteers who took part in the Kings Coronation volunteer programme. We managed to litter pick the A607 from Lakeside Farm at Frieston to the Fulbeck end of the wall around Caythorpe Hall. The resultant debris will be cleared by SKDC soon. We also managed to mulch all of the trees we planted around the playing field before Christmas using material kindly donated by Sam Barrell. We even managed a few more along the A607. A fabulous effort by all involved. The King (and I) are very proud of you!



## Coronation Cream Teas Directed by Caythorpe & Frieston Village Hall Committee (Megan)

The Village Hall opened its doors on May 8<sup>th</sup> to welcome the residents of Caythorpe and Frieston. Cream teas were provided free of charge and over 90 people took us up on the offer. The sounds of laughter and conversation along with the background music created a relaxed and informal end to the village's Coronation celebrations. Donations to the sum of £230 were collected towards our roof repairs. A huge thank you to all those volunteers who baked, poured, served and cleared up, and a massive thanks to all who attended and donated.



## ENCOUNTERS – Mrs Moyra Mintoff OM

### Interesting Acquaintances of Brian Lucas, The Last rector of Caythorpe



When the Malta Labour Party won the 1971 General Election, its Leader, Dominic Mintoff, became Prime Minister of Malta, and immediately set out to re-negotiate the post-Independence military and financial agreements with the United Kingdom. He began this process with the immediate eviction of all British Forces and their families, before Christmas 1971. No.203 Squadron RAF, and its fleet of Nimrod maritime patrol aircraft, deployed to the Italian Air Base at Sigonella in Sicily, while No.13 Squadron

removed its Canberra PR aircraft to RAF Akrotiri in Cyprus. Other personnel began to ship equipment back to UK.

In March 1972, just a few hours before an aircraft Tugmaster tractor was due to topple the big Radar Head and its tower at RAF Fort Madalena on the north coast of the island, UK Prime Minister Sir Edward Heath concluded a Military Facilities Agreement with Mintoff, and the RN and the RAF returned to occupy their bases on the island. I was the first military chaplain to return in early May and resumed services in the Station Church at RAF Luqa, having first ‘borrowed’ the Officers’ Mess piano until a replacement organ arrived.

In 1947 Dom married Moyra de Vere Bentinck, whom he had met in a meeting of the Fabian Society when he was a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford. She was born in 1917, in Dungiven, County Londonderry, Northern Ireland; Her father was Baron Reginald Joseph Bentinck, and her mother, Florence Frederika de Vere Beauclerk, was born in Rome. In 1971 Moyra was estranged from Dom and lived in the UK, but I understand that during the military negotiation she was persuaded to return to the family home at “Olives” in Tarxien, Malta.

We first met when she attended one of my first said 09:00 am Holy Communion services in the Station Church of St Christopher at RAF Luqa. She asked if she could attend every week as she wanted to avoid the ex-Pat congregation at the Anglican Cathedral in Valetta preferring the anonymity of my early Sunday service. She asked about my wife, and I explained that Joy played the organ for the 10:00 am Family Eucharist, but she would be welcome to call at our home in the fishing village of Marsascala. About a month later the doorbell rang just after 6 o’clock in the evening; Joy was upstairs bathing Mark, and I was carrying baby Simon. “I’ve called at a bad time!” Moyra had a thrilling voice reminiscent of the actress Fenella Fielding. “Not at all”, I replied, “Please come in. Joy is upstairs bathing the three-year-old.” With a big smile she said, “Give him to me” and took Simon from my arms, and as I cried out, “Joy, Mrs Mintoff is coming to help you”, she went upstairs. Within minutes there was much laughter and splashing about.



The Maltese Parliament sat in the evening because of the daytime Mediterranean heat, so, having few local friends she could trust, Moyra must have been quite lonely. Now at ease in our company, she would often arrange on a Sunday morning to call one evening during the week. She would arrive in her big Mercedes and enjoy a G&T as we talked and talked about a wide range of subjects. She had a profound understanding of human nature and was sure in her opinion.

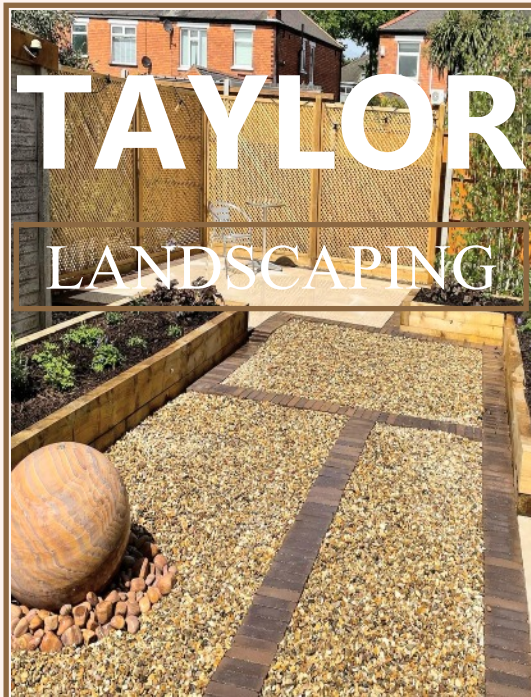
She was genuinely sorry when the time came for us to return to the UK in 1975. We kept in touch in the years that followed; she even wrote a long letter asking how our baby daughter Helen was getting on when she accompanied Dom to a Heads of Commonwealth Conference in Canada. We last met when I invited her to join me for afternoon tea in my hotel during a



flying visit in 1995. I was waiting outside as she drove up in the familiar huge Mercedes, which was now sporting a few dents. Leaving the engine running, she jumped out to greet me, adding, "Will you park this for me; it's impossible!"

Mrs Moyra Mintoff died on 16 December 1997, at the age of 80. © Brian Lucas 2023

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## Caythorpe & District WI 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration

On Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May meeting we all met at Caythorpe Village Hall for a lunch to celebrate our 70<sup>th</sup> birthday. We are the only organisation from Caythorpe that was around in 1953 and is still active today, a fact we are very proud of. We have been involved in many national campaigns to support women e.g. Not In My Name which raises awareness of, a minority, of men's violence against women and

that it should never be accepted, ignored or excused and the late diagnosis of ADHD and autism in girls and women to name just two. We support local (village and county) community efforts to fundraise and/or highlight a need.

This month our President, Angela Turner, was photographed presenting Sharon Kidd (the Patient Experience Manager at Grantham Hospital) with the box of hearts made by our members to give to patients and their families. Some years ago, we raised money to buy equipment for the play area at the Playing Field and are regularly asked to donate home baked cakes for events such as The Caythorpe Dash. We have an active Craft Club which meets the first Wednesday of each month at the Pavilion (see ad) and this year we will again have a cake stall at Caythorpe Gala in September. Photographed cutting the Birthday cake on Thursday is L-R Angela Turner, Jackie Jukes (Lincolnshire South Federation Trustee), Daphne Page, Ruth Sears and Ann Russell (three of our older members) and Carol Brown who decorated the cake.



Our meeting coincided with the Coronation of King Charles III and the hall was decorated with flags and bunting for a joint celebration and with a toast to the King. Angela wore a dress adorned with flags and members brought items associated with Royalty for the competition. The ladies of the Committee were generous with their time and provided us with a ham or quiche (not the Coronation one!) salad with choice of dessert and prosecco or juice, all served on Royally decorated tables. We thanked them very much for their efforts. After our meal, we were entertained by Melody Flyte who sang songs from the 50's and 60's with karaoke style backing, a very pleasant afternoon was had by all.



We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month in Caythorpe Village Hall at 1:30pm for a 2:00pm start, ending around 4pm. **OUR NEXT MEETING IS ON JUNE 8TH WHEN WE LOOK FORWARD TO JENNIFER ICHIKAWA giving her talk on THE HISTORY OF THE KIMONO.** Visitors are welcome and the **competition in June will be for an item associated with Japan.** **Flower of the month** is as usual with donations to the Associated Country Women of the World. We look forward to seeing you all on **8<sup>th</sup> June** after the bank holiday. **Sue Case**



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# *In & Around The Garden*

As summer approaches the garden has undergone a huge change. The daffodils and tulips are finished, and the next big job is to remove their dying foliage. The mulched earth has all but disappeared as the perennials come through and start to bulk up. This can be a time where there is less colour in the beds, but alliums are starting to bloom in place of the tulips and the early flowering perennials, though generally less flamboyant than those that will come later, are looking very pretty.

Sheets of *Dicentra formosa* (Wild bleeding heart), with blue-green ferny leaves and flowers in shades of pink and white, cover the ground in the shade. In the sunnier areas, orange Atlas poppies and geums, together with yellow and orange Welsh poppies, catch the eye.

Everywhere there is fresh foliage of many different colours, ranging from pale yellow and silver to almost black, giving interest even where flowers are scarce. My favourite plants at the moment are the ferns. With so much shade to contend with, I have planted about 40 different varieties. Many of them are in a rockery bed beneath a spreading juniper, and although most of them are green, the variety of form is remarkable. As the fronds unfold they make strange shapes, which I find fascinating. They have a reputation for needing constant moisture, but in fact there are many that do well in drier conditions and a few that positively dislike wet roots, what most need is shade.

During the drought last summer I watered most of them only twice. The exceptions were the popular Japanese painted fern and Shuttlecock Fern, which did need extra water. Planted in the right place ferns are extremely low maintenance; a tidy-up and mulch in spring is all they need.

The cherry blossom season was spectacular, as usual, but now the trees are just making a mess with fallen petals smothering paths and other plants. However, other trees are now blossoming – horse chestnut, rowan and hawthorn among them. Particularly beautiful is our native Whitebeam (pictured); there is one just on our boundary that looks wonderful against a blue sky, with silvery-pale green leaves and clusters of pure white flowers. Later it will have red berries that are popular with birds.



The first fledglings are starting to appear, tweeting for food in the trees. Robins nested in a small conifer and great tits used one of the nest boxes, and their babies are now out and about. I'm sure other birds have nested in the garden, but I don't search for the nests for fear of disturbing them. Judging by the birdsong we hear in the mornings, there are chiffchaff, wren, dunnock, song thrush, blackbird, chaffinch and goldfinch nesting close by. The pond has at least 9 common newts breeding, but the tadpoles seem to have disappeared. I hope there are some hiding in the pondweed, but dragonfly larvae, water boatmen and the newts predate them, no wonder frogs have to lay so many eggs. **JA**

# Caythorpe & District Garden Society

Lincolnshire bulb specialist and many times RHS Gold Medal winner Johnny Walkers was our speaker for the May meeting. His topic "Every Show has a Story", was an account of the trials, tribulations and happy outcomes of entering daffodils in national horticultural shows.

Proudly wearing a tie hand painted with daffodils, Johnny explained that there is a lot more to showing daffodils than simply going into a bulb field and picking them. Walkers Bulbs grow about 400 different varieties, which flower naturally from around New Year until May, with most in March and April. The show season starts in February and ends in July, so it requires considerable expertise and forward planning to produce an award-winning display of many different varieties when they would normally be out of season.

To be ready for show when the bulbs would not normally be flowering, a complicated process of heating, cooling and forcing in warmth, then storing the flowers in cool conditions before the show is necessary. Even so, 150 varieties are grown for each show to give around 70 vases of 30 flowers for display. Johnny tries to get something distinctive for each show, such as unusual colours and shapes, good scent and newly bred varieties. He avoids double flowers, however, as they are the most unreliable. Such care and attention to detail has resulted in 25 RHS gold medals!

Our next meeting will be on June 13<sup>th</sup> at Carlton Scroop Village Hall, 7:30 for 7:45. Jonathan Mosely will be giving a talk entitled 'Grow, cut and arrange flowers'. Visitors welcome (£5), just come along.

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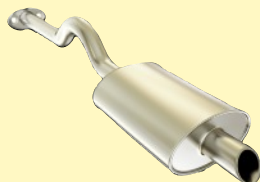
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# Caythorpe & Frieston Parish Council News

## New Earth Solutions - Mid Uk – Caythorpe Heath Lane, Caythorpe LCC Planning application ref PL 0137/22

I attended the meeting of the LCC Planning committee at the council offices in Newland Lincoln this morning when this application above (for alterations to the buildings to accommodate a new recycling line together with extended working hours of 4am – 10pm) were discussed.

The meeting was held against the background of a report from the Council planning officer recommending acceptance of the application and the granting of planning permission.

I was given 3 minutes to put my case objecting to the granting of permission and then answered several questions from the LCC councilors present. A representative of New Earth Solutions was also given the opportunity to speak for the same amount of time and was asked a number of questions concerning the application.

The application was amended during the meeting with a condition being attached that the new process (which will take place in buildings 9 and 10 on the site) be conducted with the doors to these buildings being permanently closed during the extended hours of operation.

Following these representations a short debate took place between the LCC councilors present and then a vote was taken on approving the application. LCC Councilors voted seven in favour of the granting of permission with one abstaining.

I understand that New Earth Solutions have already purchased the equipment that will be used and this has been installed on site. A number of alterations to the buildings will be carried out before this becomes operative.

Unfortunately it appears that big business has been granted precedence over the views of local residents which have not held any weight with LCC, and we can expect to see building work being carried out at the site followed by the operation of the plant for the extended working hours.

I suggest that if anyone is affected by this, then they make direct contact with New Earth Solutions and LCC copying in the Parish Council to any correspondence. - **Andy Crawley**



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## SKDC Election Update

I should like to thank everyone who voted in the recent SKDC election. We, Loveden Heath Ward, recorded again one of the highest turnouts in the whole District, at just over 40%.

I should also like to congratulate Judith Sharman, Conservative, on her strong result.

The election gave me the opportunity to restate my manifesto as a True Independent and I am grateful to those who voted for me based solely upon my performance as your District Councillor over the past 4 years rather than perceived political bias.

The District vote resulted in No Overall Control of the Council with the election of new Independent, Green, Lib Dem and Labour councillors due to the Conservative losses including the Leader and many of the Cabinet.

After 4 years in the Independent opposition groups my independence, objectivity, reasoning and common sense had cross party respect. Upon reviewing our options the South Kesteven Independents, Cllr Paul Wood, myself and Cllr Jane Wood, have joined a South Kesteven Coalition with the Conservatives. We remain true Independents and believe this is our best way to keep that status. It will allow us to have greater influence to achieve an overall balance in the Council for the benefit of you, residents in our rural wards, and the District as a whole.

Many shortcomings of previous administrations, claimed by the new administration, are largely historical and have already been addressed over the last 4 years in combination with a new Chief Executive and Corporate Management Team. This has all been achieved notwithstanding the severe impact of the Covid pandemic on the finances and yet services were proudly maintained by the staff.

We will be a moderating force for change, reinforcing fiscal responsibility and appreciating the improvements made. I am Deputy Leader of the Coalition, which is open to other groups or individuals to join, to work together with a similar spirit of respect, objectivity, professionalism and integrity. In an era of budgetary constraint we need to be managing change to achieve balanced decisions in a divisive situation and allow this Council to perform at its best.

In Full Council on Thursday 18 May the vote for control of the Council went as follows:

Cllr Richard Cleaver, Leader of 3 Independent groups with Lib Dem, Green Party and Labour - 27 votes. Cllr Graham Jeal, Leader of a Coalition of Conservatives and Independents – 26 votes.

The overall seats on the Council are 29 for the new administration and 27 for the Coalition.

**Many thanks again, District Cllr Penny Milnes for Loveden Heath Ward**

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# Not From the Rectory

## **The Rector discovers that Lincolnshire is rather like the curate's egg – good in parts**

I have been reading a book I was given 'Remote Britain' by David St John Thomas in which, with his wife Sheila, he visits Lincolnshire.

They are staying at Lincoln and at the end of their first drive Sheila asks 'Why on earth have we come here?' The only reason for coming to Mablethorpe, the writer decides, is to eat unhealthy food and rapidly to part with your holiday cash!

But they continue on into pretty undulating country with neat farms and villages for their first taste of the Lincolnshire Wolds and so arrive into a larger place with tree-lined avenues, pine woods and spacious Edwardian houses, have they come to Bournemouth or Droitwich Spa they wonder. It's not the Lincolnshire they had expected. It is, of course, Woodhall Spa – a place which DSJT concludes 'breeds articulate people' and is an ambitious place full of surprises which include both the Petwood Hotel and the Kinema in the Woods.



The writer makes a second journey into Lincolnshire but this time it is to explore the Fen country and he starts from Wisbech and soon finds himself crossing a land of incredibly deep ditches, great open skies, large fields and scattered poplars, 'we are deep into the Fens (and) though we are not far away from towns, this feels as remote as you can get, certainly different, some land well below high tide level' and quotes from Murray's Handbook that 'In the oldest reclaimed district of Holland, containing many village churches, the inhabitants, in wet season, were under the necessity of rowing to church in their boats'.

He drives from Parson Drove to Gedney Hill, Holbeach Drove and Whaplode Drove continuing to Long Sutton and Holbeach and ending the day in Boston with a night at the White Hart Hotel with a view from their room of The Haven.

Sheila has been talking about Boston's most famous landmark, The Stump, which once was a light guiding travellers in from the Fens and ships into the Haven.

David and Sheila return to the Wolds and David writes that 'while the Fens and the Marshes are totally different from each other, the Lincolnshire Wolds are a world apart – the highest land anywhere in the east of England from Kent to Yorkshire. The Wolds are a little-known treasure'.

They head via Coningsby and Horncastle and find themselves driving through lightly-populated land of rolling countryside, obviously fertile, especially in the deep, and often wide, valley bottoms with frolicking streams. Unspoilt, it's Remote Britain par excellence.

They stop for a drink in Scamblesby and then into Donington on Bain and so into Louth (Louth is how towns used to be when friendship and service to attract and retain regular customers were more important than the immediate bottom line) before heading to Tennyson's

birthplace in the tiny hamlet of Somersby where his father was vicar. Tennyson's character and interests were heavily determined by his love of the country around Somersby which he left in 1837 as he notes in 'In Memoriam'.

"We leave the well-beloved place. Where first we gazed upon the sky."

From Somersby David and Sheila return by way of South Ormsby to the fourteen-mile Bluestone Heath Road which follows the course of an ancient ridge trail along the spine of the Wolds and here they find a commanding viewpoint to sit and to eat their sandwiches. They soon leave the Wolds and conclude their Lincolnshire exploration in Grimsby at the Fish Docks and Heritage Centre before heading over the Humber Bridge via York for home which is at Nairn on the Moray Firth some sixteen miles east of Inverness.



With every good wish - **Stuart Hadley, Rector of the Southcliff Benefice**

## **St. Vincent's Church Clock Electrification**

The existing clock on the tower of St Vincent's has for many years been wound by hand by a number of volunteers. Unfortunately this involves an arduous climb up the steps to the bell tower and as time passes, this is becoming more of a problem for those involved, who have themselves been subject to the passing of time!

As the clock represents a significant landmark to the village, following discussions between representatives of the Church and the Parish Council, it was agreed that a project would be instigated to electrify the clock to negate the need to manually wind (and alter) the clock.

A faculty was obtained from the Diocese (granting permission to carry out the work), and quotes obtained from a number of specialists qualified to work on the clock. Although the Parish Council was willing to subsidise this work, it was agreed to seek grant funding towards the cost. The Parish Clerk was able to apply for, and obtain funding towards the cost of the electrification project, Initially for £1500 from the Benefact Trust, and later to the tune of £12,977 from South Kesteven District Council through their UK Shared Prosperity Fund. This means that this project will be achieved without any cost to the Church or Parish Council.

An order has been placed and work should be carried out in the near future. Although there will not be any visible signs of the work having been completed, it will ensure that this landmark remains in good working order for many years to come.

A huge thank you to all involved. - **Councillor Andy Crawley**





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May They Rest In Peace

19/04/2023 Evelyn Burrows (Carlton Scroop)  
02/05/2023 Bernard Allen (Fulbeck)  
12/05/2023 Johnston Calder (Carlton Scroop)

Holy Matrimony

21/04/2023 Benjamin Thomas Gilbert  
& Katie Aston Inkley (HOTH)

Flower Rota

Mrs H Green

Sidespersons - St Vincent's

Mrs J Avison & Mr J Scott

Holy Baptism

14/05/2023 Avannah-Dawn Ballaam (Fulbeck)

St Vincent's Floodlighting

23<sup>rd</sup> May for DAVID STURLA's 80th Birthday

25<sup>th</sup> May Family Party for DAVID STURLA

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Sunday Eucharist available via the website of Lincoln Cathedral look for what is on offer on BBC TV and BBC Radio 4

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

	4 <sup>th</sup> June	11 <sup>th</sup> June	18 <sup>th</sup> June	25 <sup>th</sup> June
	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday
	Trinity Sunday	Barnabas Ap	Trinity 2	Trinity 3
Barkston		10.30 HC/SH		
Belton	10.30 HC/SH			
Brandon	10.00 MP/CB			
C.Scroop & N'mton				
Caythorpe				10.30 HC/SH
Fulbeck			10.30 HC/SH	
Honington				
Hough		09.00 HC/SH	10.00 FMP/SB	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	

**Additional Services**

**Wednesday 7th June 10:00am Holy Communion at Caythorpe**



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All those who believe in psycho kinesis...  
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## **Pete's Puzzles**

**All Answers on next page**

1. What is the name of the Sheffield theatre where the Snooker World Championships take place every year?
2. The 1994 action film 'Speed' is set on which form of transport?
3. Which vitamin does our bodies create from sunlight?
4. After bagging top spot with his single 'Eyes Wide Shut', how many number ones has Ed Sheeran now had? 10, 12 or 14 ?
5. Which continent are the Rocky Mountains on?
6. In which Italian city is Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet set?
7. Which animal's milk is used in pecorino cheese?
8. What is someone who believes in antidisestablishmentarianism opposed to the disestablishment of?
9. How many make up a 'Bakers Dozen' ?
10. What's the name of the talking snowman in Disney's 'Frozen'?



# News & Views Shout-Out

Dear News & Views, Barbara Phelps has asked me to send you this picture I took last week of Kath Metheringham sitting on the new seat on Gorse Hill Lane Caythorpe. As it has been donated to the village by the Sunshine Group she asks that the comment to go with it is

“Kath Metheringham trying out the new bench donated by the Sunshine Group” - **Sue Dix**

N&V - Thank you to The Sunshine Group for this kind donation to our Village, I'm sure it will provide many a walker with place to rest on their travels!



## **I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue comes to Normanton**

As a redundant heritage church, St. Nicholas, Normanton is not used for regular services, so 30<sup>th</sup> April was something of a special occasion when at 4:00pm an Easter Songs of Praise was held and the choir of St.Nicholas, Fulbeck was invited to sing.

Rev. Stuart Hadley had made it known that should he ever be a guest on Desert Island Discs his first choice would be 'All in an April Evening' and this was duly sung by the choir. Everything went according to plan until the introduction for the third hymn was being played, when the electricity failed, as did the keyboard. The choir carried on singing regardless and when the electricity was restored - miracle of miracles - the choir was still on-key just like 'Pick-Up Song' Humphrey Lyttleton would have been proud! **Josephine Marriott - Fulbeck**

## **Notice From Caythorpe & Frieston Parish Council**

Please can we remind Dog Owners of the following;

- Please pick up after your dog, there is currently an increased amount of dog fouling and dog poo bags being left around rather than disposed of properly.
- Please keep your dog on the leash - we have had reports of a rise in dogs attacking other dogs and as we are a rural area there is also the livestock issue to consider too. Please keep your dogs under control at all times.

1. The Crucible / 2. A Bus / 3. Vitamin D / 4. 14 / 5. North America  
 6. Verona / 7. Sheep / 8. The Church Of England / 9. 13. / 10. Olaf

**Answers - Pete's Puzzles**

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## What's On In June

<b>Time &amp; Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Place</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> June 19:30	Music In Quiet Places	St. Vincent's Caythorpe
2 <sup>nd</sup> June 10:30	Coffee Morning	St. Vincent's Caythorpe
3 <sup>rd</sup> June 20:00	Bingo	Carlton Scroop Social Club
4 <sup>th</sup> June 09:00	Village Hall Breakfast	Caythorpe Village Hall
4 <sup>th</sup> June 12:30	Open Gardens	St. Vincent's Caythorpe
7 <sup>th</sup> June 14:00	WI Craft Club	Hammond Pavillion
9 <sup>th</sup> June 16:30	End Of Season BBQ	Fulbeck Sports Club
10 <sup>th</sup> June 08:00	Car Boot Sale	Fulbeck Sports Field
10 <sup>th</sup> June 19:00	Bingo	Fulbeck Sports Club
10 <sup>th</sup> June 19:00	N&V 80's Quiz Night	Caythorpe Village Hall
13 <sup>th</sup> June 14:00	Over 60's Club	Fulbeck Sports Club
17 <sup>th</sup> June 19:30	Quiz Night	Carlton Scroop Village Hall
20 <sup>th</sup> June 14:00	Over 60's Club	Fulbeck Sports Club
24 <sup>th</sup> June 19:00	Bingo	Fulbeck Sports Club
24 <sup>th</sup> June 20:00	80's Disco	Caythorpe Village Hall
27 <sup>th</sup> June 19:30	Village Hall AGM	Caythorpe Village Hall

**WOW!!!**

**That's a lot going on in June!**



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